

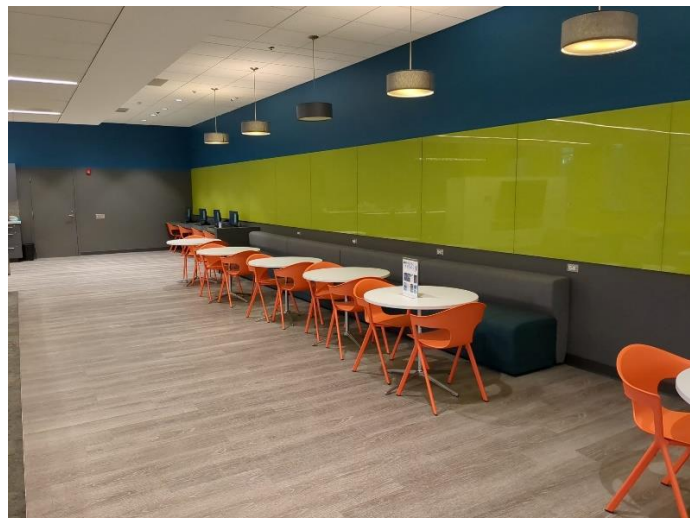
### Director's Report

- The carpet and furniture projects are done. All projects were completed in 2022, which meets our goal.
- We welcomed Brianna Bone, Head of Marketing and Communications, to the Library on January 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to introducing you to her at a future Board Meeting. We said goodbye to Rita Andruccetti on December 30 and welcomed Mary Pellico, HR Generalist. Bryan Bednark, formally the Assistant Manager of the Makery, transitioned into the role of Head of the Makery on January 1.

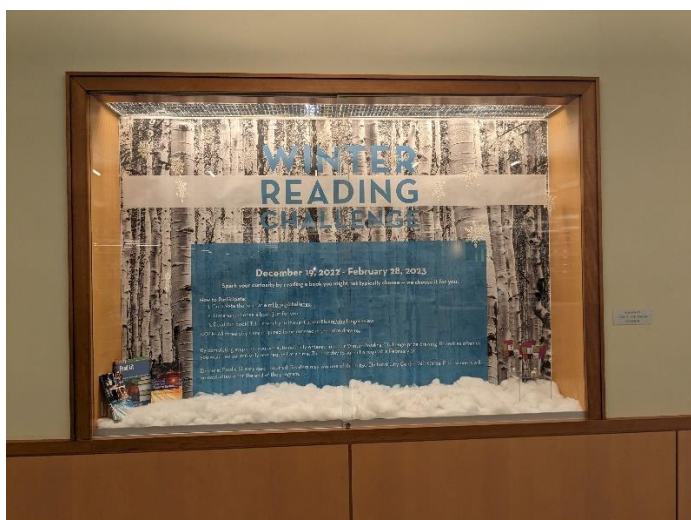
# ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dec 2022

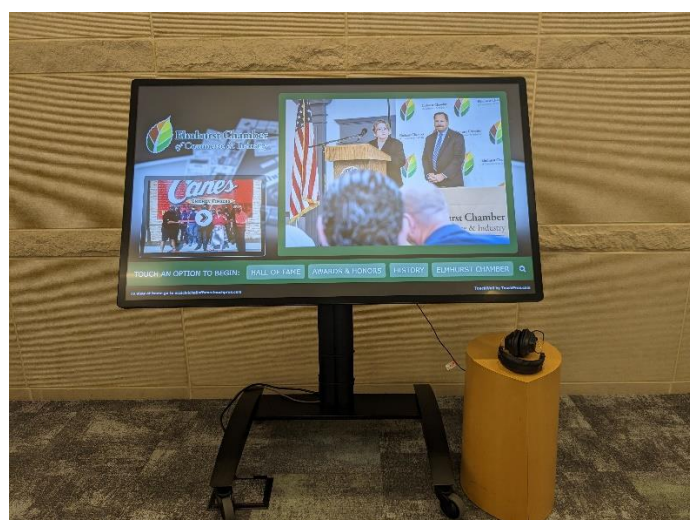
## What's Happening in Adult Services



In addition to newly painted walls, new videogame and table seating arrived to replace worn chairs in Teen.



The Winter Reading Challenge began in December. Patrons have a chance to win an Elmhurst City Centre gift card for reading books outside their typical choices.



The Library is hosting for the next few months the Chamber of Commerce's new Civic Hall of Fame Exhibit, the celebrates more than 20 years of inductees into the Chamber's Civic Hall of Fame.



