

Snapshot of FY19-20 Elmwood Park Public Library

Lobby Remodel

Our biggest accomplishment of the year was the remodeling of the Library's lobby, providing:

- More open & welcoming space, with new paint on the walls and sound buffering carpet
- New Circulation desk & convenient indoor book returns
- Snack space with vending & additional seating
- Improved events panel display
- New directional signs & maps, as well as tri-lingual welcome banners
- Artwork & local history display



Senior Support with AgeOptions

With the continued support from the AgeOptions grant, we've been able to host more programs for seniors, as well as invest in assistive technology:

- Fun & social programs for seniors: Afternoon Tea, Coffee & Crochet, Cocoa & Cookies, Valentine Social, Tai Chi & Chair Yoga, Chicago Hollywood, and Country Line Dancing.
- Assistive technology for seniors and others with special needs: folding wheelchair & walker, AED device, large type backlit keyboard, oversize stationary mouse, reading glasses, and LED magnifier.
- Special collection: We were also able to purchase memory assistance kits for caregivers to use with patients with Alzheimer's and dementia.



You Are Beautiful Project

Over the course of the school year staff met with over 1,200 of students at ECC, John Mills, Elmwood Elementary, Elm Middle, and St. Celestine to discuss phrases that inspire and motivate Elmwood Park kids, and to craft a message that would reinforce the positive and kind spirit of our community. The Library looks forward to the summer or fall when we can finally celebrate the students' inspirational words and put them on the Library building.

2020 Census

While the pandemic has curtailed our in-house efforts, this winter the Library has been a hub of information advocating the 2020 Census to our community, including promoting it in our eNewsletter, as well as posting information on our website in English, Spanish, and Polish.



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