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### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

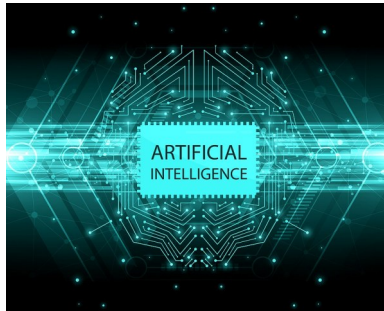
- Construction began on the Kids' patio this week. Weather permitting, the project should be completed in mid-September. Construction also began on the center island in front of the building. This project should be finished at the end of the week.
- The new catalog is fully up and running. The transition was seamless due to all the work staff did to get it patron-ready. Kudos to the Department Head team and many others who worked for months behind the scenes to make sure everything worked.
- We are in the midst of another successful year of Summer Reading with robust participation from both kids and adults. The Kids' Department is always bustling and there seems to "never be a dull moment." It's energizing to see so many people enjoying the Library!

# ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

June 2025

## AI Ambassador

From March through June, Christina Racibozynski participated in this RAILS grant-funded series of webinars and in-person trainings focused on navigating the evolving world of AI and how to use it responsibly in libraries.



## Local History Collaboration

Lauren Watson worked with the Elmhurst History Museum to put together a display (below) that promotes Library materials relating to the Museum's current exhibit on the farming heritage of Elmhurst. The Museum provided promotional materials.



## Exam Proctoring

Patrons who live or work in Elmhurst can receive free proctoring services from the Library. Once a patron contacts us, a specific staff member coordinates with their testing agency and gets everything ready. After the test is ready, the patron comes in during regular Library hours and shows their photo ID to whomever is working the desk at that time. That staff member helps them get set up and then oversees them while they take their test. This service is not typically a high demand service, but we did see an increase in June with five patrons receiving proctoring service and we have already had multiple contacts in July.



## Lobby Popups:

In June, we hosted 2 popups in the Lobby, one by Alyssa Murphy and Lauren Watson, focused on Board Games (bottom left) and the other hosted by Jeremy Slayton which focused on eBooks (bottom right.)



### Programming

Summer has been busy with many families finding their way to the library. Foot traffic seems to be highest between 10 am and 1 pm. At these peak times, most tables in the Kids' Library are being used by tutors, summer camps, and kids and parents reading together. The Imagination Station continues to be a draw for families, especially the crafts but the Stay and Plays this month, both the I Spy and the Shopping at the EPL Mini-Mart, brought lots of great family interactions. They were both so clever--kudos to Mary and Kelsey for their creativity.



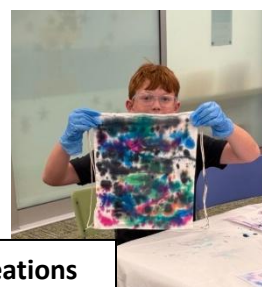
I Spy



Super Mario Party

Summer Reading is going strong and with less than 30 days until the end. The decorations look good still and the prize wheel attracts a lot of attention! Check-ins for summer reading were great in June. We had 1778 readers check in for their 10 day prizes. In 2024, we had 2289 check in for 10 days for the entire summer reading program, so we are likely to exceed that this summer. Staff are doing an amazing job keeping up with the SRP pace and the SRP volunteers have made the process much more efficient, allowing us to help patrons quickly in our busiest times.

Other noteworthy events include the Dan Gogh's Color Show, the Super Mario Party, and tie-dyeing. A total of 84 attended the Color Show. It was an extremely hot day outside and several patrons commented on how nice it was to have something fun to do on such a hot day. The Super Mario Party featured an obstacle course, games, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. 92 people participated. A total of 17 third through fifth grader tie-dyed a drawstring bag. We hope to see a few of those bags back here at the EPL!



Tie-Dye Creations





## Outreach

Kids staff presented a variety of programs for K-5<sup>th</sup> summer school programs at Edison and Fischer Elementary schools and for middle school special education students at York High School. Some highlights for the elementary students include listening to 2026 Monarch Award nominee *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise, building castles with Keva planks, and designing shields. The middle schoolers enjoyed doing word searches, building with Magna-Tiles, and playing Twister.



