#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- I attended the One Book, One Elmhurst program on October 26. The program was very well-attended with over 170 people enjoying an evening with local author, Dawn Turner. Ms. Turner talked about her writing process, answered questions about her friends and family members, and let the audience know that she is working on another book.
- I also attended a Park District steering committee meeting. The PD is strategic planning and community leaders were invited to give insight and feedback about Park District programs and services.
- It was a busy month for events, I attended the Elmhurst Senior Commission Volunteer awards ceremony on November 9. Four EPL outreach volunteers were recognized with an award. Outreach volunteers deliver books to homebound patrons. Our own, Bill Shanklin, also received an award for his service to the American Legion and planning the Veteran's Day program among other things.

# ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT Oct 2023

# **Staff Changes**

Christina Racibozynski started as the new Technology Learning Coordinator.

# **ADS Programs**

In October, ADS staff collaborated with staff across the building to offer unique, meaningful programs, including:

- Loteria: A traditional Mexican card game that is similar to Bingo.
- Reading Retreat: Saturday, 10/7, was an all-day reading focus with a cozy reading room, one-on-one reading personality tests and a book talk session about the hot titles coming out this fall.
- <u>LinkedIn Profile Portraits</u>: Patrons got a digital headshot for LinkedIn or other professional platforms.
- Homeschool Explorers: Programming for middle and high school aged home school students.
- <u>Career Counseling</u>: A career counselor helped patrons virtually and in person with employment matters.
- Talking Books: A representative from the Illinois Talking Book & Braille Service tabled in the lobby.
- Insider Trick or Treat: Insiders from the Next Chapter Book Club trick or treated around the building.

# **Displays & Décor in ADS**

Staff celebrated the season and the freedom to read through displays and decorations this month.



Teen Volunteers Decorated the Teen Space



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Display Case: A History of Movie Monsters



Slightly Scary Display



Freedom to Read

#### **Programs**

The Kids Department had a Spooktacular October with a lot of not-so-scary programs and activities. We started with a month-long Book Haunt, which challenged children to read in each spooky room of their house. The Short and Scary Writing Contest brought in a lot of entries, with the winners reading to a packed room of parents, grandparents, teachers, and friends. Upper elementary and middle school students showcased their creativity by making scarariums. Families had a blast doing pumpkin painting.

In MiniMakers, preschoolers and their adults sewed an autumn tote bag. Feedback from this program was very positive. One patron emailed afterwards, saying, "I took my 4 year old to the bag sewing event last week and it was a great experience. I'd love to expose my kids to other activities/tools within the Makery space." Another let us know she was inspired to go home and sew curtains. Another mentioned she has purchased a sewing machine, but never used it, but maybe this class would be the push she needed.











#### Middle School Happenings

For Inktober, middle schoolers could post a new drawing based on a daily prompt. The interactive piece of this program really drew people in. Students volunteers spent 33 hours this month assisting with craft preparation, picking up the Learning Garden, and putting picture books in order by theme.



#### **Displays**

*Trick or Treat. Smell My Feet. Guess the Character Under the Sheet:* The glass display case was filled with haunted house decorations and children's book characters dressed up as ghosts. Children guessed the identity of each ghost by reading a short riddle and seeing if they could recognize the character based on their feet.

Unsurprisingly, the Halloween materials display was immensely popular. World Smile Day, International Sloth Day, and Scary Stories also had to be refilled frequently.

#### Collection

The Kids' department is busy placing end of 2023 material orders by mid-November. Some of our budget lines were a bit overspent this year due to some collections seeing more popularity, such as the 790's and graphic novels. We consistently see some collections whose popularity does not seem to wane, even with online or digital collections, such as video games. Not all patrons who use our resources have the latest, greatest and most expensive gaming systems. We currently have some video games that are over 10 years old, still popular and still functioning well.

#### Outreach

#### Scouts

There were six scout visits this month on the following subjects.

