

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The premier French Market took place in our staff lot on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. On those Sundays, we have an agreement with the neighboring office building to use 15 of their parking spaces in the lot directly north of the Library. There were no issues with parking for staff or patrons. The market runs through September.
- The Kids' and Adult Summer Reading programs are off to a good start. The Summer Reading party on June 1<sup>st</sup> was successful with families enjoying face painting, games, crafts, and balloon creations.
- EPL will host two outdoor concerts on the South Lawn this summer. The Throwbacks will perform on Sunday, July 7 and an Elvis tribute will take place on Friday, July 19.

# ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

May 2024

## Welcome Alex and Angie!

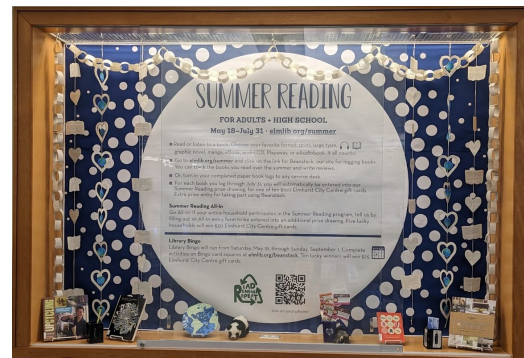
Angie McCarver and Alex Stockfleth joined Adult Services as Library Specialists and are just wrapping up their training.

## New Study Room System (Welcome LibCal?)

Staff and patrons adjusted quickly to the new study room reservation system.

## Adult & Teen Summer Reading

Summer Reading for Adults and Teens kicked off in late May. 180 patrons have already logged 259 books. And 6 households have already registered as All-in, giving them a chance at additional prizes for having all members of their household participating in Summer Reading.



## Always Better at EPL

The Board Game Collection (left) got a much-needed facelift by doubling it's shelving space, making it more browseable and accessible. The new Nearly New Fiction section (right) is making it easier to find those recent popular titles.



"Chills & Thrills" and "Short & Sweet"  
Teen Displays (above)

## Library Insider Update!

A popular program this month was "Stroll with a Pup in the Park", where Library Insiders learned techniques for confidently walking dogs. Insiders also celebrated finishing reading Roald Dahl's *Matilda* by watching the movie.



## Reaching Out

Hayley Rightnowar co-presented to nearly 50 library employees from across Illinois about serving individuals with disabilities in a library setting at the Reaching Forward . The presentation covered beginning to end of life programming.



Bridgerton is Back display (above)

### Programs

On May 18th, the Summer Reading Program began, and the library switched to a new program registration system, which made for a busy, exciting weekend. Many adults shared that their kids gave them specific instructions to be there on May 18 to get a reading log!

Some programming highlights included a Teddy Bear Picnic, Making Posters with Canva, and the Home School Project Fair. The Canva posters were hung on the library bulletin board after the class, which generated a lot of interest from other patrons. The project fair was a great way for homeschoolers to network and learn from each other.



### Outreach

Kids' staff spent quite a bit of time in the community this month visiting elementary schools to promote the Summer Reading Program, staffing tables at the Pet Parade and Art in the Park, and assisting at an afterschool program as Kiwanis members. For the Pet Parade, **Heather Forster Jensen** brought metal stamping supplies. This allowed attendees to make decorative pet tags/keychains, thus making the connection to the Makery and the Library of Extraordinary Things.

**Amy Slager, Callie Stuart, Cathy Nestlinger, and Michael Speers** all spent time staffing the table at Art in the Park. The hidden picture activity was a big hit with the kids and provided a fun, interactive way to promote the Summer Reading Program.





## Collection

The new book list binder is now on display at the Kids' Desk! **Fiona Dolce** designed flyer versions of the SRP book lists for grades 1-8 to start out, and in June, **Heather Jensen Forster** will be adding other flyers for the award nominee books, as well as specific summer reading lists for area schools. Already the binder has been helpful for both reference and readers' advisory when kids and their caregivers came in to ask about the books we shared at SRP visits.



### May Marketing Topics included:

#### **Programming: Summer Reading Kickoff Party**

Celebrate summer reading and the start of summer! Pick up summer reading logs for the whole family, check out books, and have fun! Enjoy free face painting, games, crafts, and afternoon balloon creations.

