Elmwood Park Public Library

FY16-17 ANNUAL REPORT

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.

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<th>By the Numbers</th>
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<td>There were over <strong>146,000</strong> visits to the Library</td>
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<td>Over <strong>1,000</strong> people signed up for new library cards</td>
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<td>Over <strong>190,000</strong> books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines were checked out</td>
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<td>Over <strong>8,500</strong> items downloaded and streamed</td>
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<td>Over <strong>38,000</strong> book and research questions asked</td>
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<td>Over <strong>77,000</strong> website visits &amp; <strong>31,000</strong> hours of Library computer usage</td>
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<td>Over <strong>60</strong> school visits, including 3D printer demos</td>
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<td>Over <strong>13,500</strong> people attended programs &amp; meeting rooms used over <strong>340</strong> times</td>
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<td><strong>Friends of the Library</strong></td>
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<td>Events, outside bench, &amp; early literacy tools</td>
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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

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These figures brought to you by the Library Value Calculator
http://www.ala.org/advocacy/adveg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/library_calculator

Your Library Card: The Smartest Card in Your Wallet
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

ABOUT US!

- 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

OPEN 341 DAYS A YEAR