

Addison Public Library

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023-2024



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PUBLIC LIBRARY




Visits

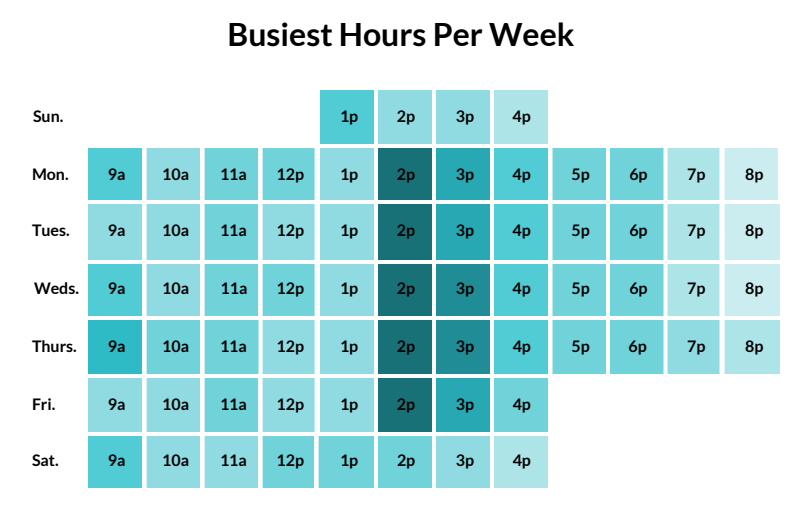
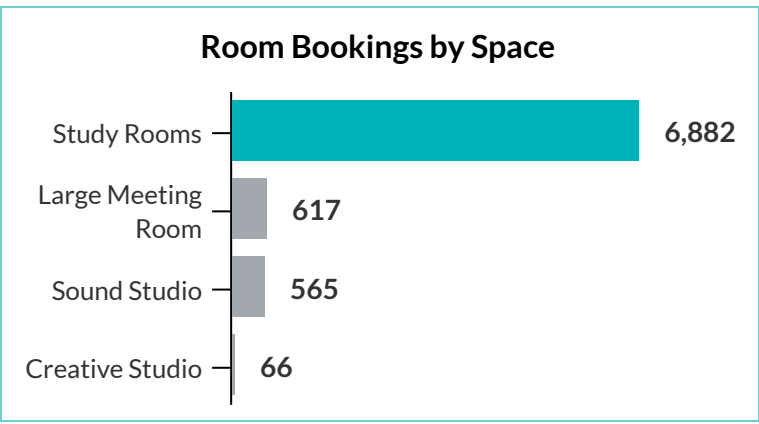
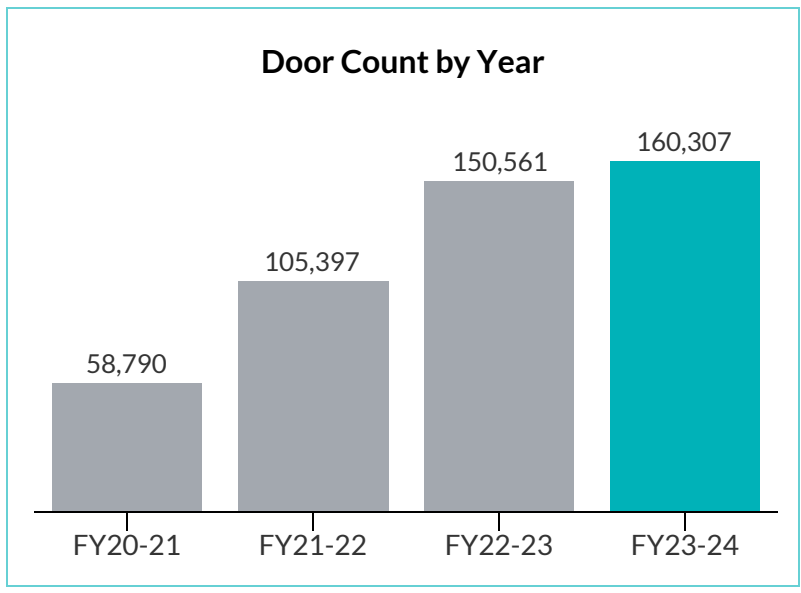
160,307

people visited the library this year!





 In April, we welcomed 16,098 visitors – our **busiest month since February 2020!**


 Patrons asked **7,973** reference questions.

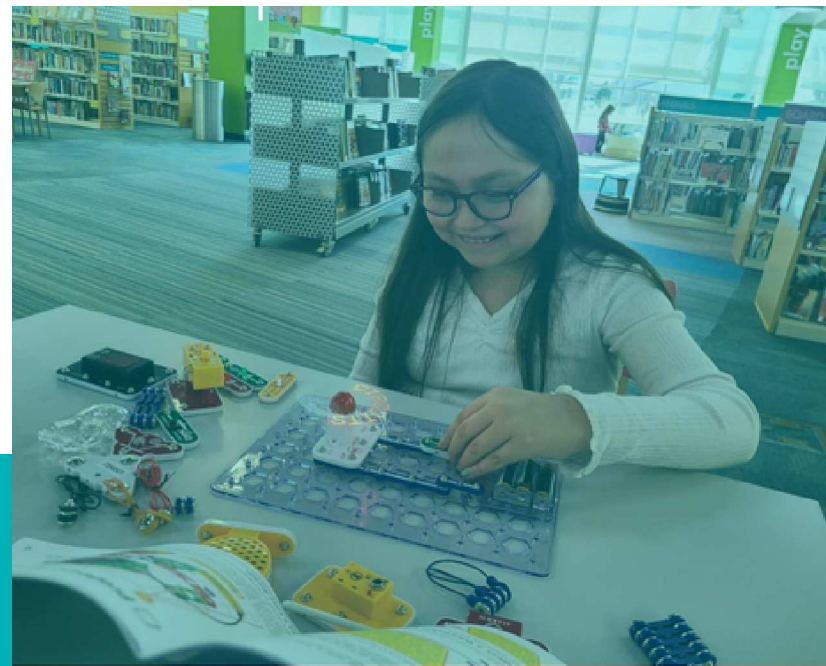
 Staff held **1,446** 1-on-1 appointments to assist patrons. That's a **76% increase** from last year! **42%** of our appointments were with Social Services staff.



Technology Use

-  25,716 computer logins
-  10,515 wi-fi sessions
-  2,335 laptop checkouts
-  62 3D prints completed

 In March 2024, we hosted a **Maker Day!** From quilting to cardboard creations, we had a blast crafting, tinkering, and exploring skills together.



Circulation

Cardholders borrowed
229,901
items this year.

That is equal to patrons borrowing about **653 items** each day we're open!



Remarkably Bright Creatures was our most checked out fiction book (adult collection)



Oppenheimer was our most checked out movie (adult collection)

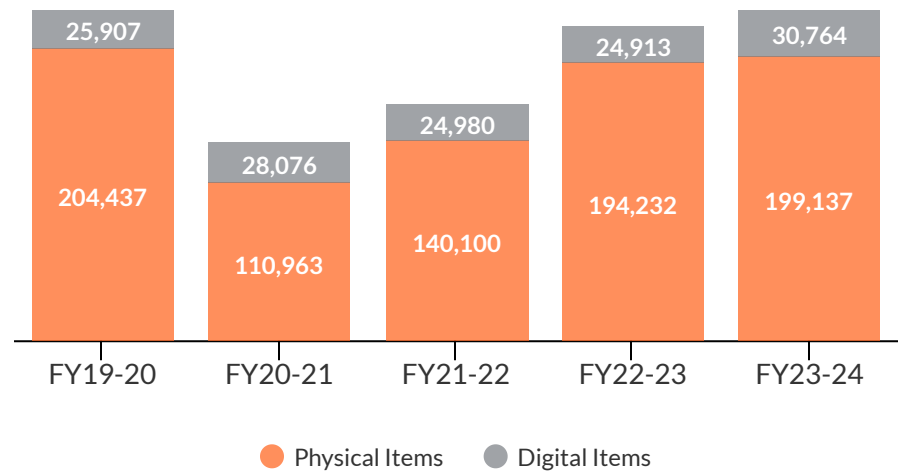


The Mandalorian: Season 2 was our most checked out TV show



Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie was our most checked out movie (kids collection)

Total Circulation by Year



62%

of all physical items borrowed were books and print materials.



45%

of all digital items borrowed were eBooks.



Hotspots were the top circulating items from the **Library of Things** collection. Hotspots give patrons access to WiFi internet on the go!

We joined SWAN!

In November, the Addison Public Library joined a network of 100 libraries called SWAN (System Wide Automated Network).

Being a SWAN library means you get access to more books, media, downloads, research databases, and so much more. And your library card becomes more powerful – you can visit any of the 100 SWAN libraries and check out using your Addison Public Library card!




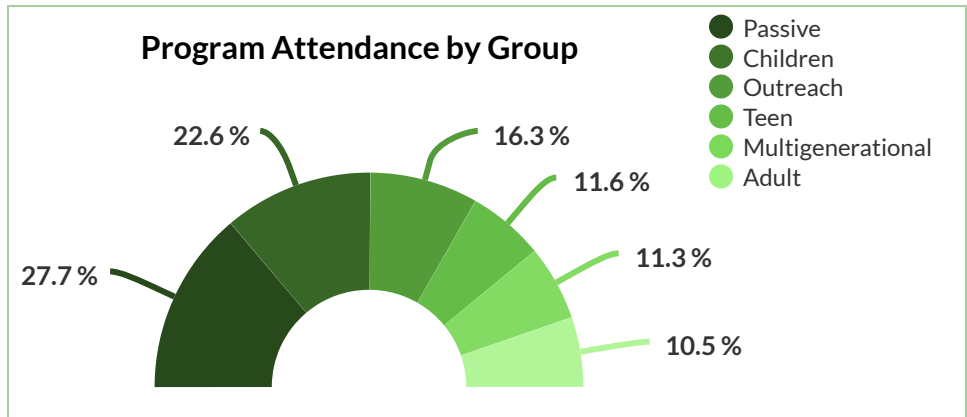
We're here to help with any questions you might have about SWAN, requesting materials, your account, and more. Call us, chat us online, visit the library, or read more at: addisonlibrary.org/SWAN.


Programs & Outreach



This year, we hosted
37,572
 patrons at **1,496** programs.

 Our program attendance increased nearly 9% this year!




 We had **10,399** participants in passive programs, almost **28%** of our total program attendees!
Passive programs include live-streamed events on social media, take-home craft kits, and more.




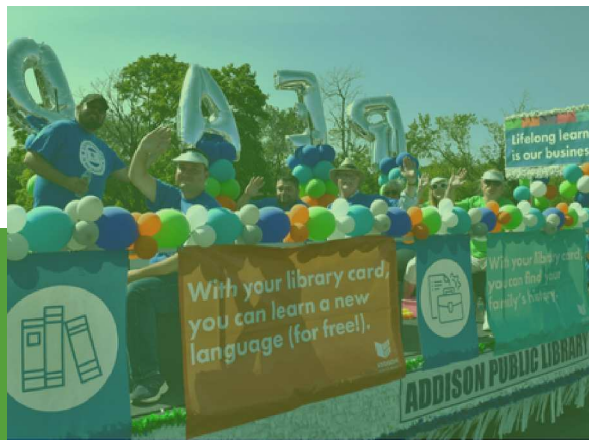
Our Back to School Fair was a tremendous success! August 2023

Empowering our community, one backpack at a time! In August, we partnered with local organizations to host a back to school resource fair! Generous donations from businesses, community partners, and community members made it possible to provide school supplies to about 300 students.

We connected with
6,138
 community members
 at **98** outreach events.

 That averages to about **62** people per event!

 We made **34** home deliveries to members of the community.

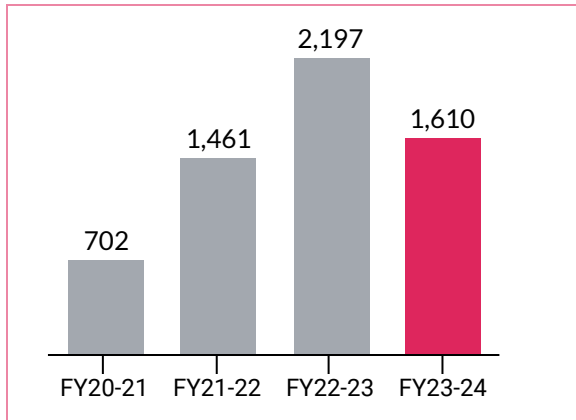


We love connecting with you around Addison! 

Library Cards

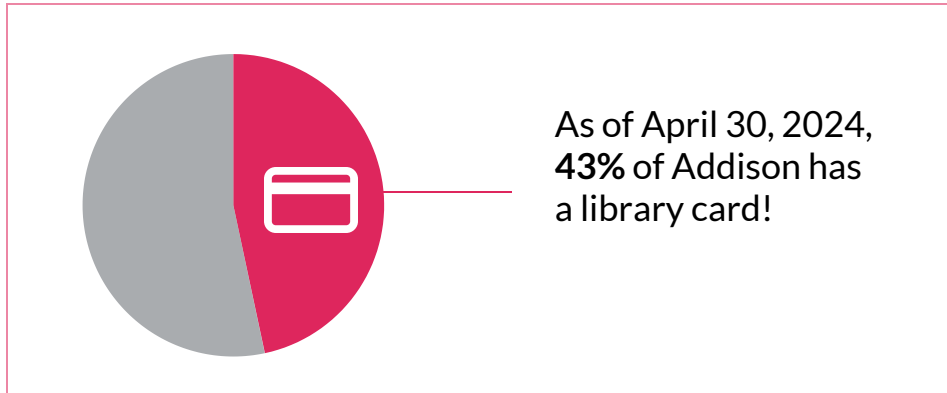
1,610

new library cards were issued this year!

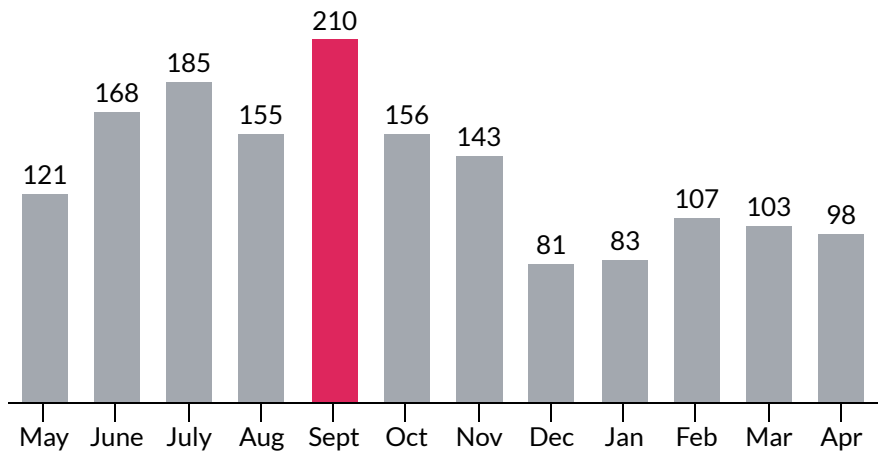


Of all the new library cards created,

- 57% were adults
- 33% were children and teens
- 10% were reciprocal borrowers
- 1% were nonresidents



210 new library cards were created during September's Library Card Sign Up Month!



Your library card is a gateway to lifelong learning.

At a pop-up library event at Addison Park District's Community Rec Center, Winnie became a library cardholder at the age of 102!

The library is committed to serving all ages and it's never too late to get your library card! Whether you're a centenarian like Winnie or a young child, our library offers resources and programs to inspire and educate everyone in our community.



Learn more about how to get a library card and pre-register at: addisonlibrary.org/get-a-card

Highlights

May

We celebrated another wonderful year of learning through service with the District 88 Transitions Program and the Perks & Possibilities Café!



June

Summer Reading began for readers of all ages! Participants received a free book, tote bag, and themed goodies that matched the book of their choice. Over 900 readers participated!

July

Summer is peak season for outreach and community engagement! We visited Rock N' Wheels, Addison parks, Clarendale Senior Living, and more. Look for the book bike around town!

August

We partnered with local organizations to host a back to school resource fair! Donations from businesses, community partners, and community members allowed us to provide free school supplies for about 300 students.



October

Thank you to Xochitl-Quetzal Danza Azteca for an engaging, educational, and entertaining performance at the library, as part of our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration!

September

September is Library Card Sign Up Month! 210 new cardholders received their choice of a library-branded prize for signing up.

November

On November 14, 2023 we joined SWAN – a group of 101 libraries that share resources to give you access to more books, media, downloads, research databases, and more.

December

Thank you to our community for another successful Small Business Saturday campaign!



January

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, staff and community members assembled hygiene and activity kits, baby blankets, and greeting cards for local organizations.

February

We added LinkedIn Learning, offering thousands of expert-led video courses for professional and personal development, and Fiero Code, an interactive learn-to-code platform for ages 8-18.

March

We became everyday heroes with Access DuPage by learning hands-only CPR, practicing with an AED, and receiving NARCAN/overdose education.

April

The Addison Public Library was awarded the 2024 RUSA Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services for its outstanding work on the Addison Community Resource Guide!

