

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

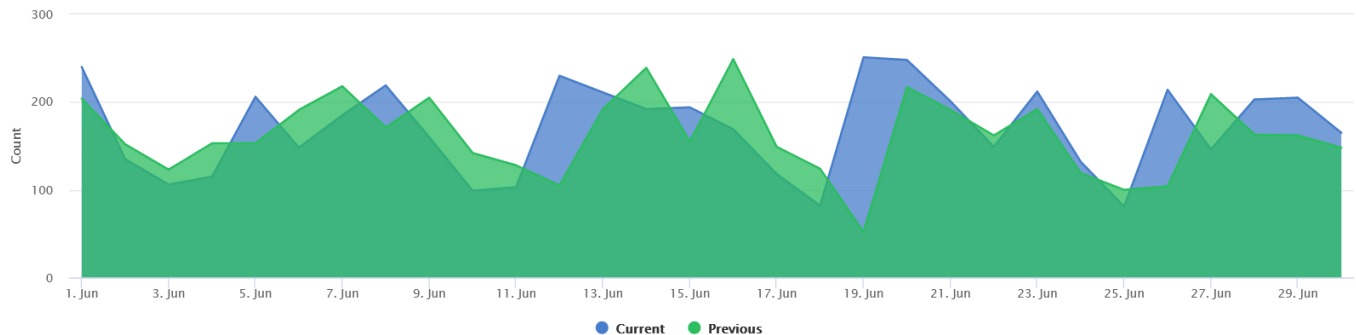
- I hope some of you were able to visit the Mobile Museum of Tolerance. What a wonderful education tool to bring to our community. I was able to watch the Anne Frank Story and I also attended the Digital Media Literacy session.
- I attended two networking events last week hosted by the City of Elmhurst: Women in Leadership Luncheon and Explore Elmhurst Advisory Group event. Both were interesting. The Explore Elmhurst group introduced their new logo and branding. The City also introduced powerful new event software that organizations in Elmhurst can use to advertise events and services.
- I ended my second one-year term as President of the Rotary Club of Elmhurst this month. I will remain on the Board for another year as Past President and will continue to be an active member of Rotary after that. The Club had a great year, giving away over \$40,000 to local and international charities this year. Rotary meets at the Library now and the partnership between Rotary and Library is beneficial to me and the community. We also dedicate staff to The Lions Club, Kiwanis, and Cool Cities.

ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

June 2023

Patron Interactions

Things continue to get busier in Adult Services. In the month of June we were up 2% over May 2023 and 5% over June 2022.



New Staff

Amber Lewis started May 30 as a part time Library Specialist.

Reaching Outward

Christi Hawn attended the exhibits at this year's ALA annual conference and had the following to say: Thank you to the Elmhurst Public Library and its Board for giving me the opportunity to attend the exhibits at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago this year. Besides interfacing with some of our vendors and collecting advance reading copies for some upcoming programs, I was able to attend sessions featuring various authors highlighting their upcoming works, and a session on intentionally diversifying a library's collection. Attending any part of our profession's annual conference is a huge privilege and I appreciate EPL's willingness to continue to develop its staff.

Displays

A few highlights from the displays this month include Pride Month and Beach Reads. June displays not pictured below include Choose Your Own Adventure and Summer Scares.



Programs

We started the month with the Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 3. With face painters, balloon creations, Bingo games, and a well-attended Bubble Show, the day provided a fun way to bring people into the library to pick up reading logs and get their first set of prizes. As of early July, more than 2000 children completed at least 10 days of reading.

Outdoor storytimes started up in June and have been very popular. Other June programming highlights include Rocks are Awesome, Bad Guys are Us, Tiny Tots and Robots, Wood Etching, Volcanoes, and Mermaids, Magic and More. For Tiny Tots and Robots, preschoolers tapped into their creativity while learning simple STEM skills by designing their machines and recording simple commands. The wood-etching program was so popular that a second session was added. Patrons seem to really enjoy classes that guide them through using Makery technology.



