

Indian Prairie Public Library Board Agenda
April 19, 2023

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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
April 19, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

All agenda items may be acted upon by the Board of Trustees

- A. Roll Call
Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Crystal Megaridis,
Themis Raftis, Sri Rao, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano

- B. Mission Statement: We enrich people’s lives by providing
opportunities to explore, connect, and be inspired.

Vision Statement: Lives are enriched and dreams are realized.

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- C. Public Comment

- D. Communications and Announcements
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- I. Staff Report Information
Amy Merda, Head of Programming and Outreach

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- J. Reports
 - 1. Treasurer’s Report Page 39 Information
 - 2. RAILS Page 43 Information
 - 3. Building and Grounds Committee (no report)
 - 4. Finance Committee (no report)
 - 5. Planning/Outreach Committee (no report)
 - 6. Policy Committee (no report)

- K. Unfinished Business
 - None

- L. New Business
 - 1. Form Decennial Local Government Efficiency Committee
 - 2. Resolution #2023-A Honoring Sri Rao Page 49 Action
 - 3. Appointment of Nominating Committee Action

- M. Meetings
 - 1. Building & Grounds Committee, Tuesday May 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 - 2. Schedule Finance Committee (week of 5/29 or 6/5) – Krupicka, Damon, Rodriguez

- N. Adjournment

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March 16, 2023

Amanda Sloan, VP/Branch Sales Manager
 Republic Bank of Chicago
 1510 75th Street
 Darien, IL 60561

Dear Amanda:

Indian Prairie Public Library's Summer Reading program is one of the most important programs that we offer to our community. Nationwide studies show that children that participate in library summer reading programs enter the classroom more confidently in the fall. And, a program like ours not only focuses on reading, but we have opportunities for children to gain math, science, and social skills. For adults, reading helps stimulate the brain, sparks imagination, improves vocabulary, and reduces stress.

This year's Summer Reading Program starts on Saturday, June 3 with a kick-off party for the community. At last year's kick off, we had over 1,000 people attend, so it was quite a hit!

I am writing to ask you to help us make our Summer Reading an even bigger success by sponsoring any or all of the following:

- canvas tote bags for program participants (\$800)
- a face painter at the Summer Kick Off Party on June 3 (\$700 for 4 hours)
- VISA gift cards for grand prizes (\$600 for 6 \$100 gift cards)
- an ice cream giveaway at the kick-off party (\$300)

As a sponsor, we will add the Republic Bank logo and/or name to the following . . .

- the library's Summer Reading Program web page, which is the place we send those that participate in the program.
- the library's print newsletter which is mailed to 25,000 households in Darien, Willowbrook, and Burr Ridge
- the fliers that will be distributed to students at our local schools via print or electronic (4,200 students)
- the 22 x 28 poster that is in the library's entry way, as well as the three electronic monitors that are strategically located in two places on the second floor and the library's exit.
- the newsletter that is sent to those who preregister for the summer reading program
- three newsletters that are sent to 20,000 email subscribers (two before the event, one after the event.)
- every social media posts on Facebook (2,300 followers), Instagram (1,000 followers), and Twitter (1,110 followers)

And, if sponsoring the tote bags, the Republic Bank logo would also be included on each bag.

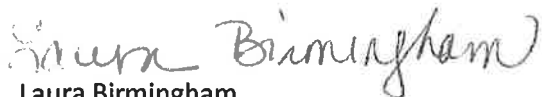
Board of Trustees

Victoria Suriano /President Donald Damon /Vice President Marian Krupicka /Treasurer Crystal Megaridis /Secretary

Themis Raftis /Trustee Sri Rao /Trustee Christina Rodriguez /Trustee Laura Birