

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Facility Updates

Quarterly window washing was done in late August. Also, the City of Elmhurst performed repairs to curbs at the west entrance. We received 8 bids for carpet replacement in the Admin office area and the Kids' office area. The replacement task chairs, desk chairs, and welcome chairs were received and installed throughout the Library.

Upcoming Programs

Staff is preparing for the One Book, One Elmhurst program, which will take place at Elmhurst University in the Frick Center on November 20th. Over 220 people are already registered to attend the author visit featuring local author, Shelby Van Pelt. Van Pelt will discuss her book *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.

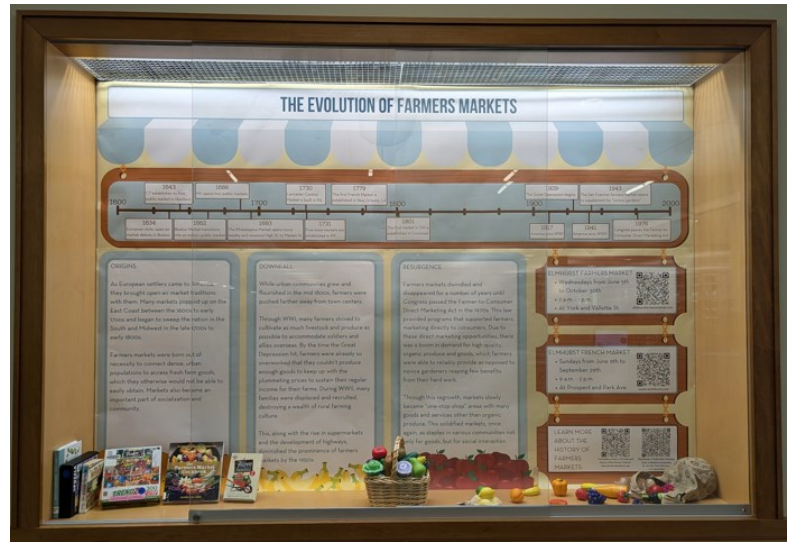
Staffing

EPL is pleased to welcome three new staff members in September:

Erin Emerick, Assistant Head of Kids' Library
Gabby Palomino, Kids' Library Assistant
Kanako Shuaipaj, Makery Specialist

The Evolution of Farmers Markets

In honor of National Farmers Market Week, Angelina Mazenko (with the assistance of Anne Swanson, Kelsey Wilcoxon, Alyssa Murphy and Hayley Rightnowar) put up a display in the 2nd floor glass case about the history of farmers markets! The display included history, facts and materials for patrons to check out.



Reaching Out

Libby Mercado (left), the Teen Engagement Librarian, spoke with 76 students at the York High Back to School Bash.



Jeremy Slayton, Digital Collections Librarian, and Violet Pope (right), Library Specialist, offered Drop-In Technology Help at the Roosevelt at Salt Creek to patrons who are unable to visit the Library regularly. They promoted online resources and helped patrons with their personal devices.



Teen Advisors Decorating Teen Book Ends

While it started as a one-time craft, the Teen Advisors enjoyed decorating bookends so much that they came up with the idea of decorating all the book ends for the Teen Collection. The idea was approved and we should start to see them in the Teen Collection soon.

Programming

August was a slower month for programming as we took a breath after summer reading. We started the month with a delightful performance by the Firefly Theatre of "Under the Stars" and finished up our outdoor summer storytimes (braving the oakmite bites and rainy weather). **Katie Stringwell** and **Heather Forster Jensen** hosted two weeks of Camp Kinder, and **Nuala Maloney Murphy** and **Jen Kryczka** from the Makery held a pop-up Recycled Animal Masterpieces program.



Firefly Theatre

Sixteen children attended Camp Kinder. These sessions help 5-year-olds get a head start on important kindergarten skills such as getting into line, raising one's hand before asking questions, and going on a "field trip" to the Circulation workroom book sorter. The children also got to listen to fun stories and do a dinosaur activity.



Camp Kinder



Camp Kinder

Recycled Animal Masterpieces was held in the lobby and used recycled paper and craft project leftovers. Eighteen people stopped by and made something. It was a nice opportunity to engage patrons about creativity and art.

Volunteers

Fiona Dolce held a party for our middle school volunteers. Thirty of our summer volunteers came in to the library to enjoy games and pizza as a thank you for all their help this summer!



Recycled Animal Masterpieces

Patron Interactions

Little ones were encouraged to share their favorite songs with staff at the Help Desk. One caregiver even stopped at the desk to tell us what a great idea this was to encourage the children to interact with library staff. Staff loved being serenaded with the classics (*Wheels on the Bus*) and some surprises (*Go, Cubs, Go*).

