

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Spring break brought many families to the Library making it a very busy week for all. The Kids' Library always has a drop-in craft among other fun drop-in activities for families to enjoy.
- The teen area looks refreshed with new paint, furniture, and a colorful tackable surface added to the wall. The tackable surface will be used to display teen artwork and other informational items.
- The Elmhurst Art Museum HVAC project is nearly complete and the fence surrounding half their parking lot will be removed soon. This will open up more parking for the Library. With visits increasing, it will be good to have more spaces.

ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mar 2023

EPL Reading Adventure Update

We're trying something new for the EPL Reading Adventure, our quarterly passive program that invites patrons share their experience after reading a book on a preselected theme each quarter. This quarter the program is being run in our Beanstack software (<https://elmlib.org/beanstack>) and patrons will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Elmhurst City Centre gift card. For the theme this quarter we're asking patrons to choose a book that will teach them something new.



Travel Advisory

Anne Swanson, Jeannine Lau and the ADS team are experimenting with implementing a new service that we're

currently referring to as "travel advisory." As a toe-dip this month they put together an interactive display that ties in to the Europe on a Budget Culture Club program and invites patrons to share their response on a post-it note to the question, "What are your best tips for traveling on a budget?" Patrons have shown some interest and participated as you can see from the blue notes on the white board. We'll be exploring this concept more in 2023, so keep your eyes peeled. It could include any combination of shelf talkers, book lists, or a recommendation service.



KIDS' LIBRARY DEPT REPORT

March 2023

Programs

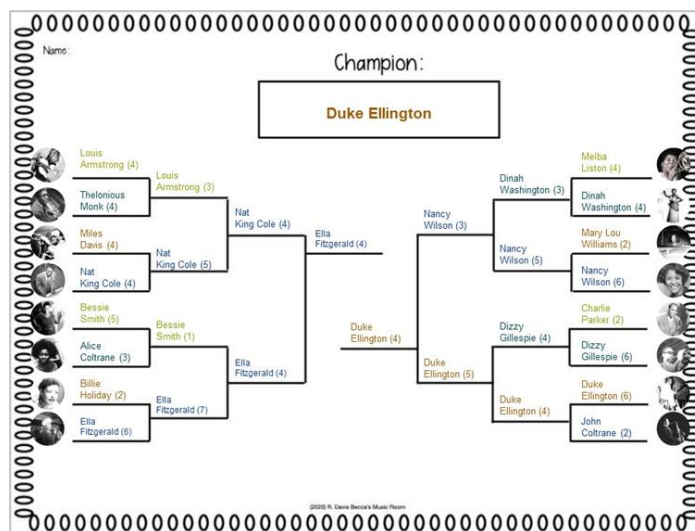
Spring programs were popping up all month long. March Picture Book Madness highlighted many new picture books, which kids enjoyed voting on each week. In a very close contest, Seth Meyer's *I'm Not Scared, You're Scared* beat *The Very True Legend of the Mongolian Death Worms* by just a few votes. Erin Howe from Jefferson Elementary School reached out, hoping to use the same titles for their program. She was so grateful for the title list and extra copies ordered, replying, "Holy guacamole!! You all are amazing!! Thank you so much!!" Erin followed-up at the end of the month to say, "I just wanted to say thank you again for not only picking out such wonderful books but also ordering the extra copies for Jefferson to be able to participate! The students loved it!"



Spring Break activities included Dog-Man Day, Weird but True, Craftapalooza, Minion Movie Madness, and National Crayon Day. For National Crayon Day, families were able to drop-in for special crayon-themed coloring and activity sheets, an oversized "I Spy Crayons" poster, collaborative art posters, a crayon craft, and crayon trivia facts.

We held two All That Jazz programs for elementary school-aged children. The younger kids received their own listening journal to draw what they heard as they listened to each song. The older children created a March-madness inspired jazz bracket. During the first round of matches, the presenter shared fun facts about each pair of musicians prior to playing samples of one of their best-known songs. After each song, the kids shared their thoughts and voted on which one to move onto the next round until they had our champion.

The program "Hi Max!" featured first grader Malena who has written a book about her brother Max who has cerebral palsy. The audience was engaged and asked good questions. Everyone who came drew self-portraits saying Hi! to Max, which they gave to him before leaving. This was a great inclusive program which brought in a number of special needs families and was a wonderful way for kids to engage with someone with differences.



