

Director's Report September 2024

Administration

Prepared by Kara Spizziri, Interim Library Director

Staff

- Library Director Amy Crump resigned effective July 8, 2024.
- Youth Aide Elian Fuentes resigned due to relocating out of state. His last day was July 19, 2024.

Patron Visits: In May, the library had 2,291 visitors.
 In June, the library had 2,297 visitors.
 In July, the library had 2,300 visitors.
 In August, the library had 2,200 visitors.

Adult & Bibliographic Services Report

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Reference Questions

	In Person	Email/Chat	Phone	TOTAL
May 2023	128	1 email/2 chat	77	208
June 2023	139	3 email/2 chat	66	210
July 2023	262	2 email/0 chat	66	330
August 2023	240	4 email/1 chat	101	346
September 2023	240	2 email/4 chat	126	372
October 2023	112	5 email/4 chat	63	184
November 2023	86	3 email/0 chat	45	134
December 2023	99	2 email/1 chat	43	145
January 2024	122	1 email/6 chat	77	206
February 2024	134	5 email/2 chat	52	193
March 2024	158	1 email/8 chat	61	228
April 2024	115	2 email 15 chat	67	199
May 2024	129	3 email/7 chat	59	198
June 2024	124	5 email/9 chat	53	191
July 2024	154	2 email/6 chat	78	240
August 2024	146	1 email/5 chat	79	231

Notarizations: 15. Notarizations have been suspended while Kara Spizziri is the Interim Library Director.

Adult Services Programming— May 2024

Wednesday	5/1/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	15
Wednesday	5/1/2024	7:00	DUI Workshop	3

Thursday	5/2/2024	6:00	Yoga	11
Saturday	5/3/2024	10:00	Zumba	12
Tuesday	5/7/2024	1:00	Computer Class: Google Forms	2
Tuesday	5/7/2024	6:30	Book Club	6
Wednesday	5/8/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	12
Friday	5/10/2024	10:30	Senior Social Hour	3
Saturday	5/11/2024	10:00	Zumba	9
Wednesday	5/15/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	13
Wednesday	5/15/2024	1:00	Computer Class: Google Slides	3
Wednesday	5/15/2024	7:00	Banned Book Club	5
Thursday	5/16/2024	6:00	Yoga	12
Tuesday	5/21/2024	1:00	Computer Class: Google Sheets	4
Tuesday	5/21/2024	5:30	Bingo	7
Wednesday	5/22/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	11
Wednesday	5/22/2024	6:30	Picnic Perfection (virtual)	5
Wednesday	5/22/2024	7:00	CUB Solar	3
Thursday	5/23/2024	6:00	Yoga	12
Saturday	5/25/2024	10:00	Zumba	14
Wednesday	5/29/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	11
Wednesday	5/29/2024	7:00	Open Mic Night	12
Thursday	5/30/2024	6:00	Yoga	11
			Total Attendance	196

Adult Services Programming— June 2024

Saturday	6/1/2024	10:00	Zumba	14
Tuesday	6/4/2024	1:00	Canva Invitations	4
Tuesday	6/4/2024	6:30	Book Club	7
Wednesday	6/5/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	12
Thursday	6/6/2024	6:00	Yoga	11
Saturday	6/8/2024	10:00	Zumba	10
Wednesday	6/12/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	11
Wednesday	6/12/2024	7:00	Blues Concert	15
Thursday	6/13/2024	6:00	Yoga	12
Friday	6/14/2024	10:30	Senior Social Hour	4
Saturday	6/15/2024	10:00	Zumba	9

Monday	6/17/2024	6:30	Classic and Modern Card Games	1
Tuesday	6/18/2024	12:30	Sound Bath Meditation	11
Thursday	6/20/2024	6:00	Yoga	9
Friday	6/21/2024	3:00	Cyanotypes	13
Saturday	6/22/2024	10:00	Zumba	10
Monday	6/24/2024	6:30	Canva Invitations	3
Wednesday	6/26/2024	6:30	Banned Book Club	3
Wednesday	6/26/2024	6:30	Tropical Treats	7
Thursday	6/27/2024	6:00	Yoga	13
			Total Attendance	179

Adult Services Programming— July 2024

Tuesday	7/2/2024	12:00	Postcard Station	4
Tuesday	7/2/2024	12:30	Sound Bath Meditation	12
Tuesday	7/2/2024	6:30	Book Club	6
Saturday	7/6/2024	10:00	Zumba	13
Monday	6/8/2024	6:30	Canva: Basic Photo Editing	2
Tuesday	6/9/2024	1:00	Canva: Basic Photo Editing	3
Wednesday	6/10/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	12
Thursday	6/11/2024	6:00	Yoga	13
Friday	6/12/2024	10:30	Senior Social Hour	3
Saturday	6/13/2024	10:00	Zumba	14
Tuesday	7/16/2024	5:30	Bingo	2
Wednesday	7/17/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	12
Wednesday	7/17/2024	6:00	YA Author Panel	5
Wednesday	7/17/2024	6:30	Mastering Grilling Basics	4
Saturday	7/20/2024	10:00	Zumba	10
Wednesday	7/24/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	12
Wednesday	7/24/2024	6:30	Adult Author Panel	4
Thursday	7/25/2024	6:00	Yoga	12
Saturday	7/27/2024	10:00	Zumba	11
Wednesday	7/31/2024	6:30	Monarch Butterfly	3
			Total Attendance	167

Adult Services Programming— August 2024

Thursday	8/1/2024	6:00	Yoga	14
Saturday	8/3/2024	10:00	Zumba	11
Monday	8/5/2024	6:30	Cupcakes and Canvas	14
Tuesday	8/6/2024	1:00	Canva: Newsletters	3
Tuesday	8/6/2024	6:30	Book Club	6
Wednesday	8/7/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	13
Wednesday	8/7/2024	6:30	Focaccia Art	4
Thursday	8/8/2024	6:00	Yoga	11
Friday	8/9/2024	10:30	Senior Social Hour	4
Wednesday	8/14/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	13
Thursday	8/15/2024	6:00	Yoga	15
Saturday	8/17/2024	10:00	Zumba	11
Monday	8/19/2024	6:30	Canva: Newsletters	2
Tuesday	8/20/2024	12:30	Sound Bath Meditation	10
Wednesday	8/21/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	13
Wednesday	8/21/2024	7:00	Banned Book Club	
Thursday	8/22/2024	6:00	Yoga	11
Saturday	8/24/2024	10:00	Zumba	12
Wednesday	8/28/2024	11:00	Chair Yoga	13
Thursday	8/29/2024	6:00	Yoga	10
Saturday	8/31/2024	10:00	Zumba	11
			Total Attendance	201

Website: May: 968 users viewed the website 1,628 times
 June: 893 users viewed the website 1,434 times
 July: 950 users viewed the website 1,483 times
 August: 894 users viewed the website 1,432 times

Computers: May: 625
 June: 640
 July: 701
 August: 824

Printing

Black & White	May: 3474	June: 3155	July: 4107	August: 4378
Color	May: 161	June: 281	July: 188	August: 388
Wireless Printing	May: 675	June: 843	July: 930	August: 915

Total	4310	4279	5225	5681
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Download and Streaming Services - May

- Patrons across all platforms: 139 patrons
- Checkouts across all platforms: 712 checkouts
 - Media on Demand: 50 patrons (5 new) 198 Checkouts
 - Hoopla: 83 patrons (8 new) 456 Checkouts
 - Comics Plus: 1 patron 2 Checkouts
 - Kanopy: 5 patrons 56 Streams

Download and Streaming Services - June

- Patrons across all platforms: 136 patrons
- Checkouts across all platforms: 649 checkouts
 - Media on Demand: 54 patrons (6 new) 197 Checkouts
 - Hoopla: 77 patrons (7 new) 399 Checkouts
 - Comics Plus: 1 patron 16 Checkouts
 - Kanopy: 4 patrons 37 Streams

Download and Streaming Services - July

- Patrons across all platforms: 132 patrons
- Checkouts across all platforms: 666 checkouts
 - Media on Demand: 54 patrons (8 new) 196 Checkouts
 - Hoopla: 74 patrons (8 new) 396 Checkouts
 - Comics Plus: 0 patron 0 Checkouts
 - Kanopy: 4 patrons 74 Streams

Download and Streaming Services - August

- Patrons across all platforms: 136 patrons
- Checkouts across all platforms: 677 checkouts
 - Media on Demand: 53 patrons (2 new) 249 Checkouts
 - Hoopla: 78 patrons (7 new) 401 Checkouts
 - Comics Plus: 1 patron 1 Checkout
 - Kanopy: 4 patrons 26 Streams

Database Usage

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YTD
Academic Search Premier	15	11	6	13	4	1	31						81
Business Source Premiere	11	11	2	13	18		2						37

- Interacted with over 55 patrons in active referrals & over 100 passive referrals
 - Active Referral: Meet with regularly / Passive Referral: Meet with once or twice
 - Areas of support for Adults: affordable housing, employment assistance, technology navigation, and resume building
 - Areas of support for Youth: food security, early education (reading and basic algebra), first time employment, clothes & hygiene products, transportation
- Total pantry input May – August is 667 items
- Attended PTMAN meetings in May & June for Safe Summer Initiative
- Established collaborations with organizations: UIC Extension, DREAM Academy, Launching Pad Worldwide for library programming
 - UIC Cooking classes
 - 3 DREAM Academy mentorship workshops are scheduled
 - Launching Pad Worldwide assistance through volunteer services
- Attended a de-escalation class and a course on improving charity services and outcomes
- Attended McKinley Open House & currently planning Back to School Bash
- Plans to have another food drive in the future

Youth Services Report

Prepared by Sophia Brown, Youth Services Department Head

Summer Reading Kickoff

Saturday, June 1, Bellwood Library had its Summer Reading Kickoff. Children received a kit with a Free book of their choice along with activities. Children and Teen and approximately, 300 students received a free kit.

Weekly Programs

Monday Craft Club

June 3 – 10 participants

June 10 – 25 Participants

June 17 – 26 Participants

June 24 - 22 Participants

Tuesdays Music and Movement w/Miss Camryn

June 4 – 20 participants

June 11 – 4 Participants

June 18 – 2 Participants

June 25 – 0 Participants

Family Lego Challenge

Wednesday, June 5 – 20 participants

Thursdays Coding Club

June 6 – 2 children and 2 parents

June 13 – 0 Participants

June 20 - Cancelled

Jun3 27 – 5 Participants

Cool Kids Cook on Fridays

June 7 – 2 children and 4 adults

June 21 – 6 children and 5 adults

Talking Drums with Performer w/ Drummer Ms. Kristin and Storytelling by Ms. Sophia

Wednesday, June 12 – 7 participants

Sensory Story

Saturday, June 15 – 2 kids and 3 adults

Special Programs

Sunprints

Monday, June 24 – 10 participants

Hip Hop Dance

Tuesday, June 25 – 4 participants

Concrete Garden

Wednesday, June 26 – 8 participants

Nature Storytime at Memorial Park

Thursday, June 20 - cancelled

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Read to a Therapy Dog

Friday, June 28 – 10 participants

Weekly Scavenger Hunts

76 completed scavenger hunt sheets

Collection Development

Book orders

Junior Library Guild – 23 Books

Ingram – 34 Picture Books and 10 Board Books

June Book Discards

10 picture books deleted