

Director's Report

It's been a busy construction month in the Kids' Department. The entrance to the Department was closed last Tuesday to begin construction on the decorative soffits. Patrons are diverting through the Circulation Department and entering the Kids' Library from a staff entrance. Patrons may also take the elevator or stairs up to the ADS Department and then back down again. So far, so good. Elmhurst staff and patrons are good at adapting. The entrance is expected to be closed for two weeks.

Circulation was down four percent this month with most of the decrease coming from Kids' materials. It's no surprise that during construction, visits and checkouts are down slightly. I anticipate that circulation will pick up after the project is completed.

We celebrated National Library Worker's day on April 10 with pizza and salad in the new staff lounge. Thanks to Bill Shanklin for reminding us about the date. Sometimes these things slip by and it was nice to be able to acknowledge the date with staff!