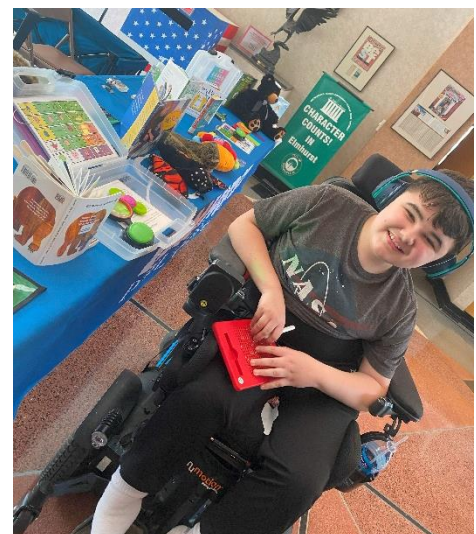
Tiny Tots and Robots



Mermaids, Magic, and More

Schools, Scouts, and Community Outreach

Kids staff had fun spending time in the community. **Katie Stringwell** and **Heather Forster Jensen** spent a lot of time doing outreach to schools and preschools. **Mary Smith** staffed a table at the Farmers Market for EPL, **Jan Simmons** engaged families at Special Kids Day at City Hall, and **Gloria Walsh Rock** represented the library at Pride Fest. Children love getting to see staff outside of the library. They proudly tell us, "You came to my school!" The community also came to us with the YMCA day camp making the library a regular part of their daily schedule.



Assistive Materials at Special Kids Day

Collection

Time is being spent analyzing the children's collection to increase ease of patron access and to anticipate future demands. Graphic Novels continue to be one of the most popular collections with our patrons. May 2022 to May 2023 saw a 20% increase in circulation. Having the New Graphic Novels displayed in the Spotlight section has certainly helped improve their visibility and popularity. The 700's collection (popular gaming books like Minecraft) has enjoyed a 9.7% increase in circulation since May of 2022. This section will continue to be popular as many of our patrons love this section of arts, crafts and popular gaming books. Our toys, puppets and puzzles in the Learning Garden area continue to see increasing circulation thanks to **Kelsey Wilcoxon** who has a keen eye for wonderful puppets and is always looking for puzzles that cater to the interests of toddlers and their caregivers. Our chapter book Fiction collection has enjoyed an increase of 5% in circulation compared to last May. Visiting the schools with our fun summer reading presentation has certainly helped boost this collection, along with many more patrons coming into the library. A little surprisingly, picture book circulation dropped from May 2022 to May 2023, but held steady in June. Patron use indicates a definite preference for picture books shelved by category rather than author so work is underway to switch the entire collection to themes. We are also working to replace high-use items, which may help boost circulation.

Not surprisingly, the summer reading program gave circulation a big boost from May to June this year bringing an overall increase of 32%. Some of the highest increases per collection type were Playaways up 73%, DVDs up 51%, Fiction up 47%, and Board Games up 42%.

Volunteers

Our middle school volunteers worked hard this whole month, handing out prizes, helping with programs, and keeping the department neat. Many adults have commented on how happy they are to have the summer volunteer program back. Kudos to **Fiona Dolce** for supervising all our helpful volunteers and doing the behind-the-scenes work to keep the volunteer program running smoothly.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT REPORT

June 2023

June Marketing Topics included:

Programming: Summer Reading

Summer Reading began May 22 and will continue through July 31. Kids can participate by picking up a log from the Kids Help desk or print one from the website to track days read. Kids earn a prize after 10, 20, 30 days of reading. Adults and Teen can participate by signing up and logging books read through Beanstack. For each book log through July 31, participants will automatically be entered into our Summer Reading prize drawing.

Collection: Audible iPods

You can now borrow iPods that come loaded with popular audiobooks that are available exclusively on the Audible App. Located in the Library of Extraordinary Things on the 2nd Floor, grab the case you want to check out and bring to the Circulation Desk so Library Staff can retrieve the iPod for you.