School, Scouts, & Community Outreach

The Spring into Reading Videos for Grades K-5 went live on Friday, March 17, in time for librarians and teachers to review and make plans to show during classes the week before spring break. Extra copies of the featured titles were ordered and put on display.

Fiona Dolce met with Bryan and Churchville Middle School librarians to discuss ways the library could support their schools. This led to two visits: 1) **Bryan Book Tastings** which allowed students to explore new book titles and learn about getting a “break box” just in time for spring break, and 2) **Churchville Club Visit** during which the kids were able to make a few different buttons and stickers that they could take home with them.

High Touch High Tech of Chicagoland delighted budding young scientists with simple machines during the Homeschool Explorers program.



Collection/Displays

Fiona Dolce and **Carol Chlystek** were in charge of displays this month and decided to focus Women in STREAM, Holi, Basketball, Time/Clocks, National Deaf History and Spring. For Women’s History Month, care was taken to highlight women from different backgrounds and time periods.



March Marketing Topics included:

Programming: Common Connection: Mind Matters

Common Connection is a series of programs using lectures, discussions and critical thinking to identify topics that influence the world today. Spring's topic is Mind Matters. Join us for programs throughout the spring that ponder and celebrate our powerful, resilient, and mysterious minds.

Collection: Adventure Backpacks (video available)

Created as part of an Eagle Scout service project, Adventure Backpacks offer guidance and tools to explore the outdoors. These materials provide people of all ages a jumping off point to spark curiosity about nature. You'll find the following themes available for checkout: Geocaching, Aquatics, Animals, Rocks & Minerals, Elmhurst History, and Plants.

elmlib.org/YouTube

Services: Social Services (video available)

Meet Tracey, our Full-Time Social Services Specialist and learn more about how Tracey connects patrons to services for employment/job aid, social security, low cost and free services that assist with food, housing, domestic issues and legal aid. Tracey is available by appointment or during designated drop-in hours for direct and referral-based support.

elmlib.org/YouTube

Inside Scoop: From Page to Screen

Some of your favorite big screen movies or bingeable series may have been books first. Read the original story so you can settle the debate was the book better than the movie? Or did the movie surpass what was written on the page? Ask staff for suggestions or subscribe to the bi-monthly Page to Screen list for the latest adaptations.

elmlib.org/PageToScreen

Community Connection: Spring Themed Selfie Banner

Add some spring to your step by hopping on over to our spring-themed selfie station! Your smile is sure to brighten the day, so make sure to share your sunny spring selfies using #ElmhurstPublicLibrary.

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

eNews from 3/23



EPL is hiring! View [employment opportunities at the Library](#).

Social Services Spotlight



Did you know the Library has a full-time social worker on staff? Providing this service is another way the Library seeks to empower our community and help those in need. Watch our latest video in our Library Services series to learn more.

Watch

New Extraordinary Items

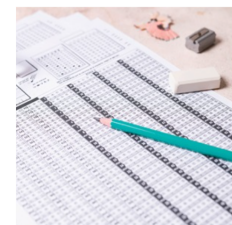


Our [Library of Extraordinary Things](#) has so many items to make your life easier. Some of the newest additions to the collection include tripods and mounts for easy hands-free use of your smartphone, tablet, or camera.

[Mini Tripod](#)
[Smartphone Tripod Mount](#)
[Sunpak Tripod](#)
[Tablet Computer Stand](#)
[Tablet Computer Mount](#)


Learn More

Exam Proctoring




Proctoring is the perfect remote testing option for college students or professionals seeking certifications. This service is available to individuals who live or work in Elmhurst. A minimum of five days' notice is required.

Post details


Elmhurst Public Library
 Published by Carol Schlundt Pavlik · 71 · March 10 ·

This week's Needle Felted Succulents class resulted in these adorable mini succulents that will never need watering! We are grateful to Maddie for sharing her expertise.

Curious about needlefelting? Log in to elmilb.org/creativebug with your library card, and search classes for "felting." You'll find an introduction to this technique and some project ideas!



