

The Library's April 8 pop-up viewing of the eclipse was a hit. 1200 eclipse glasses were given away in the first days of April/200 pairs were held in reserve. On the big day, Circ. Staff handled three hours of constant phone calls about free glasses, inviting callers to join us at the library. Over 300 people visited during the eclipse, sharing glasses, kid viewers, science facts, and sky-watching stories, plus NASA's live-stream and children's science activities. Images of library patrons watching the eclipse reached 3800 people; re-shared by the Village, our Facebook post brought us local fame and a great comment: "Thank you so much for this event. I stopped by last minute and was able to see the eclipse thanks to you! Everyone was good about sharing glasses. I always tell people my library is the best library!"

Art was a popular draw last month with preschoolers attending the Artastic program and Downers Grove North Fine Art teachers assembling an eye-catching exhibit featuring teen artworks (jewelry, 3D metallic masks, painting, and photography). Barbie stole the show with a fantastic day of play and imagination and many, many visitors in hot pink and sunglasses on April 20. The staff in-service focused on preparing for an increase in summer programs and visitors, along with an informative retirement speaker, with individual IMRF advice sessions available to staff.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Preschool Play & Learn - Artastic, 54
Space Bingo, 2 sessions, 28
Stories in the Park (Garden's & Bugs), 63
Park District Tot-School Visits the Library, 4 sessions, 125
Littlest Artists: Spring Resist Painting, 15
Barbie Party, 330
Fun Food Legos, 15
Sand Art, 50
Baby Lapsit, 8 sessions, 205
Toddler Time, 18 sessions, 385
Preschool Storytime, 10 sessions, 188
Eclipse Viewers & UV Bracelets, 90
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 8
Scavenger Hunt (Garden Gnomes), 180
Barbie Prize Drawing, 60
Barbie I Spy Wall, 61
Building Blocks for Tots, 5 packets, 500
Take & Make Crafts, 4 Projects, 550

Virtual Programs Past Views, 24

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Downers Grove North High School
Artist Reception: Anastasia Rezvoi (March Featured Artist), 20
Live Music: Top Hits of the 1950's, 99
Retirement Tax Planning, 12
Classic TV Trivia, 39
Make Your Own Essential Oil Roller, 34
Introduction to Excel, 8
Excel IF Function, 10
Excel Conditional Formatting, 9
Make Your Own Beaded Necklace and Bracelet, 37
Library Book Discussion: Pineapple Street by Jenny Jackson, 11
Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 17

Eclipse Viewing "Pop-Up" Community Event, 300
Eclipse Glasses Giveaway, 1,200
Puzzle Pack: 250
Adult & Teen Take & Make, 100

Virtual Programs

Spring Birding - One Day in May, 152
Understanding Social Anxiety and the Complexity of Teen Relationships, 2 sessions,

Tween/Teen: Teen Volunteering, 4 (8 volunteer hours)

Community

Outreach: Family Read Night at Willow Creek Elementary School, 75
Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 25

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,001
Ebooks: 2,555
E-Audiobooks: 1,777
Magazines: 669
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 280
Ebooks: 122
E-Audiobooks: 158
HOOPLA: 1,356
Ebooks: 417
E-Audiobooks: 812
Videos: 82
Music: 45
Kanopy Videos: 214 Plays
BookFlix: 33
PressReader: 145 issues

Website Users: 9,190
Curbside Pickup: 38 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 40 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,937
3D Printer Jobs: 7
Reference Questions: 3,947 in Adult/Teen and 832 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,640 in Adult/Teen and 175 in Children's
Study Rooms: 787 in Adult and 17 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 8
Volunteer Hours: 93.5 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 31
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 30,464

Displays:

Children's Services Department: Poetry; We Love Pets; AANHIP Books; Arab American Heritage Month; April Showers Bring Many Colors; I Like Big Bugs and I Cannot Lie; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Eclipse/Astronomy; Sun, Moon, Stars Fiction; World Autism Month; Arab American Heritage Month

Staff Development and Training

35+ employees attended our April 26th Staff In-Service Meeting. The topic was a presentation from IMRF along with one on one meetings with 8 employees.

Adult/Teen Services:

George Kalinka	Staff In-Service SWAN Fireside Chat
Savannah Derrig	SWAN eResource Advisory Committee When Generations Connect: Navigating Generational Dynamics Why Emotional Intelligence Matters at Work Migrants: A Conversation with Sheri Laigle about the Current Crisis (and how your organization can help)
Dana Kraszczyński	Staff In-Service
Chris Keefe	Staff In-Service Seamless Migration from PowerPoint to Google Slides-BrightCarbon Excel IF Function & Conditional Formatting Training
Denise Murray	Public Speaking as a Library Presenter
Gayle Szpytek	LEARN (Libraries' Reading and English Network) Meeting

Children's Services:

Megan Bauer Elizabeth Burns Carrie Erickson Kristina Grudem Jenn Shunt Jessica Smith Mary Ann Steinhaus	} Staff In-Service
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Circulation Services:

Ryan Babic Kara Higley-Kubik Willow Inglis Sabrina Kahren Stephanie Larkins Eileen Neuffer Isabella Oberg Michele Sarussi Rachel Schwanebeck Aziz Shakir Dee Thurman Ana Karun	} Staff In-Service
Julie Lombardo	Staff In-Service Crash Course for the First-Time Manager Why Emotional Intelligence Matters at Work SWAN Circulation Users Group
Sabrina Kahren	SWAN Fireside Chat Staff In-Service Introduction to OCLC WorldShare Interlibrary Loan World Share ILL Borrowing

Technical Services:

Amy Weiss	Staff In-Service Motivating and Empowering: Skills for Library Leaders SWAN Cataloging Advisory
Tess Forbes	Staff In-Service
Sharada Kamath	Staff In-Service

Administration:

Patti Naisbitt	Directors Meeting with IL State Librarian Alexi Giannoulis IMRF & Village of Woodridge Staff In-Service
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Nancy Bandusky	}	Staff In-Service
Kyle Bradshaw		
Deb Fowler		
Laura Dygus		
		Human Resources Association of Greater Oak Brook - Friday Weekly Meetings
		HR Source Peer Hub Library Roundtable
		HRA of Greater Oak Brook - Facing Retaliation from Above: Case Study from Maryland
		IMRF & Village of Woodridge
Matt Hennessy		Staff In-Service
		IT Roundtable RAILS West Group Meeting
		SWAN Fireside Chat

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of April was 42,050, an increase of 5% from April 2023. Registered borrowers number 22,614, which is 66.2% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 15,321