



Executive Director's Report September 2024

This past month, we successfully wrapped up our Summer Reading Program and 100th anniversary celebrations. Our mini golf fundraiser was a huge success, raising enough money to purchase a giant Light Brite activity center for our youth area. Moving forward with our first strategic plan goal to support staff we have been preparing for our benchmarking study including job description reviews, planning staff development day and implementing incentives for staff outreach participation. Additionally, we've made progress on our plan to split IT and workshop staff, and fill the vacancy left by Susan Conner. These changes require multiple steps and will help us better support our staff's IT needs and position the Workshop for the future.

To further my own development in this new role I've been meeting with the CCS Governing Board, the Coaching Group, and the Directors Cohort to build a strong support system for my role. The administrative team also met with RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System) and HR Source to learn more about how these organizations support our library.

Our finance department has been hard at work on the audit and preparing the budget and appropriations ordinance. Their efforts have paid off, as we've recently upgraded our financial rating from S&P to AA+.

Melissa Gardner



Staff You Should Know

Paloma has been a Library Associate III since 2020. She coordinates all of the youth programming and is the lead for the Summer Reading Program. Attached in this packet is her end of Summer report. She will be presenting it herself at our meeting. Paloma is a positive team player who gets things done, but you don't have to take my word for it, see what her coworkers have to say about her:

"Thank you for handling the desk on our super zany Saturday!"

"You did an awesome job managing the Bubble Show. You're a star!"

"Thank you for all you help at NHB on Tuesday with programming!"

"Thank you for creating the ticketing system!! So many happy faces from the public because of this."



New Employees/Milestones

- Elizabeth: Material Assistant, Member Services
- Stephani: Substitute, Youth and Teen Services
- Karla Nora celebrated 5 years
- Gail Litz celebrated 20 years
- Betty Mui celebrated 15 years
- Whitney camp celebrated 20 years

S&C Electric

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S&C Electric approached the Library and the Foundation this month with the desire to support the Library with a financial donation. The Chicago-based company opened a 275,000 sq. ft. facility in Palatine.

S&C Electric is a global staff-owned company that has been in business for 110 years. They are the second largest manufacturer in Chicago and were recently recognized as a top employer in the United States for the third year in a row by Top Workplaces USA. For five years, S&C has been named one of Chicago's best large employers in the Chicago Tribune's Top Workplaces list. Their Foundation S&C Fund has supported STEAM kits for Chicago Public Libraries. When we discussed how we could partner the Workshop seemed like a good fit and they have submitted a request for naming the workshop lab. They awarded the Foundation a check for \$15,000 at their September 10, 2024, groundbreaking and expressed their commitment to the Library with or without naming rights. I foresee this being a great business to partner with.

S&C FUND

"The S&C Fund provides financial support to local and national nonprofit organizations. Through the fund, we support STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education, the arts and humanities, mental health services and support, domestic violence survivor resources, natural disaster relief, and basic human needs. More than \$1M donated to 50+ recipient organizations in 2023."



Calendar

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- Rotary 8/13, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10
 - CCS Governing Board 8/14
 - Foundation 8/15
 - Vicarious Productions 8/16
 - RAILS 8/16
 - Trustee Orientation 8/16
 - S&C Electric 8/21, 9/10
 - POC Board 8/22
 - Coaching Group 8/23
 - Directors Cohort 8/26
 - HR Source 9/3



SUMMER READING 2024

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PALOMA LINARES

100 YEARS OF CONNECTION, CURIOSITY, AND JOY



Happy Anniversary!

Summer Reading Program

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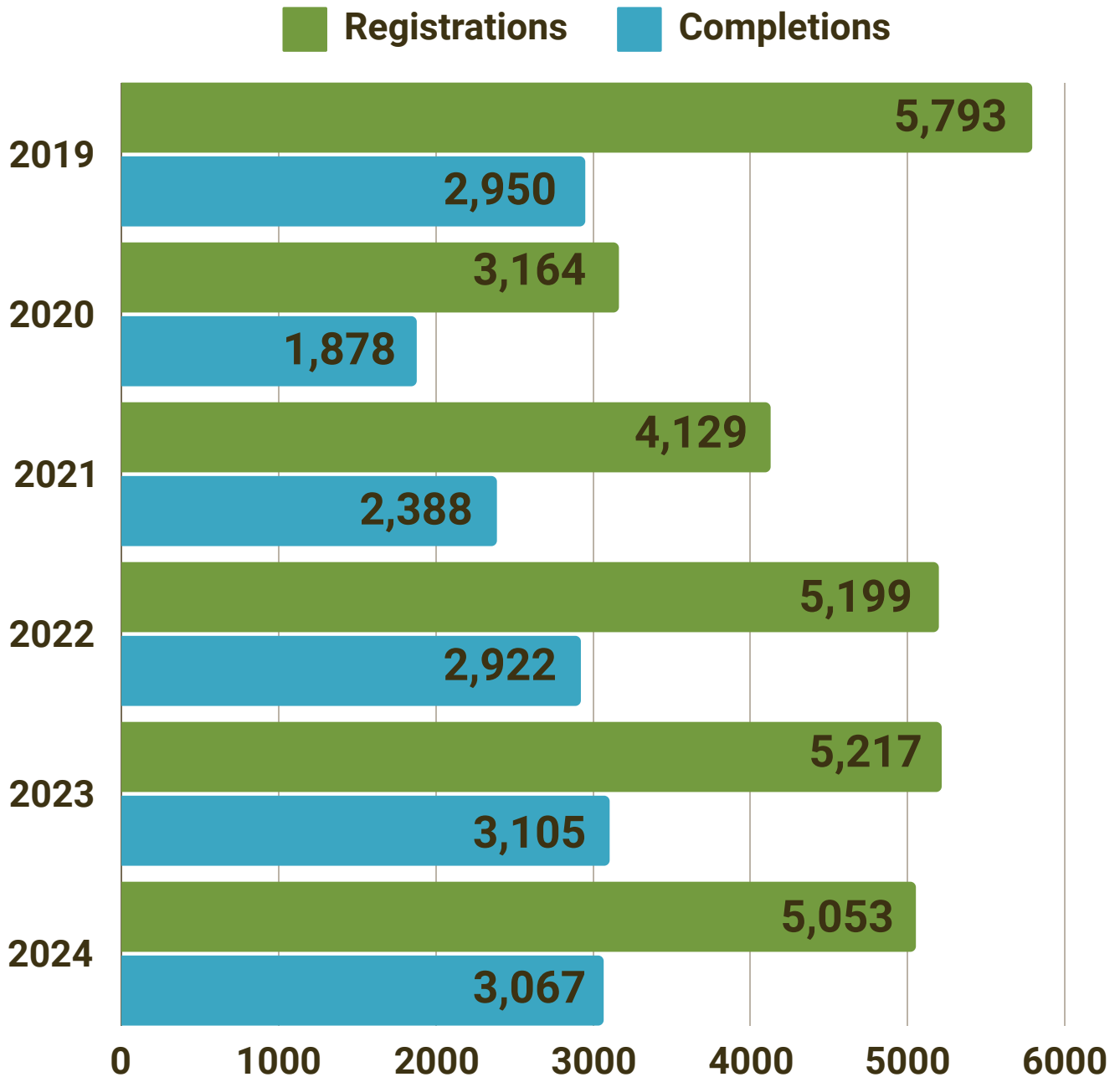
Executive Summary

For the 2024 Summer Reading Program we celebrated 100 Years of the Palatine Library District. There were multiple events being promoted before and alongside the reading program this year. In May the Lego Event was held and we were heavily promoting the 100 Year merch sale. While our promotions were divided among other programs this year, we still did a fantastic job with 5,053 members registered. That is just under by 164 from 2023's Dive Into Reading program, less than 5% difference. At the Summer Reading Kick-Off event we had a grand total of 575 members celebrate the start of the program. The Youth and Teen Services desk registered 504 members. We also offered a variety of programs for members to enjoy all summer.



Through the Years

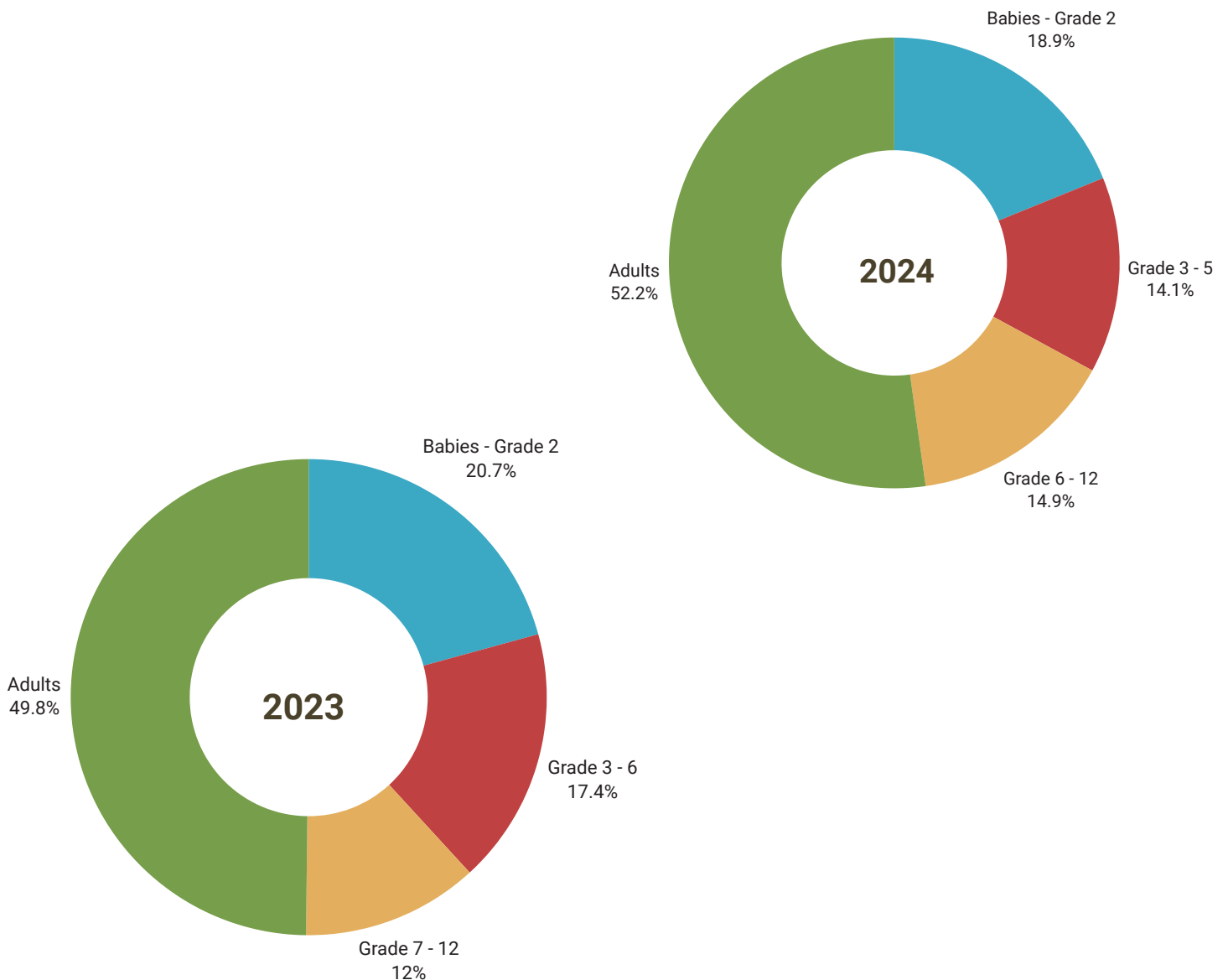
2019 still holds the most amount of registrations in recent years with 5,793. Since 2022 we have seen a resurgence in registration and completions. With 2023 and 2024 having the highest and most consistent completion percentage staying close to 60%.



Registration Trends

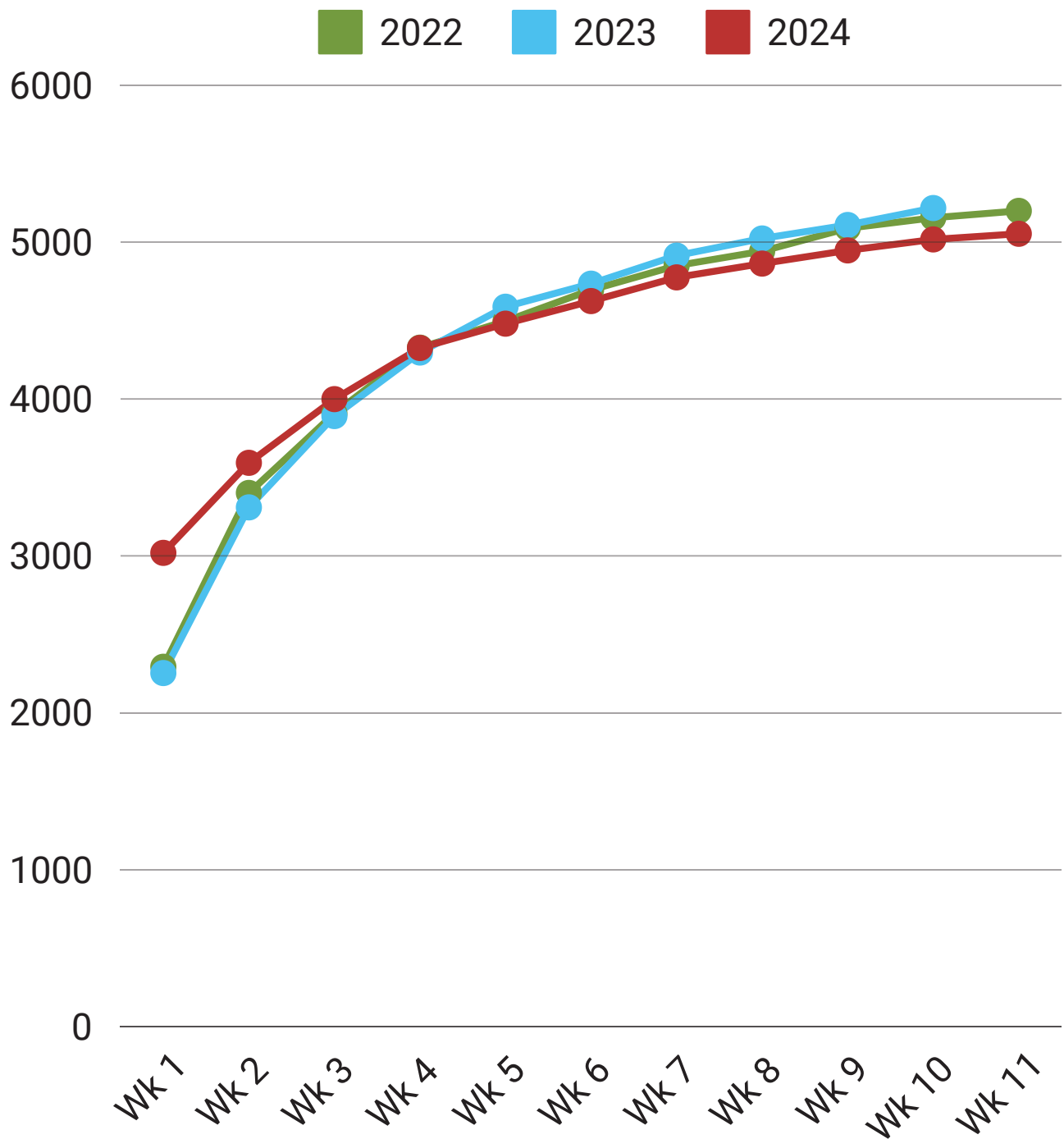
In terms of how members are signing up, 86% are still coming into the library to register. Only 13% register on their own via personal computer and 1% on mobile.

Adults still carry the majority of the registrations at 52.2%. This year we shifted 6th grade up to the 7th - 12th grade level to better align with the new school district changes. This change has made our categories of grades 3 - 5 and 6 - 12 more even in terms of registrations. Last year, 2023, the category of grade 3 - 6 was at 17.4% while grade 7 - 12 was at 12%.



Weekly Trends

The Fourth of July holiday usually lands around week 5. Around this time we usually have social media and e-news reminders to sign up for the program. While we were not able to promote at this time in the same regard as previous years we still saw a steady increase in registrations.



Completion Trends

The completion rate for 2019, our biggest registration of the last five years, 51% of members who signed up for the program were able to complete it.



2019: 51% Completion Rate

Looking at the last three summer reading programs, including 2024, we notice an upward trend in our completion rate. With 2024 being the highest at 61%.



2022: 56% Completion Rate



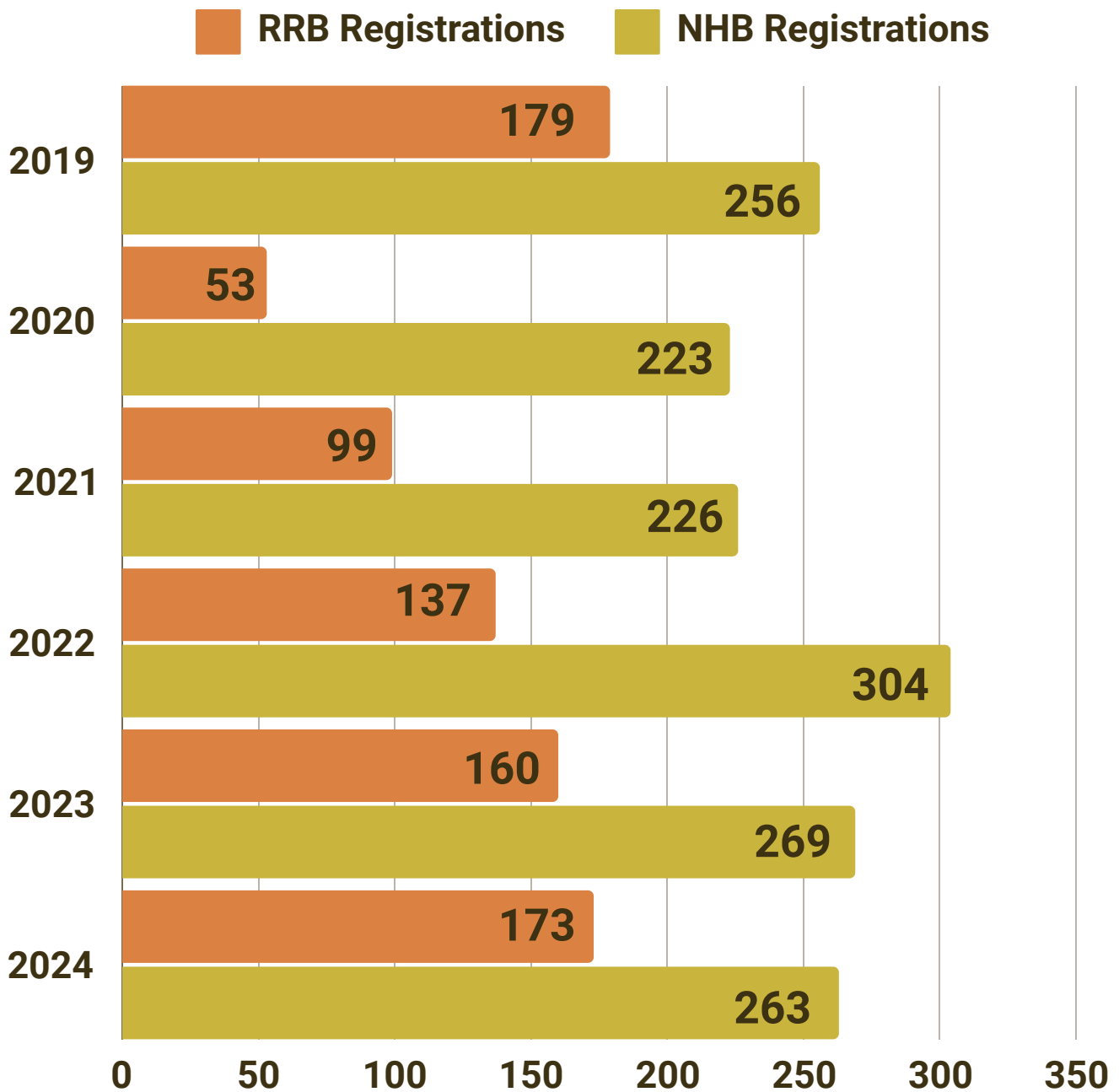
2023: 60% Completion Rate



2024: 61% Completion Rate

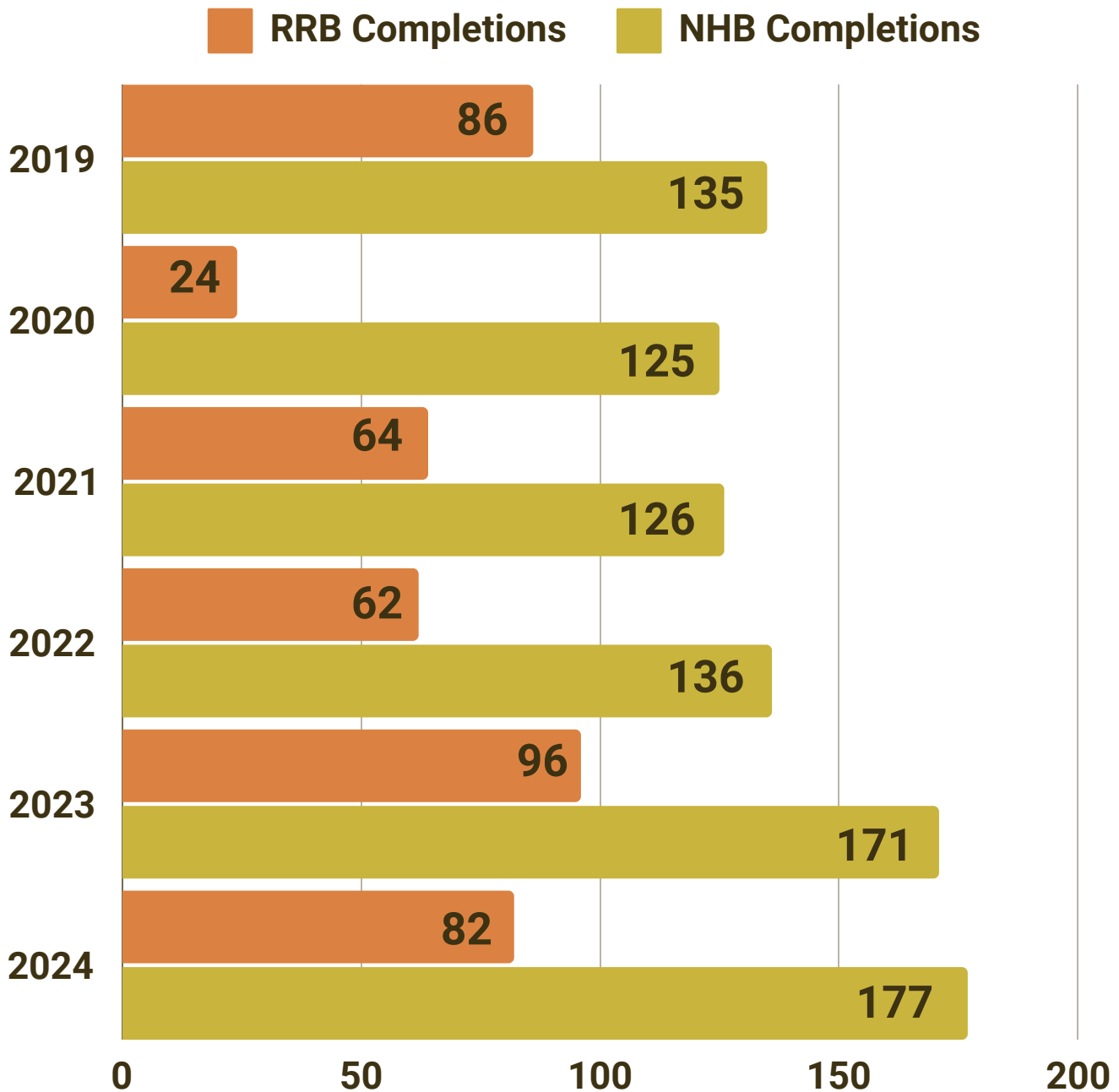
Branch Participation: Registration

The Rand Road branch has demonstrated a consistent increase in their registrations. This steady growth in the Rand Road Branch gives us hope in reaching and potentially surpassing 2019. The North Hoffman Branch made up 5% of the overall registrations and Rand Road Branch made up 4% in 2024.



Branch Participation: Completion

The North Hoffman Branch has a very impressive completion rate of 67% while Rand Road Branch was just slightly below last year at 47%. North Hoffman has a consistent growth in completions post 2020.



Member Programs

This summer the Youth and Teen Services department hosted 108 programs and served over 6,143 members. That is 1,000 more over the estimated amount.



Jared the Juggler at Kick-Off
- 200 members



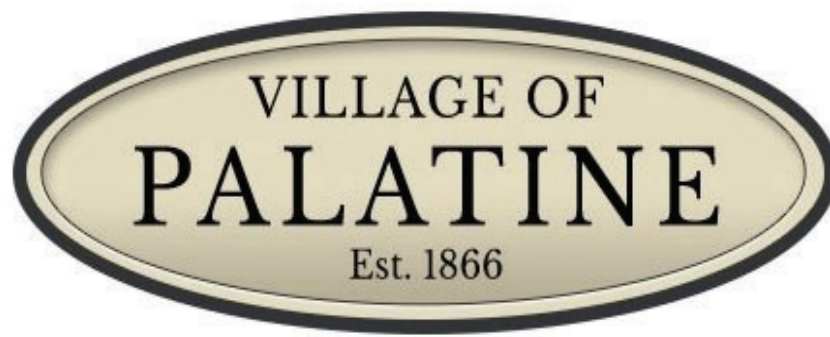
Storywalk - 125 members



El Mago: Bilingual Magic Show
- 102 Members



Miss Make-Believe - 80 members



August 30, 2024

Welcome to the Village of PalatinE-Newsletter

The Village of Palatine wishes to share community news, events and information important to the residents it serves. The Village of Palatine will release a weekly PalatinE-Newsletter keeping our subscribers informed of the happenings within the Village of Palatine.

**Mini Golf Fundraiser at thePalatine Library
September 6 - 8**



The Palatine Library is hosting a mini golf fundraiser weekend, September 6 - 8, in the Main library, to celebrate their 100th anniversary. Weave through shelves and across reading spaces uniquely decorated. Money raised will be used to purchase a brand-new, giant LiteZilla Lite Brite display in the Early Literacy Area.

For more details visit the Palatine Library [website](#).

305 N Macarthur Dr.

Palatine, IL 60074



Pending price: \$367,500

Beds	Baths	Built	Sq.Ft.	Garage	Taxes	On Market
3	1.1	1955	—	2	\$5,970	17 days

[View full details, school info, and price history](#)

Do not delay...there is so much to like here. Welcoming curb appeal. "Walk to neighborhood." Home is angled just a little on the lot as if greeting all as they enter Ranchview Terrace. Fresh paint and upgraded flooring throughout home. Newer roof, driveway, siding, wood double pane Gilkey windows with a lifetime transferable warranty. The living room features a giant bay window that bathes the inside of the home with light from noon to sunset. Upgraded oak kitchen cabinets "ALL THE WAY TO THE CEILING". With double cabinet pantries, slide-outs, and lazy Susan. Solid surface counters. Is entertaining outside your thing? Sliding glass door from kitchen to large deck with built-in table and benches makes that ideal for you. While we are out here...many perennials provide seasonal displays of colors. Look at the pictures again for those flowers past their bloom season. New Colonist interior doors, all white trim. Everything seems so fresh. 2.5 car attached garage---extra deep for all your storage needs. Giant family room...large enough for dual purposes like office and family room with door to backyard. It also has a barn door for privacy to maintain peace for the other end of the house. In the olden days of real estate, this would have been called a cream puff. Close to great schools, award-winning school district.

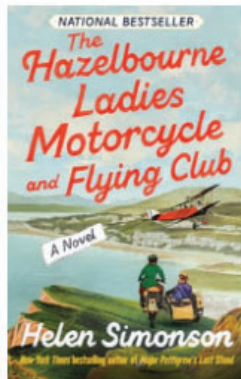
Near grocery stores, **Palatine Library, the 2nd busiest public library in the state**, restaurants, even a commuter train. Most of the furniture in the home is available for purchase. List of what is for sale is in the drop-down menu.

Listing courtesy of RE/MAX Suburban

HAP & JAN WITTKAMP senior center

hoffman estates park district

Sept Book Clubs (Book Clubs not meeting in Aug)



North Side Book Club

- Tuesday October 29 (No August or September book club)
- *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson
- @ Willow Recreation Center
- 2:00-3:00PM
- Copy of the book will be available at the Palatine Library North Hoffman Branch (downstairs in Willow Recreation Center)

[Register here through the Library](#)

Mini Golf To Cap 100th Anniversary Celebration, Raise Funds For Library

The Palatine Public Library District will host a 19-hole mini golf course as a fundraiser in the main library on Friday, Sept. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 8 from noon to 4 p.m.

Presented by Rotary Club of Palatine, this fundraiser caps off a year-long celebration of the library's 100th anniversary to help raise \$10,000 to purchase a giant

LiteZilla Lite Brite for the Early Literacy Area in the Main Library. A LiteZilla provides a fun way for kids to develop vital skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity.

All ticket purchases will go directly to the fundraiser.

Friday, Sept. 6 is VIP Night, an exclusive, after hours edition of mini golf open to adults only with light refreshments served and

complimentary wine provided by d'Vine Wine and Gifts.

The weekend is open to the public on Sept. 7-8. Tickets are \$5 per individual and can only be purchased on the day of the event.

After participants play a round of mini golf, they can buy food from food trucks from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members can also support the fundraiser through the library's online merch store.

WEATHER REPORT

The following weather readings were compiled by Northwest suburban weatherman Karl Lindahl:
Sept. 1-H. 74, L. 65, Pcp 0
Aug. 31-H. 84, L. 60, Pcp 0
Aug. 30-H. 80, L. 69, Pcp .25-in

Aug. 29-H. 84, L. 71, Pcp 0
Aug. 28-H. 82, L. 69, Pcp .-
Aug. 27-H. 96, L. 76, Pcp 1
Aug. 26-H. 96, L. 77, Pcp 0
Week's rainfall: 2.95-in.
August rainfall total: 4.7-in.
Year-to-date precip: 44.85-in
August avg temp: 74.4

Elk Grove Farmers Market
 Opens this weekend (Rain or Shine)
 Sat, Sept. 7th • 7:30am - 1:00pm
 901 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village At the Clock Tower (Wellington & Biesterfeld)
Stop by and Say Hi to Connie, Monika and Jack



\$1 **\$1**

Games

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