- Digital Photography: This was the first time we were able to do this program outside. It was a nice opportunity to get some good photos with good lighting. The scouts seemed to enjoy picking out their favorite photos and talking about them.
- Computer Expert: Thirteen scouts used the Adult Service Department computer lab to learn about library databases. They also used Google Street View to take a tour of the White House, sent an email to the president, and designed a bookmark using Photoshop.
- Sewing in the Makery: Scouts learned how to sew and made cute felt cacti.
- Makery Mugs: Fifteen scouts made sublimation mugs and a Halloween banner. There was a lot of excitement when the scouts peeled off the sublimation paper and revealed their designs.

#### **Elementary School Visits**

As part of their World of Books curriculum component, District 205 first graders from Jefferson, Field, and Lincoln schools made field trips to the library. The Elementary School Coordinator and other Kids staff also made classroom visits to kindergarten through fifth graders at Jefferson, Lincoln, Hawthorne, and Fischer schools.

# MARKETING DEPARTMENT REPORT October 2023

### **October Marketing Topics included:**

#### **Programming: Spooky Season**

The Library offered a variety of Spooky funfilled programs this fall season. Our Short and Scary Writing Contest showcased so many talented young writers.

#### **Collection: Streaming Video**

Paying too much for streaming? Use your library card instead! The Library offers a variety if streaming services available

instantly through our eLibrary or Library of Extraordinary Things available for check out. Borrow a Roku or an antenna from the Library of Extraordinary Things to expand your viewing options. Try Kanopy, Hoopla, and Freegal from our Download Stream eLibrary collection for video and music streaming.

#### Services: Virtual Tour (video available)

Wander The Library from the comfort of home. Our new virtual tour gives you the opportunity to familiarize yourself with our beautiful 80,000 square foot building before you visit.

elmlib.org/YouTube

#### **Inside Scoop:** Cozy with EPL (video available)

Treat yourself with care this season! The Library invites you to capture a bit of happiness by wrapping yourself in coziness. Whether you're spending time in the Library or at home we have ideas to bring soothing warmth to all your big and small moments.

elmlib.org/YouTube







A Conversation with

Grace Lin

Tue, Oct 17 | 7PM

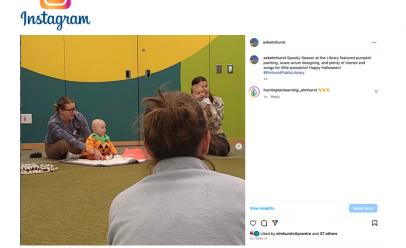
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This event is made possible by filinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

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# Here are some sample screenshots of our online presence from October:

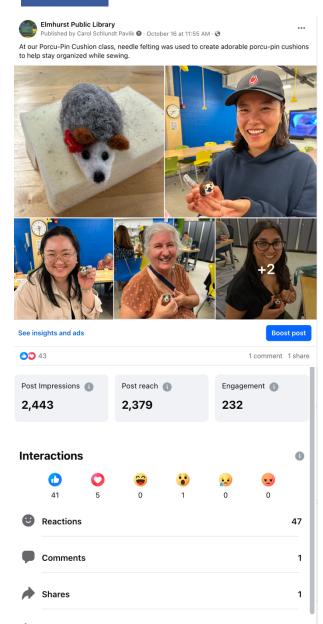






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Other Clicks



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# MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

# OCTOBER 2023

Elevator Count	Equipment Reservations	3D Prints
foot traffic	major equipment (e.g. laser, embroidery)	requested by patrons
761	184	36



#### **Button Makers Refresh**

Lots of changes with the button makers this month. After switching distributors, the costs of button pieces have gone down so instead of \$0.50 each, the Makery sells buttons at \$1.00 per bag of 6 buttons. Further, multiple staff collaborated to revamp the instructions. The new labels and handouts are larger, more visual, and easier to follow.



#### **Maker Spotlight**

This little maker has quicly become a regular. One of her favorite stops is the new Drop-In 3D Prints. Of the ten options to print, she is well on her way to collecting them all!



#### **Sewing Basics**

Makery Specialist Audrey Staron shadowed this month's Sewing Basics program in preparation for teaching it herself! More instructors means the Makery can offer more sessions to meet the steady demand for more classes.



#### **New Embroidery Possibilities**

Makery Specialist Audrey Staron tested a new item on the Makery embroidery machine: dog collars! Using a special needle and built-in fonts, you can personalize your pet's fabric leash or collar with their name. A new project guide with all the instructions is available in the Makery.



#### **Equipment Maintenance**

The latest machine that needed service was the mug press which is used to sublimate photos and designs onto coffee mugs. After making hundreds of mugs this year alone, an electrical component finally wore out. Heat Press Nation, the manufacturer, overnighted us a replacement and we were up and running the very next day.



#### **Team Work**

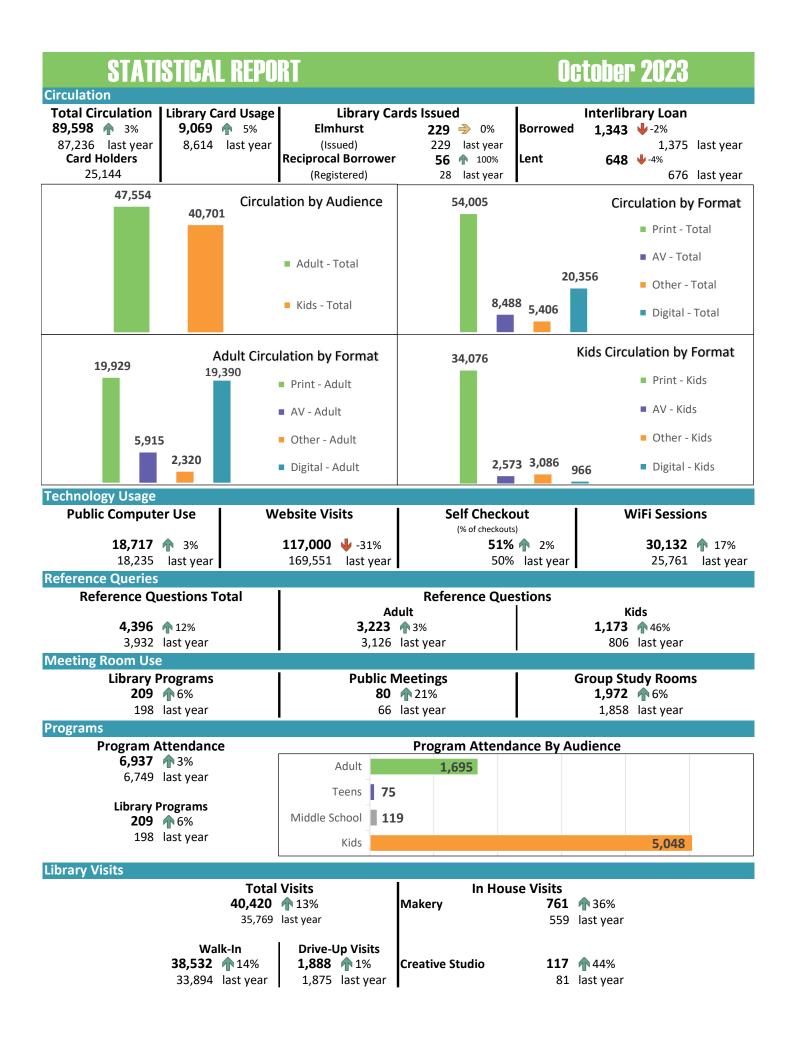
From ideation, to preparation, and finally presentation, craft programs take a lot of work! Collaboration is key. Scenes like the one pictured are a regular occurence. Makery Program Specialist Leslie and Makery Specialists Ana and Jen workshop a needle-felting craft that was inspired by a visit to a craft fair.

