

Elmwood Park Public Library

FY16-17 ANNUAL REPORT

A place
where life,
work, and
play unite

The Library launched our 2016-2019 Community Action Plan and achieved several milestones that brought new & important improvements to the Library. Our newsletter is now mailed to all residents quarterly and is translated into Spanish and Polish on our website. The Early Reader collection is color coded according to the Fountas-Pinnell leveling system used by D401 to assist parents in choosing motivating and challenging books for their kids. Our summer reading club has been updated to align with D401 reading goals. Staff led committees, including a Spanish Language Learning Club, provide incentives for growth and development of new ideas.

Library staff continue to show passion and care for the residents of Elmwood Park and are excited by our new initiatives that empower individuals and give them choices, as well as our updated and flexible space that supports success in all aspects of their lives.

BY THE NUMBERS

There were over **146,000** visits to the Library



Over **1,000** people signed up for new library cards

Over **190,000** books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines were checked out



Over **8,500** items downloaded and streamed

Over **38,000** book and research questions asked



Over **77,000** website visits & **31,000** hours of Library computer usage

Over **60** school visits, including 3D printer demos



Over **13,500** people attended programs & meeting rooms used over **340** times

Additional Support

Friends of the Library
Events, outside bench, & early literacy tools

Kiwanis
Family Program

Free marketing
Tote bags

Erie Health
Teen Health Workshops

In a year, a typical family of 3 ...

Checks out 4 books per month
Checks out 2 DVDs and 1 CD per month
Downloads 2 eBooks
Uses 2 online databases
Attends 10 programs & uses 2 Museum Passes
Asks 6 research questions
Uses 6 hours of computer time
Reads 1 newspaper or magazine per month

Saves over \$1,300.

In a year, a typical adult ...

Checks out 2 books per month
Checks out 2 DVDs per month
Checks out 4 audiobooks & downloads 4 eBooks
Uses 6 online databases
Attends 6 programs or public meetings
Asks 12 research questions
Uses 12 hours of computer time
Reads 3 newspapers or magazines per month

Saves over \$1,350.

These figures brought to you by the Library Value Calculator

http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/library_calculator

Your Library Card: The Smartest Card in Your Wallet

COMMUNITY

New Items for Checkout



Bocce Balls, Civic & Citizenship Kits, Phonics Kits, Explore-to-Go Kits, Charger Cords, 3DS system

New Programs



Employment Programs, Read to the Dogs, Health/Wellness Programs, Chair Yoga, MidKids STEM/Art programs, New Story Times & Open Play, Edible Book Festival

New for Kids & Teens



Tablets for Preschoolers, Birthday Club, Activities & Puzzles, Prom Dress Giveaway, Teen Volunteer Program

Building & Technology Improvements



Painted Adult Services, Improved Internet & WiFi, SWAN Catalog Upgrades, Butterfly Garden, Exterior Lighting, Capital Savings Plan, Charging Stations

COMING SOON...

Staff have worked hard to meet our goals this year, but that doesn't mean we're done.

- New database/journal article search integrated into the SWAN Online Catalog
- Community Bulletin Board on our website
- Afterschool homework help with certified teachers
- Digitized local history items available to search and view online
- Conversation Club for English Language Learners
- New laptops for in-Library use, including a Macbook
- A lobby redesign to enhance use & provide café space
- Logo branded items for sale
- Wireless Hotspots for checkout
- Intern and career development services
- Return of the Friends annual book sale
- Technology Plan, including smart boards

Graduate student intern found a full-time position due to skills gained here

Teen Librarian awarded stipend to attend ALA National Conference

Library Director elected to SWAN Board and appointed Secretary

Head of Technical Services selected for ALA Emerging Leaders program

3 Young Adult Council Members received Cook County Sheriff's volunteer service medal

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