

Director's Report

- The parking lot was blacktopped and re-stripped when the Library was closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There are a few spots that need a touch-up so the lot will be closed again on Staff Institute Day.
- We received four FOIA requests last month. One request was a commercial request and the others were from citizens. If the request includes Trustee information, you will be notified.

**Staff Retirements:**

- Colette Dever, Cataloger, will retire on July 18<sup>th</sup>. During her nearly 15 years at the Elmhurst Public Library, Colette has been an invaluable member of the Technical Services Department. Her expertise in cataloging spans a wide range of collections, from puppets and toys for the Kids' Library to fiction, non-fiction, reference materials, DVDs, CDs, and the unique items in the Library of Extraordinary Things. Her dedication to understanding our Library's diverse collection and how patrons discover items both on the shelves and in our catalog has been exemplary. Colette has navigated the evolving landscape of what a library offers to its patrons, ensuring that our resources meet their needs.
- Lori Hoegler, Assistant Head of the Kids' Department, will retire on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Lori has been at the Elmhurst Public Library for 11 years. During that time, she successfully served as the Elementary School Coordinator before being promoted to Assistant Department Head. She has been part of many significant projects including remodeling the Kids Library and creating the Nest. She is well known and beloved for amazing readers advisory, baking, and sewing skills. Birthdays and other significant occasions will not be the same without her delicious cakes! She can "MacGyver" any device into working, find the perfect book for any child, and "ham" it up at Summer Reading skit visits to get the loudest laughs. In her role as a supervisor, she has mentored many new employees.

### Wonder About Your Water? Exhibit

For the month of June, the Library hosted the “Wonder About Your Water” exhibit from SCARCE. The exhibit, sponsored by DuPage County Stormwater and the DuPage Water Commission, was on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs. The traveling exhibit, which has since moved on to its next destination, encourages community members to think about the ways they use their water and how we can all work together to protect our water supply. It explores water as a valuable and limited resource, and covers water use, conservation and the three watersheds of DuPage County. The exhibit itself was also created out of recycled materials.

The exhibit ties in perfectly with our Summer Reading Theme: Read, Renew, Repeat! Thanks to Jez Layman in Marketing, Anne Swanson in ADS and everyone at SCARCE for bringing the exhibit to Elmhurst.



### Adult & Teen Summer Reading

So far more than 300 patrons have participated in Adult & Teen Summer Reading and have read over 1300 titles. That’s more than 1300 entries into the prize drawing to win 1 of 10 \$100 Elmhurst City Centre gift cards.

Patrons were asked, on the chalkboard in the image to the left, how they planned to spend their prize if they won. Their prize plans included:

- dining out, movies and games
- paying it forward or donating to charity
- Spend it on friends and family
- Investing in a gym membership

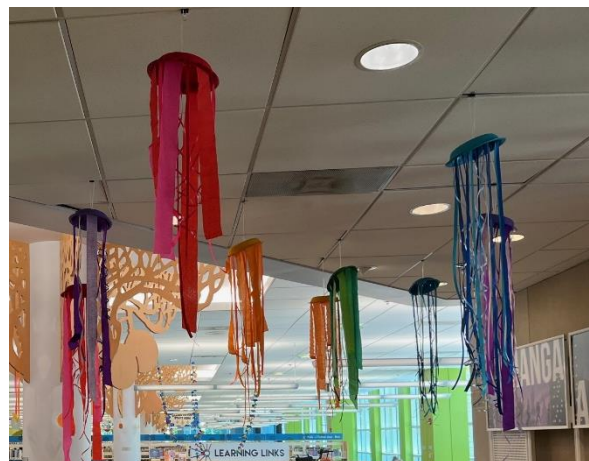
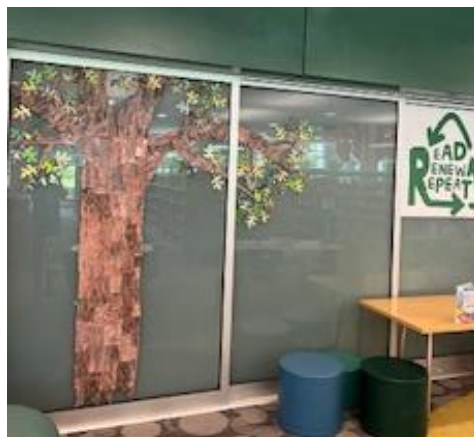
### Reaching Out