Services: Explore More (video available)

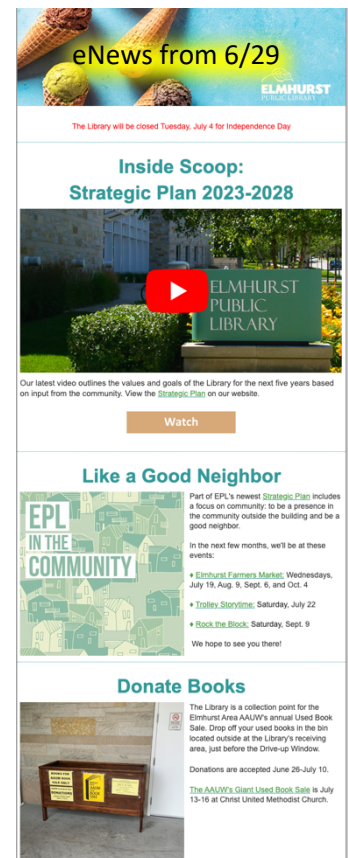
Explore More Illinois provides free or discounted admission to fun and educational places throughout the state. Plan your visit from any computer, tablet, or smartphone with your EPL card and last name.

elmlib.org/YouTube

Inside Scoop: Strategic Plan (video available)

You spoke and we listened! Library staff and Board worked together to listen to our community needs in order to determine better ways we can serve the public. Over the next five years, the Library is committed to deepening our relationships with Elmhurst community and businesses. We created a video to highlight the plan's mission, vision, values, core services, and service initiatives that you can view below or visit our YouTube channel to watch.

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

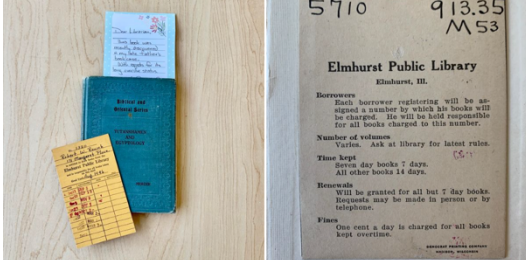


In June, people watched your videos 10,779 times



**Elmhurst Public Library**Published by [Carol Schlundt Pavlik](#) · June 21 at 12:55 PM ·

This book was checked out from Elmhurst Public Library by a young Elmhurst resident in 1945! It was returned last week, 78 years later. At the time, late fees were 1 cent per day. There's no need to calculate late charges, though—the Library has been Fine Free since 2021! Thank you to the man's family for sending this book—published in 1923—back to us. It's a fun reminder of how long EPL has been part of this community.

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Our Summer Reading Party on Saturday was a true celebration! Thanks for all who came to pick up reading logs and enjoy face painting, balloon creations, mini portraits, bingo, and a bubble show. We saw lots of books being checked out! Find all the info about Summer Reading for Adults, Teens, and Kids at elmlib.org/summer

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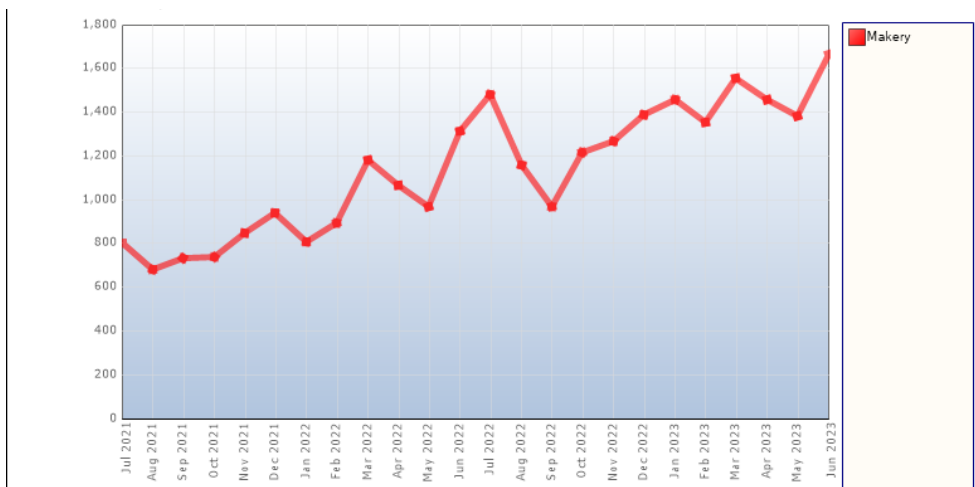
**Martha Valasek**
I remember them

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MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

JUNE 2023

Elevator Count	Equipment Reservations	3D Prints
<i>foot traffic</i>	<i>major equipment (e.g. laser, embroidery)</i>	<i>requested by patrons</i>
775	208	52



Busiest Month in Years!

In June, an estimated 775 patrons visited the Makery-- the highest number since the pandemic shutdown. As the chart shows, this is on trend. We expect the growth may stabilize from here as we are beginning to exceed pre-pandemic numbers.

We could not be more grateful for the superb Makery staff who interact with nearly every single visitor!



Maker Spotlight

Throughout June, a husband and wife team completed a beautiful quilt, a gift for their 3 year-old granddaughter. Using the Cricut to cut the fabric and sewing supplies to assemble it, they spent weeks in the Makery.



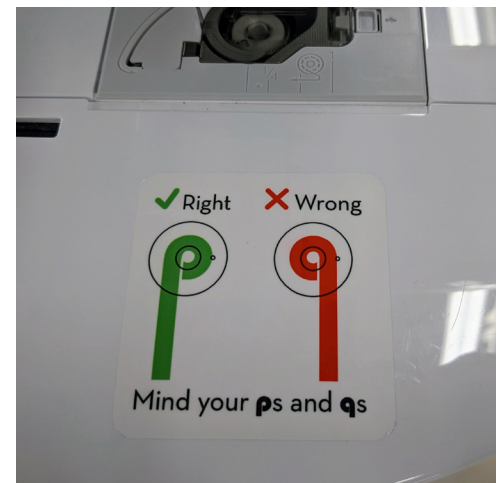
Father's Day

The Makery sold more than 60 blank sublimation mugs in June! Most were Father's Day gifts, like those pictured above.



New Display

Creative Specialist Audrey Staron revamped the Makery whiteboard which now features photos of patrons completed projects. It's a great place to get inspired or just appreciate the great work done in the Makery.



Solving Problems

Makery staff designed and created stickers showing patrons how to properly place bobbins in the sewing and embroidery machines.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

June 2023

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
20s/30s Book Discussion: <i>A Psalm for the Wild-Built</i> by Becky Chambers	20 and 30 Somethings	5	1
Adult Book Discussion: <i>The Love of My Life</i> by Rosie Walsh	Adult Book Discussion	12	2
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	38	4
Board Game Night (for 20 + 30somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	5	1
Braiding Sweetgrass and the Honorable Harvest: A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer (Virtual)	Author Visit	7	1
Bridge & Pinochle	Games	62	4
Canasta	Adult Program	11	4
Chair Yoga	Seniors	38	2
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	9	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	11	1
Common Scams and How to Avoid Them (In-Person)	Adult Program	8	1
Common Scams and How to Avoid Them (Virtual)	Adult Program	7	1
Cork Stamped Canvas	Create	13	1
Culture Club: Kauai (In-Person)	Adult Program	7	1
Culture Club: Kauai (Virtual)	Adult Program	13	1
Discover Coding (In-Person)	Common Connection	4	1
Discover Coding (Virtual)	Common Connection	5	1
Discover DuPage: Budget-Friendly Things to Do Near Home (In-Person)	Common Connection	9	1
Discover DuPage: Budget-Friendly Things to Do Near Home (Virtual)	Common Connection	43	1
Discovery of a Masterpiece (In-Person)	Common Connection	8	1
Discovery of a Masterpiece (Virtual)	Common Connection	9	1
Elmhurst Business Connection: What Is Your Marketing Strategy?	Business	25	1
Farmers Market Outreach	Outreach (P)	171	1
Friday Features: <i>80 for Brady</i>	Adult Program	70	5
Genealogy Club: Polish Genealogy (Virtual)	Adult Program	7	1
Google Drive	Technology	5	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	12	1
Hidden Mickeys (Virtual)	Adult Program	23	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	2	1
Intro to TikTok	Technology	2	1
Library Board Meeting	Adult Program	14	1
Library Insiders: Outdoor Sun Printing	Inclusive	7	1
Mary Anning: History's Greatest Fossil Finder (In-Person)	Common Connection	8	1
Mary Anning: History's Greatest Fossil-Finder (Virtual)	Common Connection	10	1
NARCAN Training (In-Person)	Adult Program	4	1
NARCAN Training (Virtual)	Adult Program	4	1
Navigate Your Stars: A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward (Virtual)	Author Visit	5	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	24	2
Outreach: EPD Senior Center 1 year anniversary	Outreach (P)	59	1
Pet Portraits	Create	16	1

