

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Library is gearing up for summer reading. This year's theme: Read, Renew, Repeat is especially appropriate because libraries are places where resources are shared among community members. Checking out items, using them, and returning them for someone else to use is a perfect for those who are eco conscious and believe in spending less and saving more. The Kids' staff are making all decorations out of materials that would be otherwise thrown away. I can't wait to see what they come up with for those old milk cartons, pop cans and other disposables.
- The My EPL campaign debuted in the latest edition of Fine Print. We hope our community is as excited about this new campaign as we are. Coming soon, the campaign will be exhibited throughout the Library with new parking lot banners, a lobby display case, and window signage to replace the 5 Star Library window on the west side of the building. Patrons may purchase My EPL merchandise at the Library's Threadless site. It is important to note that the Library is not profiting from the sale of merchandise. This campaign is meant to be a fun way for patrons to showcase their love for their Library.

# ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

April 2024

## Welcome Lauren Watson

Lauren Watson, PT Circulation Desk Clerk, accepted a promotion to Adult Services Librarian and started her new position on April 2.



## Displays

Kelsey Wilcoxon, Kids and ADS Librarian, created her first glass display case focused on garden readiness, native plants and pollinators. (left)

27 patrons shared poetry for Violet Pope and Stef Camaci's poetry display. (right)



Other displays this month included "Get Ready for NBA Playoffs" which was very popular with fans-patrons, Autism Awareness Month which included a variety of materials to fulfill the curious and support caregivers, Bollywood Movies, Urban Fantasy and Celebrate Earth Day.

## Teen Activities

This month EPL teens were invited to use magnetic poetry, created a beaded lizard keychain and make cozy animal blankets and dog tug toys to donate to a local pet organization.

### BEADED LIZARD KEYCHAIN

#### MATERIALS INCLUDED

- String
- 28 color beads (base / body)
- 12 color beads (feet)
- 7 color beads (center)
- 2 black beads (eyes)
- 1 keyring



## MediaMatch Advisory Week

During the MediaMatch Advisory training week, staff were invited to the Creative Studio to use the green screen to get a photo with their favorite title. Anne Swanson, left, posed with Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt, this fall's One Book, One Elmhurst title.



## Outreach

Hayley Rightnowar and Anne Swanson (no photo) visited The Grove of Elmhurst, a long term care facility, to host a Trading Titles program where 10 residents discussed titles that they'd been enjoying. Alyssa Murphy gave a presentation on censorship to the League of Women Voters.



# KIDS' LIBRARY DEPT REPORT

April 2024

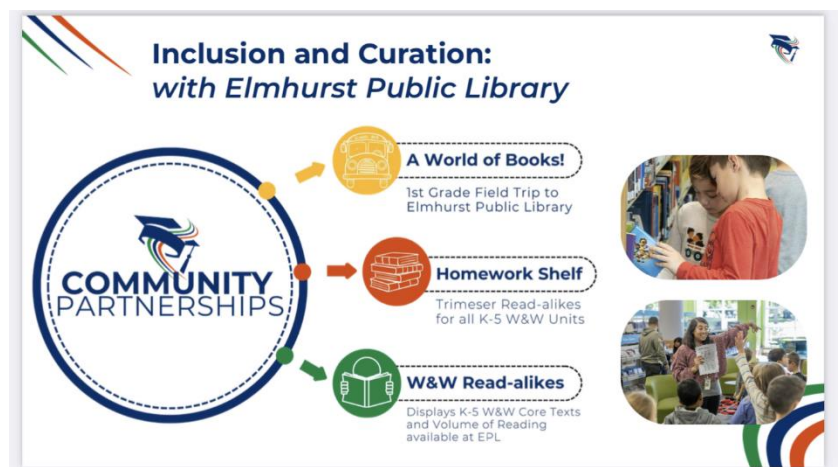
## Programs

April programming included regular favorites such as Kids' Chess and Read to the Dogs and some special offerings such as four baking-themed craft programs, a picture book parade, and a Titanic event.