Staff continue in their efforts to provide outreach to the community. This month Christi Hawn attended a regular Kiwanis meeting, Bryan Blank attended a Cool Cities meeting, Hayley Rightnowar attended the Elmhurst Senior Citizens Commission meeting, and Rachael Mason attended Rotary meetings.

# KIDS' LIBRARY DEPT REPORT

June 2024

The Summer Reading Program: *Read, Renew, Repeat* kicked into high gear in June with lots of foot traffic throughout the day. We had two different day camps (YMCA and FFC) utilizing our space almost daily as well as the usual summer readers. Passive activities such as the craft, scavenger hunt, and guess-how-many contest have been very popular as families look for more ways to level up their library visits. Check-ins for summer reading have been steady, and the 30-day prize wheel has been a hit. Thanks to donations from Portillo's, McDonald's, and the Kane County Cougars, we have lots of great treats for families. In keeping with the recycling theme, we are giving away lots of the little prizes that have been taking up space in our storage closet, plus Kids staff had fun finding ways to decorate using repurposed materials.



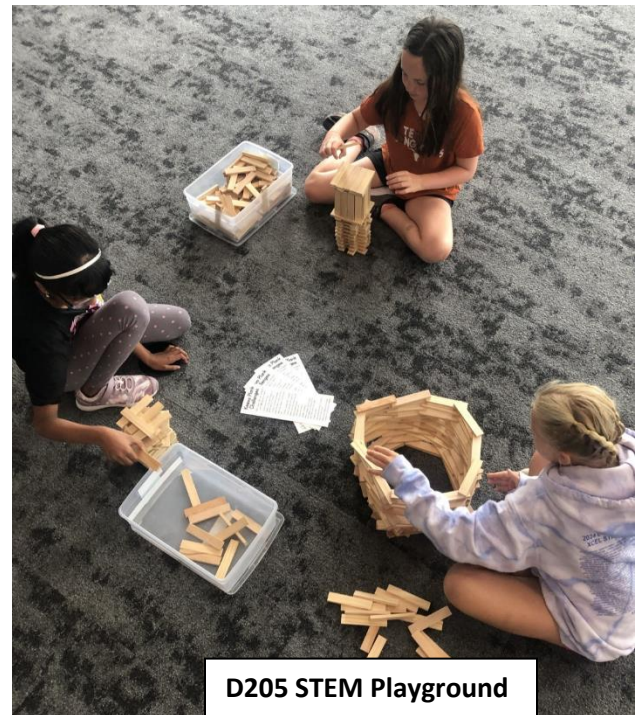
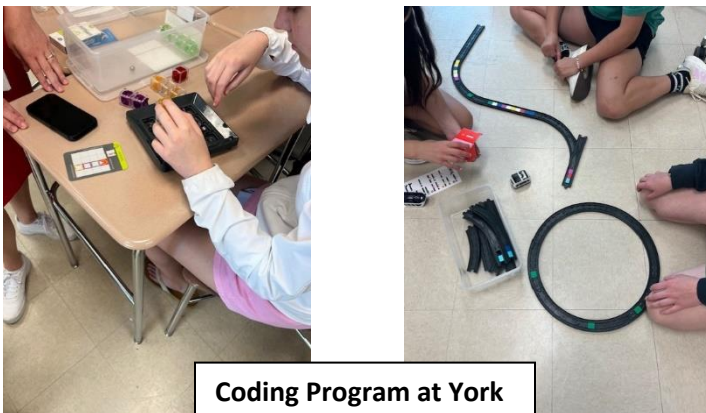
## Programs

Summer programming tied into the environmental theme with a variety of nature and recycled materials programs. One hundred and twenty five people enjoyed a Saturday morning presentation by the Frog Lady, preschoolers had fun making bee hotels during We Heart Bees, the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders showed off their shark knowledge during the Book Trivia program, and middle schoolers had a blast doing an egg drop.



