

## **2019 Lisle Free Library Community Report**

Greetings from the Lisle Free Library!

Our key achievements in 2019 were refurbishing the children's room, restoring the historic circulation desk, expanding our operating hours, and tripling our programs and events!

A total of 4,987 visitors came through our doors, and we hosted 92 programs at the Library in 2019. It was an amazing year with even more amazing turnouts. Some of the programs offered were book discussions, adult and children's crafts, writers' group, holiday-themed parties, and of course our educational and eclectic Summer Reading Program. We also hosted our first "Haunted Week" at the Library!

Our "Universe of Stories" Summer Reading Program had over 350 participants. Both children and families delighted in our 8-week long program filled with Kiddo Craft Times, self-guided STEM cart, Little Writers, our summer long Reader's Reward Program and other weekly special events. A highlight was "Dan the Snake Man" and his fabulous reptile exhibit, which attracted over 100 participants! These are just a snapshot of what the Summer Reading Program had to offer.

Throughout 2019, our staff members were busy! A total of 4,967 books were checked out of the library alone. 1,187 were children's books, and 3,780 were adult's books. Audiobooks, DVDs and other non-print materials borrowed from the library totaled 1,151. This makes a complete total of 6,118 physical items borrowed from the library in 2019. This is in addition to the 4,085 items lent by our Library to patrons of other libraries in the Four County Library System and the 250 ebooks and electronic audiobooks borrowed by our patrons through DownloadZone!

Of course, all of this is in addition to the Library providing basic services to the community. For example, there were 537 sessions of computer use. Our staff answered over 1,000 reference questions. And our WiFi had over 4,400 uses! We also strive to provide the highest quality of printing, copying, faxing, and scanning possible to our community members and visitors. We welcome you to visit us online at our website and to "Like" us on Facebook.

As always, the Board of Trustees, our dedicated staff and director are interested in your ideas and aspirations for our community library. Please feel free to contact us or attend our monthly meeting. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon at the Lisle Free Library!