For the outreach Mom & Baby Hour at Endeavor Health Elmhurst Hospital, Rachael accompanied Kelsey in her capacity as Human Services Specialist. Rachael highlighted the importance of taking care of yourself in addition to your baby and shared information on resources and amenities the library offers that might be of interest to new moms. It was a good-sized group that was very engaged. We hope to see some of them at Mother Goose & Me at the library in the coming weeks.

## Middle School Happenings

By the numbers:

- 165 sixth graders, 69 seventh graders, and 29 eighth graders completing 10 days of summer reading program.
- 81 volunteers completed 196 service hours staffing the summer reading desk.
- 13 middle schoolers enjoyed decorating their cupcakes in this creative, engaging program led by baker extraordinaire Brianne Rigitano.
- 12 Pet Rock kits disappeared in a day with many positive reactions overheard by staff.
- 10 Middle School Influencers had a blast playing games and talking about their hobbies.



Cupcake Creations





eNews from 6/19

### June Marketing Topics included:

#### Summer Reading: Level Up!

Our Summer Reading theme, "Level Up!" is all about games and play. Keep an eye out for Level Up-themed programming in [Fine Print](#), on EPL's [event calendar](#), and at popups throughout the summer! Kids can pick up a reading log in the Kids' Library. Teens and Adults can use the reading tracker, Beanstack, [online](#) or [in the app](#).

#### New Library Catalog

Our Library catalog got fresh new look with even more user-friendly features! You'll be able to search for books and other library items just like the current catalog. You'll also manage your account and place holds with this new catalog. [elmlib.org/catalog](http://elmlib.org/catalog)

#### Freeze Holds

Leave town feeling confident that your Library holds will wait for you! Call us or freeze your holds through our website or app, and enjoy your vacation or business trip knowing you won't lose your place in line. Then, unfreeze your holds when you return.

#### Walk • Ride • Share (video)

The Elmhurst community loves their Library, which means our parking lot fills up on occasion. Grab your walking shoes, hop on your bike, or pick up a friend on the way to EPL for a greener, happier, and healthier way to start your Library visit. Watch our Walk • Ride • Share [YouTube short!](#) [elmlib.org/youtube](http://elmlib.org/youtube)



### Caring for the Community



Drop off unexpired non-perishable food items to our donation box in the Lobby for a June Food Drive.

The donations will benefit [Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry](#). In 2024, more than 30,000 adults, children, and seniors from Elmhurst and surrounding communities received food items from the EYFP.

The drive takes place in the Library Lobby until **Saturday, June 28th**.

### Level Up Your Reading!



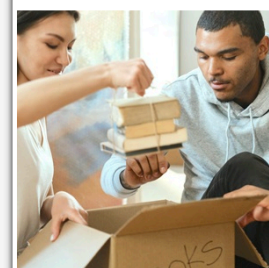
Our Summer Reading theme, "Level Up!" is all about games and play. EPL has fully embraced the theme with decorations: stop by the Lobby to visit our games display and selfie banner (don't forget to tag @askelmhurst on social media!), enjoy the total transformation of the Kids' Library, or try your hand at the giant crossword puzzle on the 2nd Floor.

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Kids can pick up a reading log in the Kids' Library. Teens and Adults can use the reading tracker, Beanstack, [online](#) or [in the app](#). Read the way you like best: on a page, an ereader, or listening to an audiobook. Every book counts!

Summer Reading

### AAUW Book Drive



Clear out your shelves and donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and vinyl to the annual [AAUW Used Book Sale](#).

A donation bin is located at the Library's loading bay, just before the book return slots and Drive-up Window.

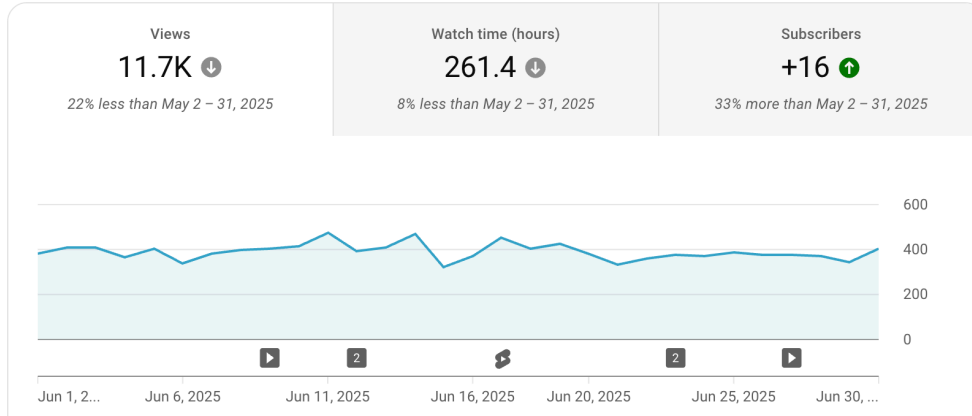
Donations are accepted until Sunday, June 22.

*Encyclopedias, VHS cassettes, Readers Digest, Time-Life or National Geographic series, and magazines are not accepted.*

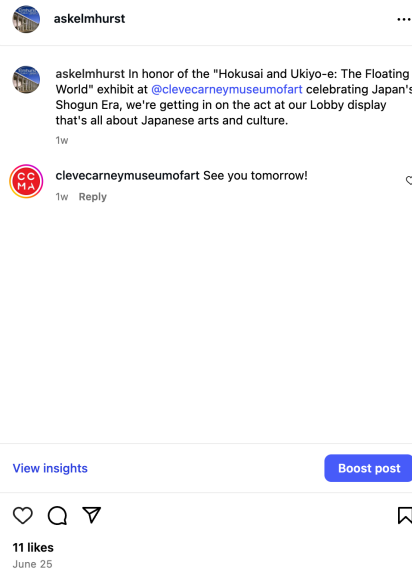
***Here are a few sample screenshots of our online presence from June:***

## Youtube

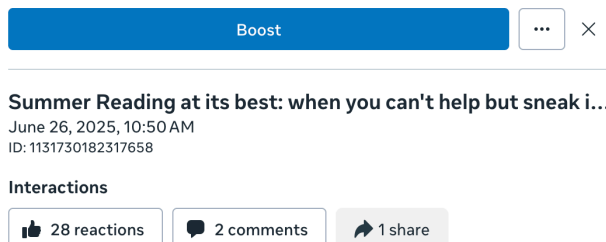
## In June, people watched your videos 11,716 times



## Instagram



## Facebook



## Overview

## Performance

### Feed preview

## Performance

## Performance

## Overview

Views 

2,335

Reach ⓘ

1,677

Interactions 

31

Link clicks 

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# MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

JUNE 2025

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
People Counter	2,195	1,919	2,313
Equipment Reservations	236	159	288
3D Prints	88	112	48



## My “Morning Jacket”

A patron embroidered this hoodie as a gift for her husband. It’s a play on the band name, “My Morning Jacket.” We’re told the recipient intends to wear it at one of their concerts this summer!



## Working Together

This parent/child visited the Makery multiple times in June working together on sewing and embroidery. The Makery is a great place for parents and kids to work and learn together.



## Laser Etched Gift Box

A simple wooden keepsake box, etched with an elegant design. Laser etching natural materials like wood can sometimes be unpredictable. Makery staff were impressed with how well this turned out!



## Sketching Wilder

Now on display outside the Kossman Room are sketches made by patrons in a class led by Lead Makery Specialist Jen Kryczka. Attendees brought chairs to Wilder Park Conservatory and were provided sketching materials and basic instruction.

# PROGRAM STATISTICS

June 2025

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Book Discussion: <i>Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow</i> by Gabrielle Zevin	Book Discussion	10	1
Adult Book Discussion: Trading Titles	Book Discussion	8	2
Ageless Grace	Enrich	23	1
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Games	69	4
Ancestry.com Pro Tips	Enrich	19	1
Android Basics	Technology	5	1
Bicycle Repair	Consumer	20	1
Bingo	Games	12	1
Board Game Night	Enrich	23	1
Board Games lobby pop up		39	1
Bridge and Pinochle	Games	65	4
Canasta: Open Play	Games	53	4
Chair Yoga	Gather	56	2
Ciao Italia		11	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Create	5	1
Creative Cardmaking: Everyday Occasions	Create	23	2
Culture Club: Local Summer Festivals	Arts and Culture	12	1
Demystifying Video Game Addiction	Common Connection	6	1
Pride Fest	Outreach	134	1
Friday Features: Quiz Show	Movies	37	4
Giant Outdoor Games	Common Connection	9	1
Great Decisions		17	1
Growing Degree Days	Enrich	15	1
Hokusai and the Art of Edo		89	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	4	1
iPhone iOS	Technology	5	1
Junk Journaling	Create	16	2
Learn to Play American Mah Jongg	Enrich	21	1
Library Insiders: Collage Journals	Library Insiders	9	1
Library Insiders: No Shush Movie	Library Insiders	4	1
Memory Cafe: Gardening	Enrich	3	1
Mental Health Essentials	Health and Wellness	7	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Library Insiders	33	2
Outreach Visit: Indigo of Elmhurst		25	1
Puzzle Speed Challenge	Enrich	51	1
Resume Review	Career & Job Hunting	3	1
Scrabble	Games	6	2
Staying Mentally Fit	Enrich	10	1
The Battle of Midway	Enrich	35	1
The History of Billy Joel	Arts and Culture	29	1
Walk & Talk Book Chat	Book Discussion	1	1
Wire Bees	Create	26	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,048</b>	<b>61</b>
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Design Basics I: Composition	Create	5	1
Laser Cut Dice Towers	Create	7	1
Makery 101: 3D Printing Basics	Create	6	1
Makery Craft: Wooden Diffuser	Create	30	1



Makery Drop In Craft	Create	133	1
Makery Pop-Up Mushroom Jars	Create	29	3
Sketching Wilder	Create	7	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>217</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Teen Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Blind Taste Test: Hot Chips	Food and Drink	11	1
Color & Chill	Teen Program	4	1
OUTREACH: York ELL Student Tour & Activity	Outreach	4	1
Teen Crafternoon: Miniature Clay Figure		10	1
Teen Take & Make	Create	9	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Middle School Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Cupcake Creations	Create	13	1
Middle School Influencers	Middle School	10	1
Outreach District 205 @ York HS	Outreach	53	3
Yoga Chill	Enrich	7	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kids' Library Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
3D Pen Creations	Create	9	1
Dan Gogh Color Show	Family	84	1
Drop in Father's Day Craft (Makery)	Makery	35	1
Outreach EEH Mom and Baby Hour	Community Outreach	16	1
Family Game Night	Games	9	1
FFC Camp Visit (Ages 4-6)	Community Outreach	108	8
FFC Camp Visit (Ages 4-6)	Community Outreach	12	1
FFC Camp Visit (Ages 6-8)	Community Outreach	298	18
Kids' Chess Club	Games	14	1
Make with Me: Make A Library Card Holder	Makery	12	1
Make Your Own Memory Match Game	Create	20	1
Masking Tape Madness	Create	35	2
Movies in Wilder Park: <i>Wreck It Ralph</i>	Movies	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (1st Grade)	Outreach	57	3
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (2nd Grade)	Outreach	82	6
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (3rd Grade)	Outreach	68	5
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (4th Grade)	Outreach	60	4
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (Grades 3-4)	Outreach	15	1
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (Grades K-1)	Outreach	20	2
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (Grades K-4)	Outreach	28	3
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (Kindergarten)	Outreach	46	3
OUTREACH YMCA Visit @ EPL	Community Outreach	781	40
Read to the Dogs		30	1
Stories Around the World	Storytime	40	1
Super Mario Party	Pop Culture	92	1
Super Mario Party - Crafts	Pop Culture	65	1
Super Mario Party - Scavenger Hunt	Pop Culture	42	1
Tie-Dye Creations	Create	17	1
Wags to Whiskers with DuPage County Animal Services	Community Outreach	18	1
Who Would Win: Pokémon Edition	Pop Culture	14	1
Baby Play Date	Storytime	6	1
C.I.T.Y. of Support Playgroup	Family	15	1
Summer Storytime	Storytime	122	1
Summer Storytime	Storytime	14	10