Displays

Summer Reading displays came down at the beginning of the month, replaced with *Back to School* in the glass case and *We ♥ Our National Parks* above STREAM kits. The *Back to School* display included old pictures of Elmhurst elementary and middle schools that **Kelsey Wilcoxon** found in the Elmhurst History Museum's online photo archives. A lot of parents and grandparents stopped to point out where they went to school, or pointed out to their child what their current school looks like. It was neat to hear some of the conversations it sparked! The National Parks and Harvest displays also seemed to do well; most materials included in these two were nonfiction, which we are always excited to see circulating!



August Marketing Topics included:

Programming: Local Author Fair

Over 70 authors showcased their latest books to sell, sign copies, and answers questions. Over 350 attendees, visited their favorite local authors in this fulfilled annual event.

Collection: Pickleball (video available)

Pickleball is all the rage for both indoor and outdoor courts. Be a part of this latest craze by borrowing a pickleball set from our Library of Extraordinary Things collection. Also, check out Pickleball magazine available at the library to stay up-to-date on the latest trends in pickleball. elmlib.org/YouTube

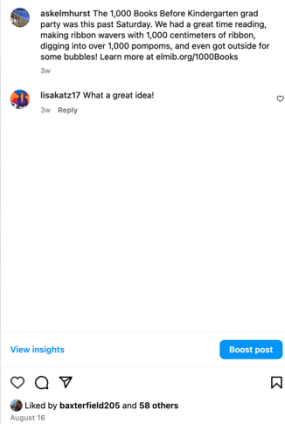
Services: New Events and Room Reservation Calendar

EPL updated their online events and room reservation calendar platform this summer. Enjoy a more streamline experience for registering and viewing events as well as reserving meeting rooms and study rooms.

Inside Scoop: Walk Ride Share (video available)

Walk, ride, or share your way to EPL! We have so much to offer, and you'll be taking the greener, healthier, route to all the rich resources, programs, collections, and meeting spaces we have waiting for you. elmlib.org/YouTube

Here are some sample screenshots of our online presence from August:



In August, people watched your videos 17,006 times





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- Bensenville Community Public Library** Follow
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 - Penny Sittler Radd**
Congratulations to Daphne! The library was my go-to place for years just to read in the window seats.
1w Love Reply Hide
 - Susan Mooshool**
Congratulations Daphne!
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Daphne won this Stanley tumbler in the Summer Reading prize drawing. She engraved it in the Makery — now it's...
Published by Carol Schlundt Pavlik
August 26 at 11:48 AM

Post Impressions ⁱ	Post reach ⁱ	Engagement ⁱ
18,501	18,484	636

Interactions ⁱ

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109	28	1	0	0	0

😊 Reactions	138
💬 Comments	3
📷 Photo Views	76
➦ Shares	1
🖱️ Other Clicks	418

Elmhurst Public Library
Published by Carol Schlundt Pavlik
August 22 at 3:45 PM

User Story: This is Melvin the Moodle. He is a big fan of the Library. Even when his humans are just returning books, he swings by the window, and the friendly staff always gives him a treat.



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Post Impressions ⁱ	Post reach ⁱ	Engagement ⁱ
1,277	1,229	102

Interactions ⁱ

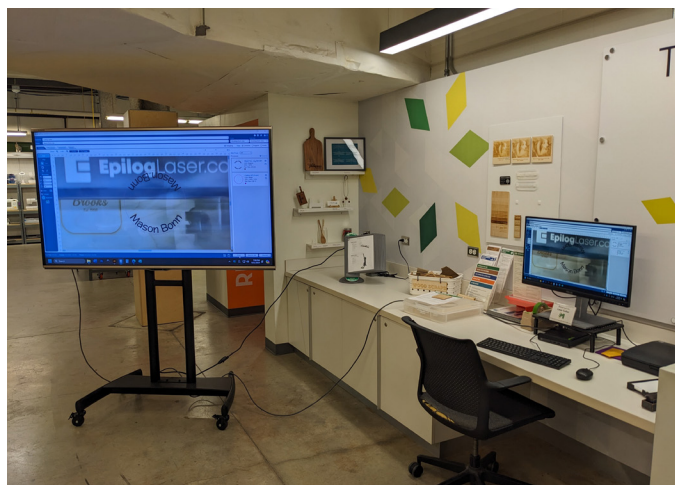
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💬 Comments	5
📷 Photo Views	19
➦ Shares	1
🖱️ Other Clicks	28

MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

AUGUST 2024

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Door Count	858	899	725
Equipment Reservations	238	234	252
3D Prints	51	26	47