Performance for your post

1,830 People Reached

43 Reactions, Comments & Shares

36 Like	36 On Post	0 On Shares
4 Love	4 On Post	0 On Shares
3 Comments	3 On Post	0 On Shares
0 Shares	0 On Post	0 On Shares


333 Post Clicks

255 Photo views	7 Link clicks	71 Other clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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Elmhurst Public Library
 Published by Carol Schlundt Pavlik · 71 · March 17 ·

Stop by the Kids' Library to see this colorful artwork on display in honor of Max Lindberg, who requested a mural through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The artwork is by children's book illustrator Alejandro Echavez.



Performance for your post

1,322 People Reached

50 Reactions, Comments & Shares

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14 Love	7 On Post	7 On Shares
1 Comments	0 On Post	1 On Shares
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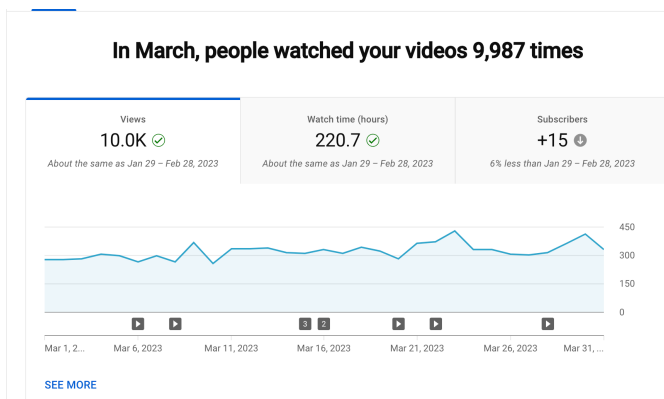
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MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

MARCH 2023

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 machines</i>	requested by patrons
719	167	33	65



Makery Outreach

Creative Specialist, Jen Kryczka, visited Greencastle of Elmhurst to lead an art class inspired by Monet's Haystacks.



Makery Drop-In

The March Drop-In was developed by Creative Specialist, Jen Kryczka. Patrons used beads, a pipe cleaner, and a hot glue gun to create shamrock pins.



Makery Craft

This month's reservable Makery Craft was sublimation stickers. 25 patrons brought in photos to make a custom set of stickers using the sublimation printer and the heat press.



Maker Spotlight

In March, two moms used the Cricut Maker and the heat press to create more than a dozen customized bags for their daughters' Girl Scout Troop.



New in the Makery

Now available for purchase in the Makery, laserable anodized aluminum dog tags! Great for pets, keychains, or jewelry.



New in the Makery

Makery staff took the next step in rolling out the new 3D printers. See the quality difference in these two identical objects! On the left, the old MakerBots brand. On the right, the new Dremel brand.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

March 2023

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
<i>Invisible Warriors</i> Film Introduction	Adults	7	1
<i>Invisible Warriors</i> : An Evening with Documentary Historian Gregory S. Cooke	Adults	11	1
20s/30s Book Discussion: <i>Broken (in the Best Possible Way)</i> by Jenny Lawson	20s/30s Adults	4	1
Adult Book Discussion: <i>Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family</i> by Robert Kolker	Adults	7	1
Adult Book Discussion: <i>Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family</i> by Robert Kolker	Adults	8	1
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adults	38	5
Art Therapy	Adults	11	1
Art Therapy Night (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20s/30s Adults	25	1
Astrology Roundtable	Adults	8	1
Bridge & Pinochle	Adults	69	4
Business Tool Training: Mergent Intellect	Adults	0	1
Canasta	Adults	26	4
Chair Yoga	Adults	22	1
Ciao Italia!	Adults	6	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Adults	7	1
Computer Basics	Adults	2	1
Culture Club: Tour du Mont Blanc (In-Person)	Adults	12	1
Culture Club: Tour du Mont Blanc (Virtual)	Adults	8	1
Cutting the Cable Cord	Adults	20	1
Elmhurst Business Connection: Core Value Proposition	Adults	23	1
Fake News, Real News, and How to Tell the Difference (In person)	Adults	11	1
Fake News, Real News, and How to Tell the Difference (Virtual)	Adults	21	1
Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess (In-Person)	Adults	50	1
Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess (Virtual)	Adults	48	1
Friday Features: <i>Ticket to Paradise</i>	Adults	99	5
Genealogy Club: Comparing the Genealogy Big Four (In-Person)	Adults	8	1
Genealogy Club: Comparing the Genealogy Big Four (Virtual)	Adults	19	1
Gluten-Free Cooking (In-Person)	Adults	30	1
Gluten-Free Cooking (Virtual)	Adults	7	1
Google Drive	Adults	10	1
Great Decisions	Adults	20	1
Greencastle Outreach		18	2
GreenMan Theatre Presents: Mind Matters (In-Person)	Adults	33	1
GreenMan Theatre Presents: Mind Matters (Virtual)	Adults	12	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Adults	6	1
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: <i>Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age</i> by Sanjay Gupta M.D.	Adults	11	1
Library Board Meeting	Adults	9	1

Library Insiders: Inclusive Game Night	Adults	11	1
Lyric Opera Lecture: <i>Carmen</i>	Adults	14	1
Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception (In-Person)	Adults	9	1
Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception (Virtual)	Adults	18	1
Mini Piñatas	Adults	24	2
Morning Parent Book Discussion: <i>Good Inside</i>	Adults	4	1
Needle Felted Succulents	Adults	24	2
Next Chapter Book Club	Adults	11	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Adults	14	1
Organizing 101: Spring Cleaning Specifics (In-Person)	Adults	13	1
Organizing 101: Spring Cleaning Specifics (Virtual)	Adults	33	1
Organizing Digital Files	Adults	7	1
Printmaking	Adults	13	1
Pub Trivia	Adults	1	1
Scrabble	Adults	6	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adults	14	1
Sublimation Tumblers (for 20-30 Somethings)	20s/30s Adults	13	1
The Fly Girls of WWII (In-Person)	Adults	34	1
The Fly Girls of WWII (Virtual)	Adults	15	1
The Women Who Built Hollywood (In-Person)	Adults	9	1
The Women Who Built Hollywood (Virtual)	Adults	27	1
Virtual Author Visit with Mary Roach	Adults	20	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (In-Person)	Adults	23	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (Virtual)	Adults	54	1
TOTALS		1,137	78
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Makery 101: 3D Printing	Adults	7	1
Makery Craft: Sublimation Stickers	Adults	25	1
TOTALS		32	2
Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
DIY Oreo Pie	Grades 9-12	4	1
Night of Philosophy	Grades 9-12	15	1
Outreach Community Youth Vol Fair at York	Families	161	1
Teen Advisory Group	Grades 9-12	6	1
Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)	Grades 9-12	2	1
Teen Crafternoon	Grades 9-12	3	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	Grades 9-12	4	5
TOTALS		195	11
Middle School Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
3D Printing	Grades 6-8	6	1
FD at Churchville		14	1
Mario Party	Grades 6-8	3	1
Needle Felting	Grades 6-8	6	1
Outreach- EPL at Bryan Middle School FD	Grades 6-8	180	1
TOTALS		209	5
Kids' Library Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Anything-but-a-Brush Art	Families	21	1
Craftapalooza	Families	150	1

Homeschool Explorers: High Touch High Tech	Grades 6-8	24	1
Kid Author Visit: <i>Hi, Max!</i>	Families	50	1
Kids' Chess Club		16	1
Learn to Code	Early Elementary (Gr. K-2)	14	1
Little Wiggles	Families	474	9
March Picture Book Madness		266	4
Mario Party		10	1
MiniMakers: Bedroom Banners	Ages 3-5	16	1
Mother Goose & Me	Newborn to 11 months w/ adult	69	4
Outreach Community-Mom & Baby Hour	Newborn to 11 months w/ adult	9	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (3rd)		21	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (4th)		20	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (5th)		26	1
Outreach Preschool AT Madison ECLC	Preschool (Ages 3-5)	85	1
Pop-up Storytime		32	1
Romp and Rhyme	Ages 1-2 w/ adult	365	9
Scout visit - Makery sewing		20	1
Scout visit Howl at the Moon		6	1
Scout visit sewing		11	1
Scout visit sewing Makery		8	1
Scout visit tour & buttons		20	1
Shamrocks and Leprechauns	Ages 3-5	34	1
Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime	Ages 1-2 w/ adult	14	1
Weird But True		12	1
TOTALS		1,793	48
Passive Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Passive Programs:			
Collections Spotlight: Adventure Backpacks		102	1
Coloring Books		50	2
Library Services: Social Services		162	1
Reading Adventure		9	1
Recording of Comparing the Genealogy Big Four		22	1
Recording of DeCluttering		34	1
Recording of Estate Planning		23	1
Recording of Flying High		33	1
Recording of FOIA		10	1
Recording of Gluten-Free Cooking		7	1
Recording of GreenMan Theatre Mind Matters		35	1
Recording of Mind Games		29	1
Recording of Vegan Cooking		5	1
Recording of Widen the Lens		73	1
Social Services Folders		22	4
Teen Passive Programs:			
Teen Mental Wellness	Grades 9-12	57	1
Middle School Passive Programs:			
Word Search		10	1
Kids' Passive Programs:			
1000 Books Before Kindergarten		22	1
Craft Table		1,050	4
National Crayon Day	Families	100	1
Spring into Reading - Grades 2-3		67	1

Spring into Reading - Grades 4-5		35	1
Spring into Reading - Grades K-1		67	1
	Attendance		Sessions
Adult Program Grand Total		1785	99
Total Passive Program Statistics		616	19
Total Program Statistics		1,169	80
Teen Program Grand Total		252	12
Total Passive Program Statistics		57	1
Total Program Statistics		195	11
Middle School Program Grand Total		219	6
Total Passive Program Statistics		10	1
Total Program Statistics		209	5
Kids' Program Grand Total		3,134	57
Total Passive Program Statistics		1,341	9
Total Program Statistics		1,793	48
Passive Program Total		2,024	30
Total Attendance		5,390	
Total Programs			174

STATISTICAL REPORT

March 2023

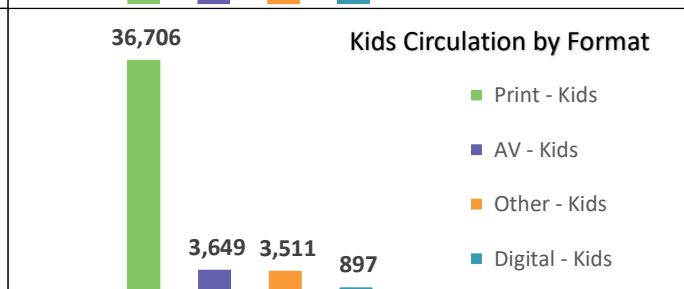
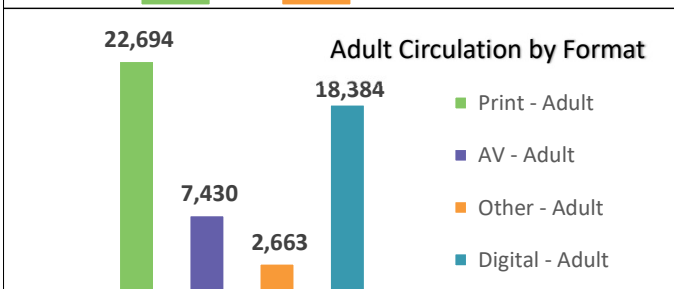
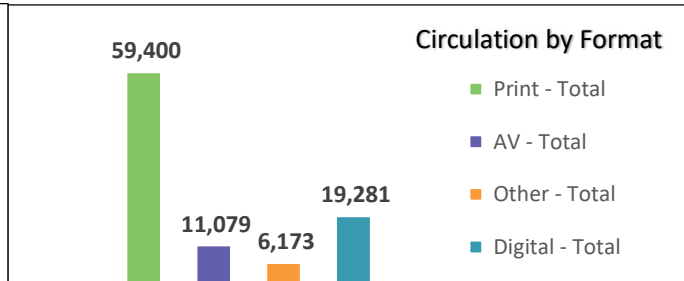
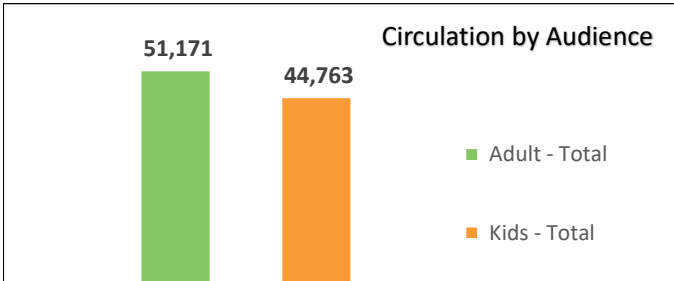
Circulation

Total Circulation
97,410 ↓ -1%
 98,018 last year
Card Holders
 24,092

Library Card Usage
8,979 ↑ 2%
 8,784 last year

Library Cards Issued
Elmhurst **238** ↑ 3%
 (Issued) 232 last year
Reciprocal Borrower **73** ↑ 62%
 (Registered) 45 last year

Interlibrary Loan
Borrowed **1,477** ↑ 2%
 1,449 last year
Lent **811** ↓ -15%
 957 last year



Technology Usage

Public Computer Use

17,662 ↑ 5%
 16,873 last year

Website Visits

154,930 ↑ 21%
 128,054 last year

Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)

48% ↑ 20%
 40% last year

WiFi Sessions

26,753 ↑ 22%
 21,948 last year

Reference Queries

Reference Questions Total

4,309 ↓ -3%
 4,438 last year

Reference Questions

Adult
3,446 ↓ 0%
 3,450 last year

Kids
863 ↓ -13%
 988 last year

Meeting Room Use

Library Programs

174 ↑ 64%
 106 last year

Public Meetings

93 ↑ 19%
 78 last year

Group Study Rooms

1,953 ↑ 16%
 1,682 last year

Programs

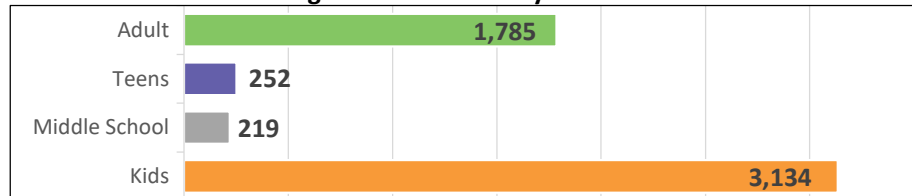
Program Attendance

5,390 ↑ 32%
 4,098 last year

Library Programs

174 ↑ 64%
 106 last year

Program Attendance by Audience



Library Visits

Total Visits

38,883 ↑ 22%
 31,959 last year

In House Visits

Makery **772** ↑ 40%
 550 last year

Walk-In
36,796 ↑ 23%
 29,809 last year

Drive-Up Visits
2,087 ↓ -3%
 2,150 last year

Creative Studio **94** ↑ 16%
 81 last year

Monthly Comparison

Total Circulation

97,410  -1%
98,018 last year

Adult Circulation

51,171  0%
50,957 last year

Kids Circulation

44,763  -2%
45,612 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,477  2%
1,449 last year

Digital Material Circulation

19,281  7%
18,081 last year

Databases

9,001  -56%
20,534 last year

Reference Questions Total

4,309  -3%
4,438 last year

One on One Tutorials

46  15%
40 last year

Number of Programs

174  64%
106 last year


Program Attendance

5,390  32%
4,098 last year

In-Person Visitors

36,796  23%
29,809 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

2,087  -3%
2,150 last year

Year To Date Comparison

Total Circulation

281,087  1%
279,463 last year

Adult Circulation

149,150  1%
147,087 last year

Kids Circulation

127,848  0%
128,331 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

4,090  1%
4,045 last year

Digital Material Circulation

58,924  10%
53,581 last year

Databases

68,390  40%
48,721 last year

Reference Questions Total

12,889  0%
12,849 last year

One on One Tutorials

143  12%
128 last year

Number of Programs

525  57%
334 last year

Program Attendance

15,000  49%
10,093 last year

In-Person Visitors

102,598  33%
77,409 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

6,024  -6%
6,427 last year

Collection Totals

Books and Magazines

184,154

Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

5,954

Audio Visual

34,107

Digital

169,790

Notable Happenings in Circulation

- Two *Cards for Kids* library cards were issued and 2 were renewed this month.
- There are 16 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Five Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$650.89.
- There are 106 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 5,808 holds this month.
- EPL Cares Committee volunteered at Feed My Starving Children on March 16 where we helped fill 151 boxes of nutritious food.

