

DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

JUNE 2021

ACTIVITIES

I wrapped up my three-year term as American Library Association Councilor this month with a final series of virtual meetings June 25-29. While I've enjoyed the experience of representing Illinois on ALA's policy-making body, I'm glad to turn the reigns over to Paul Mills of the Fountaindale Library District.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Phase 2 wrapped up this month, with Iron Mountain on site at the end of the month to move youth collections back to their permanent home. Phase 3 will begin July 6. Although we'll need to close off the 2nd floor during this phase, the good news is that this closure period will likely only last about one month, rather than the two months initially predicted.

YOUTH AREA

The youth collections are all laid out, although we may tweak some areas before creating permanent signage. We are still waiting on some endpanels, a marker board, upholstered benches, and other seating, most of which is due sometime in July.



NORTH ENTRANCE AND EXTERIOR WORK

Outside, retaining walls, sod, and lighting have been completed. We are working with landscaper T.L. Scott on some plants for the area.

The north entrance vestibule has been ground down and sloped, as discussed last month. The slope is gradual and barely noticeable. Door glass and carpeting are in.



EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Organizations are resuming in-person meetings. I've listed the location below except for meetings held virtually.

- Office Park of Palatine, 625 N. North Ct., 6/1
- F.H. Paschen construction meetings, Main Library, 6/2, 6/16, & 6/30
- HE Chamber WEB board, 6/7
- PLA Membership Advisory, 6/14
- Teen Reno Team Orientations, Main Library, 6/14 & 6/24
- North Suburban Directors, 6/14
- Rotary of Palatine, 6/14
- FOL Presidents meeting, Main Library, 6/17
- Audit conference, 6/18
- Friends of the Library, Main Library, 6/23
- ICompete Trivia Night, Lamplighter's, 6/24
- ALA Annual Conference, 6/25-6/29
- Branch Library Design Team, 6/28
- POC Board meeting, 6/30

Jeannie Dilger

EDI Activities for Fiscal Year July 2020 – June 2021

EDI Committee

- Wrote a statement for the board to approve about our commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion after the George Floyd murder and protests in the summer of 2020 (August 2020)
- Posted information from the Speak Up! Series about combating bigotry to the intranet page and shared in the Staff eNewsletter (Winter 2020-2021)
- Created pronoun information for staff to use in their email signatures
- Started an EDI Discussion Group for Staff that meets monthly beginning in June 2020. Topics covered included: White Supremacy, Anti-Asian hate, Environmental Racism, the history of Native Americans, and how libraries should handle racist classic literature.
- Suggested for all staff to have an EDI goal for their 2021 goals and offered examples of possible goals
- Two committee members attended training on Implicit Bias and shared the knowledge with the committee and with managers
- Hosted a Staff Goodie with various Asian snacks to Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month (May 2021)
- Created a Land Acknowledgment Statement

Selectors

- Began a diversity audit of sections of the print collection (adult fiction, youth fiction, and adult new nonfiction)

Collection Services

- Began using Homosaurus subject headings when cataloging new materials to help identify LGBTQIA+ materials
- CCS removed subject heading “illegal aliens” and replaced with “Undocumented immigrants” or “noncitizens”



Human Resources

- Working on revising Job Applications to include pronouns option and remove gendered language for rollout in next fiscal year
- posted job openings on diverse job boards, for example Northwest chapter of REFORMA

Adult Services

Adult Book Discussion Titles Diversity Index: There were 23 separate titles discussed at library book discussion groups. 52% of the books were by #OwnVoices authors. An #OwnVoices book is a book written by an author of a historically marginalized community that it depicts. 10 books were by white authors, 5 books were by Asian authors, 5 books were by Black authors, 2 books were by Latinx authors, and 1 book was by a Native American author. 17% of the books had prominent LGBTQ+ representation.

ESL Conversation Club: included the following diverse topics for attendees to learn about and discuss:

- December 2020: holidays around the globe, Chinese New Year
- February 2021: African American History Month
- April 2021: Autism awareness month, Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Ramadan

Programs:

- Searching for South America (September 2020)
- Winter Folk Tales from Around the World (December 2020)
- The Underground Railroad (February 2021)
- Pristine Patagonia (April 2021)
- Mysterious Myanmar (April 2021)
- An Introduction to Researching Hispanic Ancestry (May 2021)

Displays:

- Read Black (July 2020)
- Love is For Everybody (August 2020)
- Hispanic Authors (September 2020)
- Celebrate Jewish Book Month (November 2020)
- Read Black (February 2021)
- Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May 2021)
- Rainbow Book Month (June 2021)



Youth and Teen Services

Picture Book Displays:

- National Hispanic Heritage Month – September 2020
- Fall Jewish Holidays (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot) --September 2020-October 2020
- Day of the Dead – November 2020
- Native American Heritage Month –November 2020
- Diwali – November 2020
- Black History Month - February 2021
- Chinese New Year - February 2021
- #ownvoices - February 2021
- Women's History Month - March 2021
- Holi - March 2021
- Passover - March 2021
- Ramadan - April 2021
- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month - May 2021
- Read with Pride - June 2021

Youth Displays:

- Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month –October 2020
- Notable Books for a Global Society – October 2020
- South Asia Book Award – November 2020
- I Have a Dream... (Black History Month) – February 2020
- Coretta Scott King & John Steptoe Book Awards (Black History Month) – February 2020
- Schneider Family Book Award – March 2020
- Nevertheless, She Persisted (Women's History Month) – March 2020
- #CelebrateDifferences: Autism Awareness Month – April 2020
- Read Around the World: the Middle East & Arab Americans – April 2020
- In Honor of...Jewish Heritage Month – May 2020
- YOU ARE NOT ALONE. May is Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2020
- Asian American Heritage Month – May 2020
- Celebrate Pride Month – June 2020

Teen Displays:

- Black History Month – February 2021
- Women's History Month – March 2021
- Disability Visibility – May 2021
- Pride Month – June 2021

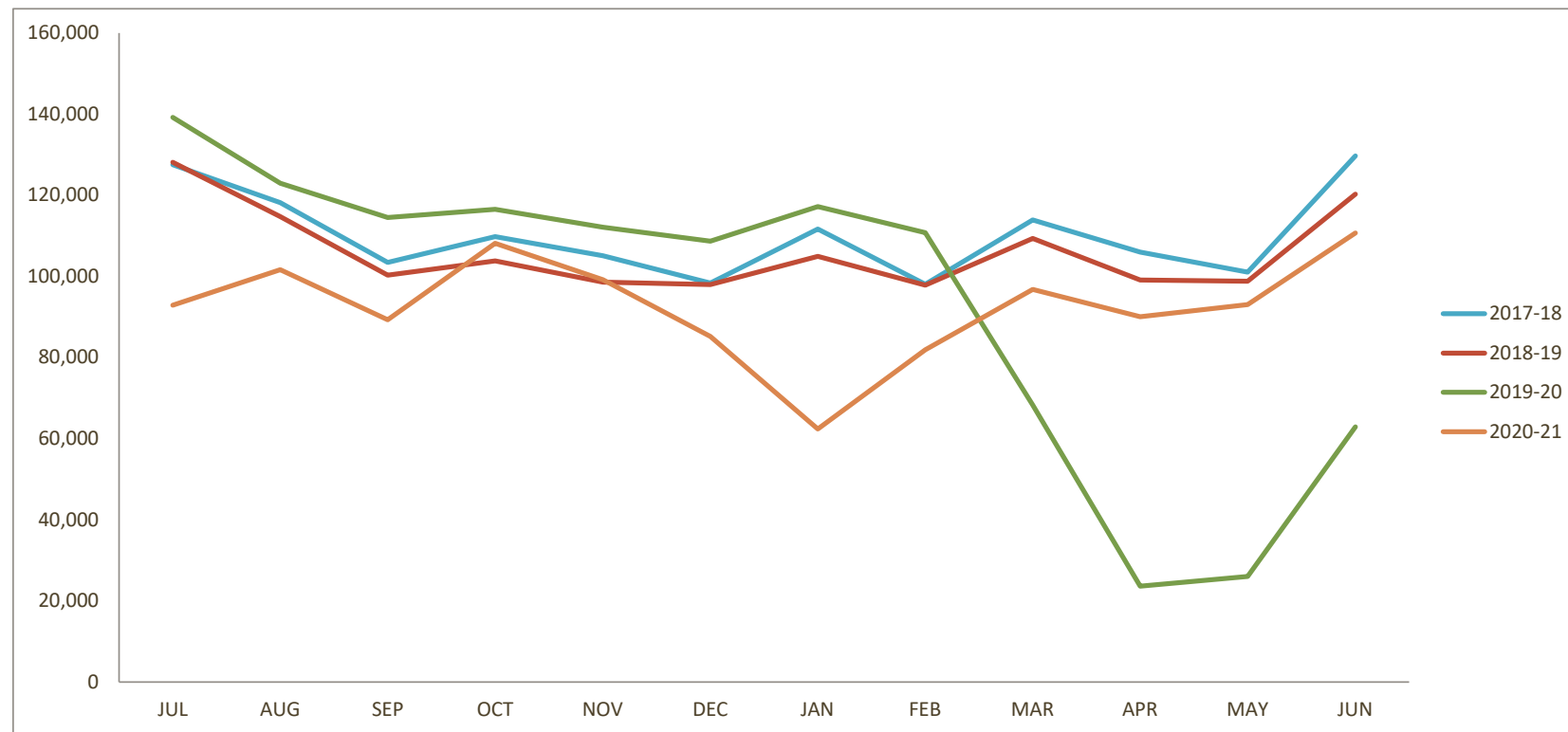


Programs:

- Papel Picado – October 2020 (all ages)
- Celebrate Diwali – November 2020 (all ages)
- Virtual Visit with Author Celia Perez – December 2020 (grades 3 and up)
- Raising Anti-Racist Children – February 2021 (adults)
- Louis Braille Read-a-long program - March 2021 (grades K-2)
- International Women's Day Kit – March 2021 (grades 3-6)
- Virtual Visit with Author Kelly Yang – March 2021 (grades 3 and up)
- Teen Book Club: Parachutes by Kelly Yang (March 2021) (grades 7-12)
- Language Café – April 2021 (grades 7-12)
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration – May 2021 (all ages)
- Storywalk – Bilingual Spanish Storytime - June 2021
- Rainbow Heart Suncatchers – June 2021 (ages 5 and up, Pride Month craft)
- Show Your Pride Kit – June 2021 (grades 5-12)
- Celebrate Pride Month: Art in the Style of Keith Haring – June 2021 (grades 5-7)
- How to Talk to Children about Race and Racism – June 2021 (adults)
- Teen Book Club: You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson – June 2021 (grades 7-12)