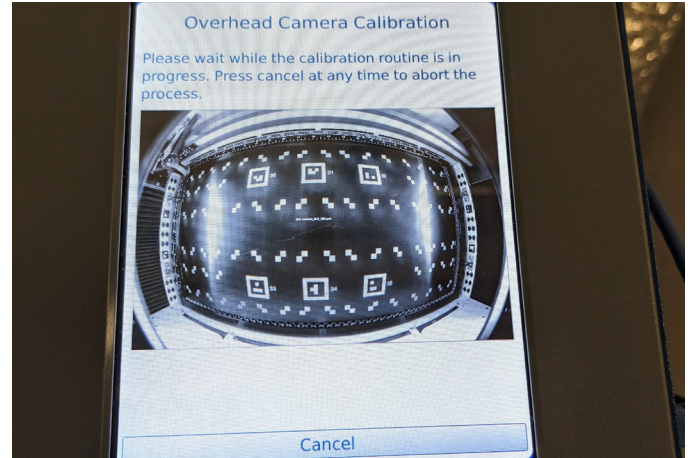
Makery 101: Laser Cut a Coaster

In the latest Makery 101 class, patrons learned how to laser cut a custom coaster from plywood. In this two-part process, we cut out a 4" rectangle to make the coaster and then etched a saying onto the coaster. Everyone got to leave with a finished product!



Maker Spotlight

This little maker went above and beyond! She completed the monthly craft (making the black pencil pouch) and then decided she wanted to embroider her name on the top.



More Laser Maintenance

After replacing the tube last month, we noticed the camera assist feature on the laser was inaccurate. Staff performed a calibration to make sure designs line up properly for our patrons.



Buttons Step-by-Step

Pinback buttons are one of the most popular projects in the Makery. We're always working to make the process easier for patrons to understand. The latest update is a new step-by-step process.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

August 2024

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
1933 Chicago World's Fair	High School, Adults	66	1
Joan is Okay: A Novel by Weike Wang	Adults	13	2
Adult Book Discussion: How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question by Michael Schur	Adults	4	1
After Your Child's Autism Diagnosis	Adults	0	1
American Mah Jongg	Adults	50	4
Beach Scene With Karen Exiner	Adults	18	1
Bingo	Adults	14	1
Board Game Night	Adults	18	1
Bridge and Pinochle	Adults	69	4
Canasta: Open Play	Adults	44	5
Chair Yoga	Adults	21	1
Chicago and the Golden Age of Radio	High School, Adults	36	1
Ciao Italia	Adults	5	1
Colorful Gardens in Late Summer and Fall	Adults	27	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	High School, Adults	10	1
Creative Cardmaking	Adults	24	2
Culture Club: Life in Yemen	Adults	25	1
Excel Advanced	High School, Adults	4	1
Excel Intermediate	High School, Adults	9	1
Friday Features	High School, Adults	73	4
Great Decisions	Adults	14	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Adults	4	1
Learn to Play Canasta	Adults	12	1
Library Digital Resources	Families, Middle School, High School, Adults, Kids	5	1
Library Insiders	Adults	32	2
Local Author Fair	Families, Middle School, High School, Adults, Kids	388	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Adults	23	2
Outreach Visit: Roosevelt Salt Creek	Adults	8	1
Plant Swap	Families, Middle School, High School, Adults, Kids	22	1
Scrabble	Adults	12	2
Staying Mentally Fit	Adults	8	1
The Marx Brothers: A Legacy of Laughter	High School, Adults	44	1
Travel Watercolor Painting	High School, Adults	18	2
War of the Worlds and Fake News	High School, Adults	28	1
WWII Records and Genealogy	Adults	19	1
TOTALS		1,167	54
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Makery 101: Laser Engrave a Coaster	High School, Adults	5	1
Makery 101: Sewing Basics	High School, Adults	7	2
Makery Craft: Squeegee Painting	Middle School, High School, Adults	21	1