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
20s/30s Book Discussion: Mexican Gothic by Silvia			
Moreno-Garcia	Adult Program	5	1
A Guide to Overseas Genealogy (In-Person)	Adult Program	11	1
A Guide to Overseas Genealogy (Virtual)	Adult Program	9	1
A Matter of Balance	Seniors	53	1
Adult Reading Retreat: Reading Personality Quiz	20 and 30 Somethings	9	2
American Mah Jongg	Adult Program	32	4
Analog to Digital Conversions	Technology	3	4 1
Art Therapy Night (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	12	1
Autumn Floral Arrangements	Create	28	2
Autumn Watercolor	Create	30	2
Board Game Night (for 20 + 30 Somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	22	1
Book Challenges on the Rise: Support Your Freedom to	 	T	   
Read (Virtual)	Books and Authors	13	1
Bridge & Pinochle Club	Games	78	5
Canasta	Adult Program	24	4
Career and Job Counseling (In-Person)	Business	4	1
Career and Job Counseling (Virtual)	Career	2	
Chair Yoga	Seniors	36	2
Chamber Concert	Music	40	1
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	12	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	5	1
Creative Cardmaking	Create	31	
Culture Club: Slovenia & Croatia (In-Person)	Adult Program	28	,
Culture Club: Slovenia & Croatia (Virtual)	Adult Program	18	1
DIY Crop Day	Create	0	1
Elmhurst Business Connection: 40 Blog Post Ideas for	†		
Your Social Media Content	Business	0	1
Excel Intermediate	Technology	7	1
Fall Garden Clean-Up (In-Person)	Adult Program	6	1
Fall Garden Clean-Up (Virtual)	Adult Program	12	1
Farmers Market Outreach	Outreach (P)	119	1
Financial Fitness: Investing Made Simple	Business	8	1
Financial Fitness: Retirement Income Strategies for	T	T	
Today's Markets	Business	11	1
Financial Fitness: Terry Savage Talks Money	Business	11	1
Friday Features: 65	Adult Program	24	3
Genealogy Research Lab	Genealogy	4	3 1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	11	1
GreenMan Theatre Presents: Spooky Stories (In-Person)	Adult Program	19	1
GreenMan Theatre Presents: Spooky Stories (Virtual)	Adult Program	9	1
H.H. Holmes in Chicago (In-Person)	Common Connection	16	
H.H. Holmes in Chicago (Virtual)	Common Connection	35	1
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Illinois Libraries Present: Stephen Graham Jones (Virtual)	Author Visit	4	1
Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service Drop-in	Inclusive	12	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	6	1 1 1
iPhone iOS	Technology	12	1

