# Library Director's Report June 2024

June saw Library staff out in the community entertaining 500 Woodridge residents with a Minionsthemed booth at the popular outdoor Jubilee (500) and reading funny bear stories to a crowd at Castaldo Park (78). We had "big Saturdays" at the Library with dads, artists, Pokémon fans and movie lovers flocking to a variety of programs, and our first Friday night live music program for adults was a smooth jazz hit (75). Daily we are seeing a steady flow of summer readers who are enjoying scavenger hunts, raffles, coloring in the new nook, and popular book displays.

Starting in June and continuing into July, preparations are underway for upcoming improvements. Engineers are working on design drawings for a future boiler replacement, estimates are being gathered for a needed carpet replacement in the Meeting Room, cost-saving options are being evaluated following the buyout of our current phone service provider, and we're establishing new safety protocols at times when facility maintenance work is taking place.

Speaking of improvements, we have ended our PressReader subscription and are now offering patrons FREE New York Times daily passes, allowing users to read the digital paper, access product reviews, and play tremendously popular online games.

### Library Programs and Services

Children's: **In-Person Programs** 

Movie Extravaganza, 435

Catch 'Em All Bash (Pokemon), 389

Littlest Artists, 47

Stories in the Park (Bears), 78

Fluffy Pet Rocks, 43

Hollywood Family Dance Party, 2 sessions, 75

Dads & Donuts, 91 Family Movie Night, 53 Spotlight Spa, 34

Squishmallow Canvas Painting, 47

KinderCare North Storytime, 2 sessions, 100 KinderCare South Storytime, 2 sessions, 69

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 5 Scavenger Hunt (Movie Villains), 263 Scavenger Hunt (Pokémon), 147

Building Blocks for Tots, 4 packets, 400 Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 1,000

Virtual Programs Past Views, 22

Summer Reading Program Video Views, 23

#### Adult: In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Marge Pavich Live Music: Music of Elvis, 135

Live Music: Friday Night Jazz with Petra Van Nuis, 75

Classic Pop Culture Trivia, 38

Intermediate Word, 8 3D Design with Tinkercad, 9 Summer Watermelon Banner, 13

Meditation 101, 17

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 15

Puzzle Pack: 250

Adult & Teen Take & Make, 115

Virtual Programs

The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin (Illinois Libraries Present), 63

NAMI - Mental Health Essentials, 15

Tween/Teen: Tween Pom Pom Pen, 19

Tween Babysitting Workshop, 24

Teen Volunteering, 11 (23 volunteer hours) Teen Pizza & Service, 10 teens, 15 hours

**All Ages:** Unicorn Pool Float Raffle, 298

Dragon Pool Float Raffle, 342

Community

Outreach: Jubilee Outreach, 500

DuPage Health Coalition: Diabetes Course (presented in Spanish at WPL), 2 sessions, 40

Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 44

**Services:** E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 5,234

Ebooks: 2,596 E-Audiobooks: 1,711 Magazines: 927 ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 350

Ebooks: 141

E-Audiobooks: 209

HOOPLA: 1,422 Ebooks: 429

E-Audiobooks: 843

Videos: 104 Music: 46

Kanopy Videos: 308 Plays

BookFlix: 2

PressReader: 59 issues

Website Users: 8,173

Curbside Pickup: 32 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 60 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 2,962

3D Printer Jobs: 2

Reference Questions: 3,607 in Adult/Teen and 3,832 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,381 in Adult/Teen and 384 in Children's

Study Rooms: 573 in Adult and 24 in Children's

Outreach/Homebound Visits: 9 Volunteer Hours: 79.5 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 50 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 34,846

**Displays:** Children's Services Department: 4th of July; Books Gone Hollywood; Summer; Game Zone;

Pride; Juneteenth; Nature; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

**Adult Services Department:** Hot Title You Might Have Missed; LGBTQ+Month; Pride Month; Great Outdoors Month; Have you RED these?; Summer Reads; Have You Read Any Good Movies Lately?

## Staff Development and Training

**Adult/Teen Services:** George Kalinka Caity Lear, Hoopla

Media On Demand Steering Committee

SWAN E-Resource Advisory Group

Savannah Derrig

Social Workers in Libraries Networking Group

Dana Kraszczynski SWAN DUEX Meeting

Chris Keefe ALA Virtual Membership Meeting

Intro to Generative AI - Codecademy Learn How to Use Chat GPT - Codecademy

Working in the "Gray Area": Boundaries for Library Staff

**Children's Services:** Megan Bauer Bloomsbury Children's Books Fall Preview

Jenn Shunt

The Penguin Young Readers Summer 2024 Preview

Mary Sue Reese Baker & Taylor

Children's Plus

iSolved

Mary Ann Steinhaus The Truth About Reading: The Next Chapter with Nick

Nantor

Sarah Wilson The Modern eAccessibility Landscape webinar

**Circulation Services:** Julie Lombardo Working in the "Gray Area": Boundaries for Library Staff

**SWAN Fireside Chat** 

Cards for Students consultation: SWAN

Downers Grove/Westmont Cards for Students Meeting

Ana Karun Demand Management, SWAN Online Learning

**Technical Services:** Amy Weiss OCLC Cataloging Community Meeting

**SWAN Fireside Chat** 

Tess Forbes BLUEcloud Analytics Overviw Online Training
Dulce Polivka SWAN - Creating Pre-Cats Online Training

**Administration:** Patti Naisbitt The Modern eAccessibility Landscape

Cards for Students Consultation: SWAN SWAN Administrators Quarterly Meeting Zone 1 Libraries Meeting: Hinsdale PL

Downers Grove/Westmont Cards for Students Meeting

Matt Hennessy SWAN Fireside Chat

## **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of June was 48,690, an increase of 1% from June 2023. Registered borrowers number 22,765, which is 66.6% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 18,004