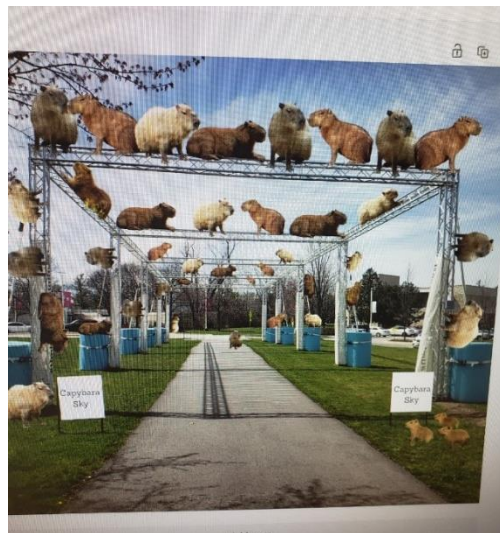
## Outreach

April was a busy month for community outreach. **Fiona Dolce** met with the Sandburg Parent Teacher Organization to talk about middle school opportunities at the library this summer. **Heather Forster Jensen** attended the District 205 Board of Education meeting, which highlighted the district's partnership with the library.



Other community outreach included preschool field trips from Buttons & Bows and Immanuel Lutheran, an Immaculate Conception kindergarten field trip, an Elmhurst University field trip, a table at the YMCA Healthy Kids Fair, and 3 summer reading skit visits.

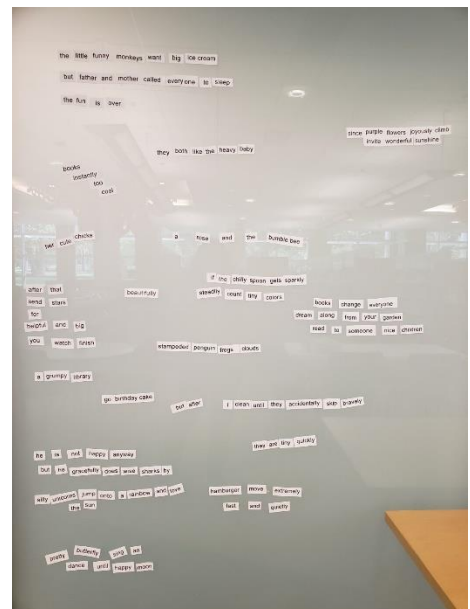
The summer reading skit was a big hit with the giant cicada named Shakira and the Capybara Sky.



## Collection

**Nuala Maloney-Murphy** came up with some creative ways to highlight the collection this month. In the glass display case, she created a calendar celebrating special days in April such as Unicorn Day, Superhero Day, and Zoo Day. Each day she switched out the book display to feature these themes. Then over on the programming room doors, she encouraged children to write their own poems while featuring our poetry collection. The children loved checking what day would come next. Staff heard comments like, "I can't wait until Animal Crackers Day."

Also on display were books featuring the different religious holidays. A parent was picking up this month's graphic novel for book club and noticed the Passover display as she was beginning to leave. She came back over to the desk to share a heartfelt thank you: "We're just not used to being visible in that way."





### April Marketing Topics included:

#### **Programming: Cycle of Memory Film Screening**

Follow filmmaker Alex Leff and his brother as they retrace a 100-mile bike ride taken by their grandfather in 1945. Virtual Q & A following the presentation.

#### **Collection: Umbrellas and Bike Locks**

We know it can be hard to get out the door, much less remember everything you'll need. That's why we have umbrellas you can borrow with your Library card on days when Mother Nature catches you by surprise. Did you forget your bike lock? We have you covered. Borrow one of our bike locks and rest easy knowing your bike will be secure while you browse the stacks. Check one out at the Drive-up Window.


#### **Services: Media Match**

Based on your tastes, one of our expert selectors can help you discover something from our DVD or streaming options. Whether you want to learn about something new, be entertained, or inspired, we look forward to helping you find something new to love.