Repurposing with Visible Mending	High School (Gr. 9-12),	11	2
TOTALS		44	6
Teen Programs			
	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Teen Book Talk		0	1
Teen Crafternoon		4	1
York Back to School Bash (outreach)		76	1
TOTALS		80	3
Middle School Programs			
	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
End of Summer Party	Middle School (Gr. 6-8)	30	1
TOTALS		30	1
Kids' Library Programs			
	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
3D Printing in Makery	Kids	6	1
Camp Kinder	Kids	30	4
Family Sensory Hour	Families, Kids	13	1
Firefly Family Theatre: Under the Stars	Families, Kids	81	1
Junior Chefs: Jell-O and Gummy Candy Fishbowl	Kids	18	1
Kids' Chess Club	Kids	12	1
Make with Me: Patches	Kids	5	1
Mother Goose & Me	Families, Kids	89	4
Movies in Wilder Park: Bolt	Families	350	1
OUTREACH Preschool Madison Parent Event	Families, Kids	100	2
OUTREACH YMCA Visit @ EPL (DO NOT PUBLISH)	Kids	187	9
	Families, Middle School,		
Recycled Animal Masterpieces	High School, Adults, Kids	18	1
Romp and Rhyme	Families, Kids	150	4
Summer Storytime	Families, Kids	898	13
TOTALS		1,957	44
Passive Programs			
	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Passive Programs:			
Collections Spotlight: Beyond Books (Virtual)	Adults	136	1
Recording of GreenMan Theatre WWII (Virtual)	Adults	162	1
Walk, Ride, Share Your Way to EPL (Virtual)	Adults	554	1
Interactive Displays:	Adults	5	1
Reading Adventure	Adults	10	1
Social Services Folders	Adults	12	4
Puzzles:	Adults	18	1
Coloring Stations:	Adults	25	1
Middle School Passive Programs:			
Middle School Hangout Passive Program	Middle School (Gr. 6-8)	49	4
Middle School Pop-up Program	Middle School (Gr. 6-8)	32	4
Kids' Passive Programs:			
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Grad Party	Families	40	1
Craft Table-Passive	Families	868	4
		Attendance	Sessions
Adult Program Grand Total		2133	71
Total Passive Program Statistics		922	11
Total Program Statistics		1,211	60
Teen Program Grand Total			
Total Passive Program Statistics		0	0

Total Program Statistics	80	3
Middle School Program Grand Total	111	9
Total Passive Program Statistics	81	8
Total Program Statistics	30	1
Kids' Program Grand Total	2,865	49
Total Passive Program Statistics	908	5
Total Program Statistics	1,957	44
Passive Program Total	1,911	24
Total Attendance	5,189	
Total Programs		132

