

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Many Public Libraries in the Chicagoland Area received bomb threats within the last few weeks. There were several threats issued last week with some libraries receiving multiple threats. We met with the Elmhurst Police Chief to discuss the best course of action for handling a threat should we receive one.
- Elmhurst University is back in session after summer break. At the beginning of any new year, we have to actively monitor our parking lot to let students know they cannot park here. We also work with the University to help us reinforce this message. Our parking lot is often very full to at capacity as patrons are returning to normal pre-pandemic usage.
- If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to watch the latest EPL video produced by our Marketing Department and in conjunction with Makery staff. It promotes using the Makery for small businesses. You will be amazed!

[Library Services: How Businesses Can Use the Makery at Elmhurst Public Library - YouTube](#)

ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

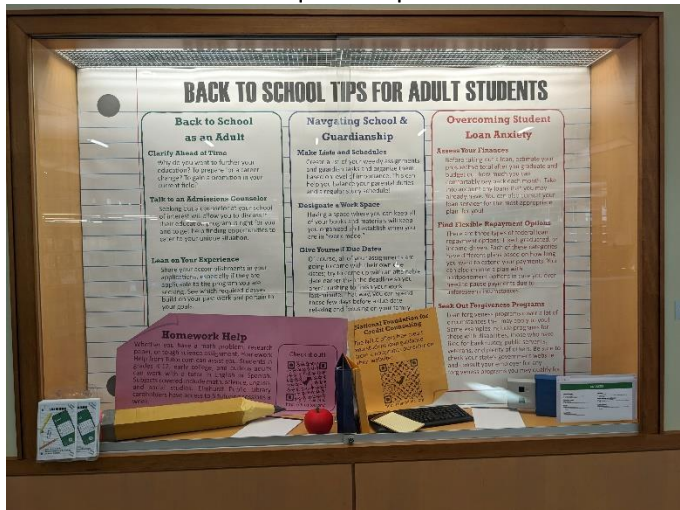
August 2023

Reaching Outward

Libby Mercado, the Teen Engagement Librarian, attended the Elmhurst Commission on Youth meeting, received a tour of Timothy Christian High and visited York High School and spoke with more than 80 students and faculty at the Back to School Bash. Christi Hawn, the Collections Librarian, networked at a Kiwanis meeting and toured West Chicago Public Library. Hayley Rightnowar, the Inclusive Services Librarian, connected face-to-face with patrons who are homebound while handling deliveries a few times this month. Rachael Mason, the Business Services Specialist, networked with members of the community at weekly Rotary meetings. Jeremy Slayton, Digital Collections Librarian, networked with colleagues at the Electronic Subscription Managers meeting. Bryan Blank attended a quarterly adult services managers networking meeting.

Displays

August displays on the 2nd floor included “Back to School Tips for Adult Students”, “Family Fun Month”, “Barbenheimer” and “Aquatic Exploration”.



Programs

August is a slower month in Kids' Library with the summer reading program being over and school starting up. Although there were less registered programs, there were still many passive and drop-in program options, including the craft table, scavenger hunts, middle school hangout activities, Open Lego Building, and the American Adventures picture drawing display. Some programming highlights included the Preschool Teachers Open House, the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation Party, and Camp Kinder.

Using daily themes of shapes, colors, and numbers, Camp Kinder gave children a chance to practice the classroom skills they would be expected to have when they start Kindergarten. There were also two pretend field trips to practice lining up and walking quietly. Parents had nice things to say about the program, particularly about the packet staff put together. We even had a patron come up to the desk to tell us that her child wasn't able to make the class, but they've been working on the packet at home. She loved how thorough and in-depth it was.



Outreach

The YMCA Camp continued to visit the library through August 11. Off-site visits included staffing a table at the Elmhurst Resource Back-to-School Fair and the Farmer's Market. Kids staff also created a "Love Makes a Family" booklist and presented a storytime for Brewpoint's Inclusive Family event on August 12.

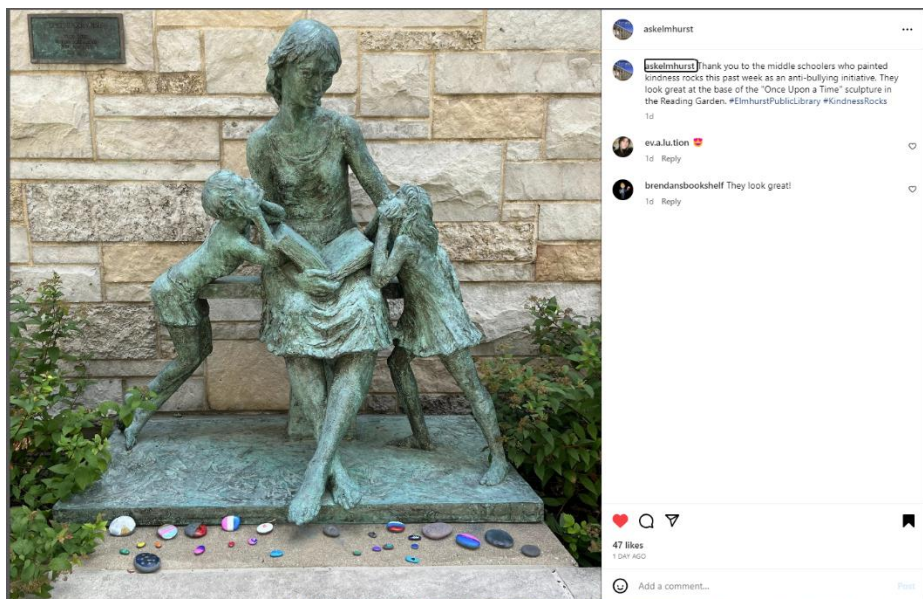
Collection and Displays

Work is underway to organize the entire picture book collection by subject areas. Kids staff are working to re-classify the items which will be re-catalogued starting October. We have received good feedback from teachers, parents and other adults who believe the new system will make it easier for everyone to find materials that are just right for them. **Molly Schlecht** has finished creating the new labels, **Charlotte Dorsey** will do the re-cataloging, and **Jameson Smith** will oversee the shifting. We appreciate their help with this project!

The glass case featured *American Adventures Month*. Using a template that looked like a blank polaroid photograph, kids were prompted to draw a picture of somewhere they went or somewhere they were going to visit during the month of August. Pictures ranged from local (Lizzadro Museum) to farther afield (Zion National Park). Drawings were posted in the glass case to create a “photo” collage.



Kindness Rocks: As part of an anti-bullying initiative, middle schoolers decorated rocks with kind messages. Approximately 40 rocks were placed at the foot of the “Once Upon a Time” sculpture in the Reading Garden.



MARKETING DEPARTMENT REPORT

August 2023

August Marketing Topics included:

Programming: Local Author Fair

Over 50 authors gathered in the Library to discuss, answer questions, sell and sign copies of their books to patrons and the community. Over 250 guests met with the authors and had a great time.

Collection: Library of Extraordinary Things: Play (video available)

EPL's Library of Extraordinary Things has games, learning kits, puzzles, and more to keep you entertained and your mind sharp. This unique collection makes it possible to try something you've never tried before. Borrow once-in-a-while items instead of purchasing your own.

elmlib.org/YouTube

Services: LinkedIn Learning

Choose from thousands of online courses to learn software, technology, business and creative skills, achieve personal and professional goals through on-demand video tutorials and trainings.

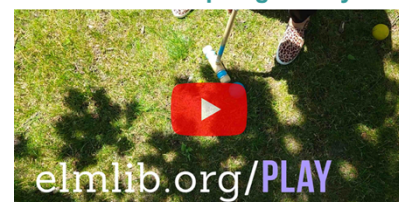
Inside Scoop: The Gem of the Community (video available)

Check out our Inside Scoop video for August where we showcased the ways the Library fosters your creativity and curiosity. We highlighted what makes the Library so special to the community with user stories we collected this year located on the back cover of Fine Print. Watch the video to see more.

elmlib.org/YouTube



Collections Spotlight: Play!



The newest Collections Spotlight video in our EPL Highlights series features all the ways you can play by borrowing items from our Library of Extraordinary Things! Relieve stress with challenging and fun activities you can check out from the Library.

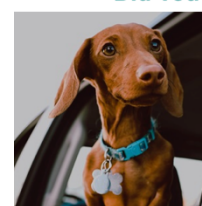
Beach Reads



Whether you're digging your toes in the sand or just daydreaming about your next vacation, we have entertaining page turners that pair well with summer relaxation.

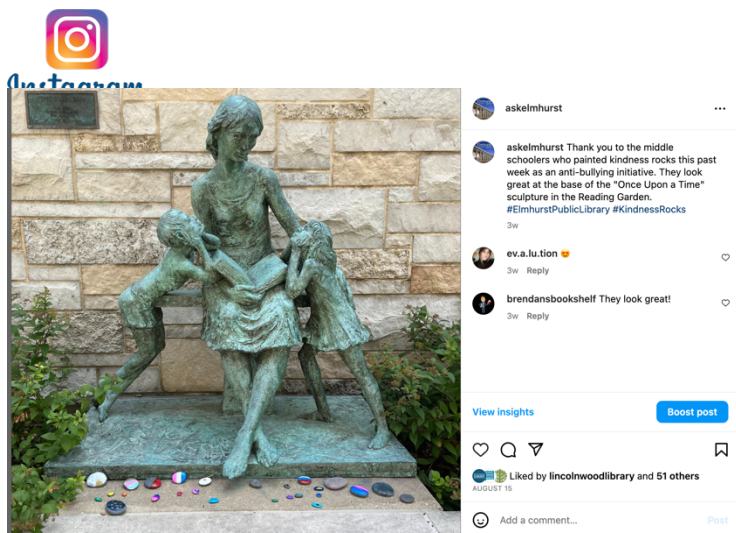
For more Beach Reads, visit our display at the top of the stairs on the 2nd Floor, or ask a librarian.

Did You Know ...



EPL loves four-legged friends! We have dog treats on hand at the Drive-Up Window for canine pals who patiently ride along with you when you're running errands.

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





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EPL's Greeting Card Swap is located near the Book Sale area, on top of the flag recycling box. Share like-new greeting cards you don't need anymore, and take home some new-to-you cards.



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Post Impressions
1,789

Post reach
1,698

Post Engagement
251

Interactions

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Reactions 63

Comments 9

Shares 1



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Post Impressions
1,633

Post reach
1,565

Post Engagement
218

Interactions

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Reactions 33

Comments 0

Shares 0

MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT

AUGUST 2023

Elevator Count	Equipment Reservations	3D Prints
<i>foot traffic</i>	<i>major equipment (e.g. laser, embroidery)</i>	<i>requested by patrons</i>
725	252	47



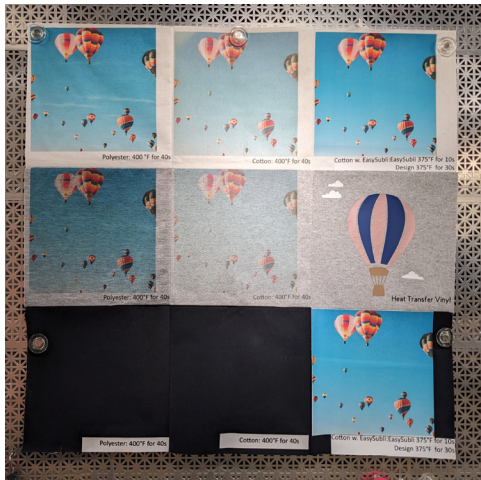
Ellison Die Cuts Refresh

This may not look like a big deal but it's a significant change. Available in the Makery are nearly 200 Ellison die cuts for cutting shapes out of paper. Many of which are close to 30 years old. This month, Makery staff collaborated to replace worn out dies, reorganize and re-label each one, and update the list of die cuts that is available on the library website. As a result, the die cuts are easier to find and easier for young children to reach safely.



Sewing Basics

Makery staff Ana Zulkoski and Bryan Bednarek taught another full session of Makery 101: Sewing Basics. Eight patrons with varying levels of experience learned to use the Makery sewing machines by making a simple, reusable tote bag.



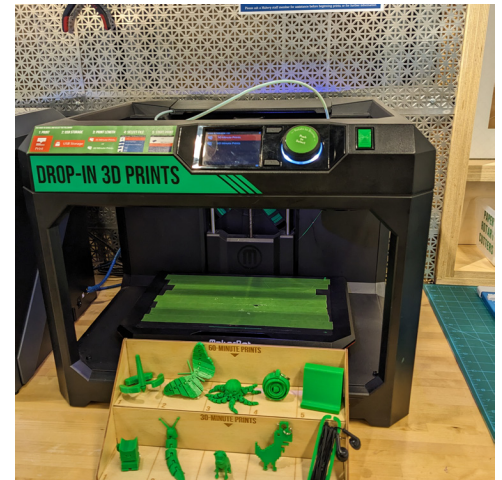
New Sublimation Display

A new display in the Makery demonstrates the different technologies patrons can use to customize apparel. On display are three different methods and how they work on different colors and types of fabric. This has been a helpful guide for patrons who aren't sure which method is best for their project.



New Project Guides

Makery staff have been busy creating several new instructional guides for a variety of Makery equipment. New guides include Sublimation Puzzles, Sublimation Stickers, and Laser Etched Rubber Stamps. More to come!



Coming Soon

Maker Specialist, Adrian Serrano, set up one of the Makery's old 3D printers as a drop-in station. Until now, the only way to 3D print in the Makery was to submit a file online and wait up to a week for it to be finished. Soon, patrons will be able to use the a 3D printer to make something right on the spot and watch it build right before their eyes.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

August 2023

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
20s/30s Book Discussion: <i>Love Lettering: A Witty and Heartfelt Love Story</i> by Kate Clayborn	20 and 30 Somethings	0	1
Adult Book Discussion: <i>The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine</i> by Janice P. Nimura	Adult Book Discussion	18	2
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	48	5
Android Basics	Technology	3	1
Apple Watch	Technology	11	1
Board Game Night (for 20 + 30 Somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	13	1
Bridge & Pinochle	Games	65	5
Can You Hear Me? Hearing Loss and Communication (In-Person)	Adult Program	5	1
Can You Hear Me? Hearing Loss and Communication (Virtual)	Adult Program	6	1
Canasta	Adult Program	17	4
Chair Yoga	Seniors	37	2
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	8	1
Climate Change (In-Person)	Adult Program	6	1
Climate Change (Virtual)	Adult Program	14	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	9	1
Creative Cardmaking: Birthdays	Create	29	2
Culture Club: Door County (In-Person)	Adult Program	33	1
Culture Club: Door County (Virtual)	Adult Program	26	1
Discover Flower Arranging (In-Person)	Common Connection	23	1
Discover Flower Arranging (Virtual)	Common Connection	21	1
eMedia	Technology	1	1
Excel Advanced Topics	Technology	6	1
Farmers Market Outreach	Outreach (P)	70	1
Friday Features:	Adult Program	37	3
Genealogy: School Records (Virtual)	Adult Program	11	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	13	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	4	1
Laser Cut Paper Art	Create	21	2
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: <i>Chatter: The Voice in Our Head, Why It Matters, and How to Harness It</i> by Ethan Kross	Adult Program	3	1
Library Board Meeting	Adult Program	9	1
Library Insiders: Karaoke Night	Inclusive	15	1
Local Author Fair	Books and Authors	272	1
Macrame Plant Hangers (for 20-30 Somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	9	1
Marvel Movie Trivia	Adult Program	12	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	26	2
Plant Swap	Home and Garden	29	1
Riverview Remembered (In-Person)	Adult Program	32	1
Riverview Remembered (Virtual)	Adult Program	57	1
Scrabble	Games	4	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	10	1
Technology Basics	Technology	3	1
TOTALS		1,036	59

Makery Program	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Makery 101: Sewing Basics	Makery	8	1
Makery Craft: Sublimate a Sports Towel	Makery	17	1
TOTALS		25	2
Teen Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
DIY Stickers	High School	0	2
Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)	High School	0	1
Teen Crafternoon	High School	10	1
Teen Snack Testers	High School	6	1
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	0	2
Welcome to High School	High School	2	1
York Back-to-school Bash	Outreach (P)	82	1
TOTALS		100	9
Middle School Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Middle School Volunteer Party	Middle School	20	1
TOTALS		20	1
Kids' Library Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
1000 Books Grad Party	Family	32	1
Black Holes: Hungry for the Universe	Family	29	1
Camp Kinder	Preschool	61	6
Explore a Story	Storytime	40	3
Kids' Chess Club	Elementary School	9	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	43	4
Movie in Wilder Park: <i>Sonic the Hedgehog 2</i>	Family	250	1
Open LEGO Building	Family	26	1
Outreach Community AT Brewpoint	Family	45	1
Outreach Community AT District 205 New Teacher Academy	Preschool	65	1
Outreach Community AT Elmhurst Resource			
Collaboration Back-to-School Fair	Preschool	45	1
Outreach YMCA @EPL	Elementary School	352	14
Play Switch!	Elementary School	8	1
Preschool Teacher Open House	Preschool	24	1
Movie in Wilder Park: Lightyear	Family	200	1
Romp and Rhyme	Storytime	99	4
Summer Storytime	Storytime	1,123	15
Superhero Yoga for Families	Family	22	1
TOTALS		2,473	58
Passive Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Adult Passive Programs:			
Passive Program: Library Insider BINGO	Library Insiders	9	1
Collections Spotlight: Library of Extraordinary Things	Adults	99	1
Inside Scoop: Gem of the Community	Adults	98	1
Recording of Discover Coding	Adults	11	1
Recording of GreenMan Theatre Treasured Tales	Adults	18	1
Recording of Cool Summer Treats	Adults	24	1
Recording of Understanding In-Home Care	Adults	6	1
Recording of Genetic Genealogy	Adults	12	1
Recording of Hidden Natural Treasures of IL	Adults	21	1
Recording of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency	Adults	29	1

Recording of Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes	Adults	5	1
Recording of Music Production	Adults	5	1
Recording of Flower Arranging	Adults	31	1
Recording of Hearing Loss and Communication	Adults	12	1
Recording of Genealogy School Records	Adults	7	1
Coloring Books	Adults	0	0
Reading Adventure	Adults	10	1
Interactive Displays	Adults	0	0
Social Services Folders	Adults	14	4
Library Bingo	Adults	29	1
Teen Passive Programs:			
Question of the Week - Passive	High School	51	3
Middle School Passive Programs:			
Pop-up Kindness Rocks	Middle School	38	1
Middle School Passive- Coloring table	Middle School	15	1
Kids' Passive Programs:			
Craft table - Passive	Preschool	1,700	4
Later Summer Reader Completions	Elementary School	24	1
		Attendance	Sessions
Adult Program Grand Total		1501	82
Total Passive Program Statistics		440	21
Total Program Statistics		1,061	61
Teen Program Grand Total		151	12
Total Passive Program Statistics		51	3
Total Program Statistics		100	9
Middle School Program Grand Total		73	3
Total Passive Program Statistics		53	2
Total Program Statistics		20	1
Kids' Program Grand Total		4,197	63
Total Passive Program Statistics		1,724	5
Total Program Statistics		2,473	58
Passive Program Total		2,268	31
Total Attendance		5,922	
Total Programs			160

STATISTICAL REPORT

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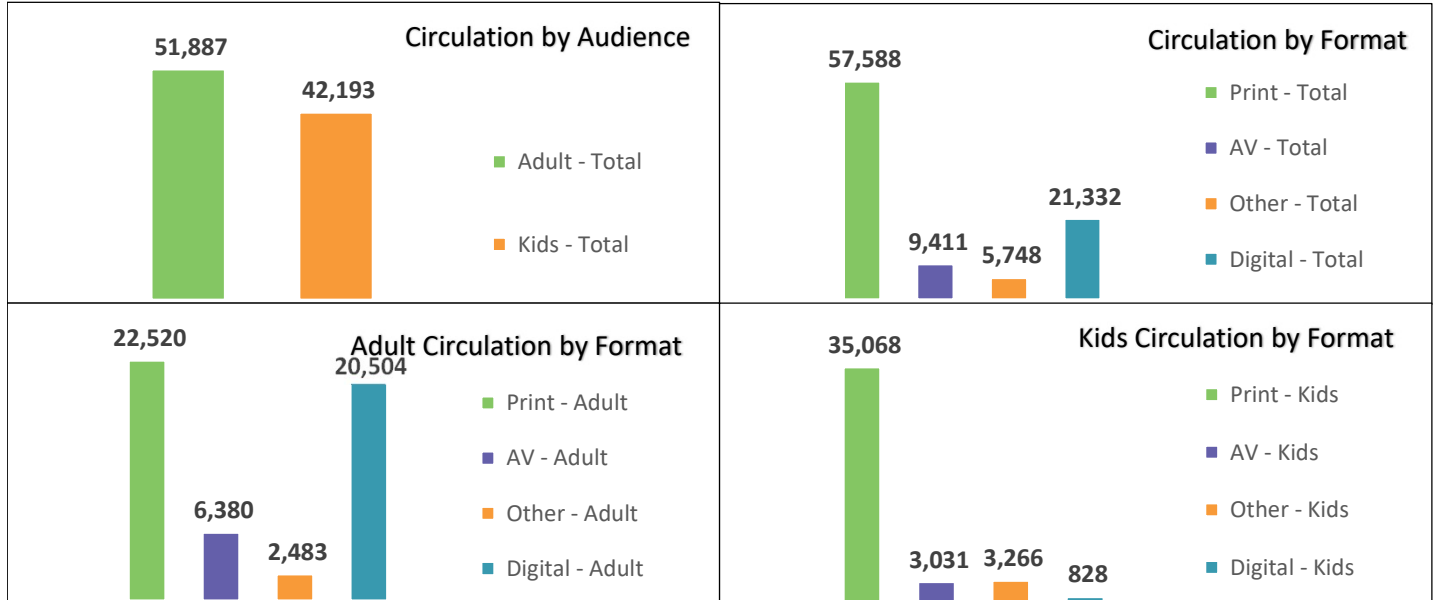
Circulation

Total Circulation
95,292 ↓ -1%
 96,682 last year
Card Holders
 24,950

Library Card Usage
9,672 ↑ 7%
 9,058 last year

Library Cards Issued
Elmhurst **236** ↓ -6%
 (Issued) 252 last year
Reciprocal Borrower **70** ↑ 94%
 (Registered) 36 last year

Interlibrary Loan
Borrowed **1,213** ↑ 7%
 1,138 last year
Lent **738** ↓ -27%
 1,008 last year



Technology Usage

Public Computer Use

19,124 ↑ 5%
 18,131 last year

Website Visits

148,024 ↓ -10%
 164,910 last year

Self Checkout

(% of checkouts)
52% ↑ 8%
 48% last year

WiFi Sessions

27,249 ↑ 22%
 22,258 last year

Reference Queries

Reference Questions Total

4,955 ↑ 23%
 4,039 last year

Reference Questions

Adult
3,686 ↑ 19%
 3,096 last year

Kids
1,269 ↑ 35%
 943 last year

Meeting Room Use

Library Programs

160 ↑ 23%
 130 last year

Public Meetings

76 ↑ 19%
 64 last year

Group Study Rooms

1,596 ↑ 1%
 1,575 last year

Programs

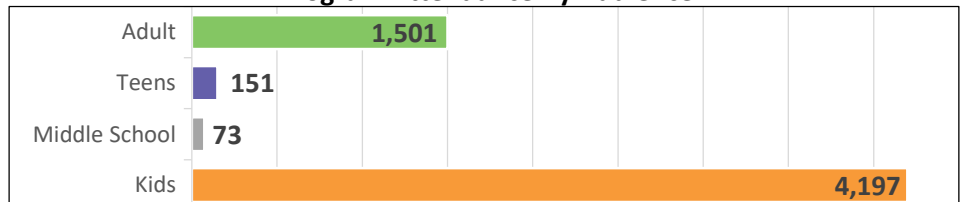
Program Attendance

5,922 ↑ 82%
 3,259 last year

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 130 last year

Program Attendance By Audience



Library Visits

Total Visits

39,726 ↑ 14%
 34,880 last year

In House Visits

Makery **725** ↑ 37%
 528 last year

Walk-In

37,781 ↑ 15%
 32,849 last year

Drive-Up Visits

1,945 ↓ -4%
 2,031 last year

Creative Studio

76 ↓ -16%
 91 last year

Monthly Comparison

Total Circulation

95,292  -1%
96,682 last year

Adult Circulation

51,887  2%
51,105 last year

Kids Circulation

42,193  -5%
44,439 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,213  7%
1,138 last year

Digital Material Circulation

21,332  19%
17,871 last year

Databases

6,486  -50%
13,101 last year

Reference Questions Total

4,955  23%
4,039 last year

One on One Tutorials

51  65%
31 last year

Number of Programs

160  23%
130 last year


Program Attendance

5,922  82%
3,259 last year

In-Person Visitors

37,781  15%
32,849 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

1,945  -4%
2,031 last year

Year To Date Comparison


Total Circulation

764,035  0%
760,682 last year

Adult Circulation

403,226  2%
396,690 last year

Kids Circulation

350,784  -1%
353,866 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

10,025  -1%
10,127 last year

Digital Material Circulation

161,500  14%
141,388 last year

Databases

123,937  20%
102,911 last year

Reference Questions Total

36,123  4%
34,626 last year

One on One Tutorials

429  30%
329 last year

Number of Programs

1,517  34%
1,133 last year


Program Attendance

51,245  19%
43,184 last year

In-Person Visitors

293,598  24%
236,581 last year

Drive-Up Visitors

15,243  -5%
16,110 last year

Collection Totals

Books and Magazines

182,588

Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

5,970

Audio Visual

32,137

Digital

168,936

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.
- Four Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$1,072.38.
- There are 113 active Non resident library cards (patrons living in unincorporated Elmhurst).
- We filled 5,028 holds this month.