#### **Collection: Hoopla Manga Collection**

Discover everything manga has to offer for free with your Library card! Read popular manga series – Attack on Titan, Battle Angel Alita, and Berserk – online or download them to your mobile device with the Hoopla digital app. This constantly growing collection means both seasoned manga readers and those new to the format can always find something fresh and exciting to read.


#### **Services: Graded Booklists**

Grades 1-8. We love connecting kids with books! Kids' graded booklists are a valuable resource when you are searching for the right title to engage your young reader at their reading level. The lists are on our website and include summaries. Click on any book you want to request. The graded booklists are updated regularly by our expert staff and will have your kid saying, "Just one more page!"

#### **Inside Scoop: Little Free Libraries** (video available)

Have you ever been curious about those cute little libraries all over town that invite you to Take a Book, Share a Book? So were we! Check out our latest Inside Scoop video that shines a light on Little Free Libraries in Elmhurst – hidden gems in a community that values reading!


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



Elmhurst Public Library Community Blood Drive  
Thursday, June 6 • 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
[Schedule an appointment](#)  
Walk-ins welcome

### News from 5/30


### Inside Scoop: Little Free Libraries



Have you ever been curious about those cute little libraries all over town that invite you to "Take a Book, Share a Book?" So were we! This week's "Inside Scoop" video shines a light on Little Free Libraries in Elmhurst — hidden gems in a community that values reading!

[Watch](#)

### A Summer to Explore




Did you know that by combining [Explore More Illinois](#) with your library card, you can get special discounts and deals on museums and other educational attractions?

Plan your visit from any computer, tablet, or smartphone by logging in with your EPL card and last name. Reserve your pass, print, and get ready to explore places like:

- [Museum of Science and Industry](#)
- [Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum](#)
- [Chicago Children's Museum](#)
- [Lincoln Park Zoo](#)

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### Celebrate Summer Reading!



This year's Summer Reading theme, "Read, Renew, Repeat," aims to foster a love of reading, promote personal growth, and encourage lifelong learning among participants of all ages:

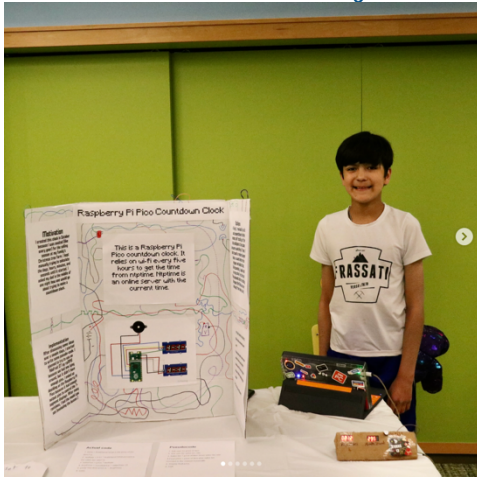
- [Adult + High School Summer Reading](#)
- [Kids' Summer Reading Birth-Gr. 8](#)

Pick up a reading log and celebrate with us at the [Summer Reading Party](#) on Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Earn a chance at more prizes by playing [Library Bingo](#) on Beanstack, then go [All-in!](#)

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





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askelmhurst These bright students were eager to discuss their presentations at EPL's Homeschool Explorers Project Fair!

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View insights

Boost post

Liked by elmhursthistory and 19 others

May 16

Add a comment...

Library Story: We're loving this pre-prom photo taken in Reader Central right here at EPL! This local high school student made time for a few photos and a bit of reading before dancing the night away. Her mom told us: "She is just a lover of books ... an avid reader ... and Elmhurst Public Library is, was, and always will be her happy place."

Tell us your Library story: [MyLibraryStory@elmlib.org](mailto:MyLibraryStory@elmlib.org)



317

6 comments 5 shares

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Kim Fazzini Love this.

5w Like Reply Hide

Comment as Elmhurst Public Library



In May, people watched your videos 15,353 times



User Story: "As someone who enjoys playing board games for fun and to keep my mind sharp, I feel fortunate our wonderful public library has a fantastic collection — like someone went shopping through a list of the top games! I haven't played a lot of these, but it will make my decision easier when I want to invest in new ones (they can be a bit pricey ...). Just another one of the many reasons to love our Library!" — Greg

[elmlib.org/boardgames](http://elmlib.org/boardgames)



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Boost post

21

2 comments 2 shares

Lauren Hensley Do you have games for 2 year olds?