#### **Inside Scoop: Circulation Department Tour** (video available)

Peek behind the scenes of the Circulation Department. What happens when you return a book through the slot in the Lobby? How does a book you've requested get from the shelf to the Drive-Up window? And what does a hedgehog have to do with any of this? Get the answers to these questions and more from our newest video.

[elmlib.org/YouTube](https://elmlib.org/YouTube)

eNews from 4/18


### We've Got You Covered



Don't let April showers catch you by surprise — borrow an umbrella with your library card!

It can be hard getting out the door, much less anticipating everything you'll need. That's why we have umbrellas conveniently available for checkout in the Lobby. Keep yourself and your library haul dry, then return the umbrella to us later once the sun comes out again.

### Media Match: What to Watch



Media Match is the Library's personalized service to help match you with your next favorite — including even more than books!


Our vast collection of movies includes [classics](#) and [world language films](#) — both on DVD and streaming platforms.

Discover new [TV shows](#) to watch, [documentaries](#), and even [holiday movies](#)!

We look forward to helping you find something new to love!

[Learn More](#)

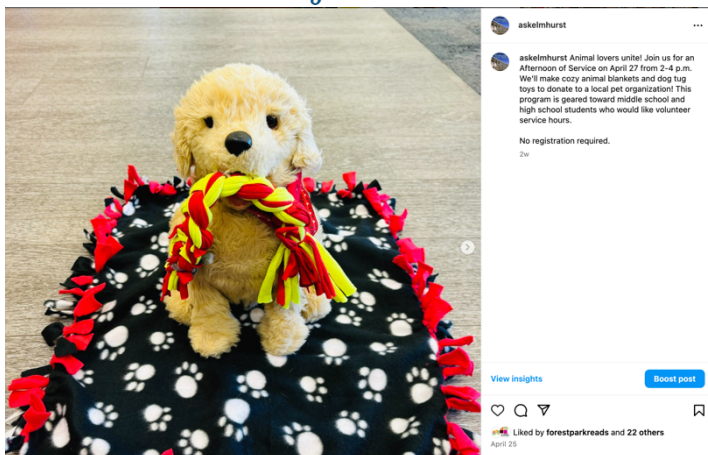
### Earth Day is April 22



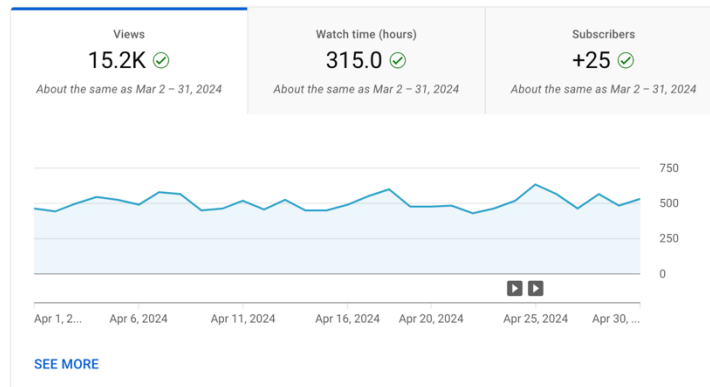
Celebrate Earth Day by diving into inspiring films celebrating our planet's beauty and advocating for its protection. Kanopy has curated a collection of films focusing on the environment. Simply access [Kanopy](#) through the Library and start streaming documentaries, narratives, and more.

[Suggested Titles](#)

*Here are some sample screenshots of our online presence from April:*



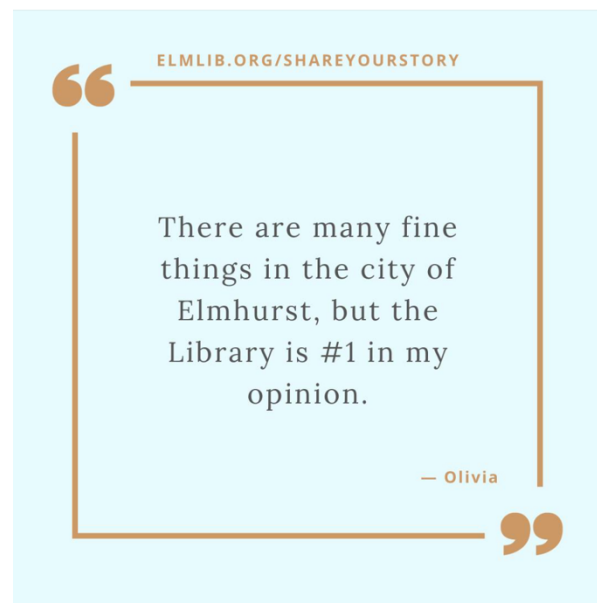
In April, people watched your videos 15,163 times



The Picture Book parade through the Learning Garden was a celebration of some of our favorite book characters!



USER STORY: "I cannot praise the Library enough. There are many fine things in the city of Elmhurst, but the Library is #1 in my opinion. Every librarian is so willing to help—i.e. go to another library for books requested, put name on hold list, etc. The service Tuesday & Thursday for pick up and drop off of books is a godsend for homebound elderly (as am I). I appreciate all you do and THANK YOU all." - Olivia



See insights and ads

Boost post

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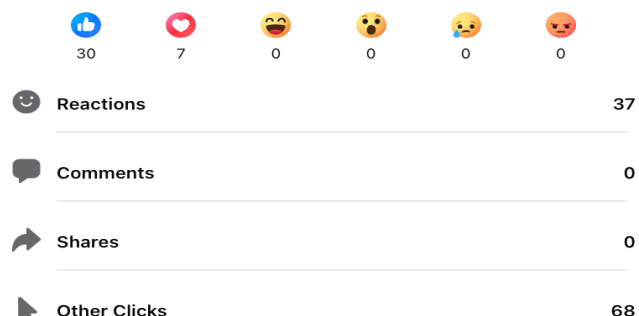
Boost post

Post Impressions 3,989

Post reach 3,989

Engagement 384

### Interactions

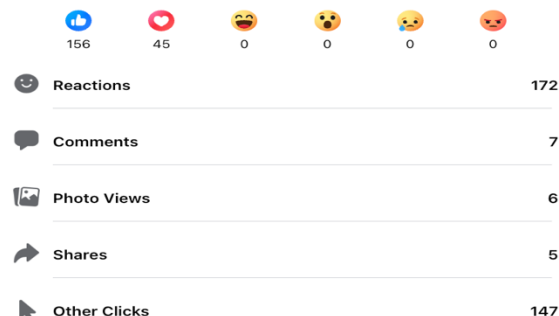


Post Impressions 11,413

Post reach 11,352

Engagement 337

### Interactions





# MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

APRIL 2024

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Door Count	788	770	655
Equipment Reservations	250	209	232
3D Prints	63	36	48



## New Equipment

Introducing the new thermal book binder. Patrons can now bind hardcover or clear-front softcover books in the Makersy.



## Maker Spotlight – Greetings from Greece!

A new Elmhurst resident sent us photos from abroad. They customized these bags with the embroidery machine and gave them out as favors at their destination wedding.



## Maker Spotlight

Elmhurst makers are ready for the emergence of cicadas! Several patrons have designed and made shirts to commemorate the occasion.



## Makersy Field Trip

Makersy staff visited our counterparts at Indian Prairie Public Library in Darien. We toured their space, learned about some of their unique equipment and services, and left with several fresh ideas to bring to our patrons.

# PROGRAM STATISTICS

April 2024

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Book Discussion: <i>Bewilderment</i> by Richard Powers	Adult Book Discussion	15	2
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	36	4
Art Therapy	Create	2	1
Bingo	Adult Program	16	1
Black Sox, Billy Goats, & the Monsters of the Midway (IP)	Adult Program	15	1
Black Sox, Billy Goats, and the Monsters of the Midway (V)	Adult Program	18	1
Board Game Night	Games	12	1
Boundaries & People-Pleasing: When to Say "Yes" & How to Say "No" (In-Person)	Social Services	7	1
Boundaries & People-Pleasing: When to Say "Yes" & How to Say "No"! (Virtual)	Social Services	23	1
Bridge & Pinochle Club	Games	97	5
Canasta	Adult Program	32	4
Chair Yoga	Seniors	37	2
Chamber Concert	Music	96	1
Charcuterie Cook-Along (Virtual)	Adult Program	76	1
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	6	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	8	1
Creative Cardmaking	Create	30	2
Creative Upcycling	Create	4	1
Culture Club: A Tour of Five National Parks (In-Person)	Adult Program	33	1
Culture Club: A Tour of Five National Parks (Virtual)	Adult Program	12	1
Documentary Film Screening: Cycle of Memory	Inclusive	12	1
Eclipse Viewing Party	Science	600	1
Excel Intermediate	Technology	7	1
Expect the Unexpected: Mastering Interview Questions You Know You'll be Asked (Virtual)	Career	6	1
Flappers and Fedoras! Songs of the Roaring 20s	Adult Program	40	1
Friday Features:	Adult Program	39	4
Genealogy: Midwest Archives and Repositories (IP)	Genealogy	3	1
Genealogy: Midwest Archives and Repositories (V)	Genealogy	8	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	13	1
ILLINOIS I-CASH	Adult Program	37	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	7	1
Library Insiders: Mini LEGO Mosaic	Inclusive	8	1
Library Insiders: Trivia Night	Inclusive	6	1
Makery Computer Basics	Technology	9	1
Narcan Passive Lobby Table	Adult Program	26	1
Needle Felted Blue Bird	Create	37	2
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	27	2
Organizing Digital Files	Technology	5	1
Outreach: Trading Titles at The Grove of Elmhurst	Outreach (P)	10	1
Parenting in the Screen Age (Virtual)	Parents	9	1
Pocket Pals	Create	11	1
Protect Your Piggy Bank	Adult Program	2	1
Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens, and Water Issues (IP)	Adult Program	11	1
Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens, and Water Issues (Virtual)	Adult Program	22	1
Reducing Anxiety Through Meditation (Virtual)	Social Services	13	1



Sci-Fi Book Discussion: <i>All Systems Red</i> by Martha Wells	Adult Program	6	1
Scrabble	Games	13	2
Spring Watercolors	Adult Program	25	2
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	7	1
The Eastland Disaster (In-Person)	Adult Program	30	1
The Eastland Disaster (Virtual)	Adult Program	32	1
The Iroquois Theatre: Chicago's Deadliest Fire (In-Person)	Adult Program	18	1
The Iroquois Theatre: Chicago's Deadliest Fire (Virtual)	Adult Program	28	1
True Chicago Stories of the 1920s (In-Person)	Adult Program	21	1
True Chicago Stories of the 1920s (Virtual)	Adult Program	21	1
Ukulele Circle	Music	10	1
Understanding Social Security: A Look at the Bigger Picture	Inclusive	6	1
Understanding Social Security: A Look at the Bigger Picture	Inclusive	11	1
What Ted Lasso Can Teach You About Your Career (V)	Business	8	1
What Your Library Can Do for You	Adult Program	12	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (In-Person)	Consumer	22	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (Virtual)	Consumer	23	1
York Transitions LEAP	Inclusive	20	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,856</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Makery Program</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Cricut for Clothing	Create - Makery	4	1
DIY Crop Day	Create - Makery	0	1
Makery Craft: Cricut Paper Flowers	Create - Makery	17	1
Sew a Tote	Create - Makery	5	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Teen Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Afternoon of Service	High School	7	1
Teen Advisory Meeting	High School	8	1
Teen Crafternoon	High School	4	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Middle School Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Full Moon Party with Tacos and Telescopes	Middle School	6	1
Middle School Influencers	Middle School	2	1
Outreach @ Sandburg PTA	Middle School	15	1
SRP Visit @ Sandburg	Middle School	423	1
SRP Visit @ Visitation Middle School	Middle School	85	1
The Great Elmhurst Bake Off: <i>Nailed It</i> Edition	Middle School	3	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>534</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kids' Library Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
EU Adaptive Storytime	Storytime	15	4
Art Club	Elementary School	15	1
Baby Play Date	Storytime	12	1
Can You Survive the <i>Titanic</i> ?	Elementary School	17	1
ECT Sneak Preview: Hello Dolly	Family	87	1
Family Sensory Hour	Inclusive	24	1
Fiero Coding Club	Elementary School	8	1
Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s	Storytime	48	4
Graphic Novel Club	Elementary School	2	1
Growing in the Garden Special Storytime	Storytime	75	1
Healthy Kids Day	Outreach (P)	37	1

Homeschool Explorers (Grades K-5): Project Fair Research	Homeschool	4	1
Kids' Chess Club	Elementary School	15	1
Learn to Code	Elementary School	11	1
Little Wiggles	Storytime	662	8
Make with Me: Laser-Cut Creatures	Elementary School	38	2
Maker Kids: Melted Crayon Wearables	Elementary School	13	2
Messy Rainbow Science	Elementary School	15	1
Mom & Baby Hour Outreach	Outreach (P)	7	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	127	5
Open LEGO Building	Family	15	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (1st Grade)	Elementary School	95	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (2nd Grade)	Elementary School	108	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (3rd Grade)	Elementary School	94	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (4th Grade)	Elementary School	98	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (5th Grade)	Elementary School	81	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	72	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (1st Grade)	Elementary School	93	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (2nd Grade)	Elementary School	105	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (3rd Grade)	Elementary School	103	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (4th Grade)	Elementary School	101	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (5th Grade)	Elementary School	96	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	79	1
Outreach Elementary AT Visitation (2nd Grade)	Elementary School	44	2
Outreach Elementary AT Visitation (3rd Grade)	Elementary School	24	1
Outreach Elementary AT Visitation (Grades K-1)	Elementary School	32	1
Outreach Elementary Immaculate Conception (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	54	1
Outreach Elmhurst University Education Students	Elementary School	24	1
Outreach Preschool AT Visitation	Preschool	20	1
Outreach Preschool Buttons & Bows	Outreach (P)	50	3
Outreach Preschool Immanuel Lutheran Visit	Outreach (P)	20	1
Picture Book Parade!	Family	80	1
Polish/English Bilingual Storytime	Storytime	22	1
Pop-Up Storytime	Pop In Activity	80	4
Read to the Dogs	Elementary School	30	1
Red Cross Preparedness Pillowcase Project	Elementary School	7	1
Romp and Rhyme	Storytime	274	8
Scout Visit	Scout Visit (P)	11	1
The Great Elmhurst Bake Off: <i>Chopped</i> Edition	Elementary School	9	1
The Great Elmhurst Bake Off: Cake Creations Edition	Elementary School	10	1
The Great Elmhurst Bake Off: Tiny Tot Edition	Family	19	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3,182</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Passive Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Passive Programs:</b>			
Behind the Checkout Desk		300	1
Interactive Displays		27	1
Reading Adventure		2	1
Recording of True Chicago Stories of the 1920s		31	1
Social Services Folders		33	4
<b>Teen Passive Programs:</b>			
Teen Make & Take	High School	24	1
<b>Middle School Passive Programs:</b>			
Passive- National Poetry Month	Middle School	10	1

<b>Kids' Passive Programs:</b>			
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Family	18	1
Craft table - Passive	Preschool	1,323	5
		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Program Grand Total</b>		<b>2275</b>	<b>95</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		393	8
Total Program Statistics		1,882	87
<b>Teen Program Grand Total</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		24	1
Total Program Statistics		19	3
<b>Middle School Program Grand Total</b>		<b>544</b>	<b>7</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		10	1
Total Program Statistics		534	6
<b>Kids' Program Grand Total</b>		<b>4,523</b>	<b>89</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		1,341	6
Total Program Statistics		3,182	83
<b>Passive Program Total</b>		<b>1,768</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>7,385</b>	
<b>Total Programs</b>			<b>195</b>



# STATISTICAL REPORT

## April 2024

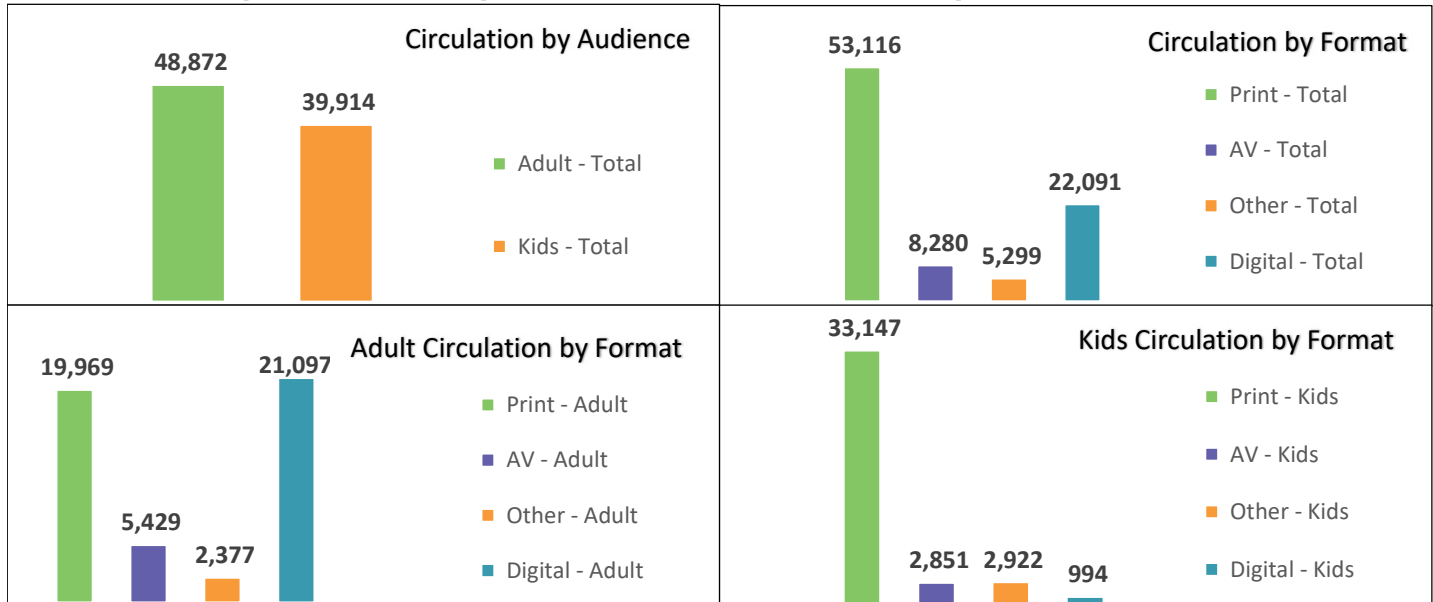
### Circulation

**Total Circulation**  
**90,181** ↑ 4%  
 86,477 last year  
**Card Holders**  
 25,227

**Library Card Usage**  
**9,202** ↑ 5%  
 8,739 last year

**Library Cards Issued**  
**Elmhurst** **180** ↑ 8%  
 (Issued) 167 last year  
**Reciprocal Borrower** **53** ↑ 23%  
 (Registered) 43 last year

**Interlibrary Loan**  
**Borrowed** **1,395** ↑ 8%  
 1,293 last year  
**Lent** **581** ↓ -9%  
 637 last year



### Technology Usage

#### Public Computer Use

**15,052** ↓ -13%  
 17,221 last year

#### Website Visits

**41,011** ↓ -72%  
 147,810 last year

#### Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)  
**52%** ↑ 8%  
 48% last year

#### WiFi Sessions

**22,950** ↓ -10%  
 25,410 last year

### Reference Queries

#### Reference Questions Total

**4,267** ↑ 10%  
 3,886 last year

#### Reference Questions

**Adult**  
**3,066** ↓ -4%  
 3,209 last year

**Kids**  
**1,201** ↑ 77%  
 677 last year

### Meeting Room Use

#### Library Programs

**195** ↑ 7%  
 183 last year

#### Public Meetings

**96** ↑ 17%  
 82 last year

#### Group Study Rooms

**1,943** ↑ 6%  
 1,841 last year

### Programs

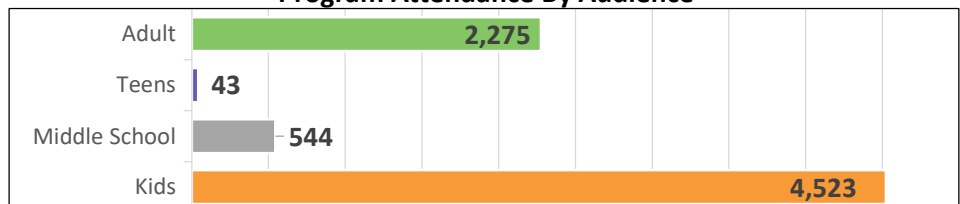
#### Program Attendance

**7,385** ↑ 62%  
 4,546 last year

#### Library Programs

**195** ↑ 7%  
 183 last year

#### Program Attendance By Audience



### Library Visits

#### Total Visits

**41,007** ↑ 14%  
 35,988 last year

#### In House Visits

**Makery** **788** ↑ 18%  
 665 last year

#### Walk-In

**39,074** ↑ 14%  
 34,164 last year

#### Drive-Up Visits

**1,933** ↑ 6%  
 1,824 last year

#### Creative Studio

**90** ↓ -6%  
 96 last year

## Monthly Comparison

## Total Circulation

90,181  4%  
86,477 last year

## Adult Circulation

48,872  7%  
45,885 last year

## Kids Circulation

39,914  2%  
39,299 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,395  8%  
1,293 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

22,091  26%  
17,557 last year

## Databases

8,845  -55%  
19,630 last year

## Reference Questions Total

4,267  10%  
3,886 last year

## One on One Tutorials

28  -58%  
67 last year


## Number of Programs

195  7%  
183 last year

## Program Attendance

7,385  62%  
4,546 last year

## In-Person Visitors

39,074  14%  
34,164 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

1,933  6%  
1,824 last year

## Year To Date Comparison

## Total Circulation

369,613  1%  
367,564 last year

## Adult Circulation

201,597  3%  
195,035 last year

## Kids Circulation

162,235  -3%  
167,147 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

5,782  7%  
5,383 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

91,720  20%  
76,481 last year


## Databases

59,278  -33%  
88,020 last year

## Reference Questions Total

17,808  6%  
16,775 last year

## One on One Tutorials

133  -37%  
210 last year

## Number of Programs

709  0%  
708 last year

## Program Attendance

27,312  40%  
19,546 last year

## In-Person Visitors

148,203  8%  
136,762 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

7,446  -5%  
7,848 last year

### Collection Totals

#### Books and Magazines

173,700

#### Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

5,968

#### Audio Visual

29,025

#### Digital

158,043

### Notable Happenings in Circulation

- No *Cards for Kids* library cards were issued or renewed in April.
- There are 36 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Five Non resident card was purchased this month for a total of \$945.00
- There are 145 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 4,786 holds this month.
- EPL Cares Committee invited therapy dogs to visit EPL staff on April 25th.