

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summer Reading is in full swing with this year's theme "Discover Treasure – Read" attracting enthusiastic participants to the Library. Summer Reading is open to all ages. To participate, patrons need only pick up a reading log or print one from home and track their reading. Prizes are awarded for children and adults.

The EPL Cares Committee organized a food drive during the month of June to coincide with summer reading. Local food pantries receive a lot of donations around the winter holiday season and then donations drop off. The collection bin has been full and emptied several times already.

# ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

May 2023



## April Showers Bring May Flowers Display

The glass display case featured information about stormwater runoff, how to harvest rainwater and minimize water pollution. Materials are available on the display as well.

## Summer Reading Begins for Adults and Teens

This year's summer reading program began Monday, May 22, and runs through July 31. Changes this year include a prize drawing for households who go "All-in" with everyone participating in Summer Reading.

## Reaching Outward

Libby Mercado, the Teen Engagement Librarian, visited York Community High School this month and connected with more than 70 teen patrons. During the visit they made buttons with the button-maker, participated in a drawing to win a prize, and learned about teen programs and services including volunteering, media match and summer reading.

Jeannine Lau and Violet Pope both attended the Illinois Library Association Reaching Forward Conference. Jeannine presented on "Craft Programs Made Simple" with Jez Layman from Marketing.



From Violet:

I wish to extend a huge thanks to the Elmhurst Public Library and its Board for giving me the opportunity to attend the conference. I was eager to learn new programming ideas and see how other libraries are implementing outreach in their communities. The seminars were especially relevant with EPL's current excitement to share our new Strategic Plan with our community.

From Jeannine:

Thank you for the opportunity to present and attend at ILA's Reaching Forward Conference this year. It was an honor to represent the Elmhurst Public Library and present "Crafts Made Simple" with Jez Layman to help any library worker learn how to offer craft programming even if they don't consider themselves crafty or perhaps are on a limited budget. I attended sessions about networking, readers' advisory for all ages, burnout and boundaries and learned how I can better assist teens and adults who ask for good family reads, how to avoid burnout by setting better boundaries, and ways to expand my professional development as well as got a chance to network with library workers from Northern and Central Illinois.

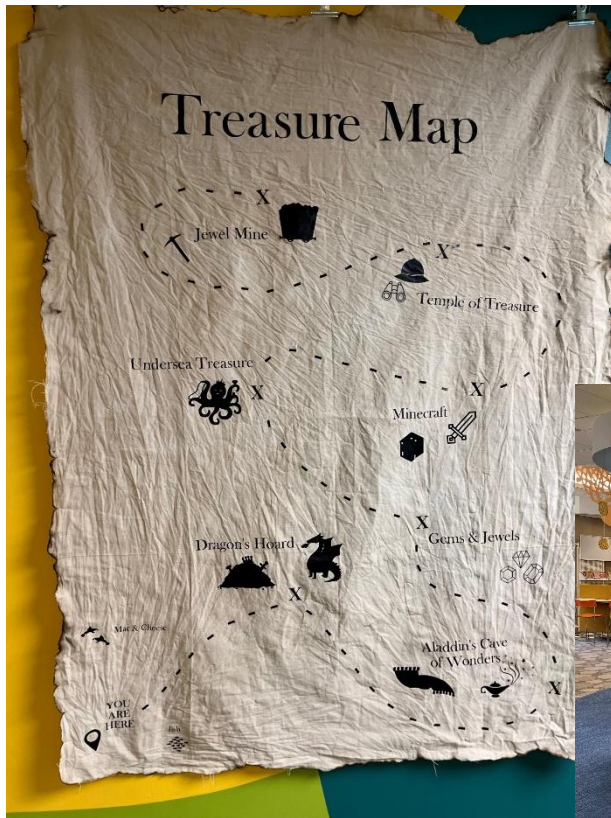


# KIDS' LIBRARY DEPT REPORT

May 2023

## Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Program officially began on May 22! Each area of the library was decorated with a different treasure theme, with a map posted at the entrance so the children could search for each area.





