

**Director's Report
March 2023**

Administration

Prepared by Amy Crump, Library Director

Staff

- Leadership Team meetings were held on February 2 and 16.
- The February Staff Meeting was held on the 28th.

Facility Report

The updated completion date for construction is April 17. The furniture arrives that day too. The soft opening is estimated for April 24.

Special note

I am so pleased to inform you that BPL had 50 new library cards issued in February! That's more than a 200% increase from our monthly average. Please also see the large jump in visits in the Adults Services Report – this number is higher than pre-pandemic visits.

Meetings

- Attended the Bellwood Chamber Board meeting on February 7.
- Had a meeting with Mark Flores, Director of the Memorial Park District, and his staff on February 16 regarding future collaborations with the library. There will be a Juneteenth display (created by BPL staff) in June and a Day of the Dead display (also created by BPL staff) in October at the Stevenson Center.
- Attended the quarterly meeting of Proviso Library Directors on February 22 in Hillside. We are putting together another Proviso-Wide Library Card Sign-up program for September.
- Attended weekly construction meetings on Tuesdays in February.

Adult & Bibliographic Services Report

Prepared by ABS Department Head Kara Spizzirri

Reference Questions

	In Person	Email/Chat	Phone	TOTAL
February 2022	69	1 email/0 chat	76	146
March 2022	90	6 email/3 chat	74	173
April 2022	80	3 email/4 chat	68	155
May 2022	84	2 email/2 chat	53	141
June 2022	90	1 email/1 chat	110	192
July 2022	96	0 email/2 chat	67	165
August 2022	15	0 email/2 chat	27	44
September 2022	37	0 email/2 chat	49	88
October 2022	95	2 email/2 chat	58	157

November 2022	70	0 email/1 chat	40	111
December 2022	49	0 email/3 chat	35	87
January 2023	55	2 email/4 chat	14	71
February 2023	165	1 email/2 chat	71	239

Notarizations: 4

Adult Services Programming— February 2023

Wednesday	2/1/2023	11:00	Chair Yoga	7
Thursday	2/2/2023	6:00	Yoga	12
Saturday	2/3/2023	9:00	Zumba	6
Tuesday	2/7/2023	6:30	Get it sold with home staging	5
Wednesday	2/8/2023	11:00	Chair Yoga	8
Wednesday	2/8/2023	6:00	Smart Business	7
Thursday	2/9/2023	6:00	Yoga	7
Saturday	2/11/2023	9:00	Zumba	6
Wednesday	2/15/2023	11:00	Chair Yoga	7
Wednesday	2/15/2023	6:00	Landscaping for Spring	9
Thursday	2/16/2023	6:00	Yoga	7
Saturday	2/18/2023	9:00	Zumba	7
Tuesday	2/21/2023	6:00	Salary Negotiations	6
Wednesday	2/22/2023	11:00	Chair Yoga	9
Thursday	2/23/2023	6:00	Yoga	8
Saturday	2/25/2023	9:00	Zumba	6
Monday	2/27/2023	6:00	College Financial Aid	3
Tuesday	2/28/2023	7:00	Gluten Free Baking	7
			Total Attendance	127

Website: 904 users visited our website 1,318 times.

WiFi use: 108

Computers: 343 patrons

Printing

Black & White	2057
Color	152
Wireless Printing	408
Total	2209

Download and Streaming Services

- Patrons across all platforms: 108 patrons
- Checkouts across all platforms: 562 checkouts
- Media on Demand: 49 patrons (6 new) 197 Checkouts

Hoopla:
Kanopy:

53 patrons (4 new) 277 Checkouts
6 patrons 88 Streams

Database Usage

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YTD
Academic Search Premier	5	16											21
Ancestry Library Edition	2	8											10
Business Source Premiere	27	4											21
Consumer Health Complete	0	3											3
Consumer Reports	1	0											1
Flipster	1	0											1
Gale Courses	7	29											36
History Reference Ctr	0	0											0
Hobbies & Crafts Ref Ctr	0	3											3
Legal Reference Ctr	0	0											0
Literary Reference Ctr	3	4											7
Masterfile Complete	11	2											13
MEDLINE	0	0											0
Newsbank	0	0											0
Niche Academy	9	0											9
NoveList Plus	2	4											6
NoveList Plus K-8	0	0											0
NuWav Legal Documents	0	3											3
Points of View Reference Ctr	6	0											6
ReferenceUSA	0	0											0
Science Ctr Reference	10	2											12
Small Business Reference Ctr	0	0											0
Successful Retrieval	496	474											970
Use of Electronic Material	161	166											327

Youth Services Report
Children/Teen Department
Prepared by Sophia Brown

Thursday Morning Story time

February 9 – 14 participants

February 16 – 3 participants

February 23 – no storytime due to late opening

Baby Playgroup

No participants

Guess how many snowballs

15 people participate and a winner was picked on March 1, 2023

The Flower Carrier

7 coloring designs of Diego Rivera's Flower Carrier is now displayed on the wall in the Children's Dept.

Blast from the Past

No one showed up for cartoon shows of the past

Read and Weave

No participants

Spanish Storytime

No Participants

Ms. Libby Stem Lab

Libby had 2 students participate in the STEM program

District 88 School visits

Children's Dept. staff take field trips to read to students at Dist. 88.

02/06/23 – Kelsey read to Grant Primary

02/06/23 – Sophia read to Lincoln Primary

02/07/23 – Libby read to McKinley School

02/08/23 – Sophia read McKinley School

02/09/23 – Kelsey read to McKinley School

02/16/23 – Libby read to McKinley school

02/16/23 – Kelsey read to Grant School

02/24/23 – Sophia read to Lincoln School

02/28/23 Kelsey read to McKinley School

Book Displays

Black History Book Display

In-House After school passive program

There were three passive projects created at Ms. Kelsey Craft Corner.

The Heart Wreath

Valentine's Day Craft

Black History Month Craft

Collection Development

130 books were ordered.

96 Junior Nonfiction books were weeded.

Volunteers

We currently have two volunteer students from Roosevelt Junior High and one student from Proviso West High School. They have been working on craft projects, shelf reading and cleaning shelves.