2w Like Reply Hide

Elmhurst Public Library Lauren Hensley we have some board games 2 year-olds, and we also have many puzzles, puppets, and toys that are activity-based for young ones. Find them in the Learning Garden — our staff will be happy to help you find them! They are packaged in clear p... [See more](#)



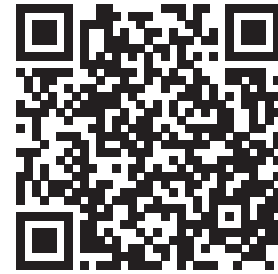
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# MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

MAY 2024

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Door Count	945	788	625
Equipment Reservations	280	250	233
3D Prints	65	63	39



## Updated Makery Equipment Web Page

The new page features improved organization, higher quality photos, and is now mobile responsive! Scan the QR code with your phone to see the new page.



## Makery Niche Academy is Live!

The Makery began adding instructional content to the Library's Niche Academy page. There you'll find step-by-step guides and instructional videos for different Makery equipment.



## Spring Watercolors

More than 20 patrons turned out for this season's watercolor program. Lead Makery Specialist Jen Kryczka led the makers through painting an orchid.



## New 40 oz Tumbler Attachment

The Makery added a new accessory to the mug press so now patrons can use the sublimation printer to customize 11oz mugs, 15 oz mugs, 20 oz tumblers and now 40 oz tumblers.



## Drop-In Craft: Cicada Buttons

This month's drop-in craft was a popular one! Patrons colored a cicada and turned it into a button to commemorate the historic year.



# PROGRAM STATISTICS

May 2024

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Book Discussion: Trading Titles	Book Discussion	8	2
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Games	59	5
Analog to Digital Conversion	Technology	4	1
Art Therapy Night	Create	8	1
Bridge and Pinochle	Games	70	4
Canasta: Open Play	Games	30	4
Chair Yoga	Health and Wellness	39	2
Ciao Italia	Enrich	3	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Create	6	1
Coptic Bookbinding	Create	26	2
Culture Club: All Around the Aegean Sea	Travel	28	1
Excel Advanced	Technology	4	1
Fall Prevention: A Multifactor Approach	Health and Wellness	12	1
Family History Beyond the Internet	Enrich	11	1
Friday Features	Movies	51	5
From Fedoras to Fascinators	History	49	1
Garden to Plate	Food and Drink	58	1
Great Decisions	Civic Engagement	18	1
How to Sell Your Stuff Online	Consumer	79	1
In Stitches for Needleworkers	Create	6	1
Introduction to Radio-Controlled Airplanes	Enrich	13	1
iPhone iOS	Technology	5	1
Jack Benny: An Illinois Original	Enrich, History	47	1
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: Vermed: How to Think Straight, Get Duped Less, and Make Better Decisions About What to Believe Online	Book Discussion	9	1
Library Insiders: Stroll With a Pup in the Park	Inclusive	18	1
Mocktail Mix-Along	Food and Drink	54	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	32	2
On Stage with Carol Channing	Enrich	34	1
Practicing Mindfulness	Enrich	13	1
Scrabble	Games	11	2
Stained Glass Painting	Create	34	2
Staying Mentally Fit	Health and Wellness	10	1
Talking About Hospice	Health and Wellness	11	1
The Crash of '29: An Economy in Free Fall	Enrich	37	1
Understanding the Application Tracking System	Career & Job Hunting	5	1
Virtual Author Visit: The Many Lives of Kal Penn	Books and Authors	7	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>909</b>	<b>56</b>
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Laser Engrave a Coaster	Makery	6	1
Makery Craft: Acrylic Suncatcher	Create	18	1
Sew a Tote	Create	6	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>
Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Exam Anti-Stress Kits	High School (Gr. 9-12)	28	1
Teen Crafternoon	Create	11	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>