Family Sensory Hour	Family	2	1
Lions Club Vision and Hearing Screening	Community Outreach	55	2
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	86	5
OUTREACH Preschool AT KinderCare	Outreach	16	1
OUTREACH Preschool AT Madison	Outreach	138	12
Outreach Preschool EPD Adventure Day	Outreach	65	1
Romp & Rhyme	Storytime	92	4
Summer Storytime	Storytime	932	12
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3,745</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Passive Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Passive Programs:</b>			
Entertainment Station		12	5
Puzzles		16	1
Interactive Displays		25	2
Summer Bingo:		71	1
Summer Reading:		149	1
<b>Makery Passive Programs:</b>			
Makery Scavenger Hunt		43	1
<b>Middle School Passive Programs:</b>			
Middle School Hangout Passive		14	2
<b>Kids' Passive Programs:</b>			
Make & Take-Passive	Create	920	2
Stay & Play-Passive	Play	200	2
Weekly Scavenger Hunt	Games	568	4
		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Program Grand Total</b>		<b>1581</b>	<b>81</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		316	11
Total Program Statistics:		1,265	70
<b>Teen Program Grand Total</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		0	0
Total Program Statistics:		38	5
<b>Middle School Program Grand Total</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>8</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		14	2
Total Program Statistics:		83	6
<b>Kids' Program Grand Total</b>		<b>5,433</b>	<b>172</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics:		1,688	8
Total Program Statistics:		3,745	164
<b>Passive Program Total</b>		<b>2,018</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>7,149</b>	
<b>Total Programs</b>			<b>266</b>



# STATISTICAL REPORT

## June 2025

### Circulation

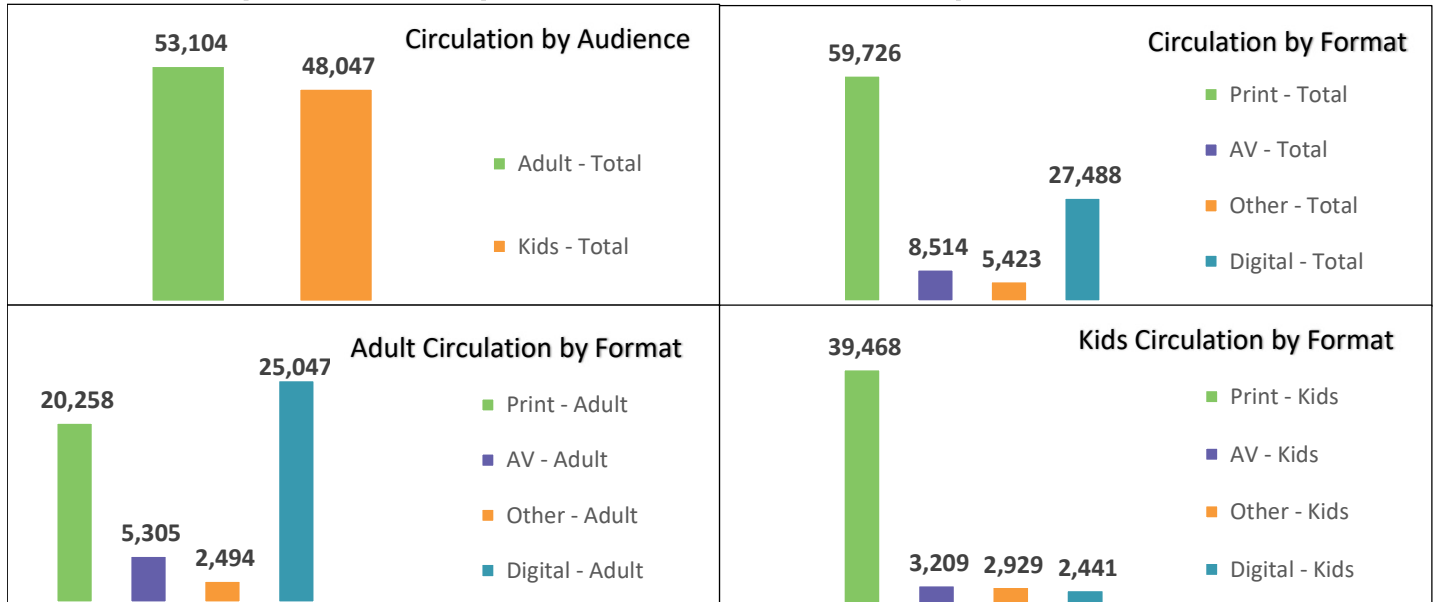
**Total Circulation**  
102,326 ↑ 1%  
101,100 last year

