

2020 Lisle Free Library Community Report

Greetings from the Lisle Free Library!

Like most of us, our key achievements in 2020 centered on meeting the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The public health emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic disrupted our lives, the services we were able to provide, and even how our building could be used. Per executive order, we were forced to completely shut our doors in mid-March and were unable to resume any form of public service for several months. What began as curbside only service in late June cautiously became in-person browsing by mid-September.

As COVID cases diminish in our service area, we are restoring as many services, programming, and public access to our building and materials as possible. Staff members diligently sanitize the building throughout the day, and we are beyond grateful for everyone's dedication to maintaining health and safety standards and, of course, wearing masks!

Even with the closure, a total of 1,438 visitors came through our doors, and we were still able to hosted 9 programs.

A total of 2,277 books were checked out by our patrons. 613 were children's books, and 1,664 were adult's books. Audiobooks, DVDs and other non-print materials borrowed from the library totaled 312. This makes a complete total of 2,846 physical items borrowed from the library in 2020. Furthermore, we were able to send 3,166 additional items to other libraries in the Four County Library System, and 257 e-books and electronic audiobooks were 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 88 computer sessions. Our staff answered over 360 reference questions. And our WiFi had over 1,460 uses!

As we embrace our "new normal" and restore daily operations, we are excited to see what joys lie ahead in 2021. Already we are doing biweekly grab-n-go craft kits for kids and have made our monthly adult book club virtual! Our Summer Reading Program is sure to be a "wag" this year. Please check our website and follow us on Facebook for updates and other exciting news!

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!