<b>Middle School Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Bryan SRP Outreach Visit	Outreach	500	1
Churchville SRP Outreach Visit	Outreach	400	1
Handlettering	Create	0	1
Homeschool Explorers (Grades K-12): Project Fair	Homeschool	21	1
Outreach Middle School AT Immaculate Conception (Grades 5-6)	Outreach	129	1
Outreach Middle School AT Immaculate Conception (Grades 7-8)	Outreach	101	1
Outreach Middle School AT Immanuel Lutheran (Grades 5-6)	Outreach	19	1
Outreach Middle School AT Immanuel Lutheran (Grades 7-8)	Outreach	8	1
Volunteer Training	Middle School (Gr. 6-8)	137	6
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,315</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Kids' Library Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
3D Printing	Makery	11	1
Art Club	Create	14	1
Art in Wilder Park	Families	407	2
Baby Play Date	Family	19	1
Family Sensory Hour	Family	17	1
Getting Started with T-Trak Model Trains	Family	159	1
Kids' Chess Club	Games	14	1
Little Wiggles	Storytime	614	9
Make Your Own Posters with Canva	Create	8	1
Middle School Influencers	Kids	5	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	26	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	24	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	24	1
Open LEGO Building	Games	10	1
Outreach AT Spring Road Pet Parade	Outreach	185	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (1st Grade)	Outreach	50	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (2nd Grade)	Outreach	47	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (3rd Grade)	Outreach	43	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (4th Grade)	Outreach	58	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (5th Grade)	Outreach	52	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (Kindergarten)	Outreach	60	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (1st Grade)	Outreach	73	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (2nd Grade)	Outreach	76	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (3rd Grade)	Outreach	74	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (4th Grade)	Outreach	69	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (5th Grade)	Outreach	64	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (Kindergarten)	Outreach	76	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (1st Grade)	Outreach	67	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (2nd Grade)	Outreach	77	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (3rd Grade)	Outreach	77	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (4th Grade)	Outreach	74	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (5th Grade)	Outreach	55	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (Kindergarten)	Outreach	78	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (2nd Grade)	Outreach	47	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (3rd Grade)	Outreach	39	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (4th Grade)	Outreach	58	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (Grades K-1)	Outreach	96	1

Outreach Elementary AT Immanuel Lutheran (Grades 1-2)	Outreach	12	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immanuel Lutheran (Grades 3-4)	Outreach	14	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immanuel Lutheran (Kindergarten)	Outreach	15	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (1st Grade)	Outreach	80	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (2nd Grade)	Outreach	77	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (3rd Grade)	Outreach	88	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (4th Grade)	Outreach	70	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (5th Grade)	Outreach	67	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (Kindergarten)	Outreach	56	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (1st Grade)	Outreach	48	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (2nd Grade)	Outreach	66	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (3rd Grade)	Outreach	66	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (4th Grade)	Outreach	54	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (5th Grade)	Outreach	65	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (Kindergarten)	Outreach	57	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (1st Grade)	Outreach	82	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (2nd Grade)	Outreach	91	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (3rd Grade)	Outreach	87	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (4th Grade)	Outreach	74	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (5th Grade)	Outreach	82	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (Kindergarten)	Outreach	90	1
Outreach Preschool Bethel 3's	Outreach	66	3
Outreach Preschool Immaculate Conception 3's	Outreach	30	1
Outreach Preschool Immaculate Conception 4's	Outreach	46	1
Outreach Preschool Tree Town	Outreach	32	2
OUTREACH YMCA Visit @ EPL	Community Outreach	108	4
Pop-up Storytime in the Learning Garden		50	1
Relax With Yoga	Health and Wellness	8	1
Romp & Rhyme	Storytime	88	4
Saturday STEM	STEAM	12	1
Spanish/English Storytime	Storytime	19	1
Spring Family Scavenger Hunt	Family	55	1
Teddy Bear Picnic	Family	40	1
YMCA Volunteer Training	Community Outreach	44	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4,886</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Passive Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Passive Programs:</b>			
How to Book a Study Room in LibCal	Passive	148	1
Inside Scoop: Little Free Libraries	Passive	222	1
Interactive Displays:	Passive	27	1
Puzzles:	Games	17	2
Reading Adventure	Passive	29	1
Recording of Black Sox, Billy Goats, and the Monsters of the Midway	Passive	120	1
Recording of Boundaries & People-Pleasing	Passive	89	1
Recording of Charcuterie Cook-Along	Passive	27	1
Recording of Iroquois Theatre Fire	Passive	59	1
Recording of Parenting in the Screen Age	Passive	8	1
Recording of The Eastland Disaster	Passive	66	1
Recording of Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning	Passive	25	1
Social Services Folders	Passive	17	4
Summer Bingo:	Community Outreach	84	1
Summer ReadING	Create	180	1
<b>Teen Passive Programs:</b>			

Teen Crafternoon Kits (passive)	Create	9	1
Teen Take & Make (passive)	Teen Program	24	1
<b>Middle School Passive Programs:</b>			
Passive- Genre Jars	Middle School (Gr. 6-8)	30	1
Passive- Scavenger Hunt	Middle School (Gr. 6-8)	10	1
<b>Kids' Passive Programs:</b>			
Craft Table-Passive	Families	1,100	3
		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Program Grand Total</b>		<b>2057</b>	<b>78</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		1,118	19
Total Program Statistics:		939	59
<b>Teen Program Grand Total</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>4</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		33	2
Total Program Statistics:		39	2
<b>Middle School Program Grand Total</b>		<b>1,355</b>	<b>16</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		40	2
Total Program Statistics:		1,315	14
<b>Kids' Program Grand Total</b>		<b>5,986</b>	<b>92</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		1,100	3
Total Program Statistics:		4,886	89
<b>Passive Program Total</b>		<b>2,291</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>9,470</b>	
<b>Total Programs</b>			<b>190</b>



# STATISTICAL REPORT

## May 2024

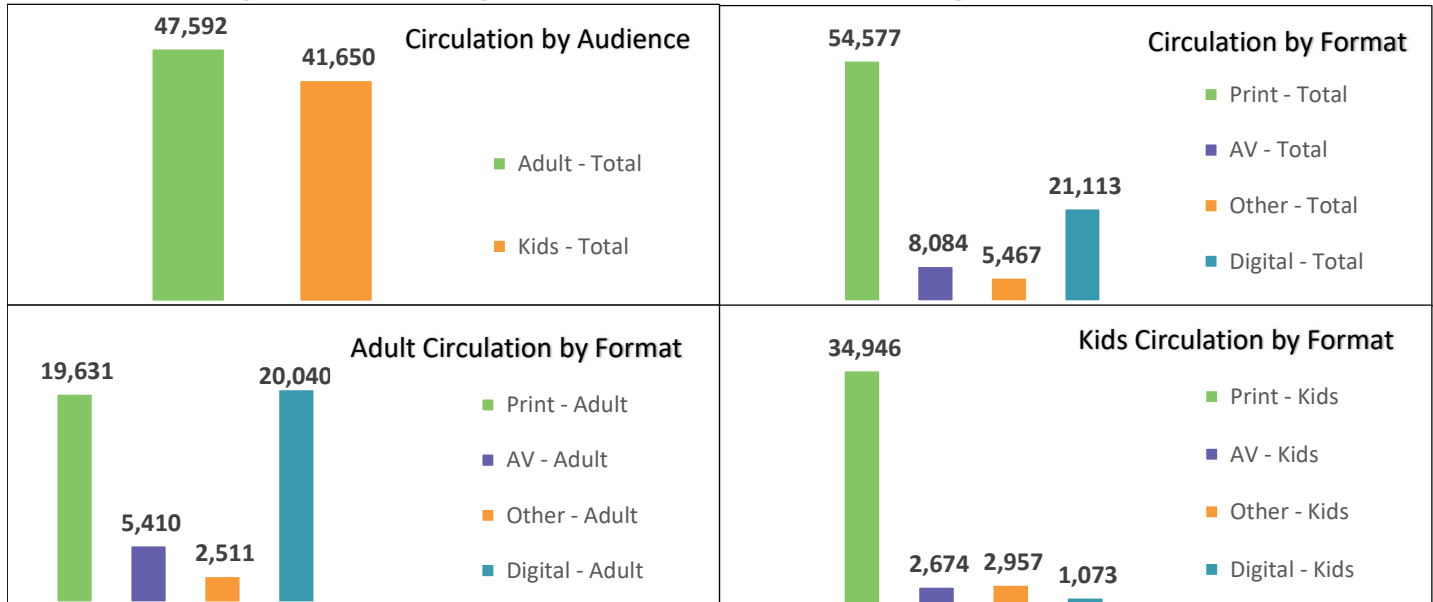
### Circulation

**Total Circulation**  
**90,524** ↑ 1%  
 89,575 last year  
**Card Holders**  
 25,454

**Library Card Usage**  
**9,501** ↑ 4%  
 9,142 last year

**Library Cards Issued**  
**Elmhurst** **227** ↓ -3%  
 (Issued) 233 last year  
**Reciprocal Borrower** **60** ↑ 33%  
 (Registered) 45 last year

**Interlibrary Loan**  
**Borrowed** **1,283** ↑ 11%  
 1,151 last year  
**Lent** **628** ↓ -18%  
 769 last year



### Technology Usage

#### Public Computer Use

**15,828** ↓ -16%  
 18,892 last year

#### Website Visits

**39,417** ↓ -75%  
 160,542 last year

#### Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)

**55%** ↑ 8%  
 51% last year

#### WiFi Sessions

**22,351** ↓ -16%  
 26,722 last year

### Reference Queries

#### Reference Questions Total

**4,439** ↑ 8%  
 4,103 last year

#### Reference Questions

**Adult**  
**2,883** ↓ -12%  
 3,284 last year

**Kids**  
**1,556** ↑ 90%  
 819 last year

### Meeting Room Use

#### Library Programs

**190** ↓ -22%  
 243 last year

#### Public Meetings

**80** ↑ 10%  
 73 last year

#### Group Study Rooms

**1,895** ↓ -3%  
 1,956 last year

### Programs

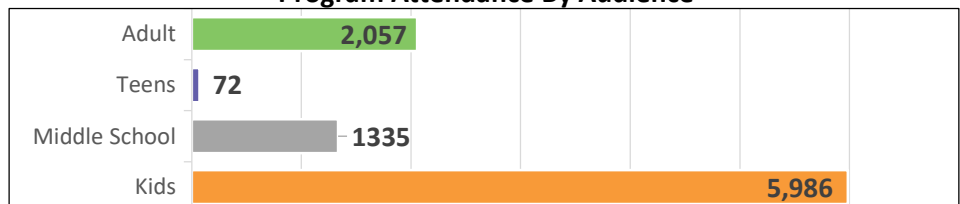
#### Program Attendance

**9,450** ↑ 4%  
 9,092 last year

#### Library Programs

**190** ↓ -22%  
 243 last year

#### Program Attendance By Audience



### Library Visits

#### Total Visits

**41,874** ↑ 10%  
 37,954 last year

#### In House Visits

**Makery** **945** ↑ 51%  
 625 last year

#### Walk-In

**40,085** ↑ 11%  
 36,175 last year

#### Drive-Up Visits

**1,789** ↑ 1%  
 1,779 last year

#### Creative Studio


**90** ↓ -1%  
 91 last year

## Monthly Comparison

## Total Circulation

90,524  1%  
89,575 last year

## Adult Circulation

47,592  -3%  
49,105 last year

## Kids Circulation

41,650  6%  
39,319 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,283  11%  
1,151 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

21,113  1%  
20,910 last year

## Databases

39,040  382%  
8,106 last year

## Reference Questions Total

4,439  8%  
4,103 last year

## One on One Tutorials

34  -23%  
44 last year


## Number of Programs

190  -22%  
243 last year

## Program Attendance

9,450  4%  
9,092 last year

## In-Person Visitors

40,085  11%  
36,175 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

1,789  1%  
1,779 last year

## Year To Date Comparison

## Total Circulation

460,137  1%  
457,139 last year

## Adult Circulation

249,188  2%  
244,140 last year

## Kids Circulation

203,884  -1%  
206,466 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

7,065  8%  
6,534 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

112,833  16%  
97,391 last year

## Databases

98,318  2%  
96,126 last year

## Reference Questions Total

22,247  7%  
20,878 last year

## One on One Tutorials

167  -34%  
254 last year

## Number of Programs

899  -5%  
951 last year

## Program Attendance

36,762  28%  
28,638 last year

## In-Person Visitors

188,288  9%  
172,937 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

9,235  -4%  
9,627 last year

### Collection Totals

#### Books and Magazines

172,496

#### Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,015

#### Audio Visual

26,927

#### Digital

159,864

### Notable Happenings in Circulation

- One *Cards for Kids* library card was issued in May.
- There are 37 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- One Non resident card was purchased this month for a total of \$243.22
- There are 148 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 4,901 holds this month.
- EPL Cares Committee invited therapy dogs to visit EPL staff on May 30th.