

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Notably, almost all usage statistics increased this month over last year. Circulation, visitor counts, program attendance, database usage, and even reference questions were up. One area that decreased, was drive-up service. This seems to reflect the COVID spike that happened last year. It's good to see that usage levels are increasing.
- The EPL Social Committee planned a pizza party and craft activity in the Makery to celebrate the 5-Star award. Staff always enjoy pizza!
- In the Admin Department we're beginning to get into a new groove after all the changes that took place due to Rita's retirement. We're all getting used to new processes as the workflow is divided differently. We're also getting used to working with the new finance system. All is going well.

ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jan 2023

New Staff

Welcome to two new librarians, Kelsey Wilcoxon and Christi Hawn! Kelsey is a librarian from the Kids' Department and started working 16 hours in Adult Services in January. Christi is joining us from Naperville Library and started on January 31st.

Study Rooms Back to Pre-COVID Use

It's worth noting that while many usage indicators have remained below pre-COVID levels, this cannot be said of study rooms which are currently trending higher across the last 12 months than they were for the 12 months preceding COVID. That's more than 19,000 study room uses.

Winter Reading Challenge

100 patrons have participated in the Winter Reading Challenge so far. It ends at the end of February.

Popular Displays



Teen Blind Date with a Book Display



Teen #BookTok & #Bookstagram Display



New Year's Resolution Display

Programs

This month Winter Reading was in full swing. Readers and listeners came to the Help Desk for their well-deserved prizes, including a chance to win a raffle prize (see below).



Passive programming included drop-in “Snow Fun” activities and a winter sensory bingo to be completed at home. **Callie Romenesko's** snow science was a favorite. The children created a sled from a cardboard tube; weighed down the sled with different items such as cotton balls, binder clips, and erasers; and tested the speed of their sleds by racing them down a rain gutter.

Virtual programming included a cozy fort storytime where children could listen to stories from the comfort of their own home. We received the following feedback from a patron:



Our daughters have participated in a variety of programs over the years. Most recently they were part of a virtual story time and they had such a fun time with it! I attached a picture of them in their fort listening to a story.

We cannot say enough about how amazing the Elmhurst library is. Thank you for continuing to offer the wonderful array of programming that you do for kids of all ages. Thanks also to the phenomenal staff who are so engaging and supportive of our kids. We look forward to continuing to take advantage of these opportunities!

For some dog-related fun, children could do Read to the Dogs on January 14 and Crafting for Canines on January 28. Tricia Sutton of Paws 4 Kids 4 Paws presented the crafting program. The kids made dog toys that were donated to Safe Haven Dog Rescue.

School, Scouts, & Community Outreach



To promote Winter Reading, **Katie Stringwell** made seven visits to Park District classes, Bethel Learning Center, YMCA, and Mary Queen of Heaven dressed as a penguin. Upon her return from each visit, she made sure to spend time in the department to greet the children there. She received the following thank you note from Michele Zielinski (Park District) *"Thank you for taking the time to visit a few of our sites to talk about the winter reading program. All the kiddos have been talking about 'the penguin'!"*

Teacher requests have been picking up again after winter break, with IC fourth graders and Timothy Christian fifth graders beginning biography projects. Staff handled a request from Brenda Gorman, Professor and Multicultural & Multilingual Emphasis Coordinator at Elmhurst University. Her students needed a list of new or popular children's books (elementary level) to examine with characters representing children from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, abilities/disabilities, and with diverse gender identities

Heather Forster Jensen held a day-long visit in the Edison school library this month. The visit included sessions with six classes. Mary Greska, the school librarian and media specialist, was also able to utilize Heather's lesson plans with her other classes that week. Mary followed up afterward emailing, "Thanks again, so very much, for visiting today!" and posted about the visit on the school's Twitter account.



Collection and Displays

The Assistive Material collection continues to find its audience. We received some great feedback from a regular patron who is also a psychologist. She was thrilled that we are offering these items.

Some new 3-bin-style shelving was ordered for the Learning Garden and Beginning Readers. There will also be a new more modern-looking shelving unit for anime and manga outside the Middle School Hangout.

Our penguin display was featured on the Elmhurst Instagram story because a book by a local author was highlighted.



January 2023

facebook

 YouTube



January Stats

Elevator Count	Equipment Reservations	Equipment Checkouts	3D Prints
<i>foot traffic</i>	<i>major equipment only (e.g. laser, embroidery, Cricuts)</i>	<i>laptops & sewing ma- chines</i>	requested by patrons
723	196	35	55

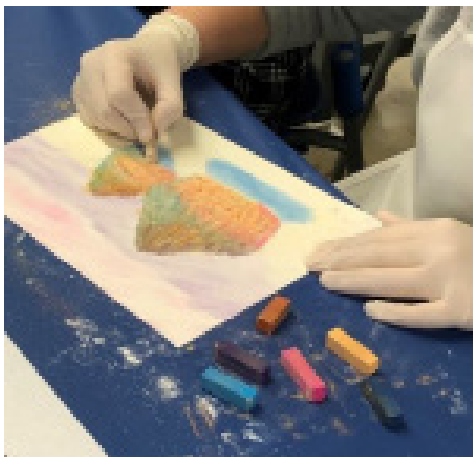
New Fume Extractor

The fume extractor pairs with the laser engraver. It extracts and filters smoke and particles produced during normal use of the laser. This replaces the original fume extractor purchased in 2017.

- Safer: better seals prevent leakage
- More Energy Efficient: Auto On/Off feature means the extractor runs at full power less frequently
- More Cost Effective: fewer, cheaper, and more efficient filters will save an estimated \$1,425/year
- Filters need to be replaced every 6 months, depending on usage

Old Fume Extractor	New Fume Extractor
<i>FSL200</i>	<i>BOFA Zing 24</i>
\$2,735/year	\$1,310/year

Programs



Monet-Inspired Haystacks, a pastels class presented by Creative Specialist Jen Kryczka



Makery staff collaborated to help patrons make an Embroidered Skyline Sign throughout the month

Being A Good Neighbor



EdisonStudio205 @EdisonStudio205 · 9m
Replying to @NickStoyas @ElmhurstD205 and 2 others
So fun and so many possibilities. Thanks !Brian @askelmhurst for the very easy-to-follow demo and @NickStoyas for organizing! Looks like ar @EdisonD205 Bobcat to me!



Library Media Specialists from D205 Schools spent part of their latest institute day in the Makery, learning how to use their new Circuit machines. This event was specially planned by D205 Instructional Technology Director Nick Stoyas and Makery staff.

Makery Makes a Cameo at ALA



Those hoodies were customized in the Makery! Makery staff assisted a librarian from Evanston Public Library to deliver big news to YA author Isaac Blum. Blum's "The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen" won the 2023 Morris award ALA's LibLearnX Conference in January. The novel's main character, Hoodie, love Starburst candy. In celebration, the librarians on the committee who chose the winner donned hoodies with the name "Hoodie" stylized as the Starburst logo.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

January 2023

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
A Matter of Balance	Seniors	34	1
Adult Book Discussion: <i>Hamnet</i> by Maggie O'Farrell	Adult Book Discussion	16	2
Advance Directives: Empowering Your End of Life Wishes (In-Person)	Adult Program	10	1
Advance Directives: Empowering Your End of Life Wishes (Virtual)	Adult Program	15	1
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	24	4
Analog to Digital Conversion	Technology	12	1
Assisted Living & Elder Law	Adult Program	10	1
Basket Weaving	Create	26	1
Bridge & Pinochle Club	Games	98	5
Career Change: Plan and Prepare for a Successful Transition	Adult Program	2	1
Chair Yoga	Seniors	24	1
Charging Your Worth With Confidence (Virtual)	Business	10	1
Chess Club	Games	1	2
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	12	1
Clean Energy and Solar with CUB (Virtual)	Adult Program	10	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	8	1
Cookie Decorating (For 20-30somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	19	1
Creative Card Making: Valentine's Day	Create	27	2
Culture Club: Southeast Asian and Indian Cuisine (In-Person)	Adult Program	22	1
Culture Club: Southeast Asian and Indian Cuisine (Virtual)	Adult Program	11	1
Drop-In Device Help	Technology	3	1
Elmhurst Business Connection	Business	21	1
Elmhurst Park District Job Fair	Outreach (P)	31	1
eMedia	Technology	6	1
Excel Intermediate	Technology	3	1
Fisher-Price: Celebrating Over 80 Years of Fun (In-Person)	Adult Program	7	1
Fisher-Price: Celebrating Over 80 Years of Fun (Virtual)	Adult Program	56	1
Friday Features	Adult Program	40	4
Genealogy Club: Using Marriage Records as Genealogical Resources (In-Person)	Genealogy	4	1
Genealogy Club: Using Marriage Records as Genealogical Resources (Virtual)	Genealogy	17	1
Georgia O'Keeffe: The Inspiration of Nature (In-Person)	Common Connection	39	1
Georgia O'Keeffe: The Inspiration of Nature (Virtual)	Common Connection	47	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	17	1
Greencastle Outreach - Makery	Outreach (P)	12	1
HOPE Fair Housing Tabling	Social Services	40	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	3	1
Intro to Drawing	Common Connection	15	1
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: <i>Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones</i> by James Clear	Adult Program	7	1

Library Board Meeting	Adult Program	8	1
Life Lessons from the Happiest People on Earth (In-Person)	Adult Program	20	1
Life Lessons from the Happiest People on Earth (Virtual)	Adult Program	70	1
Lyric Opera Lecture: <i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Adult Program	7	1
Monet-inspired Haystacks	Create	8	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Library Insiders	19	2
Organizing Digital Files	Technology	14	1
Plug In & Play (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	8	1
Pub Trivia	Adult Program	3	1
Puzzle Speed Challenge	Games	45	1
Scrabble Club	Games	11	1
Skill Up DuPage (In-Person)	Adult Program	7	1
Skill Up DuPage (Virtual)	Adult Program	1	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	8	1
The Art of Ferris Bueller (In-Person)	Common Connection	8	1
The Art of Ferris Bueller (Virtual)	Common Connection	33	1
The Power of Forgiveness	Adult Program	5	1
Virtual Author Visit: Inciting Joy with Ross Gay	Author Visit	14	1
TOTALS		1,048	70
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Makery 101: Laser Cutter Basics	Makery	8	1
Makery Craft: Embroidered Skyline Sign	Makery	23	1
TOTALS		31	2
Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Dungeons & Dragons	High School	0	1
High School Crafternoon	High School	2	1
Spill!	High School	20	4
Teen Advisory Group	High School	10	1
Teen Snack Testers	High School	2	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	12	4
TOTALS		46	12
Middle School Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Beeswax Candles	Middle School	15	1
Diamond Painting	Middle School	20	1
TOTALS		35	2
Kids' Library Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Animal Yoga	Elementary School	12	1
Celebrate Chinese New Year	Family	60	1
Cozy Fort Storytime	Storytime	2	1
Crafting for Canines	Elementary School	16	1
Explore a Story	Storytime	118	4
Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s	Storytime	62	4
Globe Trekker: Kids Around the World	Elementary School	14	1
Helping Hands Care Kit Assembly	Family	30	1
Homeschool Explorers	Homeschool	20	1
James Webb Telescope: What's Up?	Family	21	1
Kids' Chess Club	Elementary School	10	1
Learn to 3D Print!	Elementary School	13	1
Little Wiggles	Storytime	388	5
Little Wiggles Virtual	Storytime	28	4

Mandarin/English Bilingual Storytime	Storytime	16	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	41	4
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (1st)	Elementary School	22	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (2nd)	Elementary School	23	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (3rd)	Elementary School	21	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (4th)	Elementary School	23	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	27	2
Outreach Preschool AT Bethel Learning Center	Outreach (P)	55	1
Outreach Preschool AT Eldridge Bldg.	Outreach (P)	12	1
Parent/Child Makers: Create Your Own Stickers	Elementary School	12	1
Penguins and Snow Globes	Family	23	1
Pop-up Storytime	Storytime	122	5
Preschool Outreach AT Butterfield EPD	Outreach (P)	10	1
Preschool Outreach AT EPD Wilder Bldg.	Outreach (P)	11	1
Preschool Outreach AT Mary Queen of Heaven	Outreach (P)	30	1
Preschool Outreach AT Wagner Community Center	Outreach (P)	20	1
Preschool Outreach AT YMCA	Outreach (P)	7	1
Read to the Dogs	Elementary School	38	1
Scout Brownie visit NM	Scout Visit (P)	28	1
Scout Visit - Game Design	Scout Visit (P)	12	1
Scout Visit - Juniors Makery sewing	Scout Visit (P)	12	1
Scout visit buttons	Scout Visit (P)	21	1
Scout Visit Makery CR/NM	Scout Visit (P)	30	1
Scout Visit Tour NM	Scout Visit (P)	14	1
Scout World Thinking Day prep	Scout Visit (P)	6	1
Songs & Stories	Storytime	158	4
Super Snow Science	Elementary School	7	1
Wonderful Wednesday Storytime	Storytime	147	4
TOTALS		1,742	69
Passive Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Passive Programs:			
1/25 Mini Art Show - 136	ADS Program	136	1
1/26 Library Services: Local Book Club Resources - 87	ADS Program	87	1
National Hobby Month Interactive Display	ADS Program	32	1
Recording of 1/10 Clean Energy and Solar Power - 14	ADS Program	14	1
Recording of 1/11 Advance Directives - 21	ADS Program	21	1
Recording of 1/18 Charging Your Worth - 14	ADS Program	14	1
Social Services Folders	ADS Program	19	4
Spill Question of the Week	ADS Program	11	2
The Best Book You Read in 2022 display/drawing	ADS Program	19	1
Middle School Passive Programs:			
Middle School Winter Bingo	Middle School	8	1
Kids' Passive Programs:			
Collections Spotlight: 1,000 Books before Kindergarten			
Passive Stats	Preschool	81	1
1,000 Books before Kindergarten Passive Stats	Preschool	21	1
Snow Fun Activity	Family	480	5
International LEGO Day	Family	53	1
Winter Sensory Bingo, Jan 3-31	Family	115	1
		Attendance	Sessions
Adult Program Grand Total		1432	85
Total Passive Program Statistics		353	13
Total Program Statistics		1,079	72

STATISTICAL REPORT

January 2023

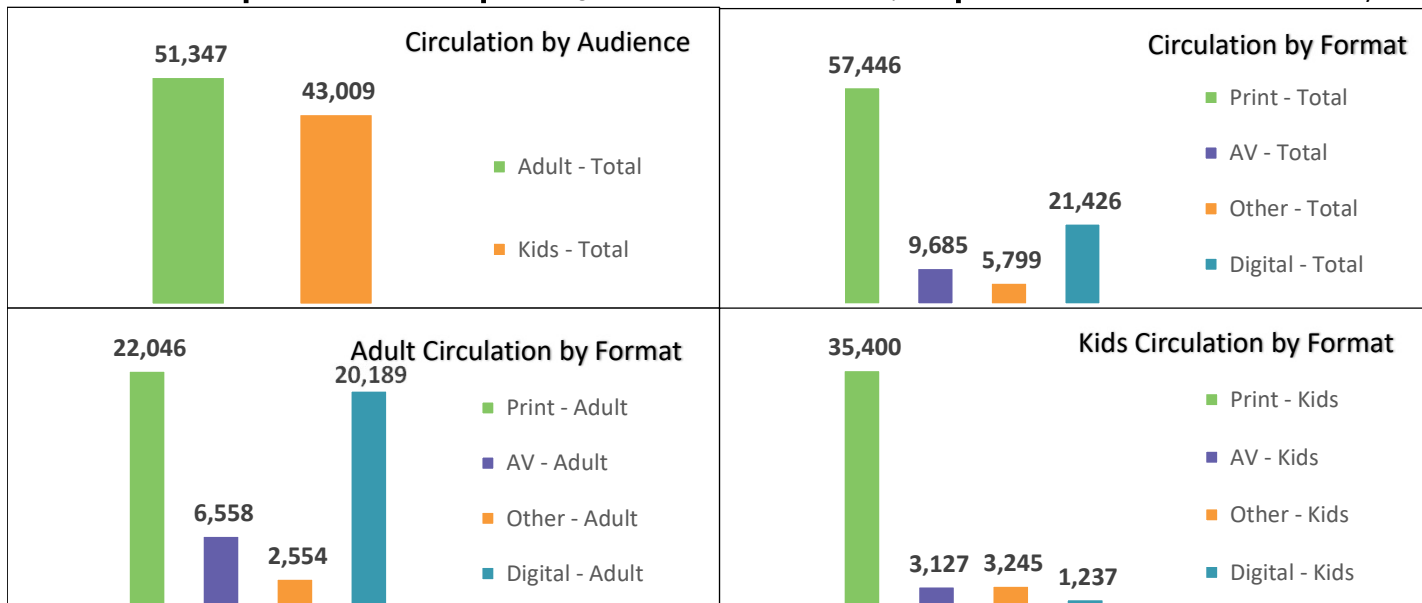
Circulation

Total Circulation
95,627 ↑ 2%
 93,478 last year
Card Holders
 23,731

Library Card Usage
8,869 ↑ 5%
 8,433 last year

Library Cards Issued
Elmhurst **255** ↑ 39%
 (Issued) 183 last year
Reciprocal Borrower **64** ↑ 68%
 (Registered) 38 last year

Interlibrary Loan
Borrowed **1,271** ↑ 0%
 1,265 last year
Lent **802** ↓ -5%
 844 last year



Technology Usage

Public Computer Use

16,768 ↑ 30%
 12,862 last year

Website Visits

161,180 ↑ 16%
 138,765 last year

Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)
47% ↑ 21%
 39% last year

WiFi Sessions

23,591 ↑ 30%
 18,135 last year

Reference Queries

Reference Questions Total

4,391 ↑ 9%
 4,039 last year

Reference Questions

Adult
3,302 ↑ 6%
 3,101 last year

Kids
1,089 ↑ 16%
 938 last year

Meeting Room Use

Library Programs

176 ↑ 54%
 114 last year

Public Meetings

86 ↑ 15%
 75 last year

Group Study Rooms

1,819 ↑ 26%
 1,446 last year

Programs

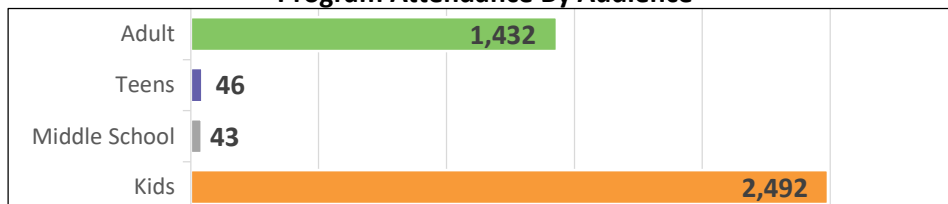
Program Attendance

4,013 ↑ 51%
 2,650 last year

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 114 last year

Program Attendance By Audience



Library Visits

Total Visits

34,420 ↑ 36%
 25,262 last year

In House Visits

Makery **723** ↑ 107%
 349 last year

Walk-In

32,381 ↑ 41%
 22,981 last year

Drive-Up Visits

2,039 ↓ -11%
 2,281 last year

Creative Studio

93 ↑ 13%
 82 last year

Monthly Comparison

Total Circulation

95,627  2%
93,478 last year

Adult Circulation

51,347  1%
50,860 last year

Kids Circulation

43,009  4%
41,353 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,271  0%
1,265 last year

Digital Material Circulation

21,426  12%
19,155 last year


Databases

34,778  165%
13,117 last year

Reference Questions Total

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One on One Tutorials

51  0%
51 last year

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Collection Totals

Books and Magazines

186,418

Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,028

Audio Visual

35,686

Digital

162,653

Notable Happenings in Circulation

- No *Cards for Kids* library cards were issued or renewed this month.
- There are 12 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Six Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$929.97.
- There are 104 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 5,346 holds this month.