## Outreach

There were three District 205 Summer School visits this month for 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The younger children listened to tree-themed storytimes, and the older children participated in a STEM Playground. Buttons and Bow Preschool visited the library on June 10, and staff made three storytime visits to Edison and Elmhurst Preparatory. The Middle School Coordinator also held a coding program at York Middle School.



### June Marketing Topics included:

#### **Programming: Summer Reading 2024**

Read, Renew, Repeat is this year's Summer Reading theme for Kids birth-grade 8. Pick up a log from the Kids' Help Desk or from [elmlib.org/summer](http://elmlib.org/summer) to track days read. At 10, 20, 30 days of reading bring your log to the Kids Desk to earn a prize. 40 days of reading visit the Kids Desk to receive your final prize. Adults and Teens read or listen to a book of your chosen type and format. Log books read online go to [elmlib.org/summer](http://elmlib.org/summer) and click the link for Beanstack. For each book logged, you will automatically be entered into our Summer Reading prize drawing.

#### **Collection: Nintendo Switch Games**

After buying a Nintendo Switch gaming console, you may be faced with sticker shock – the games to go along with it are pricey. EPL can help!

#### **Services: Book a Room** (video available)

The Library has you covered with meeting spaces to fit your needs! Whether you need a Study Room, a Meeting Room, or a Virtual Room, we've got options. Determine which space works best for you, then go ahead and reserve it using our new and improved room-booking platform. We guide you through the reservation process in our latest video.

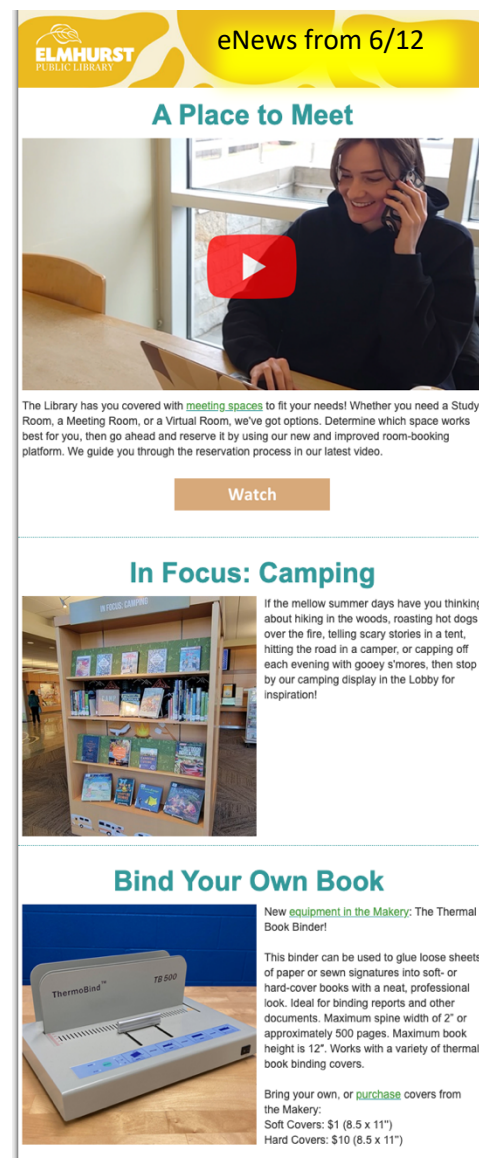
[elmlib.org/YouTube](http://elmlib.org/YouTube)

#### **Inside Scoop: Save on Subscriptions** (video available)

Ditch the credit card and reach for your library card instead! EPL offers apps and subscriptions so you can access movies, TV shows, magazines, audiobook, and music. Watch our newest YouTube short, featuring bite-sized information about EPL.