Plant Swap	Home and Garden	19	1
Save Money on Gas and Electric Bills with Citizens Utility Board (In-Person)	Consumer	2	1
Save Money on Gas and Electric Bills with Citizens Utility Board (Virtual)	Consumer	5	1
Scrabble	Games	5	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	8	1
Video Editing with Premiere Elements	Technology	2	1
Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows (In-Person)	Common Connection	27	1
Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows (Virtual)	Common Connection	24	1
TOTALS		884	64
Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Makery 101: Sublimation Basics	Makery	4	1
Makery Craft: Handmade Paper	Makery	8	1
Treasures of the Heart Bracelet	Create	28	2
TOTALS		40	4
Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Candy Sushi	High School	4	1
DIY Stickers	High School	2	2
Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)	High School	1	1
Teen Crafternoon	High School	2	1
Teen Snack Testers	High School	0	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	3	1
TOTALS		12	7
Middle School Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Outreach Middle School AT D205 Summer School (6th Grade)	Middle School	29	2
Dungeons and Dragons Character Creation	Middle School	2	1
Tik Tok Crafts: Do They Work?	Middle School	11	1
TOTALS		42	4
Kids' Library Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adventures with Dragons	Elementary School	16	1
Bad Guys Are Us	Elementary School	16	1
Ben's Bubble Show	Family	155	1
Explore a Story	Storytime	19	2
Learn Magic with Gary Kantor	Elementary School	36	1
Learn to Code	Elementary School	9	1
Mermaids, Magic, and More!	Storytime	27	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	50	4
Movie in Wilder Park: <i>Sing 2</i>	Family	200	1
Musical Fun with Little Miss Ann	Family	52	1
Outreach Community Pride Fest Presby Ch	Family	271	1
Outreach Community Special Kids Day	Family	133	1
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (1st Grade)	Elementary School	53	4
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (2nd Grade)	Elementary School	84	5
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (3rd Grade)	Elementary School	63	4

Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (4th Grade)	Elementary School	40	3
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Summer School (5th Grade)	Elementary School	28	3
Outreach Preschool AT Kensington	Preschool	84	3
Outreach Preschool AT Madison ELC	Preschool	99	10
Outreach Preschool In-House Buttons & Bows	Outreach (P)	26	1
Outreach YMCA @EPL	Elementary School	971	38
Page Pals	Elementary School	12	3
Preschool Vision Pre-Screening	Family	50	2
Prime Time for Slime	Elementary School	15	1
Read to the Dogs	Elementary School	15	1
Rocks are Awesome	Preschool	31	1
Romp and Rhyme	Storytime	99	4
Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime	Storytime	25	1
Summer Reading Party	Family	400	1
Summer Storytime	Storytime	844	12
Tiny Tots and Robots	Preschool	15	1
Volcanoes!	Elementary School	28	1
Wood Etching from Photos	Elementary School	8	1
Wood Etching Only KL will register	Elementary School	7	1
TOTALS		3,981	117
Passive Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Passive Programs:			
Coloring Books	Adult Programming	25	1
Inside Scoop at EPL: 2023 Strategic Plan		186	1
Library Bingo	Adult Programming	99	1
Library Services: Explore More Illinois with EPL's Cultural			
Pass Program		68	1
Reading Adventure	Adult Programming	36	1
Recording of Discover DuPage on a Budget		21	1
Recording of Hidden Mickeys		9	1
Recording of Life in a Japanese-American Internment			
Camp		60	1
Recording of Mary Anning: History's Greatest Fossil-			
Finder		5	1
Recording of Narcan Training		11	1
Recording of The Science of Memory		20	1
Recording of True Crime Fascination		10	1
Recording of Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows		27	1
Social Services Folders	Adult Programming	15	4
Summer Reading	Adult Programming	151	1
Middle School Passive Programs:			
MS Passive- Flower Crowns	Middle School	3	1
MS Passive- Scavenger Hunt	Middle School	7	1
Kids' Passive Programs:			
Craft table - Passive	Preschool	925	4
EPL Kids' Summer Reading Program 2023 (YouTube)		19	1
Guessing Jar-Passive	Family	890	1
Open LEGO Building	Family	6	1
		Attendance	Sessions
Adult Program Grand Total		1667	86
Total Passive Program Statistics		743	18
Total Program Statistics		924	68

Teen Program Grand Total		12	7
Total Passive Program Statistics		0	0
Total Program Statistics		12	7
Middle School Program Grand Total		52	6
Total Passive Program Statistics		10	2
Total Program Statistics		42	4
Kids' Program Grand Total		5,821	124
Total Passive Program Statistics		1,840	7
Total Program Statistics		3,981	117
Passive Program Total		2,593	27
Total Attendance		7,552	
Total Programs			223

STATISTICAL REPORT

June 2023

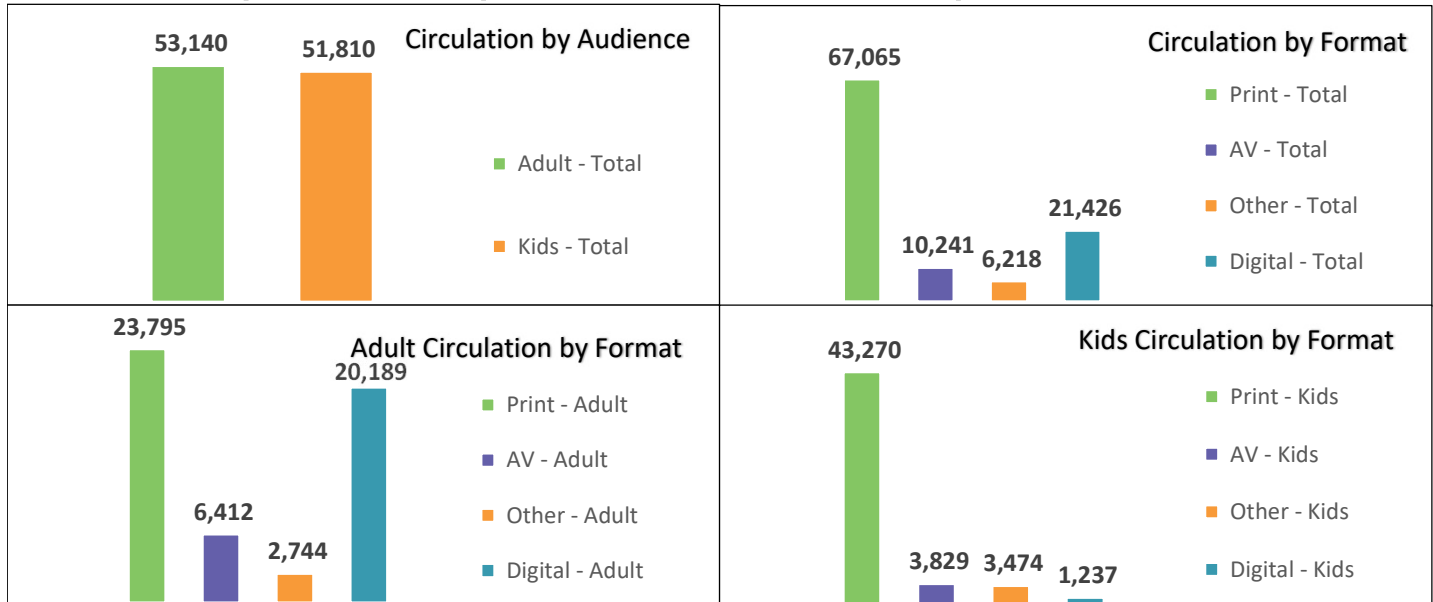
Circulation

Total Circulation
106,164 ↑ 4%
 102,246 last year
Card Holders
 24,522

Library Card Usage
9,712 ↑ 7%
 9,107 last year

Library Cards Issued
Elmhurst **305** ↑ 13%
 (Issued) 270 last year
Reciprocal Borrower **70** ↑ 43%
 (Registered) 49 last year

