

Storytime programs made for a very busy September. We responded to a high demand for more preschool programs for children ages three to five by adding a new preschool session. Overall, Children's program attendance was up 13.8% over last September with preschool attendance up 90%. In response to patron requests, we added an evening story program. *Family Storytime* was well-attended (48) in September and will be offered each month. Teen and Adult program attendance was strong, with attendance up 40% over last September. We increased the number of fall programs and "seats" that are open for registration to meet the demand. Some of this success comes from our craft programs that take place in our *Creativity Space on the Plaza*.

Young adult students from *Guiding Light Academy* began volunteering for us on a regular basis. Our goal is to provide opportunities to the students and their supervising teachers that are similar to experiences in a work environment. We are adopting *Beanstack* as our new software program for hosting patron-reading programs; it will allow us to offer a greater variety of reading-based events (summer reading, winter reading, competitions, and community challenges). Patrons will find the programs attractive and easy to use for signing up or tracking their reading online or in an app.

Library Programs and Services

Children's:

In-Person Programs

Preschool Play & Learn: Alphapalooza!, 44

Baby & Toddler Tunes, 2 sessions, 82

Engineer It!, 42

Preschoolers on a Roll, 45

Family Storytime & Craft, 48

Kids BINGO: Pokémon, 2 sessions, 72

Sensory Storytime, 6

Baby Lapsit, 6 sessions, 258

Toddler Time, 10 sessions, 291

Preschool Storytime, 7 sessions, 216

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Visits, 6

Scavenger Hunt (Big Screen Books), 142

Building Blocks for Tots, 5 packets, 500

Take & Make Crafts, 3 Projects, 450

Virtual Programs Past Views, 33

Tween/Teen:

Tween Take and Make, 1 project, 100

Tween Takeover After Hours, 51

Junior Detectives: Fingerprint Experts, 14

Amazing Embossed Art, 10

Teen Pizza and Service, 14, 14 volunteer hours

Adult:

In-Person Programs

Art Gallery: Alexandra Tomsy & Kevin St. Clair

Live Music: Songs of Yesteryear by David Blixt, 112

3D Design with Tinkercad, 9

Introduction to Word, 8

Estate Planning Explained, 26

History of Carole King, 39

DIY Lanyards, 25

Book Discussion, *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams, 12

Financial Aid Overview, (Illinois Student Assistance Commission), 12

Senior Cards & Games, 2 sessions, 12

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

Virtual Programs

Nobody's Fool: "Why We Get Taken In & What We Can Do About It," (League of Women Voters of Illinois), 17

Community

Outreach: Virtual: Literacy DuPage ESL Conversation Group, 4 sessions, 20
Guiding Light Academy Volunteers, 8

Services:

E-Resources:
Media on Demand Total: 5,234
Ebooks: 2,543
E-Audiobooks: 1,802
Magazines: 889
ERead Illinois/Axis 360: 324
Ebooks: 160
E-Audiobooks: 164
HOOPLA: 1,376
Ebooks: 422
E-Audiobooks: 832
Videos: 89
Music: 33
Kanopy Videos: 218 Plays
BookFlix: 147
New York Times: 1,088 issues

Website Users: 7,624
Curbside Pickup: 37 pickups
Book Bundles for Children: 26 items
Interlibrary Loans Received: 3,026
3D Printer Jobs: 2
Reference Questions: 3,240 in Adult/Teen and 1,510 in Children's
Public PC Sessions: 1,251 in Adult/Teen and 206 in Children's
Study Rooms: 639 in Adult and 40 in Children's
Outreach/Homebound Visits: 6
Volunteer Hours: 80.75 for Adult
Museum Adventure Passes: 30
Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 31,190

Displays: **Children's Services Department:** Explore Steam; Have You Seen Any Funny Books Around Here?; Alphapalooza; Shelf and Book Bundles; Teacher Packs; Grab and Go

Adult Services Department: Classical Music Month; Hot titles You Might Have Missed; Back to Books; Banned Books Week/Freed Between the Lines; NYT Best of 23024 so far; Mental Health, College/Life Skills & Dark Academia (Teen Display); Self-Care September

Staff Development and Training

Adult/Teen Services:	George Kalinka	Hoopla/Midwest Tape representative meeting Strategic Planning
	Chris Keefe	Evelyn Wood - Read Faster, Remember More Generative AI Tools for Creating Multimedia
	Dana Kraszczyński	SWAN Designer User Interface (DUEX)
	Kate Lagerstrom	Media on Demand Library Journal Fall Mystery Preview Part 1, Collection Development webinar

	Denise Murray	Library Journal Fall Mystery Preview Part 2, Collection Development webinar Library Journal Lovefest Winter/Spring Highlights, Collection Development webinar Media on Demand
Children's Services:	Jessica Smith	Romance and Love Stories for All Ages webinar NF Sticker Meeting Magnificent Middle Grade webinar
	Carrie Erickson Mary Sue Reese Sarah Wilson	Keep Cool Under Pressure training videos Booklist webinar Beanstack New Client Kick-off webinar NF Sticker Meeting Advancing Accessibility in Your Library
Circulation Services:	Julie Lombardo Ana Karun	SWAN Fireside Chat LACONI: The Dark Side of Management
Technical Services:	Amy Weiss	LACONI TSS: We've Got This Under Control: All about Authority Control Records SWAN Acquisitions and Cataloging User Group Book Repair Workshop Getting Involved - SWAN User/Advisory Groups in 2025 Technical Services Networking Group SWAN Fireside Chat ILA Partnership with Amazon
	Tess Forbes Dulce Polivka	SWAN Acquisitions and Cataloging Users Group MARC21 Standard Training Book Repair Workshop
Administration:	Patti Naisbitt	SWAN Quarterly Administrators' Meeting Woodridge Administrators Meeting IMET Investment Webinar
	Laura Dygus	HR Source Peer Hub HR Source Unique Workforce Solutions HR Topics/Lorie Kleiman - Recruiting on a Dime
	Deb Fowler Matt Hennessy	ILA Partnership with Amazon TIG On-Premises Kick Off SWAN Fireside Chat SWAN Technology Users Group

Library Operations

Circulation for the month of September was 42,706, an increase of 8% from September 2023. Registered borrowers number 22,680, which is 66.4% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 14,266