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



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### A Place to Meet

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Watch

### In Focus: Camping

If the mellow summer days have you thinking about hiking in the woods, roasting hot dogs over the fire, telling scary stories in a tent, hitting the road in a camper, or capping off each evening with gooey s'mores, then stop by our camping display in the Lobby for inspiration!

### Bind Your Own Book

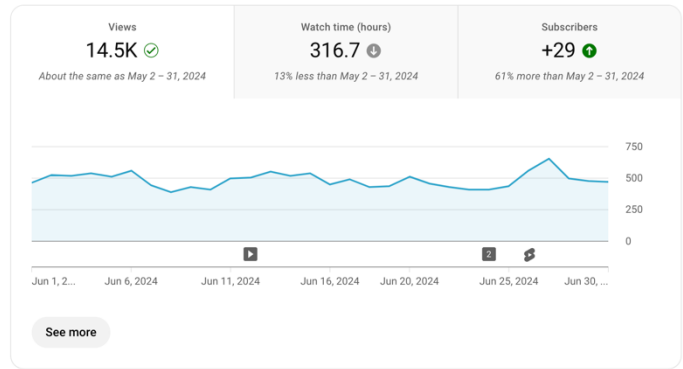
New [equipment in the Makery](#): The Thermal Book Binder!

This binder can be used to glue loose sheets of paper or sewn signatures into soft- or hard-cover books with a neat, professional look. Ideal for binding reports and other documents. Maximum spine width of 2" or approximately 500 pages. Maximum book height is 12". Works with a variety of thermal book binding covers.

Bring your own, or [purchase](#) covers from the Makery:  
Soft Covers: \$1 (8.5 x 11")  
Hard Covers: \$10 (8.5 x 11")



### In June, people watched your videos 14,513 times



Look at these full bike racks! This is a welcome sight during the summer months. Walking, Riding, or Sharing your way to the Library is good for the environment and our community! (P.S. Remember you can borrow a bike lock from us!)



See insights and ads

Boost post

82 likes 1 share



Look at these full bike racks! This is a welcome sight during the summer months. Walking, Riding, or Sharing...

Published by Carol Schlundt Pavlik

June 12 at 2:35 PM

Post Impressions **9,381**

Post reach **9,381**

Engagement **225**

#### Interactions

76 likes 6 reactions 0 emojis 0 shares 0 comments 0 other

Reactions 82

Comments 0

Shares 1

Other Clicks 32

#### Other

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This igloo in the Kids' Library is constructed completely out of recycled water jugs! It's fitting for our Summer Reading theme: Read, Renew, Repeat. Stop by and check it out. (Also, kudos to our clever staff!)



See insights and ads

Boost post

120 likes 4 comments 5 shares

Like Comment Share

Most relevant

Peggy St John-Heck We saw it under construction the other day. It is truly a fantastic and fun build. 🙌🙌

Cahokia Public Library - Follow Can I get a closer picture or something of the schematics?

Christine Cronin Falkenberg Awesome!!!

Missing fan Jessica Rzepka This was a huge hit with my son!



This igloo in the Kids' Library is constructed completely out of recycled water jugs! It's fitting for our Summer...

