# Library Director's Report July 2024

Over 1,000 children earned a free book—to keep!—during our movie-themed Summer Reading Program. This year, readers participated more fully (completing more missions, earning more prizes, or simply visiting us through the last week of the program). Patrons gave us great feedback on our easy-to-follow reading log and we revamped our age categories. Little Stars for ages 0 through 4 encouraged child-parent reading and literacy activities, Light's, Camera, Read! for ages 5 through 12 allowed a mix of reading together, reading independently and completing activities, and 11-and twelve—year-olds were allowed to opt-in to the teen program. Patrons loved the variety of events, with the Swiftie Celebration for 401 patrons drawing interest from all ages and over 550 ice cream treats handed out "ice cream truck-style" during the Epic Summer Scavenger Hunt. It was difficult to keep our wide variety of great reading displays filled, with "Beach Reads" and "Summer Olympic" books flying off the shelf.

### **Library Programs and Services**

Children's: <u>In-Person Programs</u>

Stories in the Park (Beach), 106

Croc Charms, 48

Family Fireworks Painting, 52 Sing-Along with Ms. Sarah, 46 Swiftie Celebration, 401 Beach Bear Dirt Cups, 115 Paw Patrol Academy, 169

Giant Twister, 19

Get Ready for the Olympics! Team USA! 67 That's A Wrap! Epic Summer Scavenger Hunt, 550 Epic Summer Scavenger Hunt Prize Drawing, 44

KinderCare North Storytime, 2 sessions, 96 KinderCare South Storytime, 36

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 5 Scavenger Hunt (Comic Characters), 237 Scavenger Hunt (Swiftie), 114

Building Blocks for Tots, 5 packets, 500 Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 1,200

<u>Virtual Programs</u> Past Views, 15 Summer Reading Program Video Views, 4

# <u>Summer Reading Program Statistics</u>

Little Stars (Ages 0 - 4) Registered & Active Participants, 356 Light's Camera, Read! (Ages 5 - 12) Registered, 1,221; Active, 856; Completed, 698 Free Book Giveaway, 1057

## Adult: <u>In-Person Programs</u>

Art Gallery: Dilip Mungole

Artist Reception, 20

Live Music: Beach Songs with Dave Rudolf, 99 Live Music: Friday Night Jazz with Jodi Beach, 56

Introduction to Excel, 7 Excel Pivot Tables, 6 Summer Bingo, 85

Book Discussion, Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam, 6

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 17

Summer Reading Program, Registered, 865; Active, 278; Completed, 232

Puzzle Pack: 250

Adult & Teen Take & Make, 150

**Tween/Teen:** Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100

Teen Volunteering, 4 sessions, 22 volunteers, (47 volunteer hours)

Teen Float Giveaway, 162 entries

Teen Summer Reading Program, Registered 166, Active, 70, Completed, 64

**All Ages:** 2 Pool Float Raffles, 676 total entries

Community

Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 5 sessions, 17

**Services:** E-Resources:

Media on Demand Total: 5,326

Ebooks: 2,660 E-Audiobooks: 1,841 Magazines: 825 ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 385

Ebooks: 165

E-Audiobooks: 220

HOOPLA: 1,417 Ebooks: 438 E-Audiobooks: 856

> Videos: 92 Music: 31

Kanopy Videos: 371 Plays

BookFlix: 3

New York Times: 665 issues

Website Users: 7,832

Curbside Pickup: 35 pickups

Book Bundles for Children: 43 items Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,257

3D Printer Jobs: 1

Reference Questions: 3,637 in Adult/Teen and 4,120 in Children's Public PC Sessions: 1,432 in Adult/Teen and 422 in Children's

Study Rooms: 688 in Adult and 32 in Children's

Outreach/Homebound Visits: 9 Volunteer Hours: 85.75 for Adult Museum Adventure Passes: 67 Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 37,260

**Displays:** Children's Services Department: Vacation; Summer Olympics; Red Carpet (Lobby display);

Paparazzi (Children's Dept. display); Nature; Disability Pride Awareness; Health/Wellness;

Feelings; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Hot Title You Might Have Missed; Let's Rock!; Planners (National

Planner Day is August 1st); Summer Fiction; Beach Reads

### **Staff Development and Training**

Adult/Teen Services: All Adult Staff First Amendment Audit Review

George Kalinka Technology in Public Libraries: Result from PLA's 2023

Annual Survey

Media On Demand Networking Meeting

Chris Keefe Technology in Public Libraries: Result from PLA's 2023

Annual Survey

Al Essentials for Nonprofits: Understanding Bias

Digital Safety and Privacy for Librarians

Kate Lagerstrom

Media On Demand Networking Meeting ILA Diversity Committee

Denise Murray

Booklist's Fall Series Nonfiction

**Children's Services:** Carrie Erickson

First Amendment Audit Review

Kristina Grudem Jenn Shunt Booklist webinar: Fall Series Nonfiction

LITapalooza

Met with disabilities coordinator to discuss sensory

storytime

Page Turning Picture Books

Fall Librarian Preview Harper Collins

Mary Sue Reese Mary Ann Steinhaus Sarah Wilson Baby Lapsit Storytime
The Truth About Reading

Getting Started with Web Accessibility

Circulation Services:

Julie Lombardo

**SWAN Fireside Chat** 

Sabrina Kahren First Amendment Audit Review

Using OCLC Article Exchange for Electronic Copies

Ana Karun Stress and Burnout for Managers: The Negative Effects of

Micro Management

Managing Negativity: Dealing with Chronic Compainers

First Amendment Audit Review

Using OCLC Article Exchange for Electronic Copies Conduct Effective Interviews and Hire the Right People

Ryan Babec Stephanie Larkins First Amendment Audit Review First Amendment Audit Review

**Technical Services:** 

Amy Weiss SWAN Catalog Advisory Group

**SWAN Fireside Chat** 

**Administration:** Patti Naisbitt

First Amendment Audit Review

Laura Dygus

Knowledge Check Exempt & Non-Exempt Employees

Guiding Team with Authentic Leadership

HRA of Greater Oak Brook - Roundtable Discussion

Deb Fowler

First Amendment Audit Review

Matt Hennessy T-Mobile POTS Lines Replacement Meeting

Bibliotheca Meeting

Technology Roadmap Meeting

IT Roundtable RAILS West Group Meeting

SWAN Fireside Chat

# **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of July was 50,169, an increase of 4% from July 2023. Registered borrowers number 22,757, which is 66.6% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 18,766