Get Materials Through Curbside Service

We offer curbside service for picking up library materials. Place holds through our catalog or app, or just tell us. Not sure what materials you want? You can browse suggestions on our website under Browse & Borrow, and get great recommendations like Staff Faves, as well as subscribe to lists of new materials. Or, let us pick. We would love to select materials for you and your family! Get all the details at ippl.info/contactless.

Greetings from the Indian Prairie Public Library!

While we can't meet with you face-to-face, we can still connect to answer your questions, support your learning, and offer recommendations for your reading and entertainment.

We're not featuring programs in this newsletter, but we still have programs for everyone. They are offered online this summer. You can attend live programs via Zoom or watch on-demand via our YouTube channel. We will be continually developing new programs this summer, and you can find monthly listings at ippl.info/opc.

We look forward to connecting with you!

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Did you know . . .
Reading just four books during the summer can prevent a decline in reading scores?
Students who participate in a summer library program enter the school year with a more positive attitude and are more confident in the classroom?

Book Buddies
Staff from the Kids & Teens Department are here to help your children with their reading goals.
Reading aloud can help build vocabulary and comprehension. And, let’s be honest, reading to a buddy is just more fun!
Email us at youthservices@ippl.info to schedule a one-on-one 20-minute, live reading session with a librarian through Zoom.
For grades K-12.

Play in the Prairie Patch!
Enjoy your sunny summer days in our Prairie Patch! Explore the Sensory Garden, visit the insects in Bea’s Garden, and play in our play patch sandbox featuring new toys every month.

Adults: We have a challenge for you, too!

For kids, our summer challenge is a chance to learn, have fun, and make a difference—and earn prizes for participating.

Hey, Kids! We believe that you can make a difference, your actions have an impact, and your voice matters. The activities in our summer challenge give you ways to have an impact in our community. We have lots of online programs that you can do with your friends, too!

Hey, Parents! During the summer, kids often lose some of the academic gains they make in school, AKA, the summer slide. As always, we worked with our schools on the summer challenge, and it’s a great way for kids to feel comfortable when they return to the classroom in the fall.

Kids can practice these skills with us (while they have fun) . . .
• reading
• writing
• science
• math

While we practice social distancing this summer, we are still your place for free educational enrichment, enhancement, and entertainment.

Summer Challenge prizes are supported by the IPPL Foundation & Friends. Prizes include books and gift cards to local businesses and organizations like Brookfield Zoo, DuPage Children’s Museum, Zazzo’s Pizza, and Barbara’s Bookstore.

June 6-Aug. 8
Visit: summer.ippl.info
New this year: Challenges and programs are online!
Community

The current crisis has disrupted lives in unforeseen ways. Listed below are some of the community agencies and organizations that can help. Visit community.ippl.info. Many of these agencies are seeking volunteers; visit their websites for more information.

People’s Resource Center
peoplesrc.org
Food pantry, emergency rent, and mortgage assistance.

HCS Family Services
hcsfamilyservices.org
Food pantry, rent, and utility assistance.

Food pantries in our community
Our Lady of Mount Carmel: ourladyofmtcarmel.org
Our Lady of Peace: olopdarien.org
West Suburban Community Pantry: wscpantry.org

Illinois Department of Human Services
dhs.state.il.us
Administers housing, food, and medical assistance programs.

Community House Advocacy & Development
chadhousing.org
Affordable housing for families to thrive.

DuPage Housing Authority
dupagehousing.org
Provides rental assistance vouchers.

DuPage County Community Services
dupageco.org
Emergency financial assistance for rent, energy, prescriptions; other needs may be available.

Prairie State Legal Services
pslegal.org
Offers free legal services for low-income persons and those age 60 and over who have serious civil legal problems and need legal help to solve them.

Jobs & Businesses

Jobs
We can help with your job search. Find companies that are actively hiring at jobs.ippl.info, as well as find resources to help you research companies, learn new skills, write the perfect resume, and land a job. If you need assistance in navigating job resources, let us know as we’re happy to help. Also, check ippl.info/opc for online job workshops.

Organizations for Job Assistance Currently Open
Community Career Center
communitycareercenter.org
Provides services and resources to navigate your job search.

workNet DuPage Career Center
worknetdupage.org
Services include computer and job search workshops, job clubs, and career assessment.

Businesses
We can connect you with reliable information to help you manage the economic impact on your business and employees. Shirley J. is your dedicated business librarian. Connect with her at shirleyj@ippl.info.

Business.ippl.info
Our website has information for businesses and is updated frequently with the latest COVID-19 resources.

BizConnect
Sign up for our enewsletter, which has the latest information about our digital resource and connection opportunities, as well as links to the latest state and local resources for small businesses.
IPPL Helps Medical Community
Health care professionals asked for help in securing personal protective equipment (PPE) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We answered.

Our team used the library’s 3D printer to create Prusa face mask headbands and chin straps for AMITA Health Medical Centers. We worked with Dr. Bonny Chen to determine which hospital-approved design would be of the best help to them. We ran the printer around the clock to create 244 headbands and 186 chin straps that helped make the masks they needed.

“Thank you so much for everything you have done for us; it is truly life-saving!,” said Dr. Chen.

The library’s 3D printer was donated by the IPPL Foundation & Friends. If you would like to help us cover the cost of materials, visit ipplfoundation.org.