Staff visited classrooms all over Elmhurst to promote the reading program. It was great to be back in the schools, and it paid off in reader excitement. In-person visits took place at the four main private schools (Timothy Christian, Immaculate Conception, Visitation, and Immanuel Lutheran) and at all the District 205 elementary and middle schools except for Fischer. Staff were able to create a special explorer skit video just for Fischer, which Peg DeYoung, the school librarian, showed during the last week of classes as well as sharing the reading log digitally. Staff also made promotional visits to a few preschools. The elementary and middle school visits featured short talks about exciting new books to find at the library. These books were put on display by the program room and in the middle school hangout and have been checking out well.



This summer brings the full return of the middle school volunteers. A total of 75 volunteers attended one of four training sessions this month and will begin assisting with the kickoff party, reading program check-ins, storytimes, summer programs, and special projects in June. Parents are so happy to have this opportunity for their middle schoolers and the students are eager to begin volunteering.

## Outreach

A few notable community outreach events include helping staff the library table at Art in Wilder Park where we handed out nearly 800 dragon bookmarks to promote the summer reading program and hosting the Elmhurst Moms group at the library for a special storytime and tour.

There was also a Homeschool Art Show with 8 tables full of artwork from homeschool students. All were eager to share and talk about their art.

# MARKETING DEPARTMENT REPORT

May 2023

## May Marketing Topics included:

### Programming: Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Patrons of all ages celebrated the start of summer and Summer Reading! Over 200 patrons enjoyed crafts, face painting, Bingo games, balloon creations and much more.

### Collection: New Assistive Materials (video available)

Kids' Library has added Assistive Kits to the collection. Each kit contains a storybook and includes: recordable phrase buttons, vocabulary and communication sheets, alternative page turners, tactile elements within the page of the book, and manipulatives relating to the story such as puppets, toys, or props. Visit [elmlib.org/assistive](http://elmlib.org/assistive) to learn more and watch our video. [elmlib.org/YouTube](http://elmlib.org/YouTube)

### Services: Volunteer Opportunities

The Library, offers volunteer opportunities for Middle School entering grades 6-8. High School entering grades 9-12. Teen Advisory Group meets monthly to discuss trending topics and help plan programs. Find out more [visit elmlib.org/volunteer](http://elmlib.org/volunteer).

### Inside Scoop: Travel Center (video available)

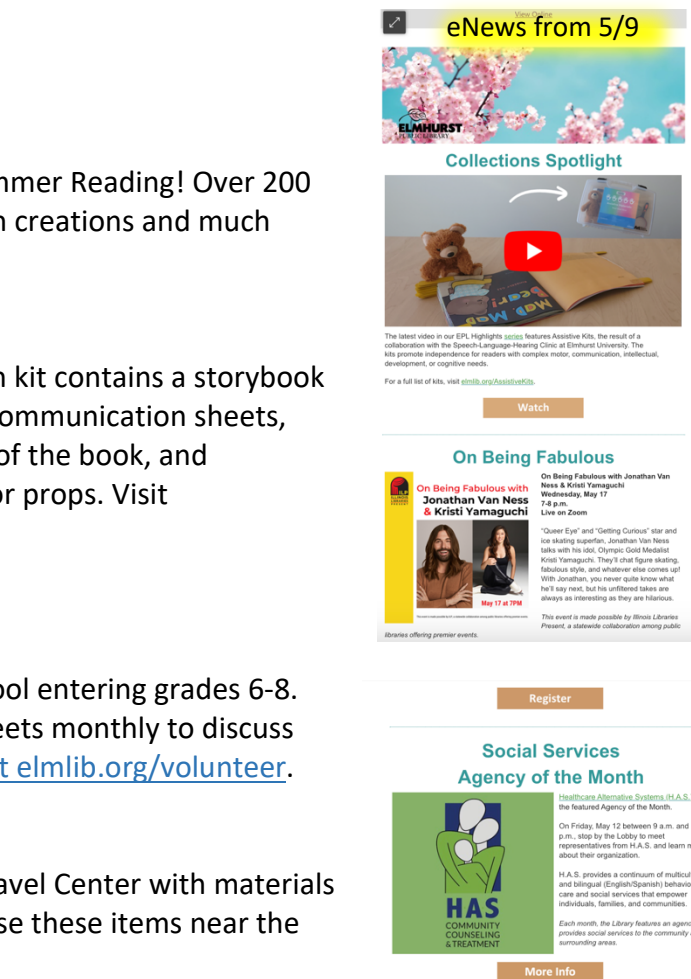
Our expert Librarians stock the shelves of our extensive Travel Center with materials to help you plan your trip no matter the destination. Browse these items near the fireplace on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

[elmlib.org/YouTube](http://elmlib.org/YouTube)

### Community Connection: BookstagramEPL

This Spring's programming theme is Mind Matters, so we're looking for books related to self-care, psychology, and mindfulness! What have you been reading? Just snap a picture of your favorite titles and use #BookstagramEPL to let us know!

*Here are some sample screenshots of our online presence from May:*





Elmhurst Public Library

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We're at Art in Wilder Park this weekend! We'll have the supplies to make a fun treasure-filled bookmark to take home with you. Or, just stop by and say hi!



Post Impressions ⓘ  
**1,499**

Post reach ⓘ  
**1,448**

Post Engagement ⓘ  
**283**

## Interactions ⓘ



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Reactions

44



Comments

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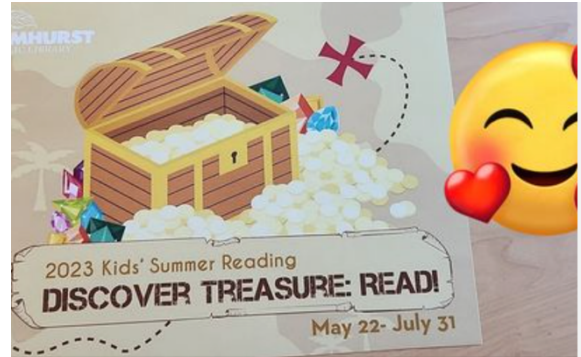
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Post Impressions ⓘ  
**1,296**

Post reach ⓘ  
**1,275**

Post Engagement ⓘ  
**184**

## Interactions ⓘ



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Reactions

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Comments

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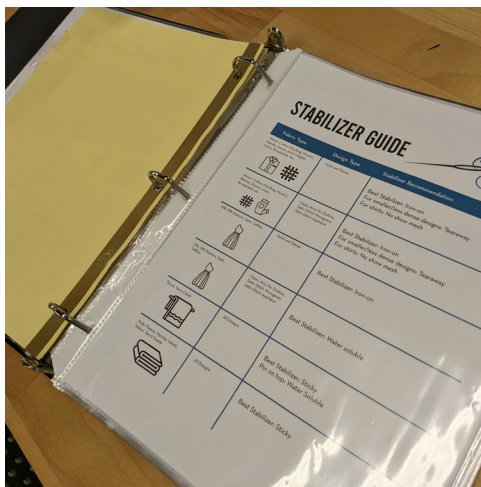
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# MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

MAY 2023

Elevator Count	Equipment Reservations	3D Prints
<i>foot traffic</i>	<i>major equipment (e.g. laser, embroidery)</i>	<i>requested by patrons</i>
<b>625</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>27</b>



## Staff Training

Several Makery staff attended training for the new embroidery machine. The training inspired a new and improved stabilizer guide to help patrons choose the right materials for their projects. More to come.



## Makery Drop-In

The May Drop-In was developed by Creative Specialist Ana Zulkoski. More than 40 patrons used metal stamping kits to personalize a pendant necklace.



## Makery Craft

This month's reservable Makery Craft was laser cut bookmarks. Patrons cut bookmarks from strips of genuine leather.



## Makery 101

Makery staff taught Laser Basics to a class of 8. Patrons cut out monogram keychains while learning to design for the laser cutter.



## A Surprise Visit

Artist Alex Ross visited the Makery and received a tour from the staff covering 3D printing, sublimation, and more. His artwork is featured at Elmhurst Art Museum's Marvelocity exhibit.



## Inspired!

Creative Specialist Audrey Staron created a pair of moth wing earrings using the laser cutter, paint, and jewelry findings. These will be the focus of a Makery program later this year.

# PROGRAM STATISTICS

May 2023

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
20s/30s Book Discussion: <i>Verity</i> by Colleen Hoover	20 and 30 Somethings	2	1
Adult Book Discussion: Trading Titles	Adult Book Discussion	10	2
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	42	5
Android Basics	Technology	10	1
Bridge & Pinochle	Adult Program	74	5
Business Tool Training: Gale Business, Insights, and DemographicsNow	Business	0	1
Canasta	Adult Program	24	4
Chair Yoga	Adult Program	13	1
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	7	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	8	1
Computer Basics	Technology	1	1
Creative Cardmaking: Mother's Day	Create	17	2
Cricut Design Space	Technology	5	1
Culture Club: Inside Chicago's Intriguing House Museums (In-Person)	Adult Program	27	1
Culture Club: Inside Chicago's Intriguing House Museums (Virtual)	Adult Program	22	1
Cutting the Cable Cord	Technology	12	1
Digitization	Technology	7	1
DIY Dry Erase Board	Create	17	1
Drawing Comics with Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Virtual)	Author Visit	6	1
Elmhurst Business Connection: Pitch Your Business	Business	22	1
Energy-Efficient Landscaping (In-Person)	Adult Program	10	1
Energy-Efficient Landscaping (Virtual)	Adult Program	21	1
Excel Advanced Topics	Technology	0	1
Floral Watercolors	Create	31	2
Framed Earring and Pin Display	Create	13	2
Friday Features	Adult Program	79	4
Genealogy Club: Passenger Lists (In-Person)	Adult Program	3	1
Genealogy Club: Passenger Lists (Virtual)	Adult Program	22	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	22	1
Healthcare Alternative Systems (HAS) Tabling	Social Services	12	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Adult Program	4	1
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: <i>The Power of Geography: Ten Maps that Reveal the Future of Our World</i> by Tim Marshall	Adult Program	1	1
Library Board Meeting	Adult Program	8	1
Library Insiders: Let's Paint	Inclusive	13	1
Life in a Japanese-American Internment Camp (In-Person)	Adult Program	20	1
Life in a Japanese-American Internment Camp (Virtual)	Adult Program	18	1
Makery Greencastle Outreach	Outreach (P)	5	1
Medicare 101 (In-Person)	Adult Program	19	1
Medicare 101 (Virtual)	Adult Program	18	1
Mind Games: The Science of Memory (In-Person)	Common Connection	22	1
Mind Games: The Science of Memory (Virtual)	Common Connection	27	1
Mini Book Cases (for 20-30somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	13	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	11	1



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On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness & Kristi Yamaguchi (Virtual)	Author Visit	20	1
Parent Nation: Unlocking Every Child's Potential (In-Person)	Common Connection	2	1
Parent Nation: Unlocking Every Child's Potential (Virtual)	Common Connection	12	1
Plug In & Play (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	14	1
Scrabble	Adult Program	10	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	7	1
The History of Simon & Garfunkel (In-Person)	Adult Program	12	1
The History of Simon & Garfunkel (Virtual)	Adult Program	26	1
True Crime Fascination (In-Person)	Adult Program	6	1
True Crime Fascination (Virtual)	Adult Program	16	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>857</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Makery Program</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Makery 101: Laser Cutter Basics	Makery	8	1
Makery Craft: Laser Bookmarks	Makery	19	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Teen Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Outreach at York High School	High School	70	1
Teen Advisory Group	High School	9	1
Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)	High School	3	1
Teen Crafternoon	High School	4	1
Teen Snack Testers	High School	5	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	2	4
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Middle School Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Hack That Painting	Middle School	8	1
MS Guided Meditation	Middle School	3	1
Outreach AT Bryan	Middle School	60	1
Outreach Middle School AT Immaculate Conception (6th grade)	Middle School	40	2
Outreach Middle School AT Immaculate Conception (7th grade)	Middle School	33	2
Outreach Middle School AT Immaculate Conception (8th grade)	Middle School	40	2
Outreach Middle School AT Immanuel Lutheran (6th grade)	Middle School	8	1
Outreach Middle School AT Immanuel Lutheran (Grades 7-8)	Middle School	11	1
Outreach MS AT Bryan	Middle School	40	1
Outreach MS AT Bryan	Middle School	60	1
Outreach MS AT Bryan	Middle School	60	1
Outreach MS AT Bryan	Middle School	60	1
Outreach MS AT Bryan	Middle School	30	1
Outreach MS AT Churchville	Middle School	400	12
Outreach MS AT Sandburg	Middle School	20	1
Outreach MS AT Sandburg	Middle School	250	1
Outreach MS AT Sandburg	Middle School	300	1
SRP volunteer training	Middle School	68	3

SRP volunteer training FD	Middle School	21	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,512</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Kids' Library Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Star Wars Bot Challenge	Elementary School	12	1
Baby Day! Storytime, Tour, and Craft	Storytime	27	2
Explore a Story	Storytime	34	4
Family Community Outreach YMCA Counselor Orientation	High School	32	1
Getting Started with T-Trak Model Trains	Family	100	1
Homeschool Explorers: Art Show	Elementary School	17	1
Kids' Chess Club	Elementary School	11	1
Lego Club	Elementary School	12	1
Little Wiggles	Storytime	564	9
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	46	4
Outreach Community - Art in Wilder park	Family	831	2
Outreach Community--Mom & Baby Hour	Family	7	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (1st)	Elementary School	74	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (2nd grade)	Elementary School	70	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (3rd grade)	Elementary School	69	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (4th grade)	Elementary School	61	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (5th grade)	Elementary School	77	1
Outreach Elementary AT Emerson (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	50	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (1st grade)	Elementary School	90	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (2nd grade)	Elementary School	85	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (3rd grade)	Elementary School	80	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (4th grade)	Elementary School	130	2
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (5th grade)	Elementary School	90	1
Outreach Elementary AT Hawthorne (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	71	3
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (1st grade)	Elementary School	45	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (2nd grade)	Elementary School	45	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (3rd grade)	Elementary School	45	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (4th grade)	Elementary School	68	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (5th grade)	Elementary School	40	2
Outreach Elementary AT Immaculate Conception (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	45	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immanuel Lutheran (5th grade)	Elementary School	8	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immanuel Lutheran (Grades 1-2)	Middle School	18	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immanuel Lutheran (Grades 3-4)	Elementary School	18	1
Outreach Elementary AT Immanuel Lutheran (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	30	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (5th grade)	Elementary School	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (grades 3-4)	Elementary School	134	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (grades K-2)	Elementary School	228	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (1st grade)	Elementary School	60	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (2nd grade)	Elementary School	53	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (3rd grade)	Elementary School	63	1

Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (4th grade)	Elementary School	62	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (5th grade)	Elementary School	71	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	62	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (1st grade)	Elementary School	89	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (2nd grade)	Elementary School	88	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (3rd grade)	Elementary School	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (4th grade)	Elementary School	79	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (5th grade)	Elementary School	83	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	88	1
Outreach Elementary AT Timothy Christian (1st grade)	Elementary School	72	1
Outreach Elementary AT Timothy Christian (2nd grade)	Elementary School	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT Timothy Christian (3rd grade)	Elementary School	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT Timothy Christian (4th grade)	Elementary School	78	1
Outreach Elementary AT Timothy Christian (5th grade)	Elementary School	78	1
Outreach Elementary AT Timothy Christian (Kindergarten)	Elementary School	66	1
Outreach Preschool AT Immanuel Lutheran	Preschool	94	4
Outreach Preschool AT Mary Queen of Heaven	Outreach (P)	40	1
Outreach Preschool In-House Elmhurst Moms Group	Outreach (P)	30	1
Pop Up Storytime	Storytime	103	4
Read to the Dogs	Elementary School	14	1
Revenge of the Fifth	Family	40	1
Romp and Rhyme	Storytime	122	4
Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime	Storytime	8	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>5,207</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Passive Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Passive Programs:</b>			
Collections Spotlight: Assistive Materials for Kids at Elmhurst Public Library	Adult Program	87	1
Coloring Books	Adult Program	0	0
Inside Scoop: Plan a Trip with the Travel Center	Adult Program	81	1
Reading Adventure	Adult Program	18	1
Recording of Genealogy Immigration Records	Adult Program	20	1
Recording of Genealogy Passenger Lists	Adult Program	58	1
Recording of Medicare Solutions	Adult Program	22	1
Recording of Senior Housing	Adult Program	14	1
Recording of Traveling to Europe on a Budget	Adult Program	7	1
Social Services Folders	Adult Program	9	4
Summer Reading	Adult Program	105	1
Teen Exam Stress Relief	Adult Program	86	7
<b>Makery Passive Programs:</b>			
Makery Drop-In	Outreach (P)	47	1
<b>Middle School Passive Programs:</b>			
Cup of Kindness	Middle School	15	1
<b>Kids' Passive Programs:</b>			
Craft table - Passive	Preschool	600	4
Family Scavenger Hunt	Family	18	1
Illinois Agriculture Farming Exhibit	Family	100	1



Outreach YMCA @EPL	Elementary School	109	5
		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Program Grand Total</b>		<b>1438</b>	<b>95</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		554	21
Total Program Statistics		884	74
<b>Teen Program Grand Total</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>9</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		0	0
Total Program Statistics		93	9
<b>Middle School Program Grand Total</b>		<b>1,527</b>	<b>36</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		15	1
Total Program Statistics		1,512	35
<b>Kids' Program Grand Total</b>		<b>6,034</b>	<b>103</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics		827	11
Total Program Statistics		5,207	92
<b>Passive Program Total</b>		<b>1,396</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>9,092</b>	
<b>Total Programs</b>			<b>243</b>

# STATISTICAL REPORT

## May 2023

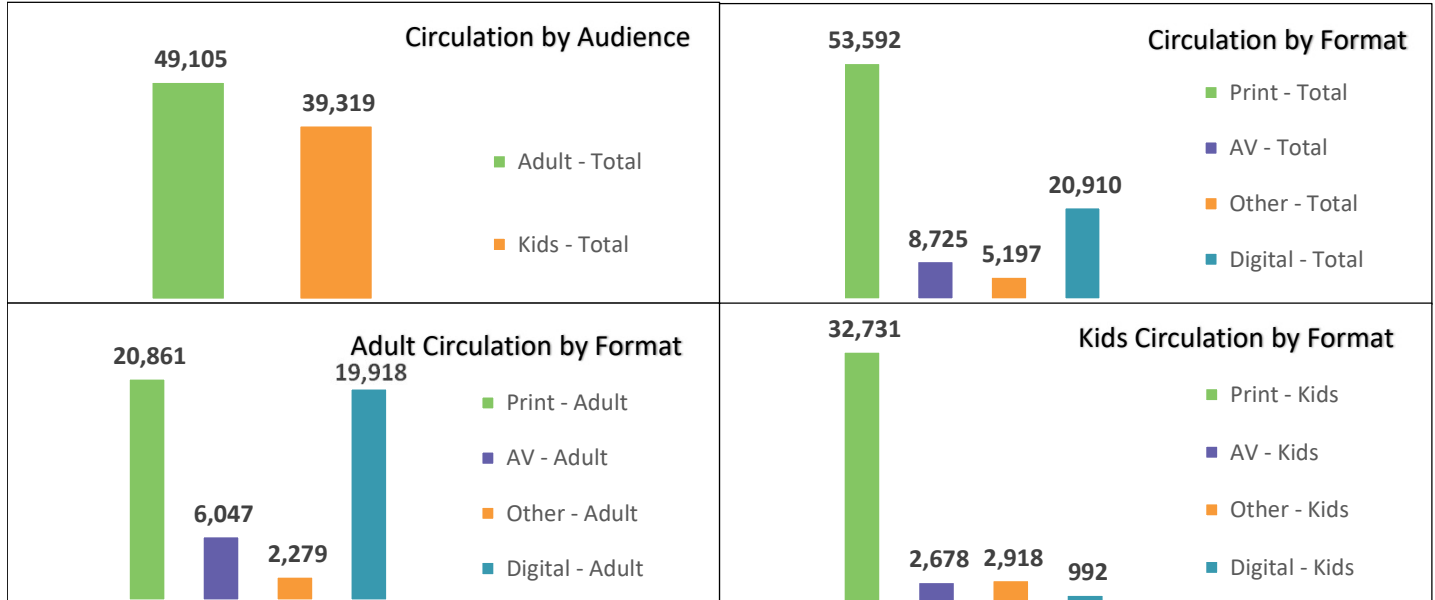
### Circulation

**Total Circulation**  
**89,575** ↑ 2%  
 88,081 last year  
**Card Holders**  
 24,240

**Library Card Usage**  
**9,142** ↑ 5%  
 8,680 last year

**Library Cards Issued**  
**Elmhurst** **233** ↑ 23%  
 (Issued) 189 last year  
**Reciprocal Borrower** **45** ↑ 7%  
 (Registered) 42 last year

**Interlibrary Loan**  
**Borrowed** **1,151** ↓ -2%  
 1,180 last year  
**Lent** **769** ↑ 13%  
 678 last year



### Technology Usage

#### Public Computer Use

**18,892** ↑ 17%  
 16,123 last year

#### Website Visits

**160,542** ↑ 40%  
 114,413 last year

#### Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)

**51%** ↑ 11%  
 46% last year

#### WiFi Sessions

**26,722** ↑ 25%  
 21,452 last year

### Reference Queries

#### Reference Questions Total

**4,103** ↑ 4%  
 3,959 last year

#### Reference Questions

**Adult**  
**3,284** ↑ 7%  
 3,080 last year

**Kids**  
**819** ↓ -7%  
 879 last year

### Meeting Room Use

#### Library Programs

**243** ↑ 84%  
 132 last year

#### Public Meetings

**73** ↑ 4%  
 70 last year

#### Group Study Rooms

**1,956** ↑ 18%  
 1,655 last year

### Programs

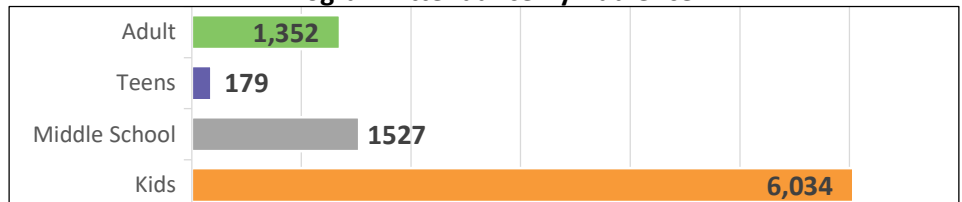
#### Program Attendance

**9,092** ↓ -10%  
 10,096 last year

#### Library Programs

**243** ↑ 84%  
 132 last year

#### Program Attendance By Audience



### Library Visits

#### Total Visits

**37,954** ↑ 27%  
 29,959 last year

#### In House Visits

**Makery** **625** ↑ 42%  
 441 last year

#### Walk-In

**36,175** ↑ 29%  
 28,133 last year

#### Drive-Up Visits

**1,779** ↓ -3%  
 1,826 last year

#### Creative Studio

**91** ↓ -13%  
 105 last year

## Monthly Comparison

## Total Circulation

89,575  2%  
88,081 last year

## Adult Circulation

49,105  3%  
47,507 last year

## Kids Circulation

39,319  0%  
39,394 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,151  -2%  
1,180 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

20,910  14%  
18,275 last year

## Databases

8,106  -39%  
13,234 last year

## Reference Questions Total

4,103  4%  
3,959 last year


## One on One Tutorials

44  2%  
43 last year

## Number of Programs

243  84%  
132 last year


## Program Attendance

9,092  -10%  
10,096 last year

## In-Person Visitors

36,175  29%  
28,133 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

1,779  -3%  
1,826 last year

## Year To Date Comparison

## Total Circulation

457,139  0%  
458,177 last year

## Adult Circulation

244,140  1%  
242,426 last year

## Kids Circulation

206,466  -1%  
209,183 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

6,534  -1%  
6,568 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

97,391  9%  
89,120 last year

## Databases

96,126  34%  
71,765 last year

## Reference Questions Total

20,878  0%  
20,820 last year

## One on One Tutorials

254  21%  
210 last year

## Number of Programs

951  55%  
614 last year

## Program Attendance

28,638  22%  
23,472 last year

## In-Person Visitors

172,937  29%  
134,354 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

9,627  -6%  
10,226 last year



### Collection Totals

#### Books and Magazines

183,426

#### Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,111

#### Audio Visual

33,161

#### Digital

165,671

### Notable Happenings in Circulation

- No *Cards for Kids* library cards were issued or renewed this month.
- There are 16 active *Cards for Kids* library cards.
- Three Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$648.86.
- There are 115 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 4,588 holds this month.