

I attended a Chamber 630 luncheon where the new president of the College of DuPage, Dr. Brian Caputo, did a presentation of the college's future plans. There is an increased emphasis on both STEM training and on the college becoming a community space for art installations and presentations. Their upcoming high profile Frida Kahlo exhibit as well as their plans to do renovations with the goal of increased STEM access are examples of this. I found it interesting that this is similar to our own goals, although obviously the college's plans are on a much larger scale.

One of our big hits in the month of December was our Noon Year's Eve program on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The idea is that this is a way for children to celebrate the New Year. Instead of counting down to midnight, the children count down to noon. (And 11:00. We had 299 people so we had to break it up a little). We knew this was a fun idea, but we were surprised and pleased by just how many people attended. We will definitely be continuing this in the future.

You may have noticed we have a new book drop outside. Our older book drop, which was a bit of an eyesore, rusty, too small, and barely functional, finally died on us. The lock broke and the locksmith told us he was unable to fix it due to the age and general condition. Our Friends group very generously agreed to purchase a new book drop for us. Not only does it look attractive, it matches our other book drop, is easier to empty, and has a higher capacity. This also means that due to the increased capacity, on holidays such as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, staff will not have to come in to empty the book drop, a process which was necessary but which I have never liked.

### **Library Programs and Services**

- Children's:** 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, additional, 2  
Passive - Larry the Library Elf, 229  
Passive - Crayon Scavenger Hunt, 101  
Rapunzel Storytime, 75  
Lego Club, 35  
Noon Year's Eve Countdown (11:00am & Noon), 299  
Toy Story 4 - sensory friendly, 23  
Toy Story 4 - craft & snacks, 64  
Perler Beads, 25  
Bluestem Book Club, 4  
Caudill Book Club, 3  
Homeschool Lego Club, 20  
Homeschool Art - Holiday Projects, 15
- Adult:** "Nailed It!" Make a Holiday Wreath (November program), 34  
Darcy Berg Art Exhibit  
Darcy Berg Art Reception, 25  
DNA for the Holidays, 6  
Suburban Astronomy, 25  
Coloring for Adults, 5  
Air Fryer Class, 54  
Adult Button Making, 7  
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 20  
Caroling Concert with the Festive Singers, 73  
Hot Cocoa Mix & Give, 2 sessions, 195  
Library Needlers, 6
- Teen:** DIY Winter Bookmarks, 25  
Finals Snack & Study Week, 7 sessions, 210  
After Hours Cookies and Cram, 49

Study Break: Perler Bead Craft, 6  
Jefferson Singers Chorus Performance, 264

**Tweens:** Tween Takeover, 13

**Community Outreach:** Boy Scout Troop, 11; Lisle Job Club, 5 sessions, 16; SSIP Citizenship Prep Classes, 3 sessions, 45; Census Bureau Application Day, 17; Literacy DuPage Tutor Orientation, 20

**Book Discussions:** *The Crocodile on the Sandbank*, by Elizabeth Peters, 12

**Computer Classes:** Mailings Made Easy with Word, 7; Hour of Code, 8; Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint, 5

**Services:** Reference Questions: 2,292 in Adult/Teen and 589 in Children's  
Public PC Sessions: 1,804 in Adult/Teen and 207 in Children's  
3D Printer Jobs: 11 - average print time 1:14:59  
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,261  
Home Page Views: 25,509  
Study Rooms: 621 in Adult/Teen and 20 in Children's  
Volunteer Hours: 101.5 for Adults  
Notary Services: 13  
Museum Adventure Passes: 21  
Tours: 1  
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 23,897

**Displays:** **Adult/Teen Department:** Heartwarming Holiday Stories; Taste a Culinary Capers; Holiday Cooking and Baking; Binge Bags for Teens!

**Children's:** Oldies But Goodies (classic picture books); Give the Gift of Reading Aloud; Pearl Harbor Day; Wright Brothers Day; Winter Sports, Holiday Treats for Home; Winter; Art & Architecture Month; In Memoriam - Andrew Clements; Hanukkah Books

### **Staff Development and Training**

Our December Staff In-Service was held on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There were 41 employees in attendance. The training topic was an overview of our new Employee Assistance Program provided through our new life insurance company.

**Adult/Teen Services:** Debbie Somchay Enterprise 5.0.1 Upgrade SWAN (webinar)

**Children's Services:** Jane Malmberg Using Social Media as a Tool to Advocate Diversity and Inclusion (webinar)

Mary Ann Steinhaus Village Recognition Dinner  
Meet Penguin's Premier Picture Book Creators (webinar)

**Circulation Services:** Julie Lombardo Best Practices for Developing Employee's Soft Skills (webinar)

Kay Minniti Best Practices for Developing Employee's Soft Skills (webinar)  
SWAN Enterprise Upgrade (webinar)

**Administration:** Pam Dubé Village of Woodridge Community Recognition Dinner  
SWAN Director's Meeting  
Chamber 630 – College of DuPage Presentation  
All Staff Meeting  
Rotary

Patti Naisbitt

60 Teen Programs in 60 Minutes Webinar  
JANO (Janes Avenue Neighborhood Outreach) Holiday  
Luncheon

**Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of December was 44,571, a 1% decrease from December 2018.

Registered borrowers number 23,817 which is 72.2% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for month: 27,981