

A variety of creative Di-November programs brought dinosaur fans of all ages to the Library and November's Woodridge Winterfest was a festive success, drawing over two thousand people to the Town Centre. The Library hosted Winterfest's live music, children's craft and a meet and greet with popular children's characters. Our role as a warming center was integral to the event's success, and we saw most of the attendees stop inside our building. The mayor, new police chief, parks director, village administrator, and many others enjoyed mingling with the library crowd, and Rudolf popped in throughout the night! Library staff are working with the Village and other town entities on an evaluation of the event, with thoughts of future joint programming.

The 2024 Library Survey received over 2000 responses. Initial results show a high level of satisfaction with WPL's customer service and over 96% of respondents agree or strongly agree WPL is valuable to them and they would recommend us to a friend. Data from the survey, including thousands of suggestions/recommendations, will be used to inform the strategic planning process that is now underway.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Family Storytime & Craft, 46
Sensory Storytime & Play, 2 sessions, 5
Preschool Play & Learn: Math Wizards, 35
Diwali Storytime with The Language Labs, 48
Drop-In: Letter to a Veteran, 15
Drop-In: I Spy @ The Library, 142
District 68-PK Modified Learning Program Visit, 15
Adopt-A-Saurus, 48
Mystery Boxes, 50
Messy Playtime, 68
T-Explorers, 216
Dino Giggles, 60
Dino vs. Dragon, 50
Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 198
Toddler Time, 8 sessions, 253
Preschool Storytime, 6 sessions, 162
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 3
Scavenger Hunt (Hunt-Unbe-LEAF-able!), 151

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400
Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 575

Virtual Programs Past Views, 19

Tween/Teen:

Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100
Teen Volunteering, 9 sessions, 23 volunteers, (31 volunteer hours)
Teen Pizza & Service, 15

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Mark and Denise Lanes
Art Reception, 10
Live Music: Places in Song with Kim Frankovelgia, 106
Book Discussion: *Writers & Lovers* by Lily King, 7
Craft & Sip (Thankful Centerpiece), 56
Introduction to Google Docs, 6
Intermediate Google Docs, 5
Autumn Bingo, 82

Sound Meditation, 38
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 13

Puzzle Pack: 250
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 150

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present: Holiday Tips and Tricks with Chef Art Smith, 10

All Ages: Winterfest, 2,500
Live Music (Winterfest): Holiday Favorites with John Boda, 69
Live Music (Winterfest): Joyful Sounds of the Season with Walter Thomas, 91
Meet & Greet with Anna & Elsa, 350
Children's Craft, 650
Coloring Sheets, 1,000

Community Outreach:

West Suburban Pantry Tutoring, 2 sessions, 40
Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 20
Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 2 sessions, 18
Golden Years Visit, 62
Woodridge VFW Veteran's Day Memorial Event, 78

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,328
 Ebooks: 2,565
 E-Audiobooks: 1,850
 Magazines: 913
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 262
 Ebooks: 112
 E-Audiobooks: 150
HOOPLA: 1,374
 Ebooks: 369
 E-Audiobooks: 832
 Videos: 132
 Music: 41
Kanopy Videos: 227 Plays
BookFlix: 17
New York Times: 1,042 issues

Website Users: 8,153
Curbside Pickup: 13 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 15 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,794
3D Printer Jobs: 1
Reference Questions: 3,175 in Adult/Teen and 1,525 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,171 in Adult/Teen and 176 in Children's
Study Rooms: 620 in Adult and 22 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 6
Volunteer Hours: 61.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 30
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 32,580

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Veteran's Day; Dinovember; Gobble up a Good Book; Space/Non-Fiction Comics; Dino Lobby Display; Yeti Lobby Display; Snowflakes in Lobby; Painted Snowflakes on Children's Dept. windows; Whoooo's Who Display (Owls & Biographies); Goodnight Moon; Native American Heritage Month; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Gather Together Around the Table Cookbooks; World Kindness Day; Books for Gamers (Teen Display); Native American Heritage Month; Hispanic American: Feast on Fiction; Sweater Weather

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:

George Kalinka	Local History Networking Group, IPPL Media on Demand Steering Committee Anti-Harassment Training
Savannah Derrig Dana Kraszczyński	Anti-Harassment Training Anti-Harassment Training
Chris Keefe	Media Literacy Education for Adult Audiences: Decoding Algorithms, ALA Pushing Back on Misinformation: The Role of the Library, RAILS Anti-Harassment Training
Kate Lagerstrom	Library Journal Day of Dialogue Title Lists (part 2), webinar Anti-Harassment Training
Dee LaPorta Linda Montalvo Denise Murray	Anti-Harassment Training Anti-Harassment Training Anti-Harassment Training Everyday Advocacy Program at Downers Grove Public Library presented by EQDG Anti-Harassment Training
Kristine Pacheco Gayle Szpytek	Anti-Harassment Training Anti-Harassment Training AI Ethics & Uses: A LACONI Library Event, webinar Keep Cool Under Pressure Training Shorts by Martina Mathisen, YouTube Anti-Harassment Training

Children's Services:

Jessica Smith Elizabeth Burns Carrie Erickson Kristina Grudem Mary Sue Reese Anthony Sendzimer Mary Ann Steinhaus Jenn Shunt	} Anti-Harassment Training Beanstack Training
Sarah Wilson	Anti-Harassment Training Pryor Supervisor Training Person In Charge Training Monarch Award Committee Book Reviews Anti-Harassment Training
Jo Bulin Kelly Girard Donna Karlinski Ellen King Kate Lehman Marj Nicoletti	} Anti-Harassment Training

Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo	SWAN Fireside Chat
		Anti-Harassment Training
	Ryan Babic	}
	Kara Higley-Kubik	
	Qing Inglis	
	Sabrina Kahren	
	Ana Karun	
	Stephanie Larkins	
	John Mangoba	
	Edita Meilkeine	
	Eileen Neuffer	
	Isabella Oberg	
	Kristen Pierret	
Michele Sarussi		
Aziz Shakir	Anti-Harassment Training	
Nancy Smith		
Dee Thurman		
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	ATLAS Middle Manager's Round Table
		Anti-Harassment Training
	Tess Forbes	Anti-Harassment Training
	Sharada Kamath	Anti-Harassment Training
		SWAN Serials Training webinars
	Dulce Polivka	Anti-Harassment Training
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	Veteran's Day Ceremony
		Village Levy Determination Board Meeting
		Rotary Meeting
		NIU Leadership Webinar: Data Visualization & Telling a Story with Data
		Zone 1 Library Directors' Meeting
		Anti-Harassment Training
	Nancy Bandusky	Anti-Harassment Training
	Kyle Bradshaw	Anti-Harassment Training
	Laura Dygus	HR Source - 2024 Employment Law Conference
		IPBC Board of Directors Meeting
		Pay Equity and Transparency: Is Your Business Ready?
		Anti-Harassment Training
	José Espino	Anti-Harassment Training
	Deb Fowler	Anti-Harassment Training
	Matt Hennessy	TIG Administrators Basic Training
	Anti-Harassment Training	
	SWAN Fireside Chat	
Kim Neidermyer	Village of Woodridge Winterfest Meetings	
	Anti-Harassment Training	
William Yokas	Anti-Harassment Training	

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of November was 41,966, an increase of 7% from November 2023. Registered borrowers number 22,756, which is 66.6% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 17,189