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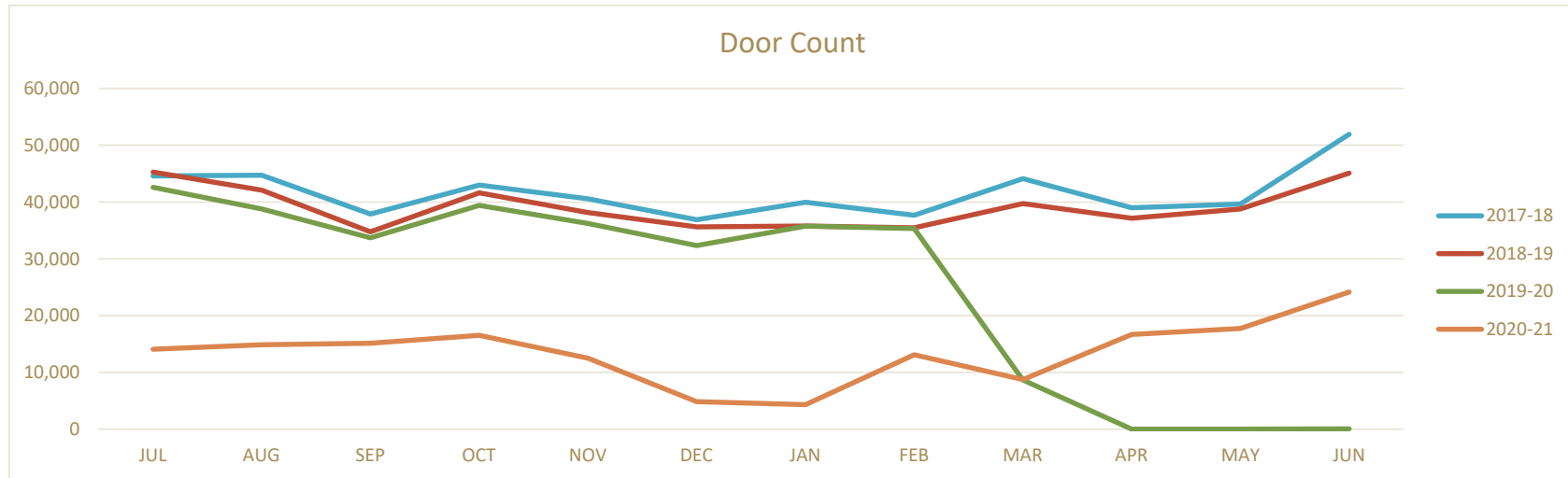
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2017-18	127,511	118,180	103,385	109,790	105,104	98,321	111,642	98,080	113,913	105,958	101,034	129,709	1,322,627
2018-19	128,150	114,694	100,274	103,781	98,572	97,950	104,895	97,861	109,298	99,093	98,798	120,265	1,273,631
2019-20	139,207	122,962	114,473	116,536	112,108	108,646	117,151	110,752	68,253	23,631	26,030	62,908	1,122,657
2020-21	92,884	101,621	89,280	108,165	99,171	85,162	62,381	81,901	96,754	90,021	92,989	110,718	1,111,047



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 Open Limited Hours for Browsing 7/6/2020 to 11/14/2020.
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 Open Full Hours 5/1/2021.

DOOR COUNT	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
2017-18	44,594	44,727	37,895	42,990	40,554	36,890	39,969	37,695	44,111	39,016	39,662	51,930	500,033
2018-19	45,281	42,085	34,743	41,605	38,158	35,629	35,783	35,478	39,741	37,159	38,806	45,084	469,552
2019-20	42,585	38,799	33,711	39,425	36,254	32,349	35,770	35,341	8,672	0	0	63	302,969
2020-21	14,091	14,883	15,139	16,526	12,508	4,834	4,315	13,118	8,736	16,684	17,743	24,166	162,743

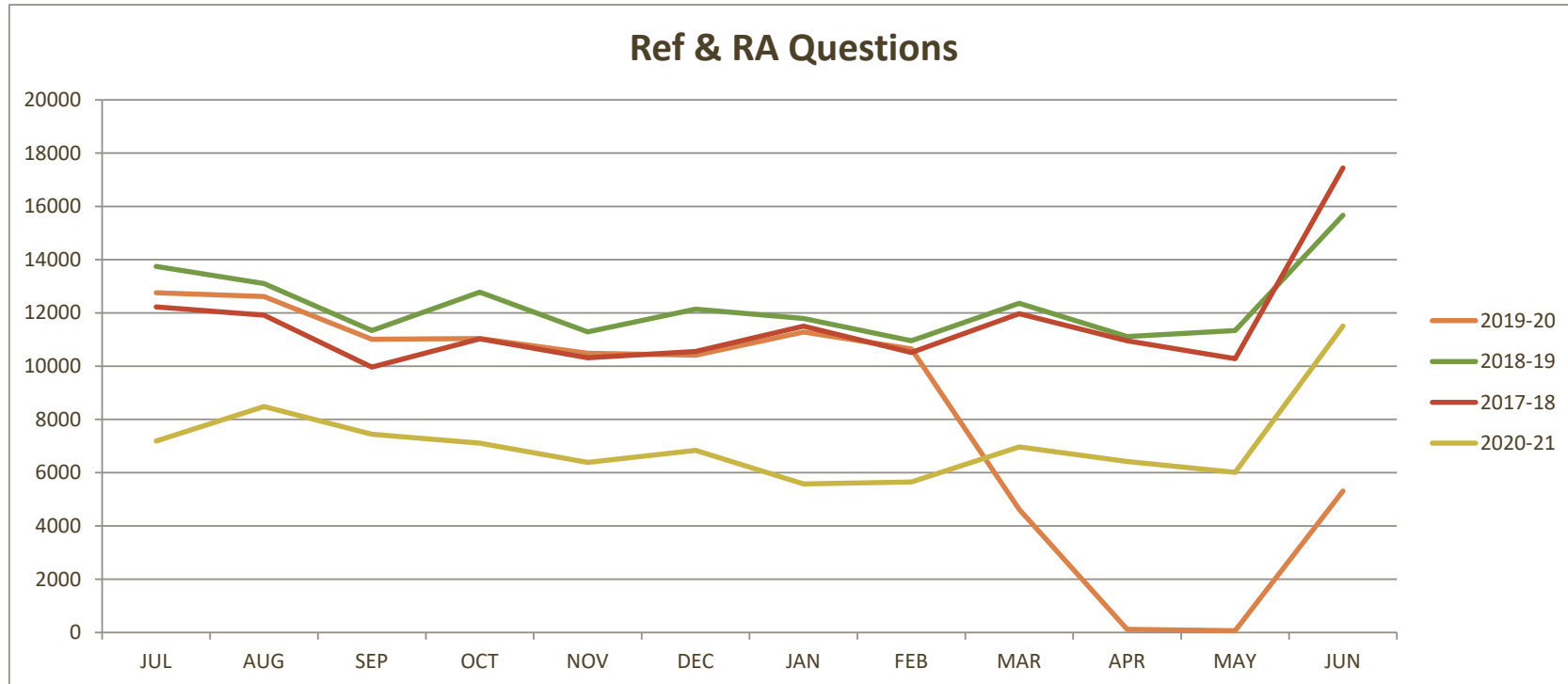


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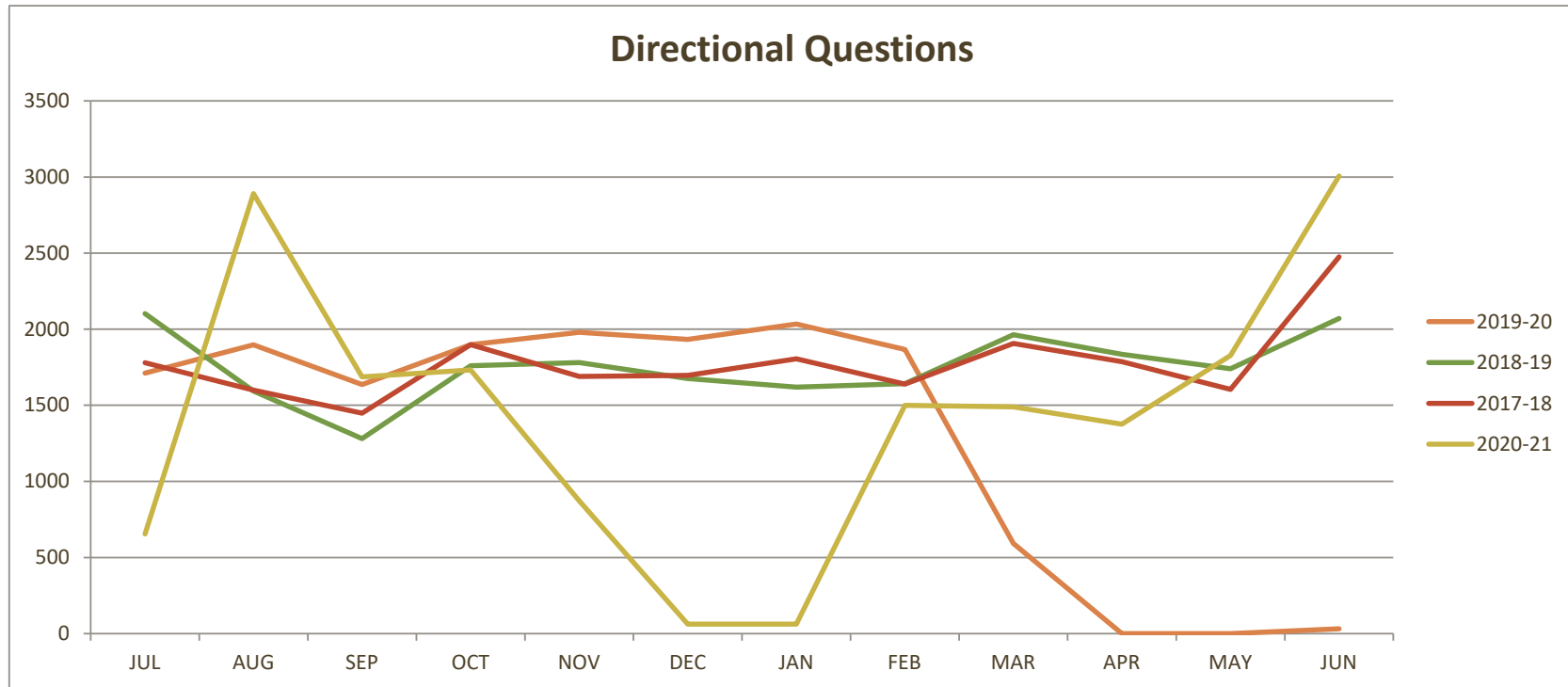
REFERENCE and READERS ADVISORY

	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2017-18	12227	11916	9966	11030	10313	10555	11501	10511	11974	10953	10282	17441	138669
2018-19	13746	13103	11340	12779	11290	12140	11789	10955	12360	11113	11336	15667	147618
2019-20	12755	12616	11010	11036	10487	10409	11284	10649	4621	119	67	5310	100363
2020-21	7188	8483	7441	7111	6382	6838	5576	5647	6965	6420	6011	11509	85571



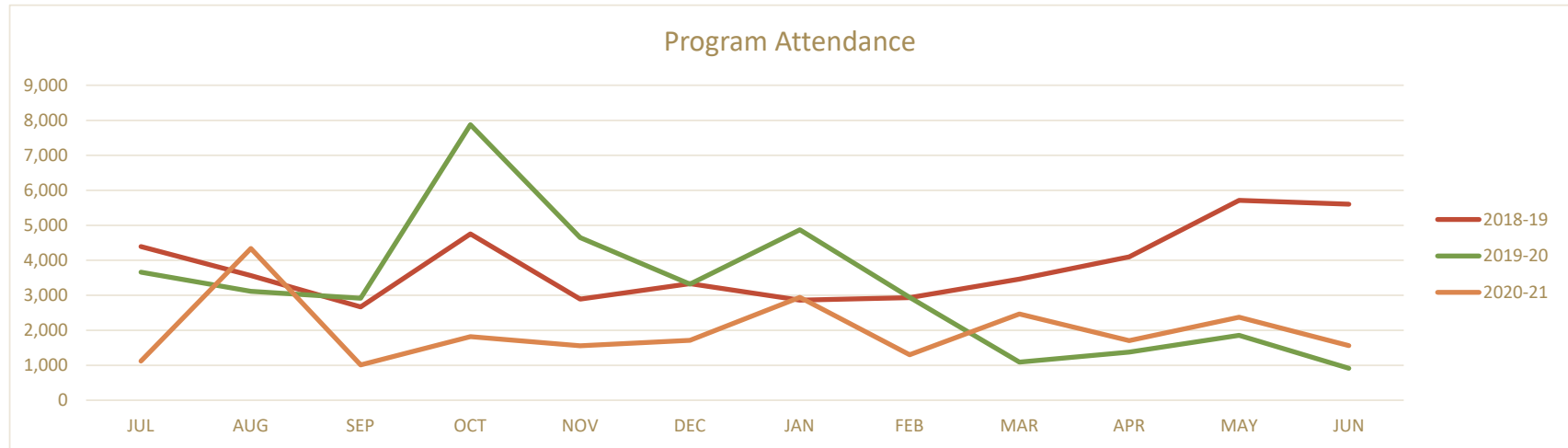
DIRECTIONAL

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2017-18	1779	1599	1448	1898	1689	1696	1805	1639	1906	1786	1604	2475	21324
2018-19	2102	1593	1281	1760	1780	1675	1619	1642	1963	1835	1740	2070	21060
2019-20	1711	1897	1636	1898	1979	1933	2034	1866	592	0	0	32	15578
2020-21	654	2891	1686	1732	872	62	62	1499	1489	1376	1827	3006	17156



Program Attendance

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
2018-19	4,392	3,564	2,669	4,755	2,892	3,331	2,860	2,932	3,463	4,099	5,713	5,603	46,273
2019-20	3,660	3,116	2,917	7,874	4,651	3,321	4,873	2,942	1,093	1,379	1,858	912	38,596
2020-21	1,122	4,339	1,012	1,817	1,560	1,713	2,942	1,300	2,465	1,705	2,374	1,563	23,912



1 Experience: We strive to ensure that individuals have exceptional interactions with the library and are connected with resources and services that increase their quality of life. *We exceed expectations.*

Goals	Themes	Actions	Staff Members	Start Date	# Days	End Date	Status
1.1: The library has comfortable, flexible spaces that encourage use and connection.							
	Main Renovation						
		Reno: Construction	Jeannie, Mel, Gregg	11/1/2020	480	2/24/2022	in progress
		Reupholster furniture to be reused	Jeannie	1/1/2021	480	4/26/2022	complete
		Discard furniture no longer needed	Jeannie, Gregg	9/15/2020	180	3/14/2021	in progress
		Work w/signage vendor on new signage	Jeannie, Andrea L, Mel	12/1/2020	180	5/30/2021	complete
	Minor Changes (not dependent on the renovation)						
		Storage for Library of Things	Marcia, Jessica, Andrea D	12/1/2020	120	3/31/2021	not yet started
		Rearrange Circ workroom for better flow, curbside service	Rosalie, Jennifer, Karen, Mel, Jeannie	11/1/2020	120	3/1/2021	in progress
	Branch Renovation						
		Rand Branch design process	Jeannie, Jennifer, Karen, Mel, Rosalie	3/1/2021	270	11/26/2021	in progress
		North Hoffman Branch design process	Jeannie, Jennifer, Karen, Mel, Rosalie	3/1/2021	270	11/26/2021	in progress
1.2: The library's collection is vibrant and convenient to access.							
	Ease of Access						
		Research and budget for Open+ to expand branch hours	Jeannie, Karen, Jennifer, Rosalie	3/1/2021	270	11/26/2021	in progress
		Use Open Town Hall to survey patrons about add'l hours at Main	Jeannie, Andrea L	2/1/2021	90	5/2/2021	complete
		Temporary signage during construction	Rosalie, Andrea L, Jean	11/1/2020	480	2/24/2022	in progress
		Plan permanent signage for after construction	Rosalie, Andrea L, Jean	11/1/2020	180	4/30/2021	in progress
	Collection Analysis						
		Plan for inventory in 2022	Violet	10/1/2021	60	11/30/2021	
		Evaluate collection analysis software	Violet, Jeannie, selectors	1/1/2021	90	4/1/2021	complete
1.3: The library is committed to quality patron interactions.							
	Training for Staff and Patrons						
		Provide de-escalation training for staff	Mel, Jeannie	7/1/2021	180	12/28/2021	in progress
		Library Code of Conduct training	Mel, ?	7/1/2021	180	12/28/2021	not yet started
	Add or Improve Services						
		Create a service plan for new Makerspace	Susan, Mel, Selicia	11/1/2020	240	6/29/2021	complete
		Expand # of notaries on staff	Mel, Christi, Joy	7/1/2021	180	12/28/2021	in progress
		Begin process to be passport acceptance facility (apply, training)	Jeannie, Christi	7/1/2021	270	3/28/2022	delayed
		Investigate removing library card expiration date	Member Services?	2/1/2021	180	7/31/2021	
	Staffing for New Spaces and Services						
		Temporary signage during construction	Susan, Brian, Kathy, Rosalie, Jeannie, Mel	4/1/2021	90	6/30/2021	in progress
		Plan permanent signage for after construction	Susan, Brian, Kathy, Rosalie, Jeannie, Mel	9/1/2021	120	12/30/2021	in progress
		Create a plan for staffing north entrance welcome desk	Susan, Brian, Kathy, Rosalie, Jeannie, Mel	1/1/2021	90	4/1/2021	complete
		Create a plan for makerspace staffing	Susan, Mel	1/1/2021	180	6/30/2021	complete

2 Engagement: We work continuously with the community to increase our reach and expand our impact. *We are a valued community partner.*

Goals	Themes	Actions	Staff Members	Start Date	# Days	End Date	Status
2.1: The community has high awareness of library services and programs.							
	Implement Marketing Plan						
		Create standards for signage and produce signage that is clear and helpful	Rosalie, Tara, Andrea L, Jean	1/1/2021	120	5/1/2021	in progress
		Communicate plans and timeline to the public about the renovation	Karen, Mel, Jeannie, Andrea L	1/1/2021	425	3/2/2022	in progress
		Identify non-users living near branch locations and target those groups to increase awareness/promote services	Andrea L, Kiel, Karen, Jennifer	4/1/2021	270	12/27/2021	in progress
		Secure email marketing software tool	Andrea L	1/1/2021	90	4/1/2021	complete
		Create segmented member groups and target with relevant email content	Andrea L, Kiel	2/1/2021	180	7/31/2021	in progress
		Utilize software to analyze member usage quarterly and share with relevant staff for possible improvements	Andrea L, MT	6/1/2021	365	6/1/2022	
	Programming						
		Reimagine program comm and its goals	Mel, Gayle, Kaitlin, Kathy, Selicia	1/1/2021	365	1/1/2022	delayed
		Utilize surveys to gain understanding and make reasonable adjustments (from Marketing Plan)	Andrea L, Kiel	6/1/2021	365	6/1/2022	
2.2: The library interacts with its diverse community to discover and respond to current needs of all groups.							
	Multilingual Services						
		Identify current staff to increase bilingual skills	Lizette, Mary S, Libby	4/1/2020	545	9/28/2021	in progress
		Ensure recruiting efforts include bilingual skills (job descriptions, postings, etc.)	Mary S, Karla, Lizette	1/1/2021	365	1/1/2022	complete
		Identify bilingual training for existing staff	Tracie	7/1/2021	180	12/28/2021	
	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion						
		All staff complete 1 EDI goal	All	1/1/2021	365	1/1/2022	in progress
		Conduct diversity audit of programs; reach out to partners to fill gaps	Kaitlin, Glenda	7/1/2021	180	12/28/2021	in progress
		Conduct diversity audit for some collections	Violet, Lupe, Adriene, Selectors	1/1/2021	365	1/1/2022	in progress
		Investigate making promotional material, library card applications, and wayfinding signs available in languages other than English	Lupe, Paloma, Andrea L, Kiel	7/1/2021	180	12/28/2021	in progress
2.3: The library creates and deepens meaningful partnerships with local organizations and businesses.							
	Overcome Transportation Barriers						
		Participate in community conversations about transportation	Mel	2/1/2020	720	1/21/2022	in progress
	Outreach						
		Define successful outreach and set goals	Lizette, Emily, Brooke, Andrea L, Becky	11/1/2019	720	10/21/2021	in progress
		Compile list of pre-COVID partnerships to reach out post-COVID	Brian, Andrea L, Kathy	1/1/2021	180	6/30/2021	
		Create library-wide community partner database (merge businesses w/other orgs)	Brian, Andrea L, Kathy, Becky	1/1/2021	180	6/30/2021	not yet started
		Share and celebrate our work with commun orgs	Comms, Mel	7/1/2021	180	12/28/2021	not yet started
		Work w/UP Coalition on increasing community broadband	Mel, Mike	9/1/2020	365	9/1/2021	in progress

3 Endurance: We strive for sustainability in our practices, human and financial resources, and facilities. *We are a resilient organization.*

Goals	Themes	Actions	Staff Members	Start Date	# Days	End Date	Status
3.1: The library is a trusted steward of resources.							
		Monitor Finances					
		Monitor CD investments on quarterly basis	Jeannie, Beth, Fin Comm,	1/1/2021	365	1/1/2022	not yet started
		Administer existing grants (RAILS catalog, ISL construction, PPE grants)	Beth, Jeannie, Mary M	1/1/2021	365	1/1/2022	in progress
		Transparency					
		Publish stats online	Violet, Jeannie, Karla	6/1/2019	720	5/21/2021	in progress
		Train appropriate staff to navigate OpenGov	Beth, Karla, Mary M	2/26/2020	455	5/26/2021	in progress
		Volunteer Opportunities					
		Diversify volunteer pool (e.g. special needs, court-ordered)	HR, Natalie	4/1/2020	515	8/29/2021	in progress
		Recruit volunteer greeters during renovation	Karla, Dori	10/1/2020	120	1/29/2021	complete
3.2: The library is a preferred employer that values staff development and retention.							
		Employee Engagement					
		Offer more opportunities to join committees and project teams	Mgmt Team	5/1/2020	485	8/29/2021	in progress
		Salary and Benefits					
		Complete and implement triennial salary scale reassessment	Jeannie, Mary S, Melissa	10/1/2020	180	3/30/2021	complete
		Examine possibility of family insurance	Jeannie, Mary S	4/1/2021	60	5/31/2021	complete
		Evaluate work schedules with breaks including weekend shifts	Mel, Pub Servs Mgrs	1/1/2021	90	4/1/2021	delayed
		Review employee handbook, recruitment, and onboarding materials for inclusive language	Mary S, Jeannie	1/1/2021	365	1/1/2022	complete
		Staff Training					
		Implement collaborative classroom idea (changed to virtual training)	Mel, Mary	3/1/2020	545	8/28/2021	delayed
		Reinvent in-person staff development days	Mary S, Violet, Andrea A	3/1/2021	180	8/28/2021	
3.3: The library's systems and facilities are resilient, modern, and efficient.							
		Building and Maintenance Systems					
		Repair concrete in underground parking garage	Gregg	4/1/2021	270	8/1/2021	in progress
		Revise emergency manual	Mel, Mary S, Karla	5/1/2020	455	7/30/2021	in progress
		Replace/repair ramp snow melt boiler system	Gregg	1/1/2021	180	6/30/2021	in progress
		Examine emergency communication practices, consider app	Rolando, Susan, Mel	7/1/2021	90	9/29/2021	
		Technology Systems					
		Investigate hearing loop update for Meeting Room 1	Anam, Susan	2/1/2021	60	4/2/2021	complete
		Install new security camera system (software, server)	Mike, Gregg, Rolando	1/1/2021	180	6/30/2021	in progress
		Install screen-sharing in study rooms	Susan, Shawn	4/1/2021	180	9/28/2021	in progress
		Install new projection in Board Room	Susan, Shawn	2/1/2021	90	5/2/2021	in progress
		Relocate servers to 1st floor; install 2nd network switch	CTC, Susan, Mike	5/1/2021	90	7/30/2021	in progress
		Investigate uses for Village fiber connection	Mike	7/1/2021	120	10/29/2021	
		Install repurposed and new digital displays	Susan	4/1/2021	120	7/30/2021	in progress
		Investigate digital door locks (for budget 21-22)	Mike, Anam	2/1/2021	60	4/2/2021	
		Safety Procedures					
		Review COVID procedures, consider additional practices	Mary S, Jeannie	1/1/2021	180	6/30/2021	complete
		Add automatic/touchless door openers	Gregg	10/1/2020	270	6/28/2021	complete

June 25, 2021

Palatine library pop-up sales:

Pop-up sales of books about cooking and crafts, including sewing and quilting, are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Palatine Public Library. The Friends of the Palatine Library event is in the meeting room hallway of the library, 700 N. North Court. Also, the third phase of the library's renovation kicks off July 6 with closure of the second floor. Patrons are encouraged to stock up on materials or place holds; staff members and volunteers will retrieve adult fiction and nonfiction titles and any other items from the second floor. The renovation includes: building a quiet reading room; finishing adding more study rooms; creating a new adult services desk; and installing new carpeting and lighting. Visit palatinelibrary.org or call (847) 907-3600.

July 6, 2021

Summer Grilling!: Virtually at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, Palatine Public Library. Summertime is for outdoor cooking and Chef Maddox demonstrates some great grilling recipes and techniques that will add spark and fire to your backyard cooking. For information, call (847) 907-3600 or visit palatinelibrary.org.

Colors of the Coral Reef: 11-11:45 a.m. Monday, July 12, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Explore the wonders and colors of the Coral Reef. We investigate through stories and science, then use our creativity to design colorful fish. Ages 4-7 with parent or caregiver. For information, call (847) 907-3600 or visit palatinelibrary.org.

July 14, 2021

Tween Book Club: 2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 15, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Get to know other graphic novel fans while discussing "Be Prepared" by Vera Brosgol and doing fun activities. Nine-year-old Vera struggles to fit in at a summer camp for Russian-American kids. Copies available at the Youth and Teen desk. For kids in grades five-seven. For information, call (847) 907-3600 or visit palatinelibrary.org.

The History of Kiddieland: Virtually at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, Palatine Public Library. Cheryl Brown, professor at Oakton Community College, presents a walk down memory lane with the history of this iconic amusement park. For information, call (847) 907-3600 or visit palatinelibrary.org.

Palatine Journal

June 9-14, 2021

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

The following virtual and in-person family-friendly events are hosted by libraries in the Journal & Topics coverage area. Register when requested. Libraries and park districts offering a free or nominal fee event can e-mail event details to lifestyles1@journal-topics.info.

PALATINE

Palatine Public Library District
In-person: Teen Book Club for 7-12th graders
Meeting Room 1
7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15
"You Should See Me In a Crown" by Leah Johnson is June's book club title. All teens are invited to join the discussion in the socially-distanced space with open windows.

Palatine Library Gets Ready For Phase 3 Renovations Free Access

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Palatine Public Library's main branch.

Beginning the week of June 21, the Palatine Library's main branch at 700 N. North Ct. in Palatine will transition to Phase 3 of the building's renovation project.

Staff will be available at a temporary desk in the lobby to help place holds on materials from other libraries.

The construction wall on the first floor will be removed and areas still under construction will be blocked off. Youth and teen collections will be moved to their new permanent location. Also, the Youth and Teen Desk will be in the lobby area for a short period. The new north entrance is also close to completion.

Much of the work scheduled for Phase 3 involves the second floor. Early in July, there will be no public access to the second floor. Staff and volunteers will retrieve adult fiction/non-fiction titles and any other items from the second floor. Also, the Adult Services Desk will be located

in the lobby for assistance. Computers will be available on the first floor.

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Teamwork is a key ingredient when it comes to encouraging more people to take up biking.

The Bike Palatine Club discovered that firsthand when it collaborated with a variety of community groups to celebrate National Bike Month in May.

Together they organized activities and public displays that promoted the benefits of cycling.

Palatine Mayor Jim Schwantz kicked off the celebration with a proclamation declaring May as National Bike Month in the community at the May 3 Village Council meeting.

With League of American Bicyclists posters printed by the Palatine Park District, Palatine and Rolling Meadows Libraries highlighted bike books for circulation.

The Palatine Library also included the mayor's framed proclamation as well as bike trail maps, brochures for the Bike Palatine Club, and Bike Safety Quiz promotional cards provided by Ride Illinois, the statewide nonprofit bike advocacy organization (Ride Illinois Executive Director Dave Simmons even rode his bike to Palatine to drop them off).

Besides the displays, the club revived its weekly evening casual rides — all canceled in the 2020 shutdown — from the Palatine Public Library. The club welcomed any helmeted bike riders on its 6:30 p.m. hour-long slow-rolls on local trails and residential streets.

This is the seventh summer that Tom Lucas, trained ride leader and ex-club treasurer, has led the popular casual rides along with other club members. The club has added its Tuesday evening casual rides in June.

On May 1, the club also launched the Go By Bike Bingo, inviting community riders to bike to local sites and businesses in Palatine.

Riders redeemed their simple bingos at Mikes Bike Shop and SamCycle Electric Bikes in Palatine or at the Crank Revolution bike shop in Hoffman Estates for \$10 discounts on purchases. The Bike Palatine Club reimbursed the three shops for any bingo cards they collected.

Bike Palatine Club concludes its National Bike Month celebration with an “ABC Quick Check” demo at the Palatine Library bike corral, also led by Lucas, on Saturday morning, June 12. The free bike safety clinic focuses on the basics — air, brakes, and chains — for the purpose of getting people on their bikes as early as possible for the riding season.



CRUCIAL COLLABORATIONS

As a small volunteer group, Bike Palatine Club found that working with the Palatine Park District, Palatine Library, Rolling Meadows Library, the Palatine Mayor's Office, and Ride Illinois proved to be invaluable in successfully coordinating the National Bike Month activities.

Bike Palatine Club has done a small-scale bike month display at the Palatine Library before. This year we felt we needed to make up for lost pandemic time and go big, and doing that required cooperation across a wide spectrum of groups.

I contacted Palatine librarians Xiang Li and Gayle Weyland in January to begin planning the May celebration. Bike Palatine Club Secretary Sue Montgomery coordinated the bike-related display at the Rolling Meadows Library.

“Palatine Library is always happy to collaborate with the community,” Li says. “When Ralph reached out about a National Bike Month display, it seemed a natural fit. The folks at Bike Palatine Club were easy to work with. I am very pleased with the cool-looking display we were able to put together. Hopefully, it will encourage Palatine residents to enjoy biking as a fun and healthy activity.”

The club’s park district liaison, Colleen Palmer, took charge of the poster printing. “Palatine Park District recognizes the importance of wellness, conservation, and physical activity — all of which biking provides for people of all ages,” she notes. “It is our pleasure to partner with the club and help it promote National Bike Month and biking in the community year round!”

This guest blog post was written by Ralph Banasiak, a Bike Palatine Club volunteer for special projects and a cycling columnist for the Daily Herald.

Top photo: As part of National Bike Month, Bike Palatine Club worked with Palatine and Rolling Meadows Libraries to highlight bike books for circulation.

Bottom photo: Palatine Park District printed the League of American Bicyclists posters that highlight the benefits of cycling.

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— Wharton Sinkler, founder of the Des Plaines Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee