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GLENCOE PUBLIC
LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT

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2024 BY THE NUMBERS



99,508 patron visits *(up 12% from 2023)*

159,903 physical checkouts

45,730 digital checkouts

19,042 questions answered *(up 11% from 2023)*

57,214 books

4,746 audio recordings

8,366 DVDs

127 print magazines & newspapers

57 premium database subscriptions

12 annual library visits per resident

75% of eligible households have library cards

In 2024, circulation of e-materials (eBooks and eAudio recordings) increased by 19%. Digital checkouts are up 122% over 2019; in 2024 they constituted over 22% of total checkouts.

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2024, the library was delighted to see checkouts (physical and digital combined) **back to pre-pandemic levels** and continued strong growth in the number of visitors coming through the door. The number of programs offered was up 12% over 2023 and the number of **program attendees is up 83% over 2019**. Our 2024 offerings ran the gamut from modular trains and bird watching to a *War and Peace* Read-Aloud, Illinois congressman Adam Kinzinger, ugly sweater decorating, the Frank Lloyd Cottage Museum, and a T-Rex tea party! 2024 also was the year our **Seed Library** sprouted. This popular new springtime service gave away around 1000 packets of seeds and planting instructions—in all, 22 varieties of herbs, vegetables and flowers.

605 in-library and virtual programs
23,412 program participants (up 17% from 2023)

132,031 views and **3,974** hours of watch time on both YouTube channels

Program and participant numbers reflect library classes, activities and events, including school and community outreach. Total participation increased 17% over 2023.



In December 2024, the library board unanimously voted to adopt a master space plan created by Chicago architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill to bring the 1941 library building into the 21st century. The board will work to secure renovation funding in 2025 and plans to start construction in 2026. For updates on the renovation process, please see www.RenewGPL.org.

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