**Card Holders**  
25,453

**Library Card Usage**  
10,273 ↑ 4%  
9,884 last year

**Library Cards Issued**  
**Elmhurst** 252 ↓ -8%  
(Issued) 274 last year  
**Reciprocal Borrower** 76 ↑ 19%  
(Registered) 64 last year

**Interlibrary Loan**  
**Borrowed** 1,175 ↓ -1%  
1,192 last year  
**Lent** 561 ↑ 0%  
560 last year



### Technology Usage

#### Public Computer Use

18,917 ↑ 23%  
15,320 last year

#### Website Visits

38,622 ↑ 2%  
38,045 last year

#### Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)

54% ↓ -4%  
56% last year

#### WiFi Sessions

20,460 ↑ 2%  
20,100 last year

### Reference Queries

#### Reference Questions Total

3,765 ↓ -30%  
5,401 last year

#### Reference Questions

**Adult** 2,963 ↑ 0%  
2,955 last year

**Kids** 802 ↓ -67%  
2,446 last year

### Meeting Room Use

#### Library Programs

266 ↑ 27%  
209 last year

#### Public Meetings

81 ↑ 17%  
69 last year

#### Group Study Rooms

2,287 ↑ 38%  
1,653 last year

### Programs

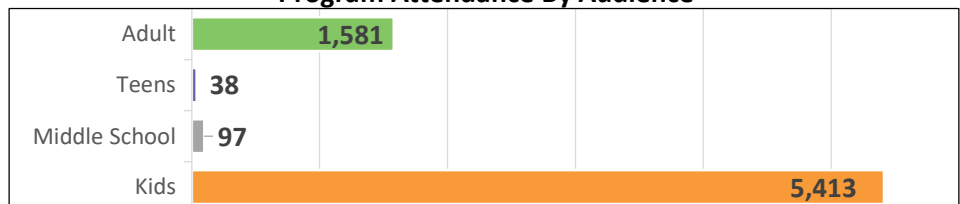
#### Program Attendance

7,129 ↓ -17%  
8,641 last year

#### Library Programs

266 ↑ 27%  
209 last year

#### Program Attendance By Audience



### Library Visits

#### Total Visits

45,763 ↑ 2%  
44,964 last year

#### In House Visits

**Makery** 2,195 ↑ 104%  
1,077 last year

#### Walk-In

44,070 ↑ 2%  
43,203 last year

#### Drive-Up Visits

1,693 ↓ -4%  
1,761 last year

#### Creative Studio

97 ↓ -1%  
98 last year

## Monthly Comparison

## Total Circulation

102,326  1%  
101,100 last year

## Adult Circulation

53,104  6%  
50,149 last year

## Kids Circulation

48,047  -3%  
49,760 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,175  -1%  
1,192 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

27,488  35%  
20,338 last year

## Databases

15,896  -41%  
26,724 last year

## Reference Questions Total

3,765  -30%  
5,401 last year

## One on One Tutorials

33  3%  
32 last year


## Number of Programs

266  27%  
209 last year

## Program Attendance

7,129  -17%  
8,641 last year

## In-Person Visitors

44,070  2%  
43,203 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

1,693  -4%  
1,761 last year

## Year To Date Comparison

## Total Circulation

568,332  1%  
561,237 last year

## Adult Circulation

315,167  5%  
299,337 last year

## Kids Circulation

245,489  -3%  
253,644 last year


## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

7,676  -7%  
8,257 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

168,183  26%  
133,171 last year

## Databases

203,512  63%  
125,042 last year

## Reference Questions Total

26,508  -4%  
27,648 last year

## One on One Tutorials

198  -1%  
199 last year

## Number of Programs

1,147  4%  
1,108 last year

## Program Attendance

37,391  -18%  
45,403 last year

## In-Person Visitors

237,400  3%  
231,491 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

11,063  1%  
10,996 last year



# STATISTICAL REPORT

June 2025

## Collection Totals

### Books and Magazines

156,552

### Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,675

### Audio Visual

26,805

### Digital

257,840

## Notable Happenings in Circulation

- No *Cards for Kids* library cards were issued in June.
- There are 44 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Two Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$378.44.
- There are 122 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 4,674 holds this month.