Displays in December included "National Human Rights Month", "Holiday Books, Movies and Music" and "Cooking for Special Diets"



### Programs

Families enjoyed a wide variety of programs this month including the Polar Express T-Trak train display, New Year's Eve Science Spectacular, drop-in movies, holiday crafts around the world, Marble Snowflake Art, and a 3-day Art Camp. Some particular successes were the Lego WeDo Coding class with 100% attendance, the Festivals of Light storytimes, and the 3-day Art Camp.

[Katie Stringwell](#) and [Callie Romenesko](#) presented the Festivals of Light storytimes. Each week the preschoolers learned about a different celebration such as Winter Solstice, Bodhi Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. There was even a special guest, Marla Bentley from Etz Chaim congregation in Lombard, who joined us for stories about Hanukkah! Since our Christmas storytime occurred the same day as the winter storm, not many families were able to attend. Craft supplies were bagged and handed out to families browsing before the library closed for the afternoon.



**Festivals of Light: Kwanzaa Mats**



**Art Camp: Bridget Riley-inspired Op Art**

[Michael Speers](#) taught 10 third through fifth graders how to code using Scratch and to connect it the Lego WeDo robotics. They had so much fun making them move around the room.



**Lego WeDo**

## School, Scouts, & Community Outreach

Elmhurst preschools, elementary schools, and middle schools all received a promotional Winter Reading Program video, which included a variety of recommended reads. The middle schools also received the extra promotion of participating in the classroom activity entitled Road to Winter Reading Challenge, which encouraged students to take a selfie in the Middle School Hangout and to pick up a winter reading log. Of the 46 classrooms that participated in the challenge, 8 classes returned their finished forms and received prizes. There was a significant uptick in middle schoolers using the Hangout and asking about the Winter Reading Program.

There were three visits to elementary schools this month, which garnered the following recognition:

From Caroline Weaver at Hawthorne Elementary School:

*Dear Heather, words cannot express my gratitude for all you have done to help me over the past month. From the adapted activities, to the lesson plans, to TEACHING those plans....thank you so much! We are so lucky to have you at EPL!!! Thank you for everything!*

From Erin Howe at Jefferson Elementary School:

*"Thank you so much for all this winter reading program fun! The kids are so excited as I started sharing it today 😊 Also the Botley robots are a huge hit! Thank you!"*

The Homeschool Explorers: Animal Adventures program featured the Flying Fox Conservation Fund. Presenters walked around the room with their unusual animals so everyone had a close-up view. Of course, the sloth was the highlight!

Staff also spent time in the community providing a storytime at Holly Trolley event and crafts at Breakfast with Santa at Wilder Mansion.

## Displays

The collection was highlighted in variety of ways this month. Books from the WRP videos were put on special display, [Lori Hoegler](#) created 5 bibliographies featuring the best books of 2022 by age level, all the grade level bibliographies were updated, and a new book display was added outside of the Middle School Hangout to encourage more 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to check out materials.



### December Stats

<b>Elevator Count</b> <i>Foot traffic</i>	<b>Equipment Reservations</b> <i>Major equipment (e.g. Laser, Cricuts, sublimation)</i>	<b>Equipment Checkouts</b> <i>Laptops and sewing machines</i>	<b>3D Prints</b> <i>Requested by patrons, fulfilled by staff</i>
639	358	37	105

### 2022 Year End Stats

<b>Elevator Count</b> <i>Foot traffic</i>	<b>Equipment Reservations</b> <i>Major equipment (e.g. Laser, Cricuts, sublimation)</i>	<b>Equipment Checkouts</b> <i>Laptops and sewing machines</i>	<b>3D Prints</b> <i>Requested by patrons, fulfilled by staff</i>
6,221	2,246	280	543

December is usually the busiest month for the Makery and this one was no exception! We saw our second highest reservations total (November 399) and second highest elevator count (July 708, the Makery's 5-Year Anniversary celebration). All this in spite of holiday closings and emergency closings! Most visitors in November and December are here to make holiday gifts for their friends and family. Pictured below is a wooden serving tray that a patron etched on the laser and a polyethylene welcome mat that a patron personalized with the sublimation printer.

