

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As you drive on Prospect, please take note of the large banner on the University's fence across from our staff parking lot. The banner is advertising the One Book, One Elmhurst selection this year. EPL graphic artist, Molly Schlecht, developed a beautiful new logo for the yearly event. The banner is a new addition to the marketing plan. This year's title is *American Like Me: Reflections on Life Between Cultures* edited by America Ferrera. The book includes short essays from prominent Americans growing up between cultures in the United States. The Library will host book discussions and other programs related to the title culminating in an Author Visit with Frank Waln at the Elmhurst University Frick Center. Frank Waln is an author featured in the Book. He's an award-winning Sicangu Lakota Hip Hop artist and music producer who currently resides in Chicago.

The strategic planning consultants are meeting with staff to collect ideas about how to meet our strategic goals. After the staff meetings wrap up, the Management Team will meet to finalize the plan and we should have a copy to the Board for review at the November meeting.

# ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sept 2022

## Patron Interactions

Patron interactions were lower in September than in August, but compared to September 2021 we were nominally higher. Most staff would agree, however, that the floor continues to feel busier.

## New Staff

Libby Mercado, the Teen Engagement Librarian, started in September and is actively engaging with teens, reaching out to the schools and has reinitiated the Teen Advisors volunteering program.

## Displays and Passive Programs

A few displays of note include “Hispanic Heritage Month”, “Celebrate Recovery!” and “One Book, One Elmhurst.” A passive program in the Teen Space this month was Teens’ Top Ten, an opportunity from YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) for teens to vote on their favorite books.





# KIDS' LIBRARY DEPT REPORT

September 2022

## Programs

Fall Storytime participation has remained high since we've gone to a ticketed model, and September's Outdoor Storytimes continued to bring big crowds. Adding activity time at the end of Saturday Family Stories and storytime for 3,4,and 5s has been popular with kids and families.

**Nuala Maloney-Murphy** started off the year of Homeschool programming with a popular Creative Writing Class.

One parent wrote:

*My son Max attended the Elmhurst Library workshop earlier this week. He really seemed to enjoy it and has been motivated to write his story this week. This has been exciting to see, as he is usually not confident or excited about writing.*

**Katie Stringwell** got us back into the Makery for a MiniMaker: Tot and a Grownup T-Shirt Time program which the kids and parents loved!



3s, 4s, and 5s: C is for Construction



Creative Writing Class

**Shaira Rock** and **Jeannine Lau**, from ADS, collaborated on the middle school DIY Terrarium program, which was a big hit, and the month ended with **Amanda Murray's** Aaron Reynolds Creep Capers program featuring glow-in-the-dark rock pets and mechanical ArtBots.



DIY Terrarium



Todd Parr created an initiative to celebrate young readers for being who they are. To help celebrate at EPL, **Heather Forster Jensen** created a pop-up program, with official #BeWhoYouAreDay coloring sheets, an interactive poster for patrons to add a heart sticker to any action that makes them feel proud, and a Todd Parr book display.



### **School, Scouts, & Community Outreach**

We kicked off September with Rock the Block on Sept 10. Big Thanks to **Jan Simmons** from Kids', as well as **Sue N.** from Marketing and **Violet Pope** from ADS, for staffing the library booth where kids decorated cool visors and spun the prize wheel!

### **Volunteers**

Three dedicated middle school volunteers helped keep the library clean and ready for programming by dusting book shelves, washing picture books, and prepping craft supplies. One volunteer was so eager she was ready to volunteer daily instead of the expected weekly timeslot.

### **Staff Training**

Staff participated in **28 hours** of training and networking opportunities including attending the School Facilitators and Tinker meetings and completing mandatory sexual harassment training.

### September Marketing Topics included:

#### **Programming: Common Connection: A Symphony of Stories**

This fall's quarterly Common Connection theme celebrates music and the soundtracks of our lives using lectures, discussion, critical thinking, and with this theme, concerts!

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

#### **Collection: Creativebug** (Video available [elmlib.org/YouTube](http://elmlib.org/YouTube))

If you like our craft classes, you'll love Creativebug. This online collection helps keep hands active and minds engaged with unlimited access to 1,000+ on-demand classes in painting, knitting, crafting, sewing, cake decoration, and more. For adults and kids.