Published by Carol Schlundt Pavlik

June 28 at 4:28 PM

Post Impressions **7,603**

Post reach **7,603**

Engagement **344**

#### Interactions

104 likes 18 reactions 0 emojis 1 shares 0 comments 0 other

Reactions 123

Comments 6

Photo Views 87

Shares 5

Other Clicks 123

# MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

## JUNE 2024

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Door Count	1,077	945	775
Equipment Reservations	288	280	220
3D Prints	32	65	54

### A New Record!

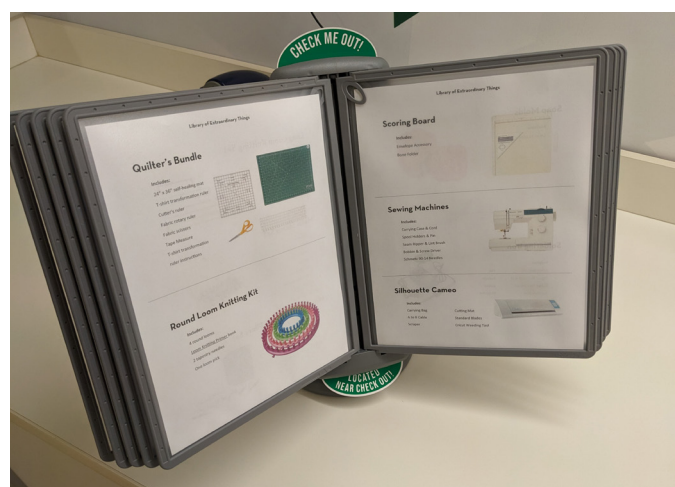
The Makery had an estimated 1,077 visitors in June – our busiest month ever! Since 2022, the overall monthly trend has been steadily increasing.

We credit the continued growth to the Marketing team’s continued efforts (Fine Print, email blasts, videos, social media), the new expanded Discover the Makery display, our creative program offerings, and the stellar makerspace staff who keep the makers coming back for more!



### Price List Update

Patrons can now purchase plywood for the laser. Laser-friendly plywood is not always easy to find at a hardware store, so we’re meeting patrons halfway. Plywood can be etched and cut to make signs, models, boxes, and more.



### Browse the Library of Extraordinary Things

Lead Makery Specialist Jen Kryczka put together a flipbook of the Makery LOET collection for patrons to browse while they’re here. Now they can quickly see what’s available and learn how to check it out.



### Maker Spotlight

These York HS students added their business logo to shirts for their employees to wear. That’s right — they’re entrepreneurs! Window Whales is one of several small businesses that use the Makery.



### Makery Craft

Makery Specialist Audrey Staron spearheaded this month’s Makery Craft. Patrons embroidered a monogram onto leather then glued the ends together to make a custom keyfob.

# PROGRAM STATISTICS

June 2024

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Book Discussion: Second Place by Rachel Cusk	Book Discussion > Adult	9	2
American Mah Jongg	Games > Game Groups,	38	4
Artist Drop-in: Shannon Downey	Arts and Culture	35	1
Bingo	Games	16	1
Board Game Night	Games	21	1
Bridge and Pinochle	Games	66	4
Canasta: Open Play	Games	30	5
Chair Yoga	Gather	46	2
Ciao Italia	Gather	3	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Create	8	1
Creative Cardmaking	Create	21	2
Culture Club: The Nature and History of West and Northwest Iceland	Travel	17	1
Discovering Your U.K. and Irish Roots Online	Genealogy	11	1
Drop-in Craft: Bag-alopes	Create	30	1
Duncan Hines: More Than Cake Mix	History	35	1
End of Life Education: Understanding the Full Range of Care Options	Health and Wellness	14	1
Friday Features	Gather	59	4
Google Photos	Technology	4	1
Graphic Memoir Book Discussion: And Now I Spill the Family Secrets by	Book Discussion > Adult	4	1
Great Decisions	Civic Engagement	9	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	0	1
Knitting for Beginners	Create	8	2
Learn to Play Mah Jongg	Games	22	1
Library Insiders: "Ta Dah!" Theatre Games	Inclusive	15	1
Medicare 101	Consumer	47	1
Meet Irena Sendler	History	57	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	30	2
Photoshop Elements	Technology	3	1
Plant Swap	Family	22	1
Protecting Seniors	Seniors	22	1
Saving & Investing Basics	Business	11	1
Scrabble	Games	14	2
Staying Mentally Fit	Health and Wellness	14	1
Virtual Author Visit: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple			
Grandin	Books and Authors	36	1
Water-Wise Gardening	Home and Garden	25	1
Women Spies in WWII	History	59	1
Wonder About Your Water Exhibit		0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>861</b>	<b>55</b>
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Makery 101: Laser Engrave a Glass	Create	6	1
Makery 101: Sewing Basics	Create	7	2
Makery Craft: Leather Key Fob	Create	22	1
Rustic Jute Bowl	Create	23	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>
Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Repurposed Tees	Create	1	1
Teen Book Talk	Book Discussion	3	1



Teen Crafternoon	Create	7	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Middle School Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Middle School Pop-ups		40	1
Outreach Middle School @ D205 ESY (Grades 6-8)	Outreach	20	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Kids' Library Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
FFC Camp visit	Outreach	144	11
(SRP Guessing Jar		1,126	3
3D Printing in Makery	Makery	9	1
Book Trivia: Sharks!	Games	6	1
C.I.T.Y. of Support Playgroup	Family	27	1
Dreamtree Shakers Summer Party Concert	Family, Music > Live	115	1
Explore the Summer Night Sky	STEAM	23	1
Kids' Chess Club	Games	16	1
Melted Crayon Art	Makery	7	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	101	4
Movies in Wilder Park: The Lorax	Movies	250	1
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (1st Grade)	Outreach	70	4
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (2nd Grade)	Outreach	64	4
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (3rd Grade)	Outreach	94	5
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (4th Grade)	Outreach	86	5
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (5th Grade)	Outreach	64	4
OUTREACH Preschool AT Edison School	Outreach	134	9
OUTREACH Preschool AT Elmhurst Preparatory	Outreach	36	3
OUTREACH Preschool Buttons & Bows	Storytime	22	1
OUTREACH YMCA Visit @ EPL	Community Outreach	852	34
Patchwork Houses	Create	12	1
Polish/English Bilingual Storytime	Storytime	16	1
Pride Fest		188	1
Read to the Dogs	STEAM	20	1
Recycled Egg Drop	STEAM	6	1
Road Trip Ready	Create	7	1
Romp and Rhyme	Storytime	123	4
See a Juggler! Be a Juggler!	Family	30	1
Summer Reading Party	Family	400	1
Summer Storytime	Storytime	790	12
The Frog Lady	Family	128	1
We Love Bees!	Storytime	14	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4,980</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Passive Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Passive Programs:</b>			
Interactive Displays		74	2
Reading Adventure		34	1
Social Services Folders		12	4
Puzzles		35	2
Summer Bingo		37	1
Summer Reading:		176	1
Recording of All Around the Aegean Sea (Online)		46	1
Recording of Garden to Plate (Online)		70	1
Recording of Practicing Mindfulness (Online)		48	1
Library Services: A Place to Meet (Online)		99	1

Recording of Meet Irena Sendler (Online)		20	1
Recording of Discovering Your UK and Irish Roots (Online)		20	1
<b>Teen Passive Programs:</b>			
NBA Finals Prediction (Teen Passive)	Teen Program	90	1
<b>Kids' Passive Programs:</b>			
Craft Table-Passive		1,910	4
		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Program Grand Total</b>		<b>1590</b>	<b>78</b>
	Total Passive Program Statistics	671	17
	Total Program Statistics	919	61
<b>Teen Program Grand Total</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>4</b>
	Total Passive Program Statistics	90	1
	Total Program Statistics	11	3
<b>Middle School Program Grand Total</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>
	Total Passive Program Statistics	0	0
	Total Program Statistics	60	2
<b>Kids' Program Grand Total</b>		<b>6,890</b>	<b>125</b>
	Total Passive Program Statistics	1,910	4
	Total Program Statistics	4,980	121
<b>Passive Program Total</b>		<b>2,671</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>8,641</b>	
<b>Total Programs</b>			<b>209</b>

# STATISTICAL REPORT

## June 2024

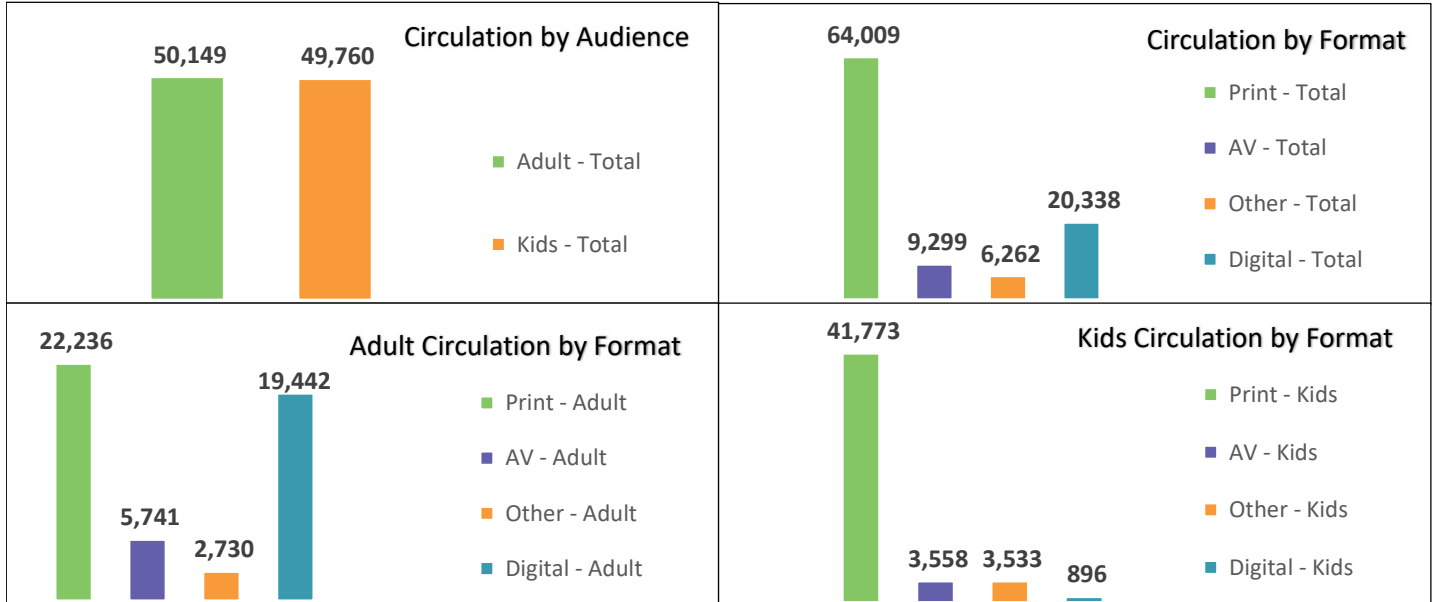
### Circulation

**Total Circulation**  
**101,100** ↓ -5%  
 106,164 last year  
**Card Holders**  
 25,680

**Library Card Usage**  
**9,884** ↑ 2%  
 9,712 last year

**Library Cards Issued**  
**Elmhurst** **274** ↓ -10%  
 (Issued) 305 last year  
**Reciprocal Borrower** **64** ↓ -9%  
 (Registered) 70 last year

**Interlibrary Loan**  
**Borrowed** **1,192** ↓ -2%  
 1,214 last year  
**Lent** **560** ↓ -31%  
 814 last year



### Technology Usage

#### Public Computer Use

**15,320** ↓ -21%  
 19,337 last year

#### Website Visits

**38,045** ↓ -75%  
 151,765 last year

#### Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)  
**56%** ↑ 4%  
 54% last year

#### WiFi Sessions

**20,100** ↓ -22%  
 25,860 last year

### Reference Queries

#### Reference Questions Total

**5,401** ↑ 7%  
 5,040 last year

#### Reference Questions

**Adult**  
**2,955** ↓ -14%  
 3,437 last year

**Kids**  
**2,446** ↑ 53%  
 1,603 last year

### Meeting Room Use

#### Library Programs

**209** ↓ -6%  
 223 last year

#### Public Meetings

**69** ↓ -1%  
 70 last year

#### Group Study Rooms

**1,653** ↑ 6%  
 1,558 last year

### Programs

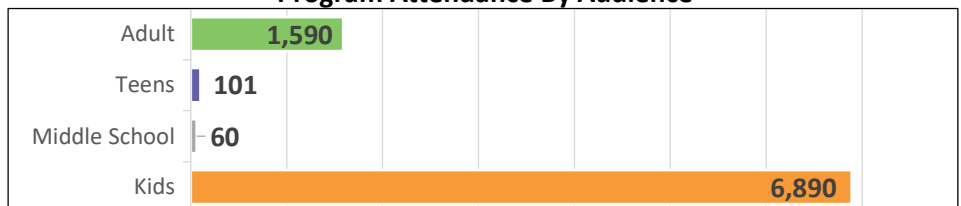
#### Program Attendance

**8,641** ↑ 14%  
 7,552 last year

#### Library Programs

**209** ↓ -6%  
 223 last year

#### Program Attendance By Audience



### Library Visits

#### Total Visits

**44,964** ↑ 2%  
 44,128 last year

#### In House Visits

**Makery** **1,077** ↑ 39%  
 775 last year

#### Walk-In

**43,203** ↑ 2%  
 42,269 last year

#### Drive-Up Visits

**1,761** ↓ -5%  
 1,859 last year

#### Creative Studio

**98** ↓ -4%  
 102 last year

### Monthly Comparison

#### Total Circulation

101,100 -5%  
106,164 last year

#### Adult Circulation

50,149 -6%  
53,140 last year

#### Kids Circulation

49,760 -4%  
51,810 last year

#### ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,192 -2%  
1,214 last year

#### Digital Material Circulation

20,338 -5%  
21,426 last year

#### Databases

26,724 140%  
11,150 last year

#### Reference Questions Total

5,401 7%  
5,040 last year

#### One on One Tutorials

32 -45%  
58 last year

#### Number of Programs

209 -6%  
223 last year

#### Program Attendance

8,641 14%  
7,552 last year

#### In-Person Visitors

43,203 2%  
42,269 last year

#### Drive-Up Visitors

1,761 -5%  
1,859 last year

### Year To Date Comparison

#### Total Circulation

561,237 0%  
563,303 last year

#### Adult Circulation

299,337 1%  
297,280 last year

#### Kids Circulation

253,644 -2%  
258,276 last year

#### ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

8,257 7%  
7,748 last year

#### Digital Material Circulation

133,171 12%  
118,817 last year

#### Databases

125,042 17%  
107,276 last year

#### Reference Questions Total

27,648 7%  
25,918 last year

#### One on One Tutorials

199 -36%  
312 last year

#### Number of Programs

1,108 -6%  
1,174 last year

#### Program Attendance

45,403 25%  
36,190 last year

#### In-Person Visitors

231,491 8%  
215,206 last year

#### Drive-Up Visitors

10,996 -4%  
11,486 last year

## Collection Totals

### Books and Magazines

171,571

### Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,036

### Audio Visual

27,708

### Digital

161,638

## Notable Happenings in Circulation

- One *Cards for Kids* library card was issued in June.
- There are 38 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Two Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$500.07
- There are 152 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 5,039 holds this month.
- EPL Cares Committee is holding a School Supply Drive during the month of July. We are collecting new school supplies for some of our District 205 schools to help students and families in need.

