



Chick Hatching Project



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Winfield Public Library

Week 5 Update

Tuesday, May 8, Day 28: Happy and Healthy!

Our fluffy little chicks love chirping all day long and love the attention they receive from all our patrons, young and old. The Chick Hatching project is definitely a success. Our 17 beautiful chicks have brought smiles, giggles and laughter. We will be sad to see them go on Monday, May 14.

Wednesday, May 9 – Sunday, May 13: Growing Every Day

Our chicks spend most of their time eating and drinking, causing them to grow bigger every day. The yellow ones are the largest. We noticed that feathers are beginning to replace the fluff. The chicks are developing group personalities, with the large yellow chicks being the most aggressive. The black ones like to fly around the bin and have mastered the skill of jumping on top of the water dish. We are gradually cooling down their environment, with the target temperature being between 75 and 80 degrees. They need to be able to handle room temperature and cool summer conditions when they move to their new homes on Monday.

Monday May 14, Day 33: Moving Day!

Our chicks are almost 2 weeks old, eating constantly and growing quickly into healthy chickens. Sadly, they are outgrowing their brooder, and it is time to send them off to their forever homes. Five chicks (including our wry-neck chick) are going to a local high school where students will be learning life skills. We know these chicks will enjoy the tender loving care that the students and faculty will provide. The other 12 chicks are going to a local small farm where they will enjoy a quiet and happy life.

Today was a bittersweet day. The chick hatching project has brought our community together, and everyone will miss their sweet chirping sounds. Together as a community we helped our wry-neck chick and nursed her to health. We learned that chicks are educational, fun, and rewarding.

Our Chick Hatching Project was a success because our staff worked diligently as a team! And because of that we had an 85% hatch rate for our first time chick hatching project.

Thank you to our wonderful community for your support and interest in our project!