

Wilmette Public Library Director's Report – July 15, 2025

Library Activities for June-July 2025

Anthony Auston, Director

Welcome Desk & Shelving (Manager Patsy deVuono)

The library saw 24,482 visitors in June, averaging over 816 unique users each day.

The Welcome Desk answered 342 phone calls in June. 233 were direct transfers, 13 were directional questions and 96 were reference questions that the staff could answer. The mornings are still the busiest with the evenings being relatively slow.

We have a lot of patrons stop at the Welcome Desk to ask questions. They answered 539 directional questions and 355 reference questions. They also talk to many of the people that come in and just want to chat with a friendly face.

The Welcome Desk also signs out the Auditorium key, to make sure it does not get lost there is a logbook to sign. They also keep the log for the PIC to sign in and out. They keep the teacher pick-up bags and have a log for that also. The Welcome Desk also makes the endcap signage when we do shifting; they make all of the new signs.

Each morning, the Shelving team empties the interlibrary loan RAILS delivery bins. There were 286 blue ILL bins that were emptied onto the AMH in June.

The AMH sorted 60,511 items in June. Of those, 23,623 went to Circulation as exceptions for additional manual handling. As usual, the beginning of the week and the mornings are the busiest time, while the evenings tend to be slower.

In June, 472 WonderBooks and Vox Books were charged. 14 discs were cleaned in June.

Patsy is meeting regularly with Cathleen and other members of Adult Services to discuss the plans for emptying the 900's room and shifting the rest of the Lower Level.

The Shelving staff continues to help Adult Services by pulling of items for review. This month staff pulled from the 300s, 600s, 700s, 900s, and Large Type areas. The Audio Books were shifted as more were weeded.

The Playaway collection was shifted to the north wall of the Media Room under the windows, to make space for the Book Club Books. The Book Club books were moved out of the Hub and relocated to the shelving where the Playaways used to be.

The J/Y Non-Fiction was shifted to make room for the new J/Y Oversized Non-Fiction Collection.

Circulation staff Janet Avery and Rebecca Vrana-Naquin have been trained to fill-in at the Welcome Desk.

Welcome Desk Assistant Peter Sandstrom has added the role the Chess Instructor to his duties and is now leading programs for our rebranded youth chess club, the Mighty Pawns.

Collections / Technical Services (Manager Jessica Thomson)

Since May of 2024, when the project to right size the collection began, the collection has been reduced from 229,273 to 186,275 at the end of June 2025. This is an overall reduction of 18.9% of the collection, and 43,414 items have been withdrawn. This represents significant progress to the targeted goal of an initial 20% reduction of physical items due primarily to condition, lack of demand, obsolescence, and physical limitations of space.

The Library of Things working group continued the assessment of the circulation and age of the collection. The goal will be to weed low circulating and outdated items to make space for new items. We hope to complete the project soon. Additionally, several puzzles, board games, and outdoor games were purchased at the end of the fiscal year and are already circulating.

Acquisitions Assistant Megan Brown transferred numerous items from the Hot Picks collection to the circulating collection. This process is now standard due to a project completed earlier in the year by Technical Services staff to standardize the way author names and call numbers are constructed during the cataloging process. Items now can easily be moved from one collection to another, saving the library money by not having to re-order titles.

Technical Services Assistant Manager Shanti D'Costa placed several last-minute orders for Youth Services while Megan Brown was on vacation. Shanti made sure that these materials were received and invoiced for fiscal year 2024/25. Additionally, Shanti re-ordered requested titles from Adult Services that had been cancelled in the Baker & Taylor report from May.

Shanti also worked closely with Rachel Fischer of CCS to prepare for the fiscal year 2025/26 rollover that must be scheduled and manually updated in the acquisition module in Polaris.

Cataloging Librarian Carly Stauss added additional fields to roughly 50 records so that Youth Services staff can easily locate Bluestem and Rebecca Caudill award winner records in the catalog.

Carly Stauss has been added to the CCS SCRAP committee for 2025/26.

The acquisitions team is now dedicating additional time to Polaris clean-up work due to the need to remove purchase order line items from cancelled titles. This is necessary work to keep the ILS correct and accurate but is an unfortunate addition of duties due to the instability of vendors to fulfill orders.

Digital Collections (Digital & Maker Services Manager Lauren Kelly)

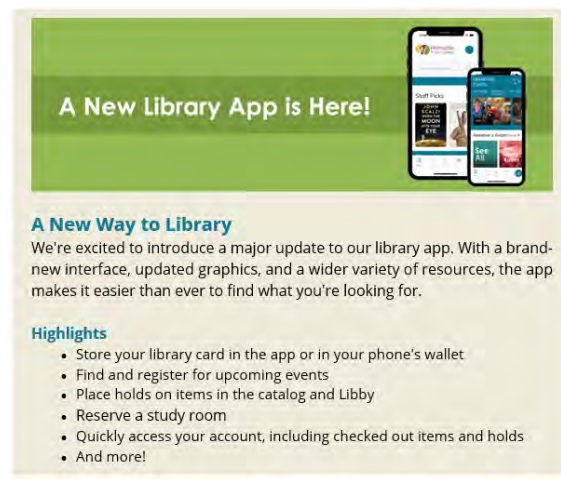
In June, Lauren Kelly worked to finalize the budget distribution of Online Resources, which included renaming some budget lines to better reflect what is contained in each category. Digital & Maker Services Assistant Manager Lydia Hanchett created a new digital content spreadsheet to better track the spending over the course of the year.

Lydia met with our Hoopla representative, which netted some interesting insights about our patrons' digital usage on this platform. They also explored AI content, and the possibility of removing this content from our platform.

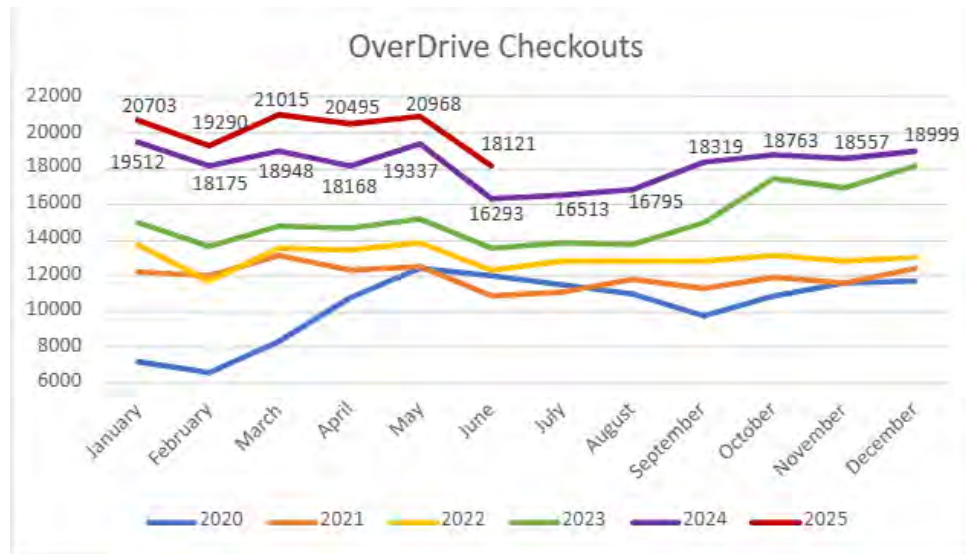
Lauren got information for Adult Services Manager Cathleen Blair regarding a potential upgrade of our Value Line product to include more back issues. AS decided to not proceed at this time.