The Library made the always-difficult decision to close early on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the extreme weather. Shortly after the announcement was made, the Makery had a difficult decision to make as well: should we open at noon per usual even though it would only be for an hour? The answer turned out to be "yes." We decided to open and as a result the staff helped more than a dozen patrons work on their projects. The elevator burst open right at noon full of eager makers. Among them was one very ambitious family who against all odds laser-engraved nineteen glasses! In under an hour! It was a whirlwind of an afternoon that day so we didn't get the chance to take a photo but the father and two kids left happy, their determination rewarded.



# PROGRAM STATISTICS

December 2022

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	29	4
Art Therapy Night (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	7	1
Board Game Night (for 20 + 30somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	3	1
Bridge & Pinochle Club	Games	66	4
Chess Club	Games	0	1
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	8	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	5	1
Creative Card Making: Winter Holidays	Create	31	2
Culture Club: Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany (In-Person)	Adult Program	12	1
Culture Club: Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany (Virtual)	Adult Program	16	1
DIY Self-care Spa	Create	15	1
Families and Politics with Braver Angels (Virtual)	Civic Engagement	8	1
Friday Features: <i>After the Thin Man</i>	Adult Program	6	1
Friday Features: <i>Brian and Charles</i>	Adult Program	4	1
Friday Features: <i>Meet Me In St. Louis</i>	Adult Program	2	1
Friday Features: <i>Remember the Night</i>	Adult Program	7	1
Genealogy Club: Family Research in Illinois & Wisconsin (Virtual)	Adult Program	25	1
Google Photos	Technology	3	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	9	1
GreenMan Theatre Presents: Seasonal Stories (In-Person)	Adult Program	32	1
GreenMan Theatre Presents: Seasonal Stories (Virtual)	Adult Program	27	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	4	1
Intro to Art Appreciation (In-Person)	Common Connection	5	1
Intro to Art Appreciation (Virtual)	Common Connection	21	1
iPhone iOS	Technology	5	1
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: <i>Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness</i> by Ingrid Fetell Lee	Adult Program	3	1
Library Board Meeting	Adult Program	13	1
Library Insider Winter Card Making	Library Insiders	10	1
Meditation & Self-care Apps	Technology	2	1
Mindfulness Pop-Up	Adult Program	11	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Library Insiders	10	1
Private Community Outreach Program - Holiday Card wth ELSA Alumni Group	Inclusive	12	1
Reducing Holiday Stress Through Meditation (Virtual)	Adult Program	15	1
Scrabble Club	Games	7	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	2	1
Trading Titles	Adult Book Discussion	6	2
Virtual Author Visit: Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever	Books and Authors	25	1
Winter Decorations	Create	9	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>475</b>	<b>46</b>



Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Dungeons & Dragons	High School	1	1
High School Crafternoon	High School	2	1
Spill!	High School	2	1
Teen Advisors Meeting	High School	10	1
Teen Snack Testers	High School	6	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	10	4
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>
Middle School Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Hot Chocolate and Chat	Middle School	4	1
Outreach- Middle School AT Bryan	Middle School	135	1
Outreach- Middle School AT Churchville	Middle School	149	1
Outreach Middle School AT Sandburg	Middle School	741	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,029</b>	<b>5</b>
Kids' Library Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
""Helping Hands"" Community Drive Dec 1-31	Family	1	1
Adaptive Storytime with EU	Family	6	2
Art Camp	Elementary School	37	3
Explore a Story	Storytime	48	3
Festivals of Light Storytime	Storytime	90	4
Holiday Highlight Craft	Family	490	5
Homeschool Explorers	Homeschool	41	1
Learn to Code	Elementary School	10	1
Little Wiggles	Storytime	266	1
Marble Art: Snowflakes!	Elementary School	15	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	39	3
NYE Science Spectacular	Family	78	2
Open LEGO Building	Family	30	1
Outreach Community Santa at Wilder Mansion EPD	Family	200	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (1st)	Elementary School	24	1
Outreach Elementary AT Visitation (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	23	1
Outreach Preschool AT Visitation	Preschool	58	3
Play Switch!	Elementary School	7	1
Polar Express T-Trak Model Railroad	Family	425	2
Pop-up Storytime	Storytime	57	5
School's Out Movie: <i>Happy Feet</i>	Movies	30	1
School's Out Movie: <i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>	Movies	4	1
School's Out Movie: <i>Night at the Museum</i>	Movies	20	1
School's Out Movie: <i>The Bad Guys</i>	Movies	4	1
Scout visit Digital Photography	Scout Visit (P)	13	1
Scout visit Howling @ Moon	Scout Visit (P)	8	1
Songs & Stories	Storytime	100	4
Trolley Storytime	Family	50	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2,174</b>	<b>53</b>
Passive Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
<b>Adult Passive Programs:</b>			
I Spy Display	Adult Program	390	1
Inside Scoop	Adult Program	83	1

Masterpieces	Adult Program	260	1
Mini Art Show	Adult Program	425	1
Recording of Culture Club-Christmas Magic	Adult Program	14	1
Recording of Genealogy Club	Adult Program	12	1
Recording of GreenMan	Adult Program	39	1
Recording of Intro to Art Appreciation	Adult Program	22	1
Self-Check Machines	Adult Program	96	1
Social Services Folders	Adult Program	26	1
Spill Question of the Week	Adult Program	17	1
<b>Middle School Passive Programs:</b>			
MS Passive- Year of Books	Middle School	19	1
Passive Make your own keychain- MS Hangout	Middle School	40	1
<b>Kids' Passive Programs:</b>			
1,000 Books before Kindergarten Passive Stats	Preschool	12	1
Little Wiggles Virtual	Storytime	8	4
	<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Program Grand Total</b>		<b>1859</b>	<b>57</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		1,384	11
Total Program Statistics		475	46
<b>Teen Program Grand Total</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		0	0
Total Program Statistics		31	9
<b>Middle School Program Grand Total</b>		<b>1,088</b>	<b>7</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		59	2
Total Program Statistics		1,029	5
<b>Kids' Program Grand Total</b>		<b>2,194</b>	<b>58</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		20	5
Total Program Statistics		2,174	53
<b>Passive Program Total</b>		<b>1,463</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>5,172</b>	
<b>Total Programs</b>			<b>131</b>



# STATISTICAL REPORT

## December 2022

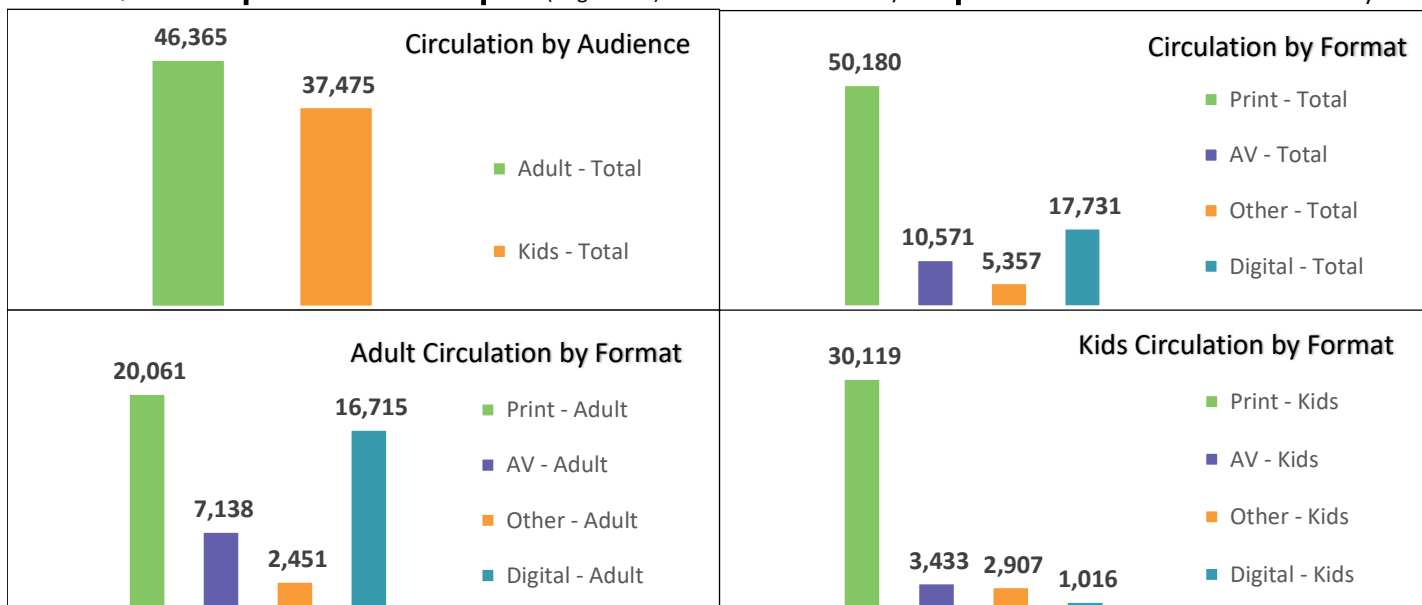
### Circulation

**Total Circulation**  
**84,801** ↓ -3%  
 87,158 last year  
**Card Holders**  
 23,485

**Library Card Usage**  
**8,428** ↑ 1%  
 8,382 last year

**Library Cards Issued**  
**Elmhurst**  
 (Issued) **128** ↓ -15%  
 150 last year  
**Reciprocal Borrower**  
 (Registered) **28** ↓ -3%  
 29 last year

**Interlibrary Loan**  
**Borrowed** **1,038** ↓ -8%  
 1,123 last year  
**Lent** **619** ↓ -19%  
 760 last year



### Technology Usage

#### Public Computer Use

**157,802** ↑ 1107%  
 13,072 last year

#### Website Visits

**164,658** ↑ 22%  
 134,583 last year

#### Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)  
**48%** ↑ 23%  
 39% last year

#### WiFi Sessions

**21,700** ↑ 15%  
 18,848 last year

### Reference Queries

#### Reference Questions Total

**3,630** ↑ 3%  
 3,517 last year

#### Reference Questions

**Adult**  
**2,867** ↑ 1%  
 2,842 last year

**Kids**  
**763** ↑ 13%  
 675 last year

### Meeting Room Use

#### Library Programs

**131** ↓ -3%  
 135 last year

#### Public Meetings

**55** ↓ -15%  
 65 last year

#### Group Study Rooms

**1,636** ↑ 16%  
 1,405 last year

### Programs

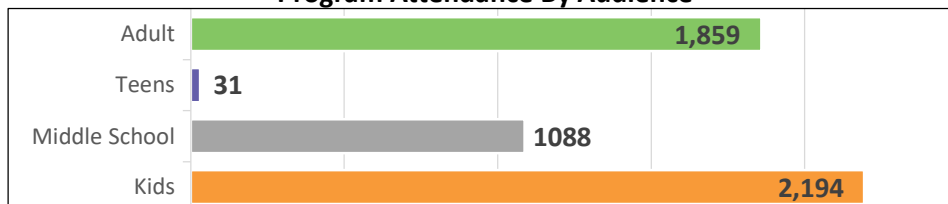
#### Program Attendance

**5,172** ↑ 61%  
 3,215 last year

#### Library Programs

**131** ↓ -3%  
 135 last year

#### Program Attendance By Audience



### Library Visits

#### Total Visits

**30,418** ↑ 12%  
 27,194 last year

#### In House Visits

**Makery** **639** ↑ 36%  
 470 last year

**Walk-In**  
**28,755** ↑ 14%  
 25,146 last year

**Drive-Up Visits**  
**1,663** ↓ -19%  
 2,048 last year


**Creative Studio** **81** ↑ 31%  
 62 last year

## Monthly Comparison

## Total Circulation

84,801  -3%  
87,158 last year

## Adult Circulation

46,319  -1%  
46,920 last year

## Kids Circulation

37,444  -4%  
39,115 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,038  -8%  
1,123 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

17,731  9%  
16,299 last year

## Databases

14,660  -14%  
17,048 last year


## Reference Questions Total

3,630  3%  
3,517 last year

## One on One Tutorials

52  2%  
51 last year

## Number of Programs

131  -3%  
135 last year

## Program Attendance

5,172  61%  
3,215 last year

## In-Person Visitors


28,755  14%  
25,146 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

1,663  -19%  
2,048 last year

## Year To Date Comparison

## Total Circulation

1,105,090  -3%  
1,141,992 last year

## Adult Circulation

578,025  -3%  
593,366 last year

## Kids Circulation

511,998  -4%  
534,013 last year


## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

15,067  3%  
14,614 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

209,280  2%  
204,359 last year

## Databases

150,941  -91%  
1,700,459 last year

## Reference Questions Total

49,850  18%  
42,321 last year

## One on One Tutorials

446  -2%  
454 last year

## Number of Programs

1,823  40%  
1,300 last year

## Program Attendance

64,580  88%  
34,381 last year

## In-Person Visitors

362,996  41%  
256,977 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

23,212  -25%  
31,035 last year

### Collection Totals

**Books and Magazines**

185,954

**Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics**

6,009

**Audio Visual**

36,449

**Digital**

159,836

### Notable Happenings in Circulation

- Two *Cards for Kids* library cards were issued this month and one card was renewed.
- There are 12 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Five Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$1,393.90.
- There are 95 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 4,378 holds this month.
- On Dec 27, we checked in 3,642 items after our extended closure.