Library Insiders: Mini Pumpkin Decorating	Library Insiders	14	1
LinkedIn Profile Portraits	Business	34	i
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Lotería	Games	13	<del> </del>
Lyric Opera Lecture: The Daughter of the Regiment	Adult Program	8	
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	25	
One Book One Elmburst Adult Book Discussion: Three			
One Book, One Elmhurst Adult Book Discussion: Three			
Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of			
Race, Fate, and Sisterhood by Dawn Turner	Adult Book Discussion	22	2
One Book, One Elmhurst: Author Visit with Dawn Turner			
(In-Person)	Author Visit	187	1
One Book, One Elmhurst: Author Visit with Dawn Turner			
(Virtual)	Author Visit	22	1
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Organizing 101: Office Organizing Tips and Tricks (Virtual)	Ç	21	{
Picasso's Women (In-Person)	Arts and Culture	14	<del> </del>
Picasso's Women (Virtual)	Arts and Culture	14	<del> </del>
Plant Swap	Home and Garden	6	<del> </del>
Reading Retreat	Adult Program	10	/
Reading Retreat: Buttons (Keep Unpublished)	Adult Program	69	1
Reading Retreat: Fall Book Buzz	Books and Authors	2	1
Reading Retreat: Keychains (Keep unpublished)	Adult Program	10	1
Reducing Robocalls with CUB (Virtual)	Consumer	9	1
Scrabble Club	Games	12	2
Sears Homes of Chicagoland (In-Person)	Adult Program	34	
Sears Homes of Chicagoland (Virtual)	Adult Program	60	1
Spirits and Seances (In-Person)	One Book	11	1
Spirits and Seances (Virtual)	One Book	27	1
Starting & Growing Your Small Business in Elmhurst	Business	40	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	7	1
Streaming Video	Technology	4	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (In-Person)	Consumer	13	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (Virtual)	Consumer	11	1
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Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Makery 101: Sewing Basics	Create	6	{
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Makery Craft: DIY Gift Bag	Create	22	
TOTALS	i 	28	2
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Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Teen Advisory Group	High School	10	1
Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)	High School	2	1
Teen Crafternoon	High School	0	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	1	1
TOTALS	i I	13	4
Middle School Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Homeschool Explorers (7-12th Grade)	Homeschool	3	<u> </u>
Make a Scare-arium	Middle School	20	
Middle School Library Influencers	Middle School	2	{
TOTALS		25	
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rabic/English Bilingual Storytime	Preschool	18	
Art Is Elementary	Elementary School	28	
Experimenting With Circuits	Elementary School	14	
Explore a Story	Storytime	35	
Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s	Storytime	38	,
Homeschool Explorers (K-6th Grade)	Elementary School	21	{
Incredible Bats	Elementary School	6	i
Kids' Chess Club	Elementary School	12	<del> </del>
Kids Explore Native American Culture	Family	48	<del> </del>
Kids Virtual Author Visit: Grace Lin (Virtual)	Author Visit	0	!
Little Wigglers	Storytime	560	{
MiniMakers: Tots and a Grownup Autumn Totes	Preschool	24	{
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Mother Goose & Me	adult	99	<del></del>
Octopus Day!	Elementary School	8	<u> </u>
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (1st grade)	Elementary School	89	{
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (2nd grade)	Elementary School	107	<u></u>
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (3rd grade)	Elementary School	90	<del> </del>
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (4th grade)	Elementary School	92	<del></del>
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (5th grade)	Elementary School	77	{
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	72	! !
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (1st grade)	Elementary School	22	
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (2nd grade)	Elementary School	25	
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	18	
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (1st Grade)	Elementary School	49	
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (2nd Grade)	Elementary School	62	
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (3rd Grade)	Elementary School	53	{ !
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (4th Grade)	Elementary School	64	{ !
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (5th Grade)	Elementary School	61	{
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	52	<del> </del>
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (1st grade)	Elementary School	82	i
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (2nd grade)	Elementary School	90	 !
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (3rd grade)	Elementary School	87	{
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Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (4th grade)	Elementary School	74	{
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (5th grade)	Elementary School	81	<u> </u>
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	91	<u> </u>
Outreach Elementary Field (1st grade)	Elementary School	67	{
Outreach Elementary Jefferson (1st grade)	Elementary School	49	{
Outreach Elementary Lincoln (1st grade)	Elementary School	82	<del> </del>
Outreach Preschool AT Butterfield EPD	Preschool	8	<del></del>
Outreach Preschool AT Buttons & Bows	Preschool	20	
Outreach Preschool AT Courts Plus	Storytime	7	{
Outreach Preschool AT Madison Fall Fest	Preschool	150	i
Outreach Preschool AT Wagner	Storytime	12	
Outreach Preschool AT Wagner Comm. Center	Storytime	12	
Outreach Preschool IC 4's	Preschool	45	
Pokémon Mania	Elementary School	15	
Pumpkin Painting	Family	35	{
Read to the Dogs	Elementary School	49	{
Romp and Rhyme	Storytime	252	;
Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories	Family	130	<del> </del>
Scout visit Computer Expert NM	Scout Visit (P)		
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Scout visit Digital Photography AM/LH	Scout Visit (P)	3	! !