Digital Collections Highlights

- The Wilmette Library App has seen higher usage since the update in April. For example, prior to the update we averaged 1,443 sessions on Apple devices, and are at 1,895 sessions/month.
- Our Local History Digital Collection, saw the highest number of page views this fiscal year, with 14,534 in June. This is up from an average of 5,389 views per month.
- New York Times All Access usage remains strong. Since upgrading to the All Access product instead of just the news, we have seen usage increase by 78%. There were 3,388 usage sessions in June.



OverDrive



June – 18,121 checkouts

- 8,432 ebooks (46.5%)
- 6,627 digital audiobooks (36.6%)
- 3,062 digital magazines (16.9%)

Top eBook titles by checkout:

1. Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry – 60
2. Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid – 47
3. The Wedding People by Alison Espach – 34
4. The God of the Woods by Liz Moore – 33
5. The Women by Kristin Hannah – 33

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1. Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry - 47
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The most popular magazines:

1. The New Yorker - 673
2. The Week - 130
3. Us Weekly - 119

The complete FY2024-25 digital resource statistics are appended to this report.

Circulation (Manager Matthew Hoffman)

We welcomed 141 new cardholders in June.

Interlibrary Loan Coordinator Amy Jung successfully implemented a new procedure for processing OCLC materials with an easily printable sticker format. This replaces the paper book wraps we had used previously.

We now have lobby display space devoted to a section of our Library of Things collection. On the far right-hand side of the Hot Picks shelving, we're promoting our new board games and puzzles. The collection went on display on June 28, and within a minute there was already activity. Items that had never been checked out previously have now circulated. More board games and puzzles will be added to the collection to keep up with the demand.

Matthew joined Community Engagement Librarian Sarah Jo Zaharako at the Food Truck Mondays event in Kenilworth on June 9. We made sure that everyone who visited our table left with a Summer Reading Club log and some swag, including our new custom vinyl stickers. We had 50 visitors.

Matthew has also worked with Wilmette Special Events Coordinator Ashleigh Siegel to secure a space for the library at the September Block Party. Matthew will work with the Community Engagement Committee to staff this event.

Current and Past Physical Circulation by Fiscal Year

	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
July	33,804	59,462	59,742	60,736	58,994
Aug	50,795	21,368	59,932	62,545	56,891
Sept	55,261	64,184	53,587	49,229	44,457
Oct	55,820	50,538	53,994	55,226	59,304
Nov	46,631	53,720	54,850	52,926	53,810
Dec	35,822	51,141	51,452	53,499	51,956
Jan	31,822	53,798	57,424	56,360	55,437
Feb	32,640	49,767	52,127	54,534	51,350
March	52,239	55,073	61,616	58,430	55,098
April	52,875	53,537	54,517	54,773	52,102
May	54,781	51,235	53,990	51,671	51,007
June	56,560	55,012	56,630	56,941	54,569
Total YTD	559,050	618,835	669,861	666,870	644,975

Wilmette Public Library Monthly Statistics as a Whole For 6/2025	
Total Checkins	30,398
Checkout Stations	20,877
Leap Checkout and Renewal	10,387
Total Checkouts	31,267
Auto-renewal	22,185
Power PAC Renewal	404
Leap Checkout and Renewal	150
Checkout Stations	317
Total Renewals	23,302
Number of your Library's items checked out system-wide	30,874
Holds Placed through your interface	6,243
Holds placed for/by your patrons	6,756
Holds Held	7,209
Holds Checked out	6,079
Holds Cancelled	1,210
Holds Unclaimed	902
Number Of Items Currently Out	34,505
Unexpired Patrons on file	17,723

Wilmette Public Library 24/7 Pickup Lockers Monthly Statistics For 6/2025	
Total Checkouts	309
Wilmette Cardholder	98
CCS and/or Reciprocal Borrower Cardholder	25
Holds Held	352
Holds Unclaimed	30

New interlibrary loan OCLC stickers have replaced the former paper wraps



New Library of Things display promotes puzzles and board games this summer



Adult and Teen Services (Manager Cathleen Blair)

Progress on Goals

Develop and present valuable, outcome-oriented programs and events.

With the start of June, months of planning and preparations were realized in the kickoff to Summer Reading Club 2025, which continues through August 15. This year was the first in which multiple departments joined to sponsor an all-ages celebration. In an innovation designed to heighten engagement beyond information sharing, Assistant Manager Rachel Garcia, Teen Services Librarian Krista Hutley, and Librarian Rachel Rothe prepared two interactive activities, a Jenga tower and a Dungeons & Dragons die toss, each that prompted a reading-related question. It was a day of numerous bookish conversations and distribution of many SRC participation logs. Shelves Suzanne Symanietz and Librarian Joan Blecher also assisted, and at one table alone, the estimated count of discrete patron conversations over a three-hour span was 170.



The reading programs themselves have been designed to nod to the success of previous models but also to introduce fresh facets. Participants may enjoy the familiar appeal of choosing their own reading of four titles and then claiming a new book from an array curated by librarians for timeliness and appeal. For those who enjoy being introduced to new authors and tones, and in conjunction with the SRC program 'Level Up' motif, adults and teens may opt to select from an array of advisory bookmarks, each of which presents specialist-suggested titles, organized by theme. Reading one of the featured books earns the participant an additional prize.



Host and promote public forums for residents to explore and discuss topics affecting our community.

After nearly a year of advocacy, Librarian Suzanne Arist successfully facilitated a program speaking to the plight of refugees in the Chicagoland area, as well as amplifying avenues for community members to help. After researching and identifying Refugee One as an appropriate partner in this endeavor, Suzanne worked with Communication Director Sally Schulze to provide an informational program in conjunction with World Refugee Awareness Month that expertly navigated core issues and current challenges without skewing into partisanship.



In partnership with Lora Amigo of Pink Couch Books, Assistant Manager Rachel Garcia designed and facilitated the library's first Romance Meet & Greet event. Attendees were gifted with a collaborative list of the most anticipated romance titles of the season, as well as discussion prompts that sparked lively engagement regarding books, tropes, and other topics related to the popular genre. Most participants were new to bookish adult events at WPL and expressed support for more romance-related programming in future.



Digitize, preserve, and enhance access to rare and unique local history resources

Newly digitized issues available in WPL's Local History Digital Collection include *Wilmette Life* from 1950-1956 and 2019-2024 and miscellaneous issues addressing gaps in the *Wilmette Beacon* holdings. We now have a nearly complete collection of the most recent issues of the *Wilmette Life* from 2005-present and *Wilmette Beacon* from 2010-2020 available for on-site access, as well as a growing collection of earlier historical issues of the *Wilmette Life* available to everyone. Librarians Suzanne Arist and Ted Remus have been diligently indexing the obituaries from the 1950s and 1940s during their multi-year indexing project, and this work has been linked to the newly digitized newspapers, providing enhanced findability and additional context for obituaries in these papers. ([See an example of an index entry linked with the full text here.](#)) Patrons can now learn more about local history, the library, Wilmette residents, and more in this unique resource, including the day that the "new" library building was completed and graced the cover of the *Wilmette Life*:

<https://history.wilmettelibrary.info/4085723/data>.

(See the cover and page 5 for more information about the "new" building.)

At times an individual patron request provides opportunity to identify and share a resource to the wider community. A patron requested high-quality scans of two maps that they had studied several months ago. Genealogy and Local History Librarian EvaAnne Johnson labored to scan the large maps in several sections and digitally stitch those sections together using software in the Studio. Both maps have been uploaded to our Local History Digital Collection and provide significantly increased access to the public. See the [1995 map here](#) and the [1938 map here](#).

Highlight the wealth of resources offered in our building and collections.

In-house material displays continue to be one of the most effective and nimble opportunities to introduce visitors to materials they may not have considered otherwise. Librarian Rachel Rothe, Senior Services Librarian Jillian McKeown, and Teen Services Librarian Krista Hutley serve as primary orchestrators of this service. In addition to a wealth of Summer Reading Club tie-in spotlights, including one with throwback board games to illustrate the 'Level Up' theme, among the more sampled displays this month were multi-format features for Pride Month, Juneteenth, and a lighter cookbook profile entitled "Take a Kitchen Staycation".





Patrons are also introduced to both new and backlist titles through advisory spotlight curation on the website (blog posts and book ‘rivers’) and direct reader-themed e-newsletters. Staff at desk report visitors asking for titles introduced in these forums.

*Curate and promote quality collections in a variety of formats.
Revitalize and reimagine the first floor and lower level of the library.*

To advance a pair of strategic goals rooted in refreshing collections and in right-sizing use of valuable library spaces, Adult Services selectors have continued to enhance their skills in assessment and curation of collections. Examples include

- Using combinations of available data reporting to identify low-circulating materials, dated information, and items that may have circulated so often as to show wear
- Undertaking systematic visual shelf checks of collection areas to identify issues not illuminated via reporting, as well as to glean insight into areas with disproportionate numbers of legacy items for the subject area
- Advanced analysis of whether circulations are to Wilmette community or neighboring partners, as well as attention to whether circulation numbers are discrete borrows rather than auto-renewals
- Increased prudence in purchasing, as extensive analysis of collection areas has provided increased understanding of current interests

Prepare staff with professional development resources and leadership opportunities, and support individual paths for career growth.

Librarian Suzanne Arist successfully completed her two-year term of service on the Illinois Library Association’s *ILA Reporter* Advisory Committee.

Professional Development Completions:

- “State of Movies,” Midwest Tape (Jillian McKeown)
- “Introducing the New NoveList Experience” (Rachel Garcia, Rachel Rothe)
- “Merchandising for Beginners” (Rachel Garcia)
- “De-escalation Training” (Rachel Rothe)
- “Preservation, Libraries, & Inspiring the Next Generation: In Conversation with Mychal Threats and Linda Sue Park,” ALA Core (EvaAnne Johnson)
- “Researching the History of a Business,” APG Chicago Region (EvaAnne Johnson)

Additional Spotlight Activities

Public Desk Service

Adult Services staff answered 2931 questions in June, reflecting a 9% rise over the previous month. Collection assistance comprised 42% of interactions, reference inquiries contributed 26%, and 24% of transactions were in service of study room facilitation. Notably, staff recorded twenty-two dedicated tutorials throughout the month; included in this category are pre-arranged specialty librarian appointments and extended individual assistance for walk-ins.

Business and Finance Services

As a professional practice, Business Librarian John Amundsen annually structures a series of opportunities to meet with counterparts in neighboring organizations. This month he visited Glencoe Public Library Adult Services Manager Dale Heath, Skokie Public Library Community Liaison for Economic Well-Being Melody Sok, and Arlington Heights Memorial Library Business Librarian Steven Slavick. John’s goals for these consultations were to explore opportunities for joint programming, to glean insight into how each conducts outreach and business programming, and to explore how each presents their business collections. Among the inspirations collected were innovations in marketing maker spaces to the business community and incorporating feedback on community outreach plans.

Services to Older Adults

Delivery of library materials to homebound residents continues to be one of the most active services offered through the library. Senior Services Librarian Jillian McKeown regularly coordinates the many components of these operations. This month she also accepted sole responsibility for book selection and preparation for all thirty-five deliveries due to temporary partner unavailability.

In addition to recurring program investments such as the Dementia Caregiver Support Group and Mather Literary Lounge, Jill is dedicated to exploring untapped interests. This month she introduced Ageless Grace, a chair exercise class, led by established Evanston presenter (and WPL Circulation Services staff) Kate Jordan. Those attending were so satisfied as to ask if it might be offered as a weekly program!

Teen Services

June is one of the busiest seasons in Teen Services, as it includes the second of Teen Pizza Study Nights (60 in attendance), initiation of Summer Reading Club, and heightened programming for students with more open seasonal schedules.

Teen Services Librarian Krista Hutley and School Engagement Librarian Eti Berland are co-leading the Summer Reading Club Teen Volunteer Program, training 50 teens to staff the Youth Services reporting booth, assist during youth programs, and contribute to other task needs. This summer's contributors include two adult volunteers: Cecilia Clarke, President of the Friends of the Library, and former summer assistant Susan Zonia.

In partnership with Youth Services librarians Sarah Jo Zaharako and Eti Berland, Krista designed and facilitated a Pride Party celebration on June 13. The event boasted multiple craft stations, a photo area, booths staffed by local LGBTQ+-friendly organizations, and live music by the Chicago Jazz Dads. Krista planned a tween-and-teen activity, decorating sunglasses for Pride celebrations with rainbow cut-outs and letter beads, and helped Eti manage the two teen volunteers at various stations. The Pride Party's drew a large and buoyant crowd of all ages and was a huge success.

Sample Patron Interactions

- Senior Services Librarian Jillian McKeown reports, "I was told by a patron that 'if we didn't have the wheelchairs up front, I don't know how I would make it in the library.' He also told me that it makes him, 'feel more human to come to the library and talk to staff.'"
- As one of the first steps in collection moves, the relocation of Book Club books caught many regular patrons by surprise. Though initially frustrated, several of our visitors have come to appreciate the gains; Librarian Jenny Klein is one who has modeled affirmative tone-setting in explaining that the new location is much brighter and easier to browse.

Additional program details and statistics are appended to this report.

Youth Services (Manager Andrea Vaughn Johnson)

Youth Services Programs

Youth Services offered 47 events in June that were attended by 1,838 patrons.

Below are a few highlights:

75 kids, teens, and adults attended WPL's first Pride Party on June 13 in the auditorium. The event featured live music by the Chicago Jazz Dads, crafts, a photo op, and sing-alongs. The Wilmette Human Relations Commission and Evanston PFLAG participated with informational tables. Attendees shared overwhelmingly positive feedback and at least one young patron cried when it ended. This event was organized by Community Engagement Librarian Sarah Jo Zaharako, Teen Librarian Krista Hutley, and School Engagement Librarian Eti Berland with support from Youth Services Manager Andrea Vaughn Johnson. Special thanks to our Summer Reading Club volunteers and to facilities/safety team members Aarin Olson, Mike Siwinski, and Jim Kaspari.

Library programs are an engaging way for tweens to connect, learn, and create. In Hungry Crafters: Ocean in a Jar on June 25, participants learned facts about the ocean and created miniature ocean and beach scenes.



In Make a Gacha Pouch, also on June 25, tweens learned about the popular Japanese Gacha toys and Gachapon (Japanese capsule toys dispense vending machines). The participants made their own pouch and created miniature items like books, bookmarks, creatures, to add to a pouch, representing themselves in a fun way.

School Engagement Librarian Eti Berland hosted local author and educator Dahlia Richards, author of *Amoya's Big Move* and *Amoya's Accent* on June 23 with more than 40 young people and caregivers, engaging children of all ages. She read *Amoya's Big Move* aloud - and shared how her own experience moving from Jamaica to Evanston inspired her story, teaching us about her favorite Jamaican games and food and leading a craft where children made their own 3-D suitcases.



On June 25, we hosted a concert on the lawn with Grammy award winning Dan and Claudia Zanes, who were on a short tour of area libraries.



Visitors shared what makes them feel proud on our bulletin board this month.



Our Stuffed Animal Campout on June 20 drew quite a crowd! The Youth Program Room was packed with kids, their plushies, and their caregivers for stories about camping, a campfire sing-along, and a campfire nightlight craft. After the families went home, the plushies enjoyed a campfire of their own and explored the library!





The plushies even visited the Circulation Department and got library cards!

Lisa sent a YouTube video to participating families, recapping the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtjia7Jax5E>

Wilmette robotics team member Surina presented an introductory class on Lego Robotics on 6/19 and 6/24. Attendees learned how to use LEGO WeDo kits to create a moving rover and solve challenges in this hands-on robotics class.



Presenter Surina with her parent, Wei

Feedback from the presenter's parent, Wei:

"We had a fantastic session yesterday! All the kids were very engaged and no one wanted to leave at 6:30pm. Jack designed a pizza delivering robot. Alex designed a helicopter with a landing pad on his robot. Christine designed an airplane with turbines as well. Surina created two mini challenges and gave out awards during the second half of the session. Several kids asked their parents to sign up for our next session. 🙌😊 Two library staff ladies helped us clean up the room and kept the laptops and Lego building kits at the library for the next class. Thank you for all the support from you and your team. We look forward to working with you again next Tuesday 6/24!"

Summer Reading Club Volunteer Program

School Engagement Librarian Eti Berland and Teen Librarian Krista Hutley are co-leading the Summer Reading Club Teen Volunteer Program, with around 50 teens participating in the program. To launch this program, Krista and Eti hosted several group and individual orientations to train the teens to staff the booth, joined by Digital & Maker Services Librarian, Janet Piehl. Teens in grades 9-12 staff the summer reading club booth to promote signing up for summer reading and checking in children when they complete the program. They have also helped out during youth programs, as well as assisted with other tasks in the youth services department. In addition, two adult volunteers are assisting this summer, which includes Cecilia Clarke, President of the Friends of the Library, and former summer assistant, Susan Zonia.



Outreach

Preschool Outreach Librarian Ruth Bell and Youth Services Librarian Sheri Reda visited nine Wilmette Park District preschool classes and five other area preschools to give a storytime and activities to 207 children and teachers.

Community Engagement Librarian Sarah Jo Zaharako and Circulation Manager Matthew Hoffman attended the Kenilworth Food Truck event on Monday, June 9. They distributed summer reading logs to kids and teens and signed new patrons up for library cards.



Collection

Youth Services now has a separate section for oversized non-fiction books, located at the beginning of the J/Y Non-Fiction section. These books have a "+" sign on the label, just like the oversized books in the nonfiction section for adults. Thank you to Technical Services for processing about 50 books for their new home.



Book Displays

In the Junior High area, Youth Services Librarian Jennifer Lee highlighted the Summer Reading Club theme “Level Up” with a display of books about gaming and puzzles and a display of fun Summer Reads for tweens. In the second floor hallway, staff highlighted titles for Pride Month.



Special projects

School Engagement Librarian Eti Berland attended the American Library Association annual conference. She was a panelist on the Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table’s session, “Why Graphic Novels? Defending Graphic Novels Value in School in the Age of Censorship.” She shared resources to support intellectual freedom and book access, historical information about sequential art and comics, and tools for supporting library workers handling challenges.



Patron Stories

A young patron dropped off a thank you letter with staff expressing appreciation for library staff's hard work, especially the staff who visited her school to promote summer reading and recommend great graphic novels. Here's the text of her letter:

"Dear Wilmette Public Library,

I just wanted to thank you for all that you do. It is amazing how you can contribute to our town so much! Not only do you help people, but you also help kids learn and grow so much through reading. I personally want to thank the librarians who came to Central Elementary School to talk about the summer reading program and how it works. I am almost done with the level up challenge! It is so kind of you to provide books to all the amazing people here. It is also incredible how you always know where all the books are in the whole library and how if a kid asks you something, you will also know where it is.

My favorite books at the library are the graphic novels, so as you probably would know that I was very excited to here that there were so many great suggestions to some great graphic novels at the library for the summer like the book Camp Frenemies (which I haven't read) or the graphic novel A First Time for Everything (which I have read and was awesome😊)

I wanted to thank you for everything that you do to make the community a better place. I really appreciate you.

Best wishes"

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Digital & Maker Services (Manager Lauren Kelly)

Programs



Digital & Maker Services Librarian Janet Piehl ran the **Maker Garden** in June. Patrons were invited to “Knot It!” by braiding, weaving, and knitting yarn. These photos show the before, during, and after the project was put out.



- Digital & Maker Services Associate Ethan Herdrich ran Minecraft Club this month, with 7 of 10 registrants. Ethan spawned a world that started on a beach, and he asked the kids to build their dream vacation spots. A lot of them made beach cabins but one group made a whole resort hotel.



- Ethan also ran Next Level 3D Printing: Design Your Own Studio Mascot! He guided the group of kids through a design tutorial, encouraging them all to make their own design choices. They all came up with very fun and unique designs. All the kids finished their designs by the end of the hour, and Ethan printed two copies of each object, one for the kids to pick up and one to paint for a Studio display.



Program Updates

- The DMS Team generated ideas, wrote summaries, and submitted fall programs for September and October. As always, we offer a mix of Maker, Digital Literacy, Gaming, and Coding programs for all ages.
- This month Digital & Maker Services Assistant Manager Lydia Hanchett and Digital Services Assistant Annie Blackie shadowed a number of programs in preparation for running their own in the near future.

The Studio

In June the Studio team had 829 interactions in the space, a notable increase from May, which saw 594 interactions. Summer is in full swing!

Studio Projects and Patron Stories

- A patron came in for advice about heat transferring a photo on to bag for a relative in Spain who's graduating from college. The Studio reaches around the world!
- A patron from Evanston asked if she needed a Wilmette library card to use the Studio. The staff member said no. She said, "God bless the library. I love this place."
- Ethan had a great interaction with a mother and daughter in The Studio. They came in and made some Pokémon stickers together. Then the little girl made a collage with the stickers and while she was making it she was quizzing her mom on all the Pokémon types.
- Patron 1: "Thank you for everything. This is my happy place." Patron 2, who had just met Patron 1: "It's my happy place, too."
- Two separate patrons made stickers for their boats. One was a teenager whose summer project is restoring a boat. He cut the name of his boat out of vinyl sticker material.
- One afternoon, seven young teenage boys came in to make buttons and stickers of their favorite musicians and albums.
- A patron who's been involved in maker programming since the days of Maker Appointments was using the laminator to make bookmarks out of her paintings. She commented, "I like how vibrant it is in here. I like the community."
- A patron came in wanting to replicate coasters they made in program.
- "I showed my family and told them I did it all at my library! They were very impressed," said a patron who had made baby shower decorations in the Studio.
- Two patrons came to the Studio who both happened to want to use the embroidery machine. One patron had just finished and was cleaning up her loose threads and guided the other patron through the process of threading the machine. It's great to see patrons helping each other!
- Genealogy & Local History Librarian EvaAnne Johnson used the iMac Media Station in the Studio to stitch together scanned images of an oversized historical map.

Studio Updates

- The Studio contributed to the Summer Reading Kickoff event on 6/14. We hosted drop-in activities, including button making and sticker cutting with the theme of “Level Up!” We had 92 visitors in the Studio between 1 and 3pm that day.
- Janet Piehl accompanied school engagement librarian Eti Berland on one last Summer Reading Club visit, to Sts. Joseph and Francis School. We spoke to the 5th – 7th grades on their last day of school. Here she is showing off a project from the Studio, and also with Eti and the SJFX librarian.



- In June Janet Piehl trained teen volunteers for the Studio. She participated in a session with SRC volunteers on Saturday 6/7 and also ran four Studio-specific sessions that focused on learning how to use the button makers. As of late June, eight volunteers have been trained, and seven of those eight have started taking shifts in the Studio.
- Studio volunteers have been assisting patrons with the button maker, which is a tremendous help to staff. They have also been doing routine Studio tasks and working on their own projects. The volunteers have been freeing up staff to help patrons with more difficult questions and advanced projects.
- Lydia Hanchett has spearheaded thinking through the logistics of running sewing classes in the Studio. In June she ordered equipment and supplies and is now in the process of putting together a materials cart and planning classes for the Nov-Dec newsletter!
- Janet finished reworking a sewing Studio project for a quilted bookmark. “Projects” are things patrons can do in the Studio if they didn’t come in with an idea beforehand. We provide the materials and instructions, and they can leave with a finished product.
- Ethan Herdrich is working on making his “3D Design a Studio Mascot” program into a Studio Project, so more people can add their mascot to the display.
- Sarah Rose redesigned the Studio Supply Limit Sheet, adding a couple of things and making the usage limits clearer for patrons.
- Lauren and Ethan worked together on the summer Studio display with the theme of Level Up! Showing off summer and gaming designs. Ethan made an especially cool papercraft handheld game system.



3D Printing

June Patron Prints: 181, more than double last month!

Technology Desk + DMS Department

Updates

- In June, DMS Staff had 732 interactions at the Technology Desk. Help topics included: obtaining a boarding pass on a phone, digitizing an 8mm film reel of a wedding video from the 1950's, joining a Teams meeting with a link, using Google Groups, and more.
- In June, 3,463 pages were scanned at the Scan Station.
- The TBS computer management system also allows for usage reports. In June, we had 1,532 computer bookings (all locations).
- Lydia Hanchett ran the Board of Trustees livestream in June.
- Lydia implemented the transition from circulating device chargers to having them available at the Technology Desk and the Youth Services desk, no checkout required. Many patrons have already taken advantage of using one of these charger, and are grateful they can take it anywhere in the library where there is an outlet.
- Lydia also worked to repurpose the circulating charging stations into four new permanent in-library device charging stations for patrons in the Periodicals Room and around the first floor of the library, with deployment by Alex Barzallo and in conjunction with the Library of Things working group, Adult Services, and Facilities.



- Lydia contributed a blurb to the June Adult Services SRC Reader email newsletter.
- Lydia shadowed on PIC shifts in June. She will start performing PIC duties in July during shifts when there are other PICs in the building, and will be fully trained and on the roster in August.
- Finn Dos Santos has diligently been working on processing board games for the Library of Things. This month Finn and Lydia Hanchett, along with the LoT working group, launched display of Library of Things board games and puzzles for check-out, including both new and existing LoT items. Below left, shelf at launch Saturday morning 6/28. Below right, shelf at end of day Sunday 6/29.



- Finally, Lauren Kelly and Lydia Hanchett took a drive around the district to familiarize Lydia with the local schools, businesses, parks, and more.

Additional program details and statistics are appended to this report.

Communications and Events (Manager Sarah Beth Brown)

June Programs

June was an exciting and productive month for library programming, marked by strong collaboration across departments, high community engagement, and the successful launch of our 2025 Summer Reading Club, themed “Level Up.”

Our **Summer Reading Club Kickoff** was a success, drawing a large crowd and showcasing strong cross-departmental teamwork. C&E worked with various public service departments over the course of several months to coordinate this library-wide event. The event served as an all-ages celebration to kick off the summer, with activities, music, and games for the whole community. Programming Coordinator Jennifer Bartel led the coordination of several oversized lawn games that premiered at the kickoff as well as our all-ages concert featuring *The Jolly Ringwalds*, who delighted the audience with an energetic performance of 1980s music.

Learn to Play Traditional Chinese Mahjong

In alignment with the “Level Up” theme, we hosted a popular *Learn to Play Traditional Chinese Mahjong* program. A full class of 27 participants attended to learn about the rich history of the game, basic rules, and have hands-on practice.

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago

We were pleased to welcome back *The Shakespeare Project of Chicago* for their final performance of the season, a staged reading of *King Lear*. Once again, we had a full house, reflecting the community’s continued interest in live theatre and classical literature.

Virtual Program Highlights

History of The Beach Boys with Gary Wenstrup

Gary Wenstrup’s presentation on *The Beach Boys* drew a large virtual audience and generated excellent feedback. Patrons praised Gary’s engaging delivery and requested future programs focused on rock and roll musicians and vocal groups from the same era. Notable feedback included:

- “More Gary please!”
- “Continue with musicians from the Rock and Roll era.”
- “Have more shows about vocal groups of rock and roll!”

Gilded Age Gals: First Ladies from 1870–1900

Presented by the *National First Ladies Library and Museum*, this program was a unique and engaging dive into American history. Post-program survey comments included:

- “More like tonight by people who are as enthusiastic as she is.”
- “In-person and Zoom lectures on American history, especially niche subjects like this one that I hadn’t even thought about before.”
- “Please continue the wonderful concerts, as well.”

In addition to running programs in June and scheduling programs for fall, Jennifer also worked on statistics collection and coordination. She collaborated with staff from other departments to provide support and troubleshoot issues with program listings and registration settings in Communico and Zoom logistics.

June Communications

June is an especially productive month for our communications team each year, as most of our major summer projects are wrapped up and we have some breathing room before fall planning begins. We take this time to plan for the upcoming year, strategizing for our initiatives and major projects, and this year was no exception. Communications & Events manager Sarah Beth Brown worked on planning a number of major projects for the upcoming fiscal year, including signage updates, plans for our interior revitalization, and planning upcoming promotional calendars.

As we wrapped up the 2024-25 fiscal year, we worked on ensuring that our public service departments had all the promotional materials they needed for the summer, ordering a variety of items for use inside the building and out in the community. Graphic designer Sarah Rose also made a large amount of collateral materials for summer reading, including flyers, posters, banners, and reading logs.

Other projects that Sarah Rose worked on include:

- Created new posters for display in the vestibule and the bulletin board, with accompanying digital images as needed
- Provided graphics, files, and design consulting as needed, such as with SRC branded items across many departments
- Created name badges for new staff, replacements, and our youth “Librarian for the Day”
- Distributed SRC T shirts to new staff
- Created labels with our Logo and the Friends of WPL logo to be used on the wonderful lawn games the Friends of WPL purchased for us
- Updated and produced the BDU coupons for YS Volunteers
- Created signage and graphics for various needs such as for the Independence Day closures
- Worked with DMS to create updated computer signs that are now double sided
- Produced and ordered business cards from our new vendor for numerous staff
- Designed and ordered new book spine stickers to help identify our travel books. These will soon be in use.
- Produced updated name plates for trustees
- Designed and ordered our first set of branded mouse pads for both patron and staff use.
- Updated and reordered branded pens
- Produced, updated and/or replenished a number of printed materials including our very popular digital media handouts

- Updated and produced items for The Studio including an updated Supply Limits file
- Produced replacements for faded signage throughout the building, including the Maker Garden and the YS Rules of Play poster.

Lydia also worked on a number of projects in June. Some of her work this month included:

- Sent weekly enewsletters, biweekly Youth Services family e-news, and a June RA enewsletter in collaboration with Adult Services librarian Rachel Rothe.
- Promoted Summer Reading Club by sharing booklists from Adult and Youth Services, gaming resources, and photos from Summer Reading programs. During summer reading, I'm sharing ways to "level up at the library" in the weekly enewsletter. In June, highlighted resources included streaming music on hoopla, Gillson beach passes, scholastic teachables, The Studio's iMac Media Station, and career resources.
- Shared Pride Month book displays, librarian-curated booklists, and resources in our digital collections on social media and in the enewsletters.
- Created a digital slide to promote the new library app.
- Uploaded library policies to the policies page on the website.
- Took photos at 6/3 Pat-a-cake Babytime, 6/4 Wiggleworm's Party!, 6/11 A Legacy of Welcome: In Appreciation of World Refugee Day, and the 6/13 Pride Party.
- Posted 5 blog posts to the staff blog. On 6/25 I published an interactive Instagram story where patrons could submit their top book of the year so far. I compiled their responses with a tie-in to Summer Reading which will post to the blog on 7/1.
- Shared our May book discussion with The Book Stall

Email, Social Media, and Communications

Email newsletter statistics from June:

- 92,071 sends
- 1,764 clicks

Highlights from our social media:

Connect with us!

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Information Technology (Manager Michael Pocrnich)

Michael worked with CVI to facilitate the setup of a credit card machine for the Friends of the Library Books Down Under store. The Friends are currently training their volunteers and hope to launch the new payment option soon.

IT Assistant Christine Hightower assisted Youth Services in verifying that the Lego WeDo software was functioning correctly on classroom laptops before a two-part Lego WeDo program hosted by a local robotics team. Christine also supported staff in setting up both sessions, which were a resounding success.

Michael purchased six new Samsung digital display monitors from Abt to replace the four digital displays on the first floor along with the displays in the Small Meeting Room and Board Room. CVI handled the removal of the old/defective units and installed the new ones. Both patrons and staff complimented the sharp picture quality of the new TVs.

Facilities and Safety (Manager Marcos Levy)

During a mid-month heatwave in June, the facilities team noticed the building temperature in the high 70's to low 80's and discovered the air coils on the rooftop units were full of airborne cottonwood fiber that made it difficult for the air system to work properly. Rather than place an emergency service call, Marcos and Aarin carefully washed out the four roof top units and restored the cooling capacity for the building.

Human Resources (Manager Michael Boone)

Recruiting Activities & Personnel

Fiscal year 2024-25 saw a turnover rate of 5% which is a slight decrease from the 7% turnover we experienced in FY23-24. This past fiscal year we had 5 staff members resign, 2 for other employment opportunities, and 3 for personal reasons. The library also welcomed 9 new hires this past fiscal year. We have seen a steady decline in turnover rate since the pandemic years and hope to see this number continue to decline.

Digital and Maker Services

After over a month of recruiting efforts, Digital & Maker Services Manager, Lauren Kelly and HR Manager, Michael Boone, have selected Beth Hafter(she/her) as our new part-time Digital Services Assistant. For 10 years, Beth worked as the Director of Administration at Home Care Assistance of Greater Chicago, where she provided IT support including procurement, maintenance, training, and troubleshooting for all software and hardware needs. Beth, who holds a BMA in Violin Performance as well as an MBA in General Management, was also the Administrative Director for the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra. Beth currently performs with the Evanston Symphony Orchestra as principal second violin. Beth will average out about 15 hours per week covering afternoon and early evening shifts, and her first day was July 9, 2025.

Special projects

HR Manager Michael Boone participated in a WIN membership survey issued by our healthcare broker, Marsh McLennan Agency. Healthcare premiums are estimated to increase this year by approximately 12%-14%, so they are looking for ways to mitigate costs for the January 1, 2026 renewal. The survey solicited feedback regarding some proposed cost-saving measures, such as:

- Increasing deductibles
- Increasing office and/or RX co-pays
- Proposing to combine the WIN cooperative with another cooperative to see if that might drive down costs.

Results will be discussed at the July 21 board meeting, and there is a membership meeting on August 20. HR Manager will keep everyone posted as to what action has been taken.

Staff Work Anniversaries in June

Name	Dept	Date of Hire	Service Years
Sally Meyer	Shelving	6/13/2016	9
Rose Peterson	Circulation	6/27/2017	8
Michael Mah	Shelving	6/20/2018	7
Heather Douek	Circulation	6/09/2022	3
Matthew Hoffman	Circulation	6/26/2023	2
Harry O'Brien	Shelving	6/09/2023	2

Staff Training

All staff continued mandatory training this month, including:

- KnowB4 training: Phishing Reinforcements & Corporate Email Tips
- Unintentional Still Hurts: Overcoming Unconscious Bias

Select Staff Meetings & Workshops

Staff regularly attend conferences and developmental webinars, and are actively cultivating new skills through dozens of programs and workshops on a diverse range of topics, including:

6/2: Collection Managers meeting (Anthony Auston, Cathleen Blair, Patricia De Vuono, Andrea V. Johnson, Jessica Thomson)

6/2: Youth Collection projects meeting (Patricia De Vuono, Andrea V. Johnson, Jessica Thomson)

6/2: Peer site visit: Glencoe Public Library (John Amundsen)

6/3: Peer site visit: Skokie Public Library (John Amundsen)

6/4: Library of Things working group meeting (Finn dos Santos, Lydia Hanchett, Matthew Hoffman, Jennifer Lee, Rachel Rothe, Jessica Thomson)

6/5: Adult Collection projects meeting (Cathleen Blair, Patricia De Vuono, Jessica Thomson)

6/5: Making DEI FAIR: Lily Zheng in Conversation with Monica Harris, RAILS (Sarah Jo Zaharako)

6/6: MakerSpace Networking Group meeting at Prospect Heights Library (Lydia Hanchett)
 6/6: RAILS Programming for Seniors in Public Libraries (Jillian McKeown)
 6/10: All Staff monthly meeting
 6/10: Digital options for non-fiction titles (Cathleen Blair, Lydia Hanchett, Lauren Kelly, Jessica Thomson)
 6/10: Peer Advisory Group: Managing up and Managing Down (Michael Pocrnich)
 6/11: The Power of Rhythm: Singing, Dancing and Moving into Self-Regulation and Learning, Early Childhood Investigations (Ruth Bell)
 6/12: Community Engagement Committee
 6/12: ILA Reporter Committee (Suzanne Arist)
 6/13: CCS Circ/Tech Advisory meeting (Matthew Hoffman)
 6/13: ILA Marketing Forum (Sarah Beth Brown)
 6/16: Peer site visit: Arlington Heights Memorial Library (John Amundsen)
 6/17: CCS IT Technical Meeting (Christine Hightower, Michael Pocrnich)
 6/19: IDEA Committee Meeting
 6/19: Networking meeting with Vernon Area Public Library (Sarah Jo Zaharako)
 6/24: Collection Revitalization meeting (Anthony Auston, Cathleen Blair, Sarah Beth Brown, Patricia De Vuono, Jessica Thomson)
 6/24: Monthly Person in Charge Meeting
 6/25: Electronic Content Consortium Executive Committee monthly meeting (Lauren Kelly)
 6/25: Library of Things planning meeting (Lydia Hanchett, Jessica Thomson)
 6/26: *AI and Public Libraries: Panel and Discussion* via WebJunction (Lydia Fair)
 6/27: Excel Basics Lunch and Learn (Emma Standard)
 6/30: Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) Chicago Region (EvaAnne Johnson)
 6/30: LACONI Recharge planning meeting (Sarah Jo Zaharako)

Attachments

- FY25 Per Capita Grant Award Letter
- June circulation statistics by item and material collections
- FY24-25 circulation statistics by item and material collections
- June/FYTD online resource statistics by title and category (*forthcoming*)
- June/FYTD program statistics



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June 27, 2025

Mr. Anthony Auston, Director
Wilmette Public Library District
1242 Wilmette Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091-2558

Dear Mr. Auston:

I am pleased to award the Wilmette Public Library District a Fiscal Year 2025 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$41,565.50.

This grant support is provided pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035.Subpart A, State Grants.

As Secretary of State and State Librarian, I commend you for taking advantage of this grant that will greatly benefit your community. The Illinois State Library staff and I are committed to ensuring that all Illinois residents have fair and equitable access to library services.

Should you have any questions regarding this award, please contact the Illinois State Library at 217-524-8836.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alexi Giannoulas".

Alexi Giannoulas, Secretary of State and
State Librarian

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Monthly Statistics For 06/2025**

Material Type	Number Of Items	Local Charges	Local Renewals	Total	Total + Lender	CCS ILL Lender	CCS ILL Borrower	Ratio
AV equipment	4	13	0	13	13	0	0	3.25
Bag	542	357	278	635	635	0	0	1.17
Blu-ray	1,544	230	172	402	446	44	74	0.26
Blu-ray New	109	131	3	134	141	7	5	1.23
Book	138,340	20,798	17,594	38,392	40,227	1,835	2,476	0.28
Book Hot	933	1,217	5	1,222	1,223	1	1	1.31
Book New	4,973	3,007	1,777	4,784	5,350	566	432	0.96
Boxset	0	8	4	12	12	0	8	0.00
CD	7,988	403	260	663	849	186	111	0.08
CD Audiobook	3,308	174	148	322	345	23	17	0.10
CD Audiobook New	139	59	44	103	117	14	3	0.74
CD New	225	72	35	107	125	18	9	0.48
DVD	11,240	1,749	1,086	2,835	3,074	239	260	0.25
DVD New	268	268	33	301	306	5	21	1.12
eAudiobook	69,290	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
eBook	98,544	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
eMagazine	5,825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Equipment	0	0	18	18	18	0	0	0.00
ILL Material	0	35	6	41	41	0	0	0.00
Kit	11	3	2	5	5	0	2	0.45
Large Print	5,425	431	298	729	846	117	54	0.13
Large Print New	419	164	68	232	305	73	17	0.55
Magazine	3,473	341	688	1,029	1,029	0	6	0.30
Magazine New	183	1	2	3	3	0	0	0.02
Mobile Hotspot	20	28	1	29	29	0	0	1.45
MP3 Audiobook	0	3	2	5	5	0	3	0.00
Multimedia Kit	0	3	0	3	3	0	3	0.00
Newspaper	1,088	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Online Resource	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Other	28	463	4	467	467	0	0	16.68
Other Audiobook	0	15	4	19	19	0	15	0.00
Playaway	1,971	543	377	920	938	18	21	0.47
Playaway Audio Hot	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0.00
Playaway Audio New	51	15	19	34	40	6	0	0.67
Scores / sheet music	0	3	4	7	7	0	3	0.00
Seasonal AV	130	3	0	3	3	0	0	0.02
Seasonal Book	2,264	55	0	55	56	1	1	0.02
Special Collection	166	120	3	123	123	0	3	0.74
VHS	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Videogame	1,094	413	363	776	799	23	33	0.71
Videogame New	191	140	4	144	159	15	4	0.75
Totals	359,950	31,267	23,302	54,569	57,760	3,191	3,584	0.15

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Fiction	43,416	5,704	3,289	8,993	10,002	1,009	941	0.21	3,139
Magazines	4,007	237	418	655	655	0	6	0.16	416
Multimedia	22,908	2,620	1,504	4,124	4,639	515	501	0.18	1,441
Nonfiction	47,822	3,729	3,984	7,713	8,495	782	825	0.16	3,839
Online	166,329	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
Other	737	999	307	1,306	1,306	0	2	1.77	269
Teen Fiction	2,711	526	369	895	961	66	140	0.33	356
Teen Multimedia	108	24	12	36	40	4	2	0.33	11
Teen Nonfiction	292	57	61	118	124	6	28	0.40	60
Teen Online	2,905	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
Youth Fiction	42,343	13,178	9,898	23,076	23,697	621	868	0.54	9,356
Youth Magazines	737	105	272	377	377	0	0	0.51	269
Youth Multimedia	5,406	1,589	1,041	2,630	2,709	79	86	0.49	1,006
Youth Nonfiction	15,754	2,479	2,142	4,621	4,730	109	182	0.29	2,018
Youth Online	4,441	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
Youth Other	34	20	5	25	25	0	3	0.74	5
Totals	359,950	31,267	23,302	54,569	57,760	3,191	3,584	0.15	22,185

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The number of Auto Renewals is included in the numbers found in the Renewals Column

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AV equipment	4	179	2	181	181	0	0	45.25
Bag	542	4,045	3,427	7,472	7,473	1	0	13.79
Blu-ray	1,544	2,741	2,108	4,849	5,534	685	890	3.14
Blu-ray New	109	1,547	65	1,612	1,710	98	102	14.79
Book	138,340	224,871	229,954	454,825	476,267	21,442	29,600	3.29
Book Club Bag	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0.00
Book Hot	933	13,388	49	13,437	13,444	7	4	14.40
Book New	4,973	34,324	21,579	55,903	62,805	6,902	4,585	11.24
Boxset	0	143	86	229	229	0	142	0.00
Boxset New	0	19	8	27	27	0	19	0.00
CD	7,988	5,234	3,896	9,130	11,932	2,802	1,254	1.14
CD Audiobook	3,308	2,082	2,107	4,189	4,612	423	351	1.27
CD Audiobook New	139	748	559	1,307	1,467	160	55	9.40
CD New	225	821	398	1,219	1,498	279	101	5.42
CD-ROM	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0.00
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Playaway View	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0.00
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Videogame	1,094	3,793	4,663	8,456	8,714	258	291	7.73
Videogame New	191	814	59	873	971	98	34	4.57
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Nonfiction	47,822	45,437	51,192	96,629	106,989	10,360	9,984	2.02	48,773
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Teen Online	2,905	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
Teen Other	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0.00	0
Youth Fiction	42,343	140,472	130,799	271,271	277,357	6,086	10,080	6.41	126,683
Youth Magazines	737	966	2,351	3,317	3,317	0	4	4.50	2,317
Youth Multimedia	5,406	13,902	12,808	26,710	27,598	888	826	4.94	12,466
Youth Nonfiction	15,754	27,321	29,050	56,371	57,928	1,557	2,629	3.58	28,197
Youth Online	4,441	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
Youth Other	34	178	21	199	199	0	23	5.85	19
Totals	359,950	344,356	300,619	644,975	684,288	39,313	42,864	1.79	289,176

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The number of Auto Renewals is included in the numbers found in the Renewals Column

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Dept	Staff	Title	Virtual?	Date	Tim	Reg	Attend
AS	EvaAnne Johnson	Finding B. Berman: A Genealogical Case Study	In-Person	6/5/25	7:00 PM	No	4
AS	Rachel Garcia	Classics & Contemporary Book Discussion	In-Person	6/10/25	10:30 AM	Yes	14
AS	Rachel Garcia	A Legacy of Welcome	In-Person	6/11/25	1:00 PM	Yes	8
AS	Jillian McKeown	Your Guide to Travel Independence	In-Person	6/12/25	7:00 PM	Yes	6
AS	Jillian McKeown	Ageless Grace Chair Exercise Class	In-Person	6/13/25	11:00 AM	Yes	9
AS	Rachel Garcia	Romance Meet & Greet	In-Person	6/26/25	6:30 PM	Yes	15
CE	Jennifer Bartel	Armchair Travels	In-Person	6/5/25	1:00 PM	No	28
CE	Jennifer Bartel	Learn to Play Traditional Chinese Mahjong	In-Person	6/12/25	10:00 AM	Yes	31
CE	Jennifer Bartel	Summer Reading Club Kick-Off for All Ages	In-Person	6/14/25	1:00 PM	No	300
CE	Jennifer Bartel	Armchair Travels	In-Person	6/19/25	1:00 PM	No	24
CE	Jennifer Bartel	YIVO Summer Series	In-Person	6/19/25	7:00 PM	No	60
CE	Jennifer Bartel	Shakespeare Project of Chicago	In-Person	6/21/25	2:00 PM	No	100
CE	Jennifer Bartel	Wilmette Walk & Talk	In-Person	6/24/25	9:30 AM	No	2
DMS	Janet Piehl	Making Connections: Cutting Machines	In-Person	6/9/25	6:30 PM	Yes	1
DMS	Janet Piehl	Take-Apart Afternoon	In-Person	6/11/25	3:00 PM	Yes	13
DMS	Doug McGillivray	Code Mad Libs in Python	In-Person	6/13/25	5:30 PM	Yes	4
DMS	Ethan Herdrich	Minecraft Club	In-Person	6/16/25	4:30 PM	Yes	7
DMS	Molly French	Email Basics	In-Person	6/18/25	6:00 PM	Yes	2
DMS	Ethan Herdrich	Next Level 3D Printing: Design Your Own Studio Mascot!	In-Person	6/24/25	11:00 AM	Yes	4
TEEN	Krista Hutley	Teen Pizza Study Night	In-Person	6/2/25	7:00 PM	No	60
TEEN	Krista Hutley	Summer Reading Club Volunteer Orientation	In-Person	6/7/25	1:00 PM	Yes	17
TEEN	Krista Hutley	Dungeons & Dragons Summer of Adventure	In-Person	6/12/25	3:00 PM	Yes	8
TEEN	Krista Hutley	Teen Take & Make: No-Sew Drawstring Bag (Take-Home Kit)	Passive	6/13/25	12:00 AM	Yes	20
TEEN	Krista Hutley	Dungeons & Dragons Summer of Adventure	In-Person	6/26/25	3:00 PM	Yes	9
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Pat-a-Cake Babytime	In-Person	6/3/25	10:00 AM	No	37
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Wigglegorms Party!	In-Person	6/4/25	10:00 AM	No	131
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Spanish-English Bilingual Storytime	In-Person	6/4/25	4:30 PM	No	18
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Storytime in Mandarin Chinese	In-Person	6/7/25	10:00 AM	No	12
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Cody Clark Magic: Your Differences Make You Magical	In-Person	6/9/25	3:30 PM	No	117
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Cody Clark Magic: Your Differences Make You Magical	In-Person	6/9/25	5:30 PM	No	104
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/10/25	9:30 AM	No	46
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/10/25	10:00 AM	No	39
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/11/25	9:30 AM	No	27
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/11/25	10:00 AM	No	11
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Babytime	In-Person	6/12/25	9:15 AM	No	33

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YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Babytime	In-Person	6/12/25	9:45 AM	No	29
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	The Mighty Pawns Chess Club	In-Person	6/12/25	6:30 PM	No	24
YS	Sarah Zaharako	Pride Party	In-Person	6/13/25	4:00 PM	Yes	75
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/17/25	9:30 AM	No	47
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/17/25	10:00 AM	No	22
YS	Jennifer Lee	Hungry Crafters: Ocean in a Jar	In-Person	6/17/25	4:00 PM	Yes	9
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/18/25	9:30 AM	No	50
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/18/25	10:00 AM	No	43
YS	Lisa Bigelow	Stuffed Animal Camp-Out	In-Person	6/18/25	6:30 PM	Yes	40
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Babytime	In-Person	6/19/25	9:15 AM	No	35
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Babytime	In-Person	6/19/25	9:45 AM	No	28
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Intro to Robotics Workshop	In-Person	6/19/25	5:00 PM	Yes	6
YS	Jennifer Lee	Make a Gacha Pouch	In-Person	6/20/25	4:00 PM	Yes	6
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Pat-a-Cake Storytime	In-Person	6/21/25	10:00 AM	No	17
YS	Eti Berland	Meet Dahlia Richards, Local Author	In-Person	6/23/25	4:00 PM	Yes	40
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/24/25	9:30 AM	No	57
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/24/25	10:00 AM	No	40
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Intermediate Robotics Workshop	In-Person	6/24/25	5:00 PM	Yes	6
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/25/25	9:30 AM	No	51
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Storytime	In-Person	6/25/25	10:00 AM	No	49
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Family Concert with Dan & Claudia Zanes	In-Person	6/25/25	3:30 PM	No	55
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Babytime	In-Person	6/26/25	9:15 AM	No	31
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Babytime	In-Person	6/26/25	9:45 AM	No	35
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	YogiBees Preschool Class	In-Person	6/26/25	3:30 PM	Yes	29
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	YogiFireflies Class	In-Person	6/26/25	4:30 PM	Yes	15
YS	Lisa Bigelow	Lego Club	In-Person	6/27/25	4:00 PM	Yes	19
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/2/25	9:30 AM	No	25
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/4/25	9:30 AM	No	50
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/5/25	9:30 AM	No	40
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/6/25	9:30 AM	No	60
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/11/25	9:30 AM	No	10

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YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/13/25	9:30 AM	No	60
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/17/25	9:30 AM	No	40
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/18/25	9:30 AM	No	40
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/20/25	9:30 AM	No	60
YS	Andrea Vaughn Johnson	Drop-In Free Play	In-Person	6/30/25	9:30 AM	No	20