

## Director's Report

Circulation was down 13% this month. We were up 13% last month. I expected statistics to be down, because we are not lending as much to other libraries. It was strange to see such a large increase last month. Several glitches were discovered with hold notifications and emails. The problem is fixed now and patrons should be getting all messages related to item pickup. Patrons are also getting used to the idea of asking us to purchase items. When a patron requests a purchase, selectors perform an evaluation to decide if we should own the item or borrow it from another library. It's good for the collection to have more input from patrons.

For the second year in a row, the Elmhurst Public Library received a 4 star rating according to *the Library Journal's* star library rankings. We are very happy to have received this rating. Only 263 libraries nationwide received a star rating. Libraries that made the list are awarded three, four, or five stars. Ratings are based on output measures such as circulation, patron visits, internet usage and program attendance. The data for this ranking was based on figures from 2011. For more information please visit: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2013/11/managing-libraries/lj-index/class-of-2013/the-star-libraries-2013/>.

The new Club program idea is going well. Attendance has increased now that the clubs are advertised in Fine Print. We are hoping to develop this idea and have more clubs meeting here so. Technology programs have been expanded to include several staff taught special interest classes. New classes this month included Pinterest and Wordpress. In January and February, we will offer: Pinterest, eBay, Ancestry.Com, iPhoneography, Google Drive, Wordpress, and Yelp.