Scout visit Digital Photography NM	Scout Visit (P)	9	1 1
Scout visit Makery mug FD/MS	Scout Visit (P)	20	
Scout visit Makery Mugs NM	Scout Visit (P)	15	
Scout visit Makery sewing NM/LH	Scout Visit (P)	9	4
TOTALS	 	3,352	81
Passive Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Passive Programs:	†	 	 
Coloring Books	†	0	1
Reading Adventure	†	5	
Social Services Folders		7	4
Reading Retreat		125	8
Teen Passive Programs:	†	 	 
Inktober - Passive	High School	5	1
Tournament of Terror - Passive	High School	57	
Middle School Passive Programs:	<del></del>		
Inktober - Middle School	Middle School	62	1
MS Passive Program: Papel Picado	Middle School	32	1
Kids' Passive Programs:	#	 	1 1
Book Haunt	Family	67	1
Craft table - Passive	Preschool	1,350	1 5
Guess the Ghost - Passive	Family	150	1
Open LEGO Building	Family	12	
Short and Scary Writing Contest	Elementary School	117	1
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Adult Program Grand Total		1695	107
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Teen Program Grand Total	 	75	6
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Middle School Program Grand Total	i	119	6
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#### **Monthly Comparison**

#### **Total Circulation**

89,598 **1** 3% 87,236 last year

#### **Adult Circulation**

47,554 **1** 4% 45,656 last year

#### **Kids Circulation**

40,701 **↑** 1% 40,205 last year

#### **ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries**

1,343 **♣**-2% 1,375 last year

#### **Digital Material Circulation**

20,356 **1**9% 17,105 last year

#### **Databases**

9,467 **♣**-7% 10,141 last year

#### **Reference Questions Total**

4,396 12% 3,932 last year

#### **One on One Tutorials**

#### **Number of Programs**

209 ♠ 6%198 last year

#### **Program Attendence**

6,937 **↑** 3% 6,749 last year

#### **In-Person Visitors**

38,532 **1**4% 33,894 last year

#### **Drive-Up Visitors**

1,888 ♠ 1% 1,875 last year

#### **Year To Date Comparison**

#### **Total Circulation**

941,709 **1**% 934,520 last year

#### **Adult Circulation**

498,200 **♠** 2% 488,016 last year

#### **Kids Circulation**

430,873 **↓**-1% 433,633 last year

#### **ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries**

12,637 **↓**-2% 12,871 last year

#### **Digital Material Circulation**

202,038 **1**5% **175,172** last year

#### **Databases**

163,844 ♠ 34% 122,389 last year

#### **Reference Questions Total**

44,878 **↑**6% 42,309 last year

#### **One on One Tutorials**

511 **↑** 36% 375 last year

### **Number of Programs**

1,901 • 27% 1,499 last year

#### **Program Attendence**

62,718 **1**6% **54,146** last year

#### **In-Person Visitors**

367,222 ♠ 21% 302,359 last year

#### **Drive-Up Visitors**

18,898 **♣**-5% 19,801 last year

### **Collection Totals**

#### **Books and Magazines**

179,874

# **Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics**

6,063

#### **Audio Visual**

31,254

#### **Digital**

172,530

## **Notable Happenings in Circulation**

- Three Cards for Kids library cards were issued and 13 were renewed this month.
- There are 32 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Seven Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$2,183.87.
- There are 126 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- •We filled 4,940 holds this month.
- •EPL Cares Committee organized a team to volunteer at Feed our Starving Children on October 24. EPL volunteers, along with 42 other volunteers from several organizations, packed 62 boxes of food.

The 62 boxes of food equal a total of 13,392 meals, which feeds 37 children for a whole year!



• EPL Cares Committee invited therapy dogs to visit EPL staff on October 26. Studies have shown that therapy dogs boost employee morale and well-being, and can help employees feel more resilient at dealing with stress.



