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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- I attended two events recently where the Library was featured for contributions to the community. The first was the District 205 State of the Schools address. Dr. Campbell highlighted the partnership between the schools and the Library in her speech along with a video of some of our partnership highlights.

  The second was the annual Senior Awards Ceremony at City Hall to honor seniors who give back to the community. There were 13 seniors honored and among them was our own Sue Sadowski. Sue was one of three seniors given the highest award for their community service. Cindy nominated Sue for her long history of serving as a Library Trustee and highlighted her work in getting the "new" library built and also her idea for serving an underserved population of adults with disabilities, which has become the very popular Library Insiders.

  Both were lovely events and it was very rewarding to see the Library and one of our Trustees recognized for contributions to the community!

- Library staff celebrated fall with a caramel apple bar in the Staff Lounge in October. The Staff Social Committee brought us this fun and *delicious* event!

- The Friends of the Library are hosting two dine and donate events. The first one is with Panera and takes place on November 12th. They will receive 25% of net sales if people mention the Friends. The second is with Portillo's on December 7, from 5-8 PM. They will earn 20% of receipts if the Friends are mentioned. A big thank you to the Friends for all they do for the Library!

- The One Book, One Elmhurst virtual author event and watch party takes place on November 19th. Come join us to hear from author Brendan Slocumb and share conversation, community, and pizza as Brendan talks about the life-saving force that is music.

ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT Oct 2026



Insiders Halloween
(left) Teen volunteers decorated Trick or Treating bags for the Insiders and the Insiders wrote them a thank you card.

(right) The Insiders continued their annual tradition of trick or treating at the service desks. They got candy at each desk for asking a question.



Indigo Visit
Rachael Mason and Hayley Rightnowar again visited the Indigo of Elmhurst to host a Memory Cafe on the go! Residents of the Indigo participated in reading, writing, socializing, and candy tasting.





(right) Board Game Night on the patio on October 2.
(below) Community quilt invites patrons to sublimate a square.





KIDS' LIBRARY DEPT REPORT October 2026

Community Outreach

October brought lots of outreach opportunities. First graders from three elementary schools (Edison, Hawthorne, and Jefferson) completed their World of Books tours at the library. Preschoolers from Immacuate Conception enjoyed both a field trip to the library, and a visit from **Katie Stringwell**, the Early Childhood Librarian, to their site. Kids' staff visited 7 elementary schools and presented a variety of programming such as booktalks, creative writing, and not-so-scary stories. **Heather Jensen Forster**, the school coordinator, was also invited to attend District 205's Teacher Institutute Day, and **Gabby Palomino** presented a fall-themed storytime at Brewpoint.



World of Books





Booktalks

Social Media Shoutouts







Programming

Program highlights included the Great Library Mystery Escape Room and Coffee on the Course for middle schoolers, Camp Goosebumps for grades 3-5, Big Bad Wolf Hair Dryer Challenge for grades K-2, and a Fall Celebration on the Patio.





Camp Goosebumps



Coffee on the Course



Escape Room Activities

We also held two high quality cultural celebrations: Ballet Folklorico and the Family Diwali Party.



Ballet Folklorico



Drop-in Fun

As well as registered programs, this month featured a plethora of passive activities. The annual Book Haunt continued to be popular. Kids read in at least four different rooms in their house to receive a small prize. They practiced their early literacy skills by completing the ghost scavenger hunt, which involved finding letters hidden on ghosts to unscramble the word "sticker." The front display case transformed into a Halloween-themed Look-and-Find. The middle schoolers made 49 colorful keychains in celebration of National Color Day.



Keychains

MARKETING DEPARTMENT REPORT October 2026

October Marketing Topics included:

One Book, One Elmhurst Virtual Author Visit

Wrap up this One Book, One Elmhurst season on November 19 when the author of *Symphony of Secrets* speaks with us virtually! Register online visit elmlib.org/onebook

Brendan Slocumb is from Fayetteville, NC, and has been a public and private school music educator for more than 20 years. He will be talking about the novel, and the profound effect music has on his life.

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Makery Skills Lab

Learn and practice with Makery equipment with the new Makery Skills Lab. Until October 25, sign up to practice using the laser engraver by etching a set of cork coasters. Each month introduces a new skill and a sample project to try.

How Makery Skills Lab works:

- Sign up for lab time.
- We'll send you a tutorial to review.
- Show up and get started!

EPL card required. For High School students and Adults.

Join the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library (video)

Since 1941, the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library have enhanced the Library's resources and supported Library programs through annual dues and fundraising ventures. You can become a Friend of the Library by filling out an online application. Your support will directly benefit the Library. Watch the video about the Friends and find out all that they do. elmlib.org/youtube

Short and Scary Writing Contest Winners!

Many talented grade K-8 writers submitted spooky, scary, and spine-tingling stories and poems for our Short and Scary Writing Contest! It was a *treat* to hear them read their stories aloud last Sunday.

Read the annual edition of *Kids' Ink* online or pick up a copy at the Kids' Help Desk.

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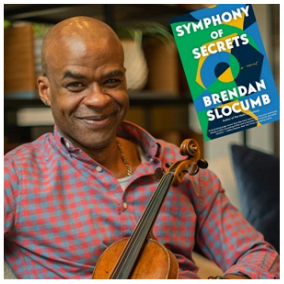
Watch

A Virtual Chat with Author Brendan Slocumb



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Submit a question for the author

Attend the watch party at the Library

Register to watch from home

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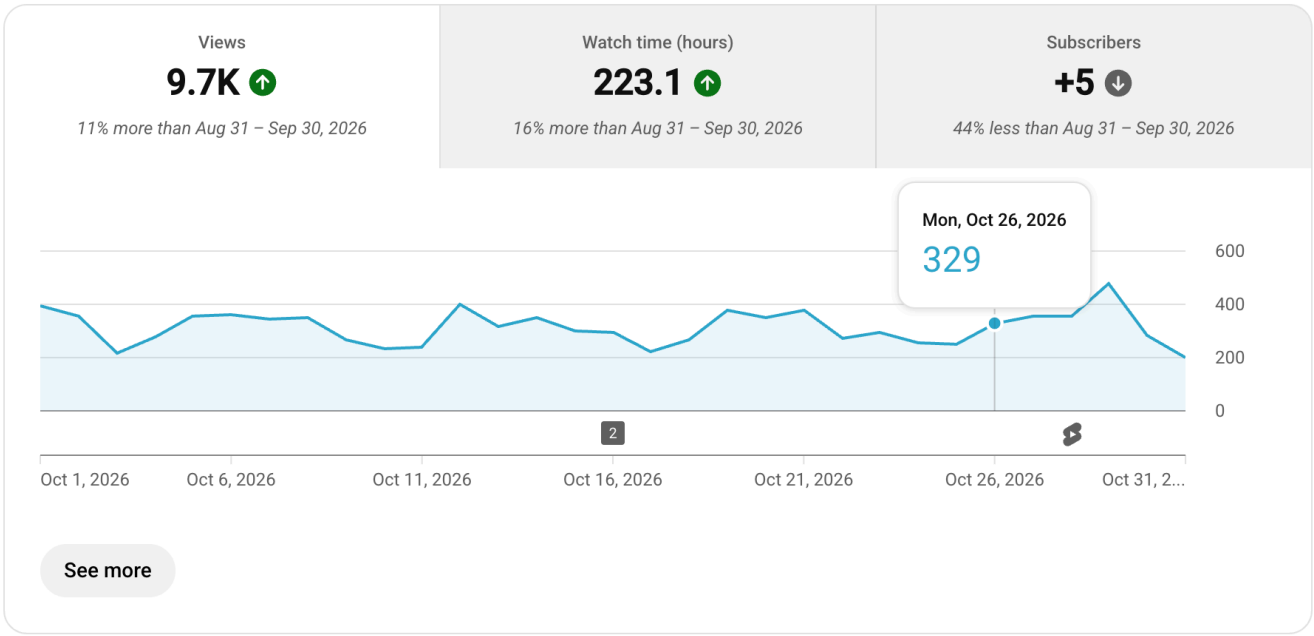
Read *Kids' Ink*

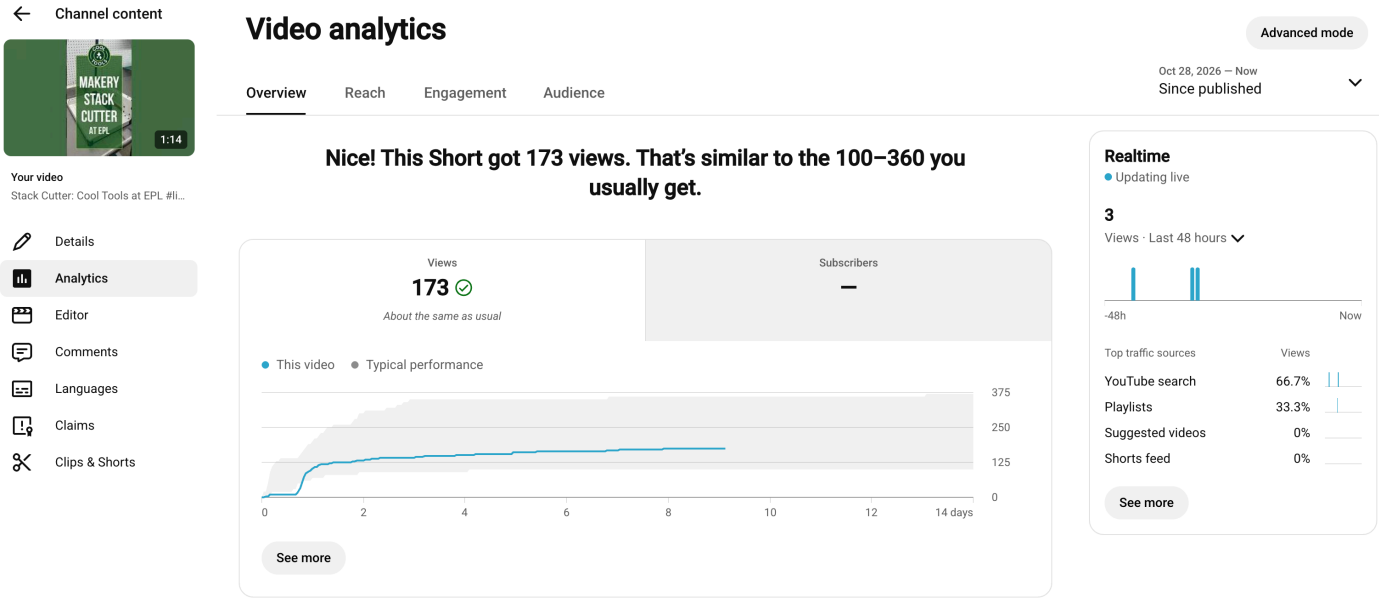
Here are a few sample screenshots of our online presence from October:

October YouTube Analytics

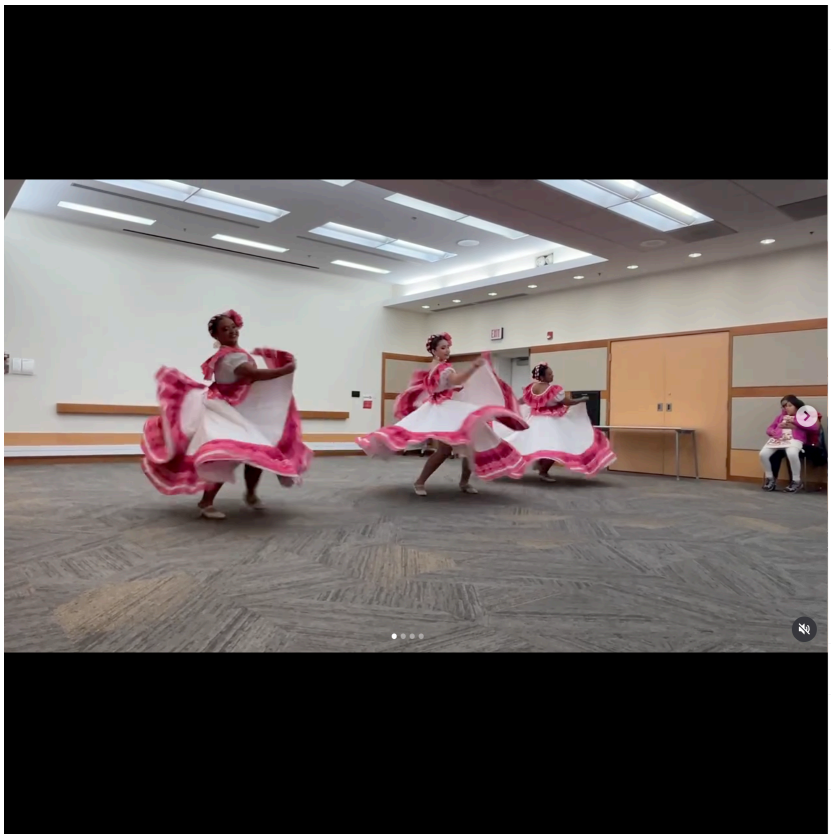
In October, people watched your videos 9,726 times



October Most Watched YouTube Video:
Stack Cutter: Cool Tools at EPL



October Instagram Posts with the Most Likes



askelmhurst and **bfsm_sonesmexicanos**

askelmhurst Ballet Folklorico Sones Mexicanos treated us to a joyful performance in honor of #HispanicHeritageMonth! #ElmhurstPublicLibrary #HispanicHeritage

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shazzak89 How cool! I love our library's programming. Always inclusive and fun!

2w 1 like Reply

View insights Boost post

Liked by **tplibrary** and **169 others**

October 20

Add a comment... Post



askelmhurst

askelmhurst Needle felting in the Makery transformed handfuls of unspun wool into adorable mini pumpkins! #ElmhurstPublicLibrary #NeedleFelting #PumpkinSeason #ElmhurstMakery

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View insights Boost post

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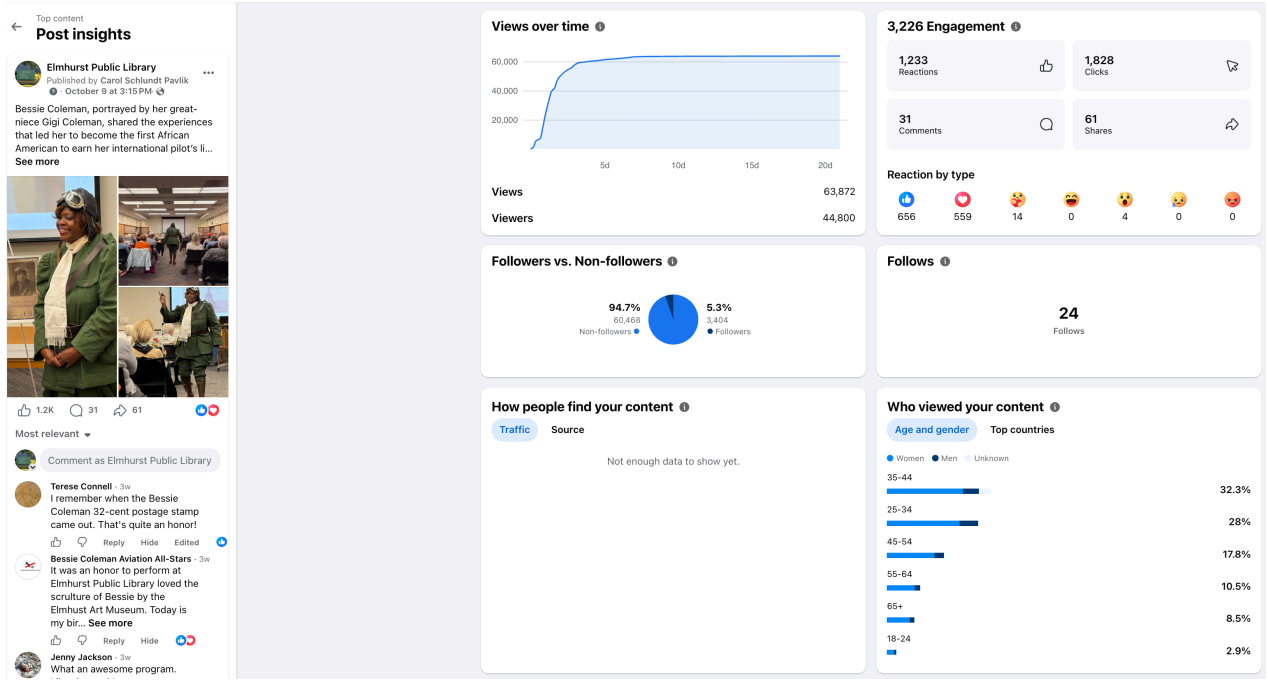
October 16

Add a comment... Post

October Facebook Post with the Highest Engagement



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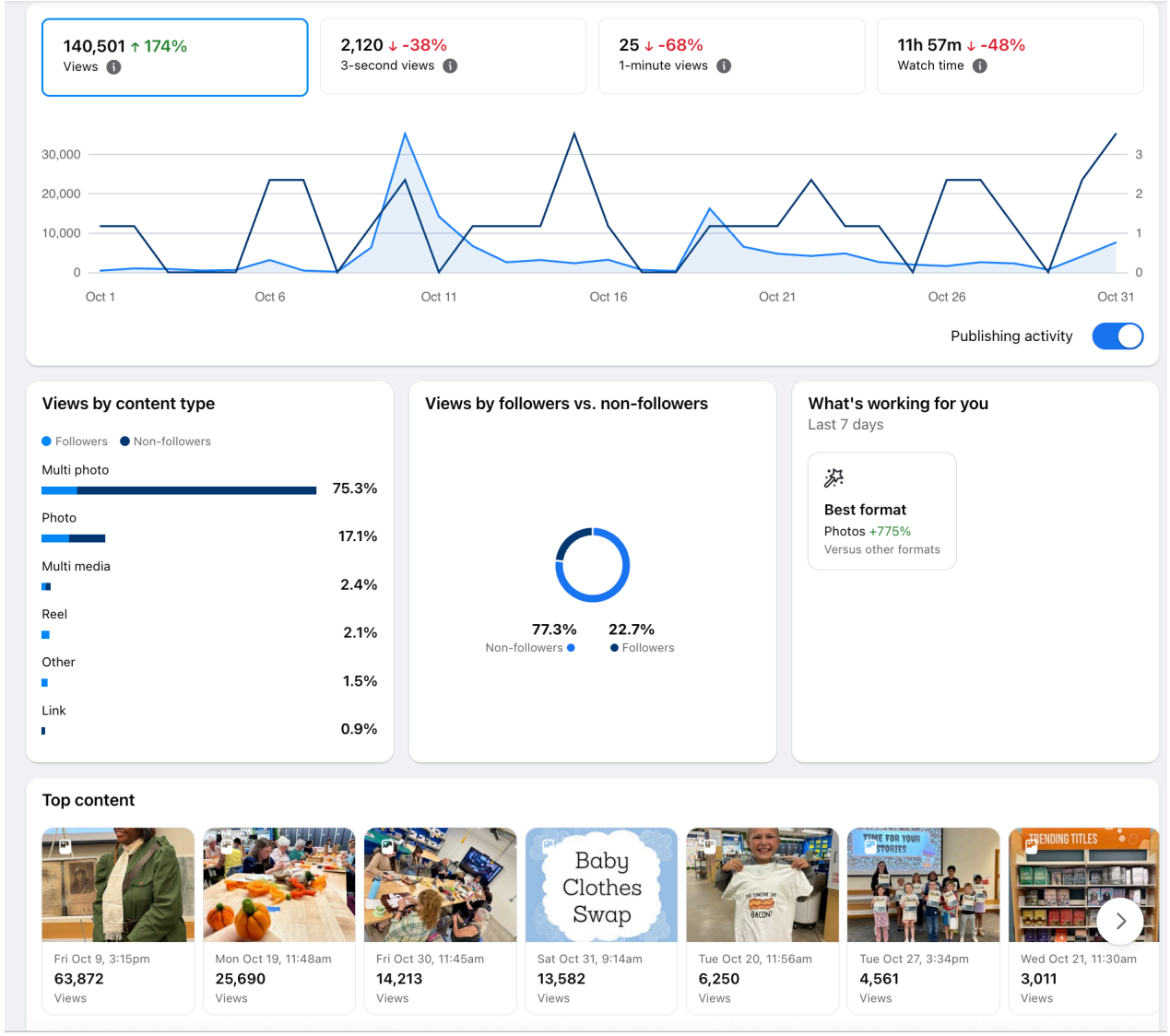


MAKERY DEPARTMENT REPORT OCTOBER 2026

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
People Counter	**1,905**	2,213	1,937
Equipment Reservations	**287**	198	224
3D Prints	**145**	135	77



TRICK OR TREAT!

Candy costumes were popular this year! Lots of groups of friends made M&Ms costumes, but not these sisters. They went as a pair of Twix bars. Mom spend a whole day with her daughter sewing the costumes then adding the decals using the Cricut.



MAKE IT EARLY LOBBY DISPLAY

It's already time to think about making your Christmas gifts. Makery Specialist Ana Zulkoski led the way designing the dispay backdrop and enlisting the help of other Makery staff to design examples to inspire our patrons.



T-SHIRT HELPER TOOL

There are several different ways to customize t-shirts in the Makery and sometimes the hardest part of the process is figuring out which method is best for you! Introducing the new T-Shirt Helper on the Makery webpage. The helper asks questions about your design, the material your shirt is made of, and the colors you're using. Then it tells you which method is best and even points you to a tutorial! Check it out at elmlib.org/Makery.



BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT (BYOC)

A growing community of local crafters are turning out each month for BYOC! On the first Wednesday evening of the month, patrons are invited for casual crafting and community in the Makery. We shut off the equipment, turn on a movie, and put out some snacks. Sketchers, knitters, and needle-felters are all welcome. Led by Makery Program Specialist Leslie LeResche, this program has been growing in popularity each month since it began this summer.

PROGRAM STATISTICS October 2026

Adult Programs	Primary Event Type	Attendance	Sessions
Ageless Grace	Enrich	20	1
American Mah Jongg: Open Play	Games	78	4
Art Therapy Night	Create	26	1
Bears vs. Cardinals: The NFL's Oldest Rivalry	America 250	22	1
Bingo	Games	10	1
Board and Card Games Open Play	Games	6	1
Board Games on the Patio	Enrich	19	1
Bridge and Pinochle	Games	76	4
Canasta: Open Play	Games	60	5
Chair Yoga	Gather	65	2
Chamber Concert	Enrich	72	1
Ciao Italia	Enrich	8	1
City of Big Songs: Tunes About Chicago and the Stories Behind the Music	America 250	18	1
Coloring and Conversation	Create	9	1
Creative Cardmaking	Create	28	2
Culture Club: The Danube River: Artery for Eastern Europe	Enrich	29	1
Drawing for Beginners	Create	18	2
Fall Prevention	Enrich	11	1
For Mystery Lovers: *The Dentist* by Tim Sullivan	Book Discussion	6	1
Freedom to Read Week Book Discussion: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury	Book Discussion	14	1
Friday Features	Movies	62	5
Genealogy: Rules I Learned Along the Way	Enrich	6	1
Getting Started with Streaming Services	Technology	4	1
Great Decisions	Enrich	21	1
GreenMan Theatre Presents: Spooky Stories	Enrich	65	1
Home Repair Basics	Consumer	23	1
Horror Adult Book Discussion: *The September House* by Carissa Orlando	Book Discussion	7	1
Identity Theft Scams and Prevention Drop-in	Consumer	22	1
In Stitches Needleworkers	Create	5	1
Intro to Microsoft Office	Technology	6	1
Library Insiders: No Shush Movie	Library Insiders	26	1
Made in Chicago: The Golden Age of Manufacturing in Chicagoland	America 250	66	1
Makery Skills Lab: Laser Etching	Create	35	1
Making Sense of Menopause	Enrich	4	1
Medicare 101	Consumer	21	1
Medicare Supplement Insurance Buyer's Guide	Enrich	13	1
Meditation: Calm in the Chaos	Enrich	9	1
Memory Cafe	Enrich	14	1
Needlefelted Pumpkin	Create	30	2
Next Chapter Book Club	Inclusive	31	2
One Book, One Elmhurst Adult Book Discussion: *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb	Book Discussion	12	2
Outreach Visit: Indigo of Elmhurst		20	1
Outreach Visit: Roosevelt Salt Creek	Inclusive	22	1
Resume Review	Career & Job Hunting	1	1

Scrabble	Games	17	2
Silent Book Club	Books and Authors	3	1
Sketching Elmhurst	Create	9	1
The Life of Aviator Bessie Coleman	America 250	69	1
The Salem Witch Trials and the Power of Fear	America 250	70	1
Trading Travels	Enrich	5	1
Vintage Jazz Ensemble	Enrich	52	1
TOTALS		**1,345**	**72**
Makery Program	**Primary Event Type**	**Attendance**	**Sessions**
BYOC (Bring Your Own Craft)	Create	12	1
Cricut Joy Pop Up		18	1
Practical 3D Printing with Tinkercad	Create	3	1
Sewing 101: How to Sew a Drawstring Bag	Create	6	1
TOTALS		**39**	**4**
Teen Programs	**Primary Event Type**	**Attendance**	**Sessions**
Color & Chill	Create	2	1
Teen Crafternoon: Mini Ghost Terrariums	Create	5	1
TOTALS		**7**	**2**
Middle School Programs	**Primary Event Type**	**Attendance**	**Sessions**
Coffee on the Course	Food and Drink	15	1
Middle School Influencers	Middle School Influencers	8	1
The Great Library Mystery Escape	Enrich	18	1
TOTALS		**41**	**3**
Kids' Library Programs	**Primary Event Type**	**Attendance**	**Sessions**
Ballet Folklorico	Music	50	1
Big Bad Wolf: Hair Dryer Challenge	Create	19	1
Book Haunt	Books and Authors	120	1
C.I.T.Y. of Support Playgroup	Family	6	1
Camp Goosebumps	Books and Authors	14	1
Celebrate Fall on the Patio	Family	50	1
Create with Clay	Create	10	1
Family Diwali Party	Arts and Culture	120	1
Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s	Storytime	42	5
Homeschool Explorers (6th-9th)	Homeschool	6	1
Homeschool Explorers (K-5)	Homeschool	12	1
Kids' Chess Club	Games	13	1
Little Wigglers	Storytime	577	8
Maker Kids: T-Shirt Design	Makery	13	1
Mini Makers: Laser Engraved Flowers	Makery	18	1
Monster Mash	Storytime	83	1
Mother Goose & Me	Storytime	80	4
Outreach Elementary AT D205 Teacher Institute Day (Grades K-5)	Outreach	70	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (1st Grade)	Outreach	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (2nd Grade)	Outreach	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (3rd Grade)	Outreach	60	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (4th Grade)	Outreach	53	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (5th Grade)	Outreach	50	1
Outreach Elementary AT Edison (Kinder)	Outreach	45	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (1st Grade)	Outreach	62	1
Outreach Elementary AT Field (2nd Grade)	Outreach	59	1

Outreach Elementary AT Field (4th Grade)	Outreach	124	2
Outreach Elementary AT Field (Kinder)	Outreach	58	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (1st Grade)	Outreach	75	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (2nd Grade)	Outreach	72	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (3rd Grade)	Outreach	72	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (4th Grade)	Outreach	95	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (5th Grade)	Outreach	102	1
Outreach Elementary AT Fischer (Kinder)	Outreach	53	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (1st Grade)	Outreach	56	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (2nd Grade)	Outreach	52	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (3rd Grade)	Outreach	61	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (4th Grade)	Outreach	84	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (5th Grade)	Outreach	78	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jackson (Kinder)	Outreach	48	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (1st Grade)	Outreach	55	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (2nd Grade)	Outreach	57	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (3rd Grade)	Outreach	61	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (4th Grade)	Outreach	55	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (5th Grade)	Outreach	67	1
Outreach Elementary AT Jefferson (Kinder)	Outreach	48	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (1st Grade)	Outreach	65	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (2nd Grade)	Outreach	89	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (3rd Grade)	Outreach	98	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (4th Grade)	Outreach	81	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (5th Grade)	Outreach	102	1
Outreach Elementary AT Lincoln (Kinder)	Outreach	94	1
Outreach Elementary Edison (1st Grade)	Outreach	79	1
Outreach Elementary Hawthorne (1st Grade)	Outreach	72	1
Outreach Elementary Jefferson (1st Grade)	Outreach	70	1
OUTREACH Preschool AT Brewpoint Craft	Family, Storytime	18	1
OUTREACH Preschool AT Immaculate Conception 3's	Outreach	24	1
OUTREACH Preschool AT Madison Harvest Hoopla	Outreach	180	1
OUTREACH Preschool IC 4s	Outreach	60	1
Pop-up Storytime	Storytime	72	3
Pumpkin Catapults	STEAM	17	1
Read to the Dogs	Books and Authors	30	1
Romp & Rhyme	Storytime	284	9
Scout visit - Makery mug	Outreach	21	1
Scout Visit - Photography	Outreach	7	1
Scout Visit Photography badge	Outreach	14	1
Short and Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories	Books and Authors	67	1
TOTALS		**4,699**	**92**
Passive Programs	**Primary Event Type**	**Attendance**	**Sessions**
Adult Passive Programs:			
Puzzles		63	1
OBOE Listening Stations		76	1
Entertainment Station		14	4
Recording of Made in Chicago (Online)		47	1
Recording of Culture Club: Danube River (Online)		9	1
Recording of Bears v Cardinals (Online)		25	1
Makery Passive Programs:			
Makery Drop In Craft		61	1

Teen Passive Programs:			
Teen Take & Make: Yarn Pumpkin	Create	16	1
Middle School Passive Programs:			
Middle School Hangout	Create	59	2
Kids' Passive Programs:			
Make & Take	Create	341	2
Stay & Play	Play	480	2
		Attendance	**Sessions**
Adult Program Grand Total		**1679**	**86**
Total Passive Program Statistics		295	10
Total Program Statistics		1,384	76
Teen Program Grand Total		**23**	**3**
Total Passive Program Statistics		16	1
Total Program Statistics		7	2
Middle School Program Grand Total		**100**	**5**
Total Passive Program Statistics		59	2
Total Program Statistics		41	3
Kids' Program Grand Total		**5,520**	**96**
Total Passive Program Statistics		821	4
Total Program Statistics		4,699	92
Passive Program Total		**1,191**	**17**
Total Attendance		**7,322**	
Total Programs			**190**

STATISTICAL REPORT — October 2026

Circulation

Total Circulation
94,029 ↑ 7%
87,580 last year

Card Holders
26,223

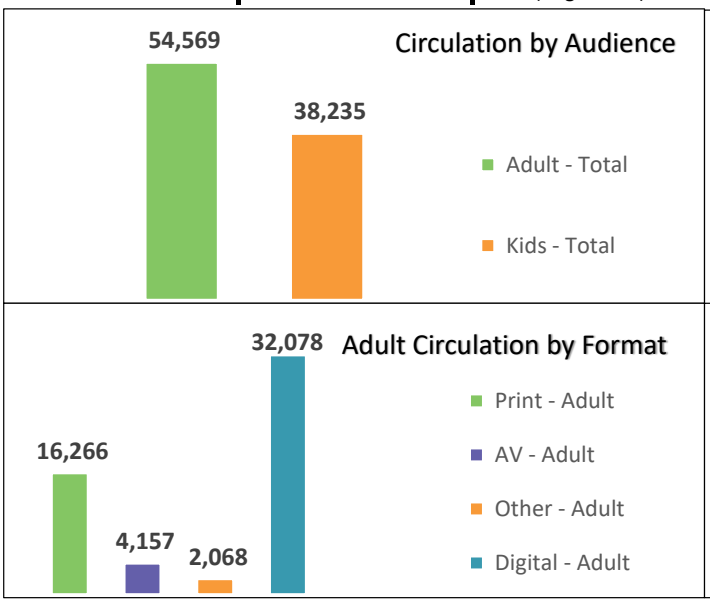
Library Card Usage
9,891 ↑ 3%
9,559 last year

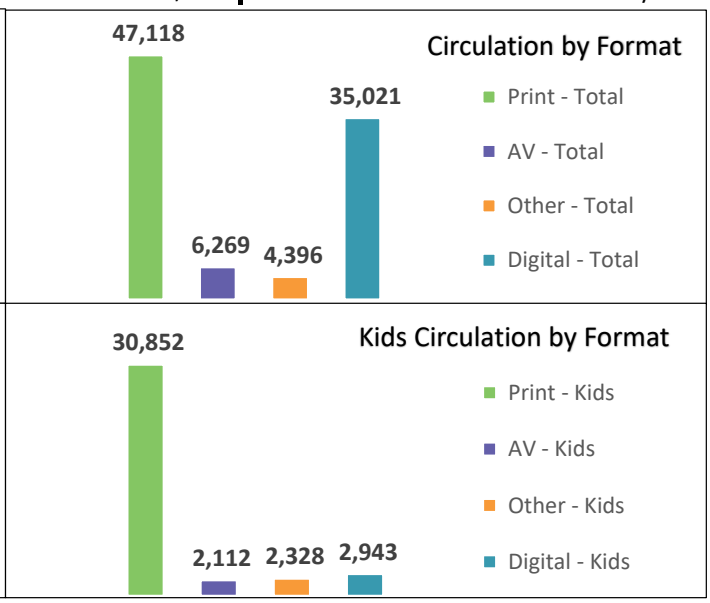
Library Cards Issued

Elmhurst (Issued)	227 ↑ 27%	179 last year
Reciprocal Borrower (Registered)	60 ↑ 50%	40 last year

Interlibrary Loan

Borrowed	1,225 ↓ -1%	1,235 last year
Lent	450 ↓ -15%	528 last year





Technology Usage

Public Computer Use
19,971 ↑ 5%
18,999 last year

Website Visits
21,232 ↓ -21%
26,780 last year

Self Checkout
(% of checkouts)
55% ↑ 2%
54% last year

WiFi Sessions
26,226 ↑ 6%
24,676 last year

Reference Queries

Reference Questions Total
4,001 ↑ 5%
3,810 last year

Reference Questions

Adult	Kids
2,709 ↓ -3%	1,292 ↑ 28%
2,801 last year	1,009 last year

Meeting Room Use

Library Programs
190 ↓ -5%
199 last year

Public Meetings
93 ↓ -6%
99 last year

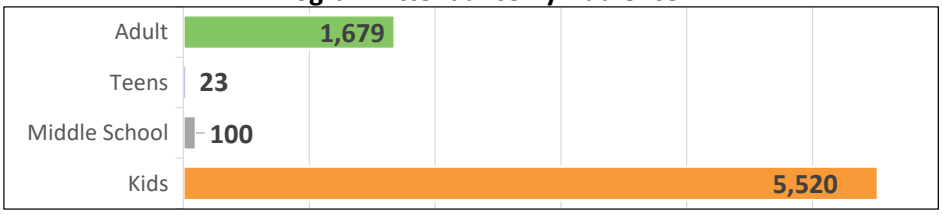
Group Study Rooms
1,969 ↓ -6%
2,093 last year

Programs

Program Attendance
7,322 ↑ 9%
6,702 last year

Library Programs
190 ↓ -5%
199 last year

Program Attendance By Audience



Library Visits

Total Visits
44,324 ↓ 0%
44,428 last year

Walk-In
42,628 ↑ 0%
42,599 last year

Drive-Up Visits
1,696 ↓ -7%
1,829 last year

In House Visits

Makery	1,905 ↓ -2%	1,937 last year
Creative Studio	73 ↓ -26%	98 last year

Dashboard

Monthly Comparison

Total Circulation
94,029 ↑ 7%
87,580 last year

Adult Circulation
54,569 ↑ 13%
48,462 last year

Kids Circulation
38,235 ↑ 1%
37,883 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries
1,225 ↓ -1%
1,236 last year

Digital Material Circulation
35,021 ↑ 32%
26,586 last year

Databases
11,976 ↓ -97%
353,140 last year

Reference Questions Total
4,001 ↑ 5%
3,810 last year

One on One Tutorials
62 ↑ 148%
25 last year

Number of Programs
190 ↓ -5%
199 last year

Program Attendence
7,322 ↑ 9%
6,702 last year

In-Person Visitors
42,628 ↑ 0%
42,599 last year

Drive-Up Visitors
1,696 ↓ -7%
1,829 last year

Year To Date Comparison

Total Circulation
968,132 ↑ 3%
935,984 last year

Adult Circulation
553,564 ↑ 7%
518,452 last year

Kids Circulation
402,514 ↓ -1%
405,280 last year

ILL Borrowed from Other Libraries
12,055 ↓ -2%
12,252 last year

Digital Material Circulation
333,780 ↑ 20%
277,700 last year

Databases
166,911 ↓ -76%
694,367 last year

Reference Questions Total
45,581 ↓ -2%
46,728 last year

One on One Tutorials
405 ↑ 27%
319 last year

Number of Programs
1,805 ↓ -5%
1,893 last year

Program Attendence
72,604 ↑ 21%
59,981 last year

In-Person Visitors
403,415 ↓ 0%
403,832 last year

Drive-Up Visitors
16,988 ↓ -6%
18,140 last year

STATISTICAL REPORT October 2026

Collection Totals

Books and Magazines
148,769

Library of Extraordinary Things and Electronics
6,886

Audio Visual
22,816

Digital
225,555

Notable Happenings in Circulation

- 11 non-resident cards were purchased in October for a total of $919.43.
- We filled 4,711 holds this month.
- 1 new "Cards for Kids" non-resident card was registered for free this month.