

Director's Report

- The Makery celebrates its 5-year anniversary this month! Patrons and staff are enjoying a series of drop-in crafts available on a first come, first serve basis. This unique community, creative space has blossomed into one of the best places to be in the Library. It's been thrilling to see its growth. Staff also celebrated with pizza and paletas in the Staff Lounge.
- The Kids' Library has too many creative programs to list but a few highlights this month include the Crafting for Canines program that included making doggie toys to donate to a shelter. The kids crafted alongside some four-legged friends who helped to keep everyone focused. The Tasty Reading by the Slice program, gave families the opportunity to pick up a pizza box full of books curated to certain ages. How fun!
- Library Factcheck is a new service available to patrons. Patrons may fill out a form with questions and our expert staff will research answers and get back to them within five days. As misinformation and disinformation continue to wreak havoc on our society, the Library is the trusted place in the community to go for credible resources.

ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

June 2022

Patron Interactions

Patron contacts remain steady.

Adult & Teen Summer Reading on Beanstack

Adults and high school teens are enthusiastically taking part in Summer Reading with Beanstack and with paper logs. Comparing participation in June 2022 to June 2021, we experienced a 52% increase in readers and an 82% increase in books logged.

Staff Training

This month all Adult Services staff reviewed Active Shooter emergency procedures.

What's New Upstairs

We've had an audio conversion cart (below, right) for several years to help patrons convert their old cassettes and CDs to digital. Recently, Jeremy Slayton, the Technology Programming Librarian, converted the VHS to DVD station that was underutilized into a video conversion cart (below, left) that also includes the Elgato video capture equipment. Both carts are available by request and can be used flexibly around the building.



Displays

Recent displays include one highlighting the Elmhurst History Museum's exhibit, "Eat Your Heart Out: Iconic Chicagoland Foods," and another display raising awareness of Literacy DuPage.



KIDS' LIBRARY DEPT REPORT

June 2022

Programs

Heather Forster Jensen introduced **Summer Family Bingo**, a new, passive program for the month of June. Families' picked-up DIY bingo cards to combine bingo with a scavenger hunt of summer activities related to the *Reading Is So Delicious* theme. Throughout the month, we went through nearly 400 packets.



Page Pals (06/13, 06/20, 06/27) Heather Forster Jensen – The Page Pals program came back this summer for kids entering Grades 2 and 3 to practice reading with a middle school book buddy and join in fun games and activities to keep reading and writing over the summer.

In partnership with a local shelter, **Carol Chlystek** organized the **Crafting for Canines** program. 25 attendees helped make dog toys to be donated to shelter dogs.



Lori Hoegler engaged with 13 Middle School students in how to sew and create their own adorable Breakfast Plushie. Every attendee was able to create at least one Plushie and was sent home with patterns and materials to create more.

School, Scouts, & Community Outreach

June was a busy month for our school services staff as schools in Elmhurst have invited us back for in-person visits, many for the first time since 2020. **Katie Stringwell, Heather Forster Jensen, Shaira Rock, and Michael Speers** made visits on June 16, 22 and 29, to students from preschool to 8th grade attending summer school at D205 schools. 22 sessions were made with a total of 388 students present.

Lori Hoegler visited 30 preschool students at Buttons & Bows Preschool on June 1 to 30 students. The teachers were thrilled and noted that library staff were the first visitors to their building since before the pandemic.

Staff Training

Heather Forster Jensen, Katie Stringwell and **Linnea Dolan** participated in **2.25 hours** of training and networking opportunities. Topics included Helping Children Develop Emotional Literacy: You Have Feelings All the Time, The Magical Science of Storytelling, and Indigenous Voices: Naomi Bishop.

June Marketing Topics included:

Programming: Common Connection: Around the Table

This summer we have food on our minds and our programming themes reflect it! Adults are enjoying programs about local food history, gardening, cooking demonstrations, and an author event with Chef Kwame Onwuachi. The Kids' Library Summer Reading theme is *Reading Is So Delicious* and the Elmhurst History Museum's current exhibit is *Eat Your Heart Out: Iconic Chicagoland Foods*, which tie in as well.

elmlib.org/common

Collection: Culinary Cupboard

(Video available elmlib.org/YouTube)

To support the programming themes, we are focusing a lot of marketing effort on the cooking equipment available for checkout through the Library. Throughout the summer we'll explore the collection in different ways - video, User Stories, and highlighting tools within the collection.

elmlib.org/culinary

Services: Culture Passes

Library cardholders can plan their summer adventures with the Library! The Library offers two culture pass plans:

- Museum Adventure Passes, which are distributed at the Checkout Desk on a first-come, first-serve basis, offer access to places such as Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny, and Chicago Botanic Garden.
- Explore More Illinois, which can be downloaded or printed from home, offers free or discounted admission to places such as the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Anderson Japanese Gardens.

elmlib.org/CulturePass

Inside Scoop: Scanning Made Easy (Video available elmlib.org/YouTube)

Scan documents directly to email, USB, Google Drive, or fax using the Library's touchscreen ScanEZ machines. Documents can be saved as PDF, searchable PDF, Word, TIFF, or JPG. Scanners are located on the 1st and 2nd Floors, near the computer areas.

elmlib.org/equipment

Community Connection: Summer Family Bingo

The Kids' Library hosted a combination bingo meets scavenger hunt game to support their Summer Reading theme, *Reading Is So Delicious*. Bingo cards were available in the Kids' Library.



ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

eNews from June 2, 2022

Playlist: Around the Table

We made a playlist just for you!

Our inspiration is the Common Connection programming theme for summer: Around the Table. Take a look at our [upcoming events](#) that are all about food, conversation, and community!

The playlist is on [Freegal](#), the streaming and downloadable music service from the Library.

NEW: Freegal offers unlimited streaming!

[Listen](#)

Culture Passes

There are so many fun and interesting places to visit during the hot days of summer! Use your Library card to get admission or special discounts at participating Chicago, and broader Illinois, area cultural destinations. The Library provides two options:

Museum Adventure Pass: These passes are distributed **in person** at the Library Checkout Desk on a first-come, first-serve basis with your valid EPL card. See a [complete list of museums](#).

Explore More Illinois: Explore More Illinois provides **instant online access** to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theaters, and other fun and local cultural venues.

[Learn More](#)

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



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17 likes

askelmhurst We're playing with our food this summer! In the past week, we've had fun sewing breakfast plushies, then making candy sushi.

June 18



Instagram

Post details



Elmhurst Public Library

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Be sure to join us on Saturday, June 25 for a Trolley Storytime from 2-2:30 p.m. More info about the 2022 Explore Elmhurst Express Trolley can be found at <https://exploreelmhurst.com/193/Elmhurst-Express-Trolley>.



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Comments	On Post	On Shares
4	4	0
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PROGRAM STATISTICS

JUNE 2022

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
20s/30s Book Discussion: <i>In the Dream House</i> by Carmen Maria Machado	20 and 30 Somethings	3	1
Adult Book Discussion: <i>The Thursday Murder Club</i> by Richard Osman	Adult Book Discussion	2	1
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American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	35	5
Analog to Digital Conversion	Technology	2	1
Around the Table Discussion with Elmhurst Pride Collective	Common Connection	33	1
Author Event: Chef Kwame Onwuachi (Virtual)	Common Connection	25	1
Body Collage Drop-in	Create	147	2
Bridge & Pinochle Club	Games	50	4
Chair Yoga	Seniors	12	1
Chicago's Candy History (In-Person)	Common Connection	23	1
Chicago's Candy History (Virtual)	Common Connection	42	1
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	5	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	6	1
Creative Card Making	Create	14	1
Cricut Design Space	Technology	11	1
Culture Club: Tasting Chicago (In-Person)	Common Connection	11	1
Culture Club: Tasting Chicago (Virtual)	Common Connection	13	1
Cupcake Decorating	Common Connection	13	1
Elmhurst Business Connection	Business	3	1
Forgotten Disney: Extinct Rides and Attractions of the Florida Parks (In-Person)	Adult Program	9	1
Forgotten Disney: Extinct Rides and Attractions of the Florida Parks (Virtual)	Adult Program	16	1
French Discussion Group	Adult Program	4	1
Genealogy Club: Digging for Clues With Cemetery Research (In-Person)	Adult Program	7	1
Genealogy Club: Digging for Clues With Cemetery Research (Virtual)	Adult Program	17	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	12	1
How to Prepare a Photo for Laser Engraving (Do not publish)	Online Program	24	1
How to Use LinkedIn for Job Searching	Career	1	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	3	1
Judy Garland: A Centennial Celebration (In-Person)	Adult Program	5	1
Judy Garland: A Centennial Celebration (Virtual)	Adult Program	47	1
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: <i>The Gifts of Imperfection</i> by Brene Brown	Adult Program	6	1
Library Board Meeting	Adult Program	27	1
Marbled Wine Glasses	Create	18	1
Meditation for Inner Peace During Turbulent Times (Virtual)	Adult Program	6	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Library Insiders	30	2
Nixon and Watergate (In-person)	Civic Engagement	5	1
Nixon and Watergate (Virtual)	Civic Engagement	16	1
Plug In & Play (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	10	1

Rainbow Crafts (for 20 + 30 Somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	7	1
Scrabble Club	Games	4	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	3	1
Still Life with Fruit with Karen Exiner	Create	7	1
Strategies to Talk about Mental Health and Wellness for Children and Adolescents	Adult Program	6	1
Technology Tips	Technology	1	1
The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time (Virtual)	Adult Program	23	1
The Power of Posture (In-Person)	Adult Program	10	1
The Power of Posture (Virtual)	Adult Program	20	1
Virtual Author Visit with Michelle Zauner	Author Visit	15	1
TOTALS		815	58
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Craftivism in the Makery	Makery	8	1
Makery Craft: Custom Puzzle	Kits	72	1
TOTALS		80	2
Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Game Hangout	High School	3	3
High School Crafternoon	High School	0	1
National Cupcake Day	High School	10	1
Teen Anime Afternoon	High School	3	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	34	5
TOTALS		50	11
Middle School Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Elementary - District 205 Summer School (Middle School)	Middle School	28	2
Middle School - District 205 Summer School (MS)	Middle School	15	1
Resin Molding: Eye Candy	Middle School	8	1
Sew It: Breakfast Plushie	Middle School	13	1
TOTALS		64	5
Kids' Library Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
All Kinds of Families Storytime	Storytime	6	1
Baby Playtime	Preschool	12	2
Big Fun for K-1: <i>Snack Attack!</i>	Elementary School	12	1
Big Fun for K-1: <i>Vegetables in Underwear</i>	Elementary School	15	1
Booth at Pride Fest at Presby Church	Family	100	1
Camp Kinder	Elementary School	14	3
Celebrate Summer Solstice	Elementary School	15	1
Chapter Champions: <i>Pizza and Taco</i>	Elementary School	11	1
Chapter Champions: <i>When Pigs Fly</i>	Elementary School	5	1
Community Outreach - Elm Hosp. Mom & Baby Hour	Family	7	1
Crafting for Canines	Elementary School	25	1
Elementary - District 205 Summer School (Grade 4)	Elementary School	38	2
Elementary - District 205 Summer School (Grade 5)	Elementary School	54	3
Elementary Visit - District 205 Summer School (Grade 1)	Elementary School	58	4
Elementary Visit - District 205 Summer School (Grade 2)	Elementary School	48	3
Elementary Visit - District 205 Summer School (Grade 3)	Elementary School	56	3

Elementary Visit - District 205 Summer School (Grades 2-3)	Elementary School	14	1
Elementary Visit - District 205 Summer School (Kindergarten and Grade 1)	Elementary School	29	1
Elementary Visit - District 205 Summer School (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	76	4
Elementary Visit - YMCA camp	Elementary School	687	32
Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s	Storytime	221	4
How to Grow a Pizza from Scratch	Elementary School	9	1
Kids' Online Chess	Elementary School	4	1
Little Wiggles Storytime	Storytime	269	4
Live Animal Show: Flying Fox Conservation	Family	85	1
Make Candy Sushi	Elementary School	19	1
Movie in Wilder Park: <i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</i>	Family	300	1
Page Pals	Elementary School	7	3
Play Switch!	Elementary School	6	1
Pokemon Jr. Party	Elementary School	23	1
Preschool Vision Pre-Screening	Family	17	1
Preschool Visit - District 205 Summer School	Preschool	26	1
Preschool Visit Outreach Buttons and Bows	Preschool	30	1
Saturday Stories	Storytime	40	1
Songs & Stories	Storytime	95	4
Storytime in the Learning Garden	Preschool	30	1
Summer Reading Prize Pickup at Bryan Middle School	Family	0	1
Trolley Storytime	Family	8	1
Wonderful Wednesday Storytime	Storytime	217	4
TOTALS		2,688	100
Passive Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Passive Programs:			
Collection Spotlight: Culinary Cupboard	Online Program	124	1
Coloring Books	Adults	50	2
Inside Scoop: Scan EZ	Online Program	73	1
Recording of Chicago: An Illustrated Timeline	Online Program	24	1
Recording of Chicago's Candy History	Online Program	5	1
Recording of Genealogy Club: Cemeteries	Online Program	12	1
Recording of Still Life with Fruit	Online Program	22	1
Recording of The Power of Posture	Online Program	22	1
Summer Reading		176	1
Teen Passive Programs:			
Teen Table Toppers	Teen	3	3
Kids' Passive Programs:			
1,000 Books before Kindergarten Passive Stats	Preschool	21	1
Alphabet Soup	Preschool	106	4
Guessing Jar	Family	1,180	3
Rainbow Pride Windows	Family	200	1
Summer Family Bingo (Passive Program)	Family	389	1
Summer Reading Log	Family	690	1
Table of crafts	Family	600	3
		Attendance	Sessions
Adult Program Grand Total		1403	70
Total Passive Program Statistics		508	10
Total Program Statistics		895	60

Teen Program Grand Total		53	14
Total Passive Program Statistics		3	3
Total Program Statistics		50	11
Middle School Program Grand Total		64	5
Total Passive Program Statistics		0	0
Total Program Statistics		64	5
Kids' Program Grand Total		5,874	114
Total Passive Program Statistics		3,186	14
Total Program Statistics		2,688	100
Passive Program Total		0	27
Total Attendance		7,394	
Total Programs			203

STATISTICAL REPORT

June 2022

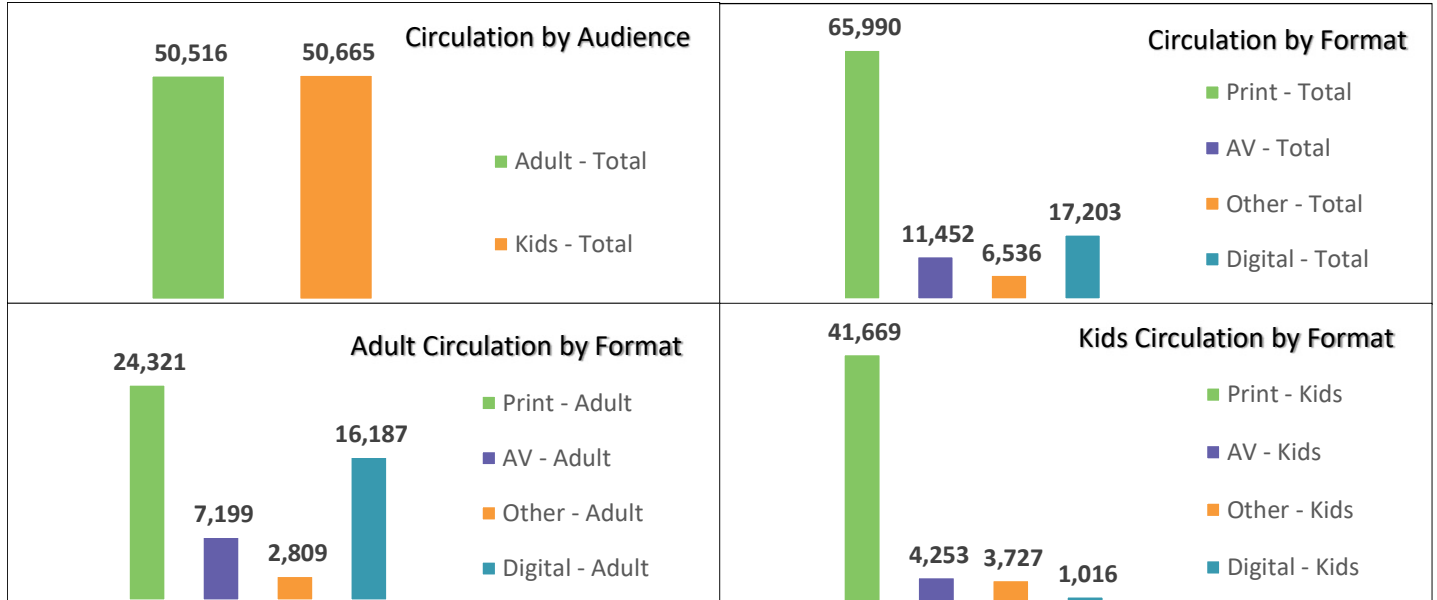
Circulation

Total Circulation
102,246 ↓ -4%
106,505 last year
Card Holders
25,533

Library Card Usage
9,107 ↑ 9%
8,337 last year

Library Cards Issued
Elmhurst 270 ↑ 25%
(Issued) 216 last year
Reciprocal Borrower 49 ↑ 7%
(Registered) 46 last year

Interlibrary Loan
Borrowed 1,158 ↓ -7%
1,241 last year
Lent 810 ↓ -15%
950 last year



Technology Usage

Public Computer Use

17,361 ↑ 89%
9,184 last year

Website Visits

110,971 ↓ -4%
115,575 last year

Self Checkout

(% of total checkouts)

50% ↑ 14%
44% last year

WiFi Sessions

21,900 ↑ 39%
15,750 last year

Reference Queries

Reference Questions Total

4,985 ↑ 21%
4,131 last year

Reference Questions

Adult 3,279 ↑ 11%
2,943 last year

Kids 1,706 ↑ 44%
1,188 last year

Meeting Room Use

Library Programs

203 ↑ 69%
120 last year

Public Meetings

62 ↑ 51%
41 last year

Group Study Rooms

1,540 ↑ 52%
1,013 last year

Programs

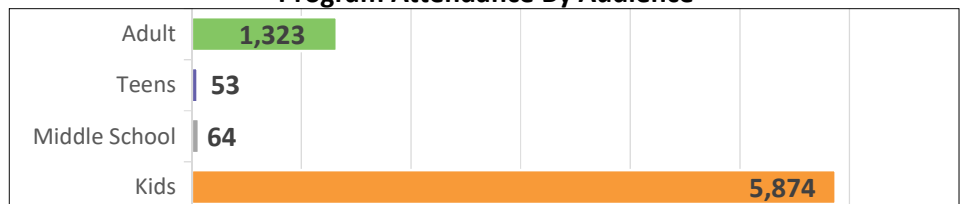
Program Attendance

7,314 ↑ 121%
3,315 last year

Library Programs

203 ↑ 69%
120 last year

Program Attendance By Audience



Library Visits

Total Visits

36,335 ↑ 32%
27,502 last year

In House Visits

Makery 593 ↑ 56%
380 last year

Walk-In

34,379 ↑ 36%
25,261 last year

Drive-Up Visits

1,956 ↓ -13%
2,241 last year

Creative Studio

101 ↑ 237%
30 last year

Monthly Comparison

Total Circulation

102,246 ↓ -4%
106,505 last year

Adult Circulation

50,460 ↓ -2%
51,662 last year

Kids Circulation

50,628 ↓ -6%
53,602 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,158 ↓ -7%
1,241 last year

Digital Material Circulation

17,203 ↑ 8%
15,940 last year

Databases

10,725 ↓ -62%
28,130 last year

Reference Questions Total

4,985 ↑ 21%
4,131 last year

One on One Tutorials

51 ↑ 76%
29 last year

Number of Programs

203 ↑ 69%
120 last year

Program Attendance

7,314 ↑ 121%
3,315 last year

In-Person Visitors

34,379 ↑ 36%
25,261 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

1,956 ↓ -13%
2,241 last year

Year To Date Comparison

Total Circulation

560,423 ↓ -3%
578,302 last year

Adult Circulation

292,886 ↓ -3%
301,300 last year

Kids Circulation

259,811 ↓ -4%
269,578 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

7,726 ↑ 4%
7,425 last year

Digital Material Circulation

106,323 ↑ 3%
102,886 last year

Databases

82,490 ↓ -95%
1,592,654 last year

Reference Questions Total

25,805 ↑ 24%
20,825 last year

One on One Tutorials

261 ↑ 23%
212 last year

Number of Programs

817 ↑ 45%
564 last year

Program Attendance

30,786 ↑ 78%
17,267 last year

In-Person Visitors

168,733 ↑ 66%
101,872 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

12,182 ↓ -35%
18,768 last year

STATISTICAL REPORT

June 2022

Collection Totals

Books and Magazines

187,446

Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,023

Audio Visual

39,666

Digital

16,220

Notable Happenings in Circulation

- We issued 0 *Cards for Kids* library cards last month.
- Four Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$438.78
- We filled 5,435 holds this month.