STATISTICAL REPORT

August 2024

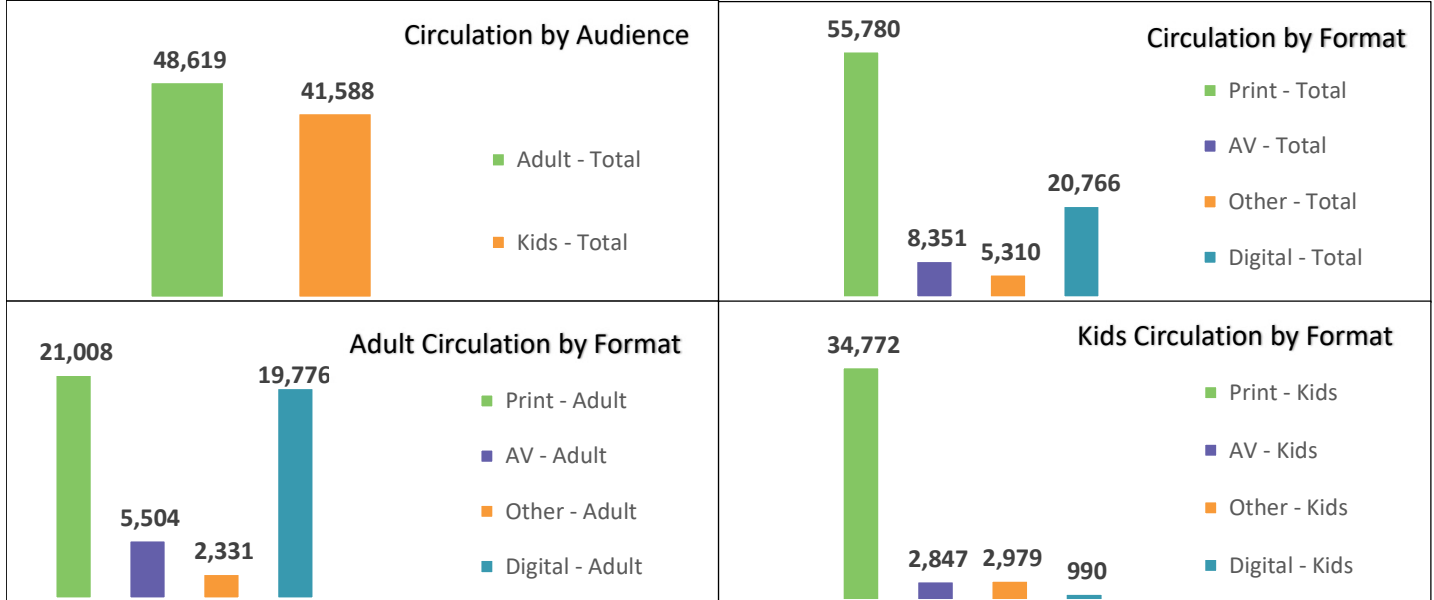
Circulation

Total Circulation
91,316 ↓ -4%
 95,292 last year
Card Holders
 26,061

Library Card Usage
9,680 ↑ 0%
 9,672 last year

Library Cards Issued
Elmhurst **224** ↓ -5%
 (Issued) 236 last year
Reciprocal Borrower **66** ↓ -6%
 (Registered) 70 last year

Interlibrary Loan
Borrowed **1,109** ↓ -9%
 1,213 last year
Lent **528** ↓ -28%
 738 last year



Technology Usage

Public Computer Use

15,102 ↓ -21%
 19,124 last year

Website Visits

38,177 ↓ -74%
 148,024 last year

Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)

55% ↑ 6%
 52% last year

WiFi Sessions

19,224 ↓ -29%
 27,249 last year

Reference Queries

Reference Questions Total

3,945 ↓ -20%
 4,955 last year

Reference Questions

Adult
2,788 ↓ -24%
 3,686 last year

Kids
1,157 ↓ -9%
 1,269 last year

Meeting Room Use

Library Programs

132 ↓ -18%
 160 last year

Public Meetings

78 ↑ 3%
 76 last year

Group Study Rooms

1,687 ↑ 6%
 1,596 last year

Programs

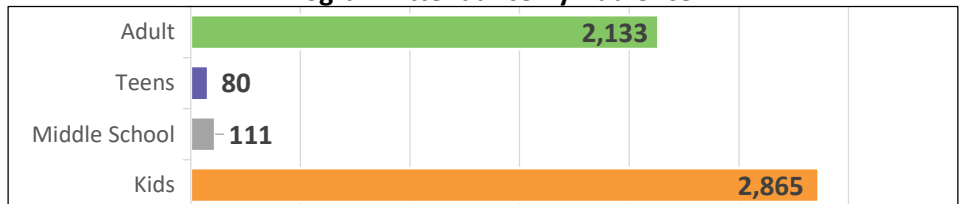
Program Attendance

5,189 ↓ -12%
 5,922 last year

Library Programs

132 ↓ -18%
 160 last year

Program Attendance By Audience



Library Visits

Total Visits

41,006 ↑ 3%
 39,726 last year

In House Visits

Makery **858** ↑ 18%
 725 last year

Walk-In
39,190 ↑ 4%
 37,781 last year

Drive-Up Visits
1,816 ↓ -7%
 1,945 last year

Creative Studio **86** ↑ 13%
 76 last year

Monthly Comparison

Total Circulation

91,316 ↓ -4%
95,292 last year

Adult Circulation

48,619 ↓ -6%
51,887 last year

Kids Circulation

41,588 ↓ -1%
42,193 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,109 ↓ -9%
1,213 last year

Digital Material Circulation

20,766 ↓ -3%
21,332 last year

Databases

9,598 ↑ 48%
6,486 last year

Reference Questions Total

3,945 ↓ -20%
4,955 last year

One on One Tutorials

50 ↓ -2%
51 last year

Number of Programs

132 ↓ -18%
160 last year

Program Attendance

5,189 ↓ -12%
5,922 last year

In-Person Visitors

39,190 ↑ 4%
37,781 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

1,816 ↓ -7%
1,945 last year

Year To Date Comparison

Total Circulation

755,696 ↓ -1%
764,035 last year

Adult Circulation

399,866 ↓ -1%
403,226 last year

Kids Circulation

345,349 ↓ -2%
350,784 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

10,482 ↑ 5%
10,025 last year

Digital Material Circulation

174,859 ↑ 8%
161,500 last year

Databases

155,101 ↑ 25%
123,937 last year

Reference Questions Total

36,975 ↑ 2%
36,123 last year

One on One Tutorials

277 ↓ -35%
429 last year

Number of Programs

1,440 ↓ -5%
1,517 last year

Program Attendance

59,778 ↑ 17%
51,214 last year

In-Person Visitors

315,276 ↑ 7%
293,598 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

14,653 ↓ -4%
15,243 last year

Collection Totals

Books and Magazines

168,066

Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,025

Audio Visual

27,461

Digital

164,215

Notable Happenings in Circulation

- One *Cards for Kids* library card was issued in August.
- There are 38 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Four Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$960.51
- There are 139 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 4,747 holds this month.