Interlibrary Loan
Borrowed **1,214** ↑ 5%
 1,158 last year
Lent **814** ↑ 0%
 810 last year



Technology Usage

Public Computer Use

19,337 ↑ 11%
 17,361 last year

Website Visits

151,765 ↑ 37%
 110,971 last year

Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)

54% ↑ 8%
 50% last year

WiFi Sessions

25,860 ↑ 18%
 21,900 last year

Reference Queries

Reference Questions Total

5,040 ↑ 1%
 4,985 last year

Reference Questions

Adult
3,437 ↑ 5%
 3,279 last year

Kids
1,603 ↓ -6%
 1,706 last year

Meeting Room Use

Library Programs

223 ↑ 10%
 203 last year

Public Meetings

70 ↑ 13%
 62 last year

Group Study Rooms

1,558 ↑ 1%
 1,540 last year

Programs

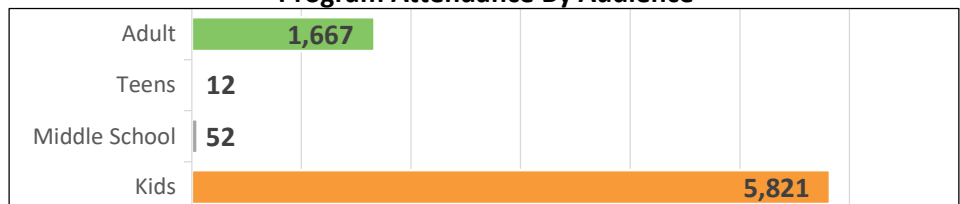
Program Attendance

7,552 ↑ 3%
 7,314 last year

Library Programs

223 ↑ 10%
 203 last year

Program Attendance By Audience



Library Visits

Total Visits

44,128 ↑ 21%
 36,335 last year

In House Visits

Makery **775** ↑ 31%
 593 last year

Walk-In

42,269 ↑ 23%
 34,379 last year

Drive-Up Visits


1,859 ↓ -5%
 1,956 last year

Creative Studio

102 ↑ 1%
 101 last year

Monthly Comparison

Total Circulation

106,164  4%
102,246 last year

Adult Circulation

53,140  5%
50,460 last year

Kids Circulation

51,810  2%
50,628 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,214  5%
1,158 last year

Digital Material Circulation

21,426  25%
17,203 last year


Databases

11,150  4%
10,725 last year

Reference Questions Total

5,040  1%
4,985 last year

One on One Tutorials

58  14%
51 last year

Number of Programs

223  10%
203 last year


Program Attendance

7,552  3%
7,314 last year

In-Person Visitors

42,269  23%
34,379 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

1,859  -5%
1,956 last year

Year To Date Comparison


Total Circulation

563,303  1%
560,423 last year

Adult Circulation

297,280  2%
292,886 last year

Kids Circulation

258,276  -1%
259,811 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

7,748  0%
7,726 last year

Digital Material Circulation

118,817  12%
106,323 last year

Databases

107,276  30%
82,490 last year

Reference Questions Total

25,918  0%
25,805 last year

One on One Tutorials

312  20%
261 last year

Number of Programs

1,174  44%
817 last year

Program Attendance

36,190  18%
30,786 last year

In-Person Visitors

215,206  28%
168,733 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

11,486  -6%
12,182 last year

Collection Totals

Books and Magazines

183,649

Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

5,944

Audio Visual

32,769

Digital

166,485

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.
- Five Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$1422.21.
- There are 116 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 5,174 holds this month.
- EPL Cares Committee held a Food Drive for the month of June. Patrons donated over 480 lbs. of food to the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry.