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

#### **Services: Get to Know Your Library**

September is Library Card SignUp Month! To support this industry-wide efforts, EPL hosted an event on September 21 that showcased "the super user's guide to the Library." After the presentation, attendees were given a behind-the-scenes tour. Coinciding with that event, the Library launched a new online challenge that covers a lot of similar content.

[elmlib.beanstack.com](http://elmlib.beanstack.com)

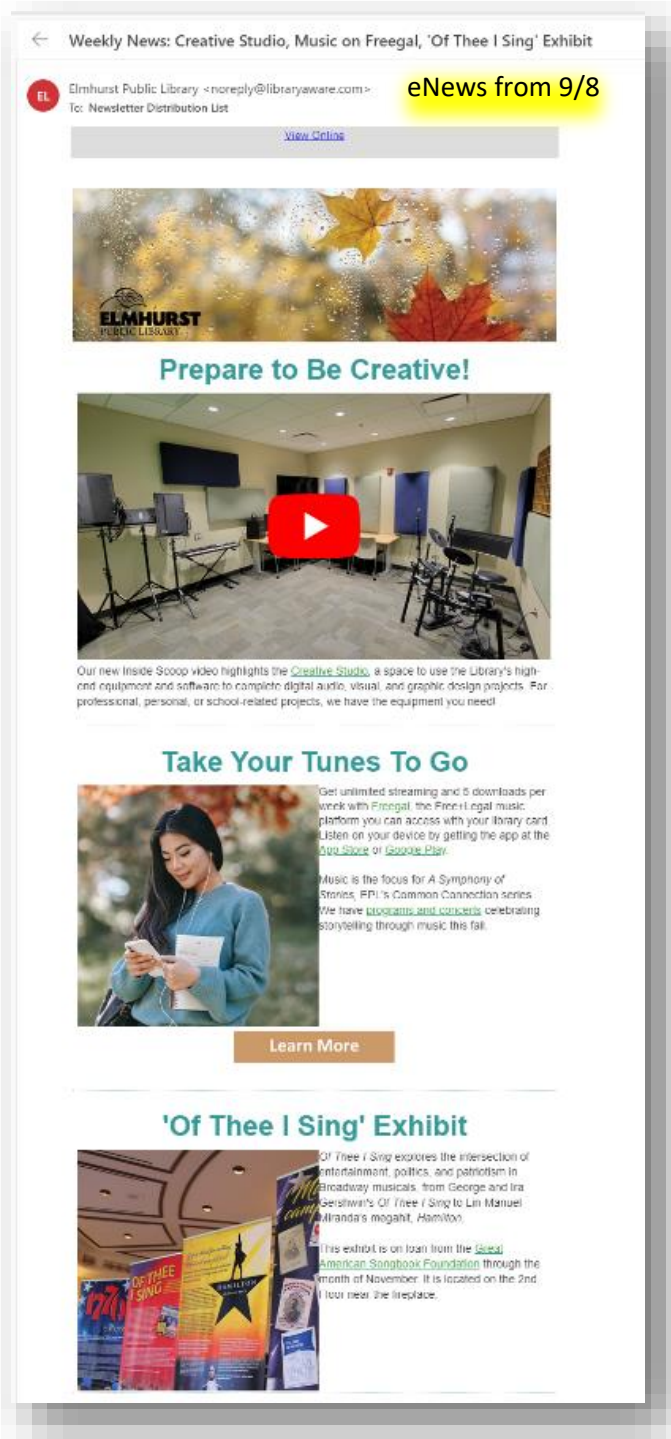
#### **Inside Scoop: Creative Studio** (Video available [elmlib.org/YouTube](http://elmlib.org/YouTube))

Located on the 2nd Floor, this digital media lab offers access to high-end equipment and software needed to complete audio, visual, and graphics projects. This space, and the tools found within it, aim to provide what is needed for professional, personal, and school-related projects.

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

#### **Community Connection: Of Thee I Sing exhibit**


The Library is excited to host this special exhibit, which is on loan from The Great American Songbook Foundation through the end of November. Of Thee I Sing explores the intersection of entertainment, politics, and patriotism in Broadway musicals, from George and Ira Gershwin's Of Thee I Sing to Lin-Manuel Miranda's megahit, Hamilton. Located on the 2nd Floor.





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

Post details





Elmhurst Public Library

Published by Carol Pavlik · 171 · September 3 ·

We're famous! The Library has a cameo in the movie Cooke Concrete, now available on our hoopla streaming service - [elmlib.org/digital](http://elmlib.org/digital). Look for EPL around the 4 minute mark. The film is written and directed by Ian Martin, who grew up in Elmhurst.

COOKE CONCRETE





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

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Performance for your post

1,312

People Reached

51

Reactions, Comments & Shares

36

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On Shares

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**Elmhurst Public Library**  
Published by Carol Pavlik · 71 · September 12 ·

In celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, Marlee Matlin joins Illinois Libraries Present to share the highs and lows of her Hollywood career and journeys as an activist. The youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar, Matlin's acting career recently achieved another milestone as her 2021 film CODA swept every category it was nominated in at the 2022 Academy Awards. Register for this inspiring conversation at [elmlib.org/author](#)

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## A CONVERSATION WITH *Marlee Matlin*

From Oscar to West Wing and Beyond

**September 14  
2022  
7 PM**

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Presents, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

1,185 People Reached

33 Reactions, Comments & Shares (g)

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1,185 People reached

63 Engagements

Boost post





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Like Comment Share

2 Shares





15 likes

askelmhurst Holidays with EPL lobby display - It's never too soon to start planning your celebrations ... get inspired at the Library!

View 1 comment

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# PROGRAM STATISTICS

September 2022

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
<i>The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel</i> : Documentary and Q&A (In-Person)	Adult Program	6	1
<i>The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel</i> : Documentary and Q&A (Virtual)	Adult Program	0	1
20s/30s Book Discussion: <i>Every Heart a Doorway</i> by Seanan McGuire	20 and 30 Somethings	3	1
Adult Book Discussion: <i>Klara and the Sun</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro	Adult Book Discussion	11	2
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Adult Program	39	4
Analog to Digital Conversion	Technology	9	1
Art Therapy Night (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	15	1
Book Challenges and the First Amendment (In-Person)	Civic Engagement	11	1
Book Challenges and the First Amendment (Virtual)	Civic Engagement	14	1
Bridge & Pinochle Club	Games	64	4
Canva Basics	Technology	4	1
Chair Yoga	Seniors	21	1
Chess Club	Games	6	2
Ciao Italia!	Adult Program	7	1
Coloring for Mindfulness	Library Club	3	1
Community Outreach - Greencastle	Seniors	8	1
Concert: Andrew Estrada Plays The Beatles	Common Connection	40	1
Concert: The Throwbacks	Common Connection	65	1
Creating Holiday Cards Online	Technology	10	1
Culture Club: The Netherlands and Belgium (In-Person)	Adult Program	19	1
Culture Club: The Netherlands and Belgium (Virtual)	Adult Program	11	1
Documentary Screening: <i>Meet the Patels</i>	One Book	5	1
Elmhurst Business Connection	Business	22	1
EPL at Farmer's Market	Family	138	1
Felt Succulents (for 20 + 30 somethings)	20 and 30 Somethings	14	1
Friday Features: <i>Cyrano</i>	Adult Program	12	1
Friday Features: <i>Downton Abbey 2</i>	Adult Program	14	1
Friday Features: <i>Fatherhood</i>	Adult Program	8	1
Friday Features: <i>Ghostbusters: Afterlife</i>	Adult Program	5	1
Friday Features: <i>La La Land</i>	Adult Program	5	1
Genealogy Club: Deciphering Other Languages (In-Person)	Genealogy	2	1
Genealogy Club: Deciphering Other Languages (Virtual)	Genealogy	6	1
Great Decisions	Adult Program	18	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	4	1
Latinos in Illinois and the U.S.A.: Music as a Cultural History (In-Person)	One Book	8	1
Latinos in Illinois and the U.S.A.: Music as a Cultural History (Virtual)	One Book	5	1
Learn & Grow Book Discussion: <i>Every Song Ever: Twenty Ways to Listen in an Age of Musical Plenty</i> by Ben Ratliff	Adult Program	3	1

Library Board Meeting	Adult Program	13	1
Library Insiders: Trivia Night	Library Insiders	3	1
Linkedin Profile Portraits	Technology	45	2
Lyric Opera Lecture: <i>Ernani</i>	Common Connection	10	1
Microsoft Office	Technology	3	1
Music Coasters	Create	16	1
Music Crash Course: Conducting 101 (In-Person)	Common Connection	8	1
Music Crash Course: Conducting 101 (Virtual)	Common Connection	9	1
Next Chapter Book Club	Library Insiders	24	2
Not Quite: Asian Americans and the ""Other"" in the Era of the Pandemic and the Uprising (In-Person)	One Book	4	1
Not Quite: Asian Americans and the ""Other"" in the Era of the Pandemic and the Uprising (Virtual)	One Book	11	1
Old-Time Radio and the Great American Songbook (In-Person)	Common Connection	11	1
Old-Time Radio and the Great American Songbook (Virtual)	Common Connection	2	1
Pub Trivia: General Music Knowledge	Adult Program	21	1
Resumes vs. Robots	Adult Program	2	1
Scrabble Club	Games	9	1
Senior Tech Series: Smartphones & Tablets	Technology	8	1
Soap Making	Create	16	1
Staying Mentally Fit	Adult Program	9	1
Stock and Bond Investing (In-Person)	Adult Program	10	1
Stock and Bond Investing (Virtual)	Adult Program	28	1
Ukulele Circle	Common Connection	7	1
Virtual Author Visit with Marlee Matlin: From Oscar to West Wing and Beyond	Author Visit	53	1
What Your Library Can Do for You	Adult Program	20	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (In-Person)	Adult Program	23	1
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (Virtual)	Adult Program	30	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,030</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Makery Program</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Makery 101: Laser Cutter Basics	Makery	5	1
Makery Craft: Autumn Napkin Rings	Makery	23	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Teen Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Dungeons & Dragons	High School	3	1
Game Hangout	High School	1	2
High School Crafternoon	High School	6	1
How to Begin Your College Search (In-Person)	High School	11	1
School of Rock Jam Session	High School	7	1
Spill!	High School	31	4
Teen Video Game Tourney	High School	20	4
Understanding the Sticker Price of Higher Education (In-Person)	High School	6	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Middle School Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
DIY Terrarium Workshop	Middle School	9	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>



<b>Kids' Library Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
Aaron Reynolds Creepy Capers!	Elementary School	7	1
Berens Park Storytime	Storytime	10	1
Community Outreach--Elm Hosp. Mom & Baby Hour	Family	15	1
Creative Writing Homeschool space 2	Elementary School	14	1
Explore a Story	Storytime	17	2
Explore a Story with Sign Language	Storytime	11	1
Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s	Storytime	55	4
Getting Started with T-Trak Model Trains	Family	50	1
Homeschool Explorers: Creative Writing Workshop	Elementary School	19	1
Letter Bug Crafting	Elementary School	5	1
Little Wigglers	Storytime	213	4
Little Wigglers Virtual	Storytime	16	4
Migration: Animals on the Move	Elementary School	10	1
MiniMakers: Tot and a Grown-up T-shirt Time	Family	14	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	55	3
Music Factory	Common Connection	64	3
Outdoor Storytime	Storytime	324	5
Outreach High School York Pre-K class	Preschool	22	1
Play Switch!	Elementary School	7	1
Rock the Block	Family	666	1
School of Rock Instrument Petting Zoo	Common Connection	50	1
Scout Visit - Makery keepsake box	Scout Visit (P)	16	1
Songs & Stories	Storytime	60	3
Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime	Storytime	29	1
Wonderful Wednesday Storytime	Storytime	143	5
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,892</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Passive Programs</b>	<b>Primary Event Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
<b>Adult Passive Programs:</b>			
Collections Spotlight: CreativeBug	Adults	68	1
Lobby Display Case	Adults	107	1
Inside Scoop: Creative Studio	Adults	137	1
Job Prep Week: Ace Your In-Person Interview	Career	10	1
Job Prep Week: Cover Letters Made Simple	Career	9	1
Job Prep Week: No-Stress Phone and Video Interviews	Career	9	1
Job Prep Week: Resume Workshop	Career	9	1
Pollinator Display	Adults	16	1
Recording of Conducting 101	Adults	6	1
Recording of Culture Club-Netherlands & Belgium	Adults	22	1
Recording of Electronic Cooking Devices	Adults	62	1
Social Services Folders	Adults	16	4
Spill	Adults	60	4
Teen Tabletoppers	Adults	1	1
<b>Middle School Passive Programs:</b>			
Adopt a Pet Rock (Passive Program)	Middle School	86	1
Make a Meme (Passive Program)	Middle School	35	1
<b>Kids' Passive Programs:</b>			
#BeWhoYouAre with Todd Parr Pop-Up (keep unpublished)	Family	50	1
1,000 Books before Kindergarten Passive Stats	Preschool	16	1
Table of crafts	Family	450	4

	Attendance	Sessions
<b>Adult Program Grand Total</b>	<b>1590</b>	<b>95</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics	532	20
Total Program Statistics	1,058	75
<b>Teen Program Grand Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>15</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics	0	0
Total Program Statistics	85	15
<b>Middle School Program Grand Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics	121	2
Total Program Statistics	9	1
<b>Kids' Program Grand Total</b>	<b>2,408</b>	<b>55</b>
Total Passive Program Statistics	516	6
Total Program Statistics	1,892	49
<b>Passive Program Total</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>4,213</b>	
<b>Total Programs</b>		<b>168</b>

# STATISTICAL REPORT

## September 2022

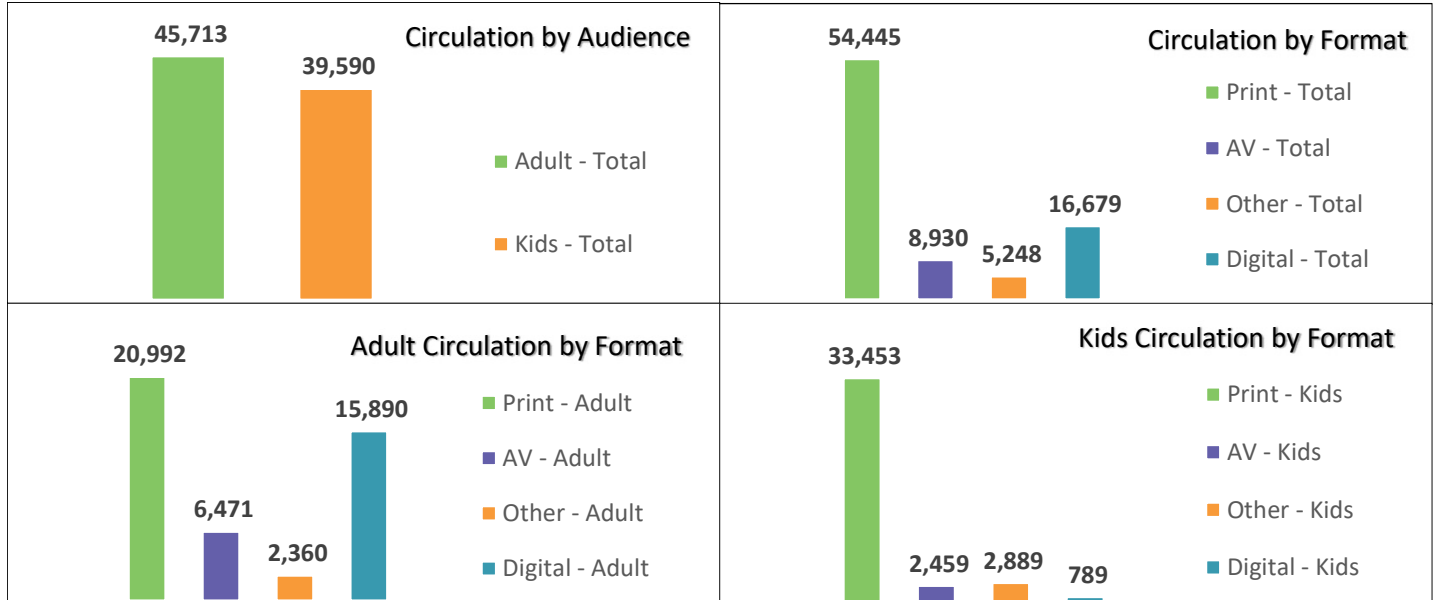
### Circulation

**Total Circulation**  
**86,602** ↓ -4%  
 89,952 last year  
**Card Holders**  
 26,152

**Library Card Usage**  
**8,608** ↑ 1%  
 8,496 last year

**Library Cards Issued**  
**Elmhurst** **218** ↑ 1%  
 (Issued) 215 last year  
**Reciprocal Borrower** **40** → 0%  
 (Registered) 40 last year

**Interlibrary Loan**  
**Borrowed** **1,369** ↑ 5%  
 1,302 last year  
**Lent** **708** ↓ -13%  
 813 last year



### Technology Usage

#### Public Computer Use

**18,448** ↑ 43%  
 12,862 last year

#### Website Visits

**161,395** ↑ 27%  
 126,904 last year

#### Self Checkout

(% of total checkouts)

**48%** ↑ 17%  
 41% last year

#### WiFi Sessions

**24,030** ↑ 29%  
 18,600 last year

### Reference Queries

#### Reference Questions Total

**3,751** ↑ 13%  
 3,318 last year

#### Reference Questions

**Adult**  
**2,979** ↑ 5%  
 2,847 last year

**Kids**  
**772** ↑ 64%  
 471 last year

### Meeting Room Use

#### Library Programs

**168** ↑ 26%  
 133 last year

#### Public Meetings

**62** ↓ -6%  
 66 last year

#### Group Study Rooms

**1,678** ↑ 31%  
 1,284 last year

### Programs

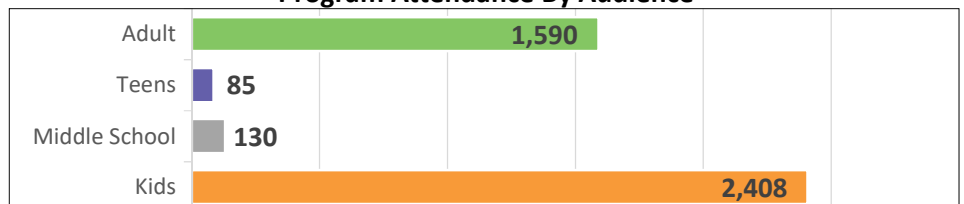
#### Program Attendance

**4,213** ↑ 174%  
 1,540 last year

#### Library Programs

**168** ↑ 26%  
 133 last year

#### Program Attendance By Audience



### Library Visits

#### Total Visits

**33,700** ↑ 21%  
 27,845 last year

#### In House Visits

**Makery** **439** ↑ 19%  
 368 last year

**Walk-In**  
**31,884** ↑ 24%  
 25,667 last year

**Drive-Up Visits**  
**1,816** ↓ -17%  
 2,178 last year

#### Creative Studio

**87** ↑ 74%  
 50 last year



## Monthly Comparison

## Total Circulation

86,602 ↓ -4%  
89,952 last year

## Adult Circulation

45,671 ↓ -4%  
47,811 last year

## Kids Circulation

39,562 ↓ -3%  
40,839 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

1,369 ↑ 5%  
1,302 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

16,679 ↓ -4%  
17,448 last year

## Databases

9,337 ↓ -16%  
11,124 last year

## Reference Questions Total

3,751 ↑ 13%  
3,318 last year

## One on One Tutorials

24 ↓ -20%  
30 last year

## Number of Programs

168 ↑ 26%  
133 last year

## Program Attendance

4,213 ↑ 174%  
1,540 last year

## In-Person Visitors

31,884 ↑ 24%  
25,667 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

1,816 ↓ -17%  
2,178 last year

## Year To Date Comparison

## Total Circulation

847,284 ↓ -3%  
874,040 last year

## Adult Circulation

442,361 ↓ -3%  
454,189 last year

## Kids Circulation

393,427 ↓ -4%  
408,765 last year

## ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries

11,496 ↑ 4%  
11,086 last year

## Digital Material Circulation

158,067 ↑ 2%  
155,254 last year

## Databases

112,248 ↓ -93%  
1,652,741 last year

## Reference Questions Total

38,377 ↑ 21%  
31,710 last year

## One on One Tutorials

353 ↑ 8%  
327 last year

## Number of Programs

1,301 ↑ 43%  
907 last year

## Program Attendance

47,397 ↑ 85%  
25,639 last year

## In-Person Visitors

268,465 ↑ 50%  
179,398 last year

## Drive-Up Visitors

17,926 ↓ -28%  
25,058 last year

# STATISTICAL REPORT

September 2022

## Collection Totals

### Books and Magazines

185,541

### Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics

6,763

### Audio Visual

37,700

### Digital

155,781

## Notable Happenings in Circulation

- We issued 2 *Cards for Kids* library cards last month and renewed 4 cards.
- Two Non resident cards were purchased this month for a total of \$767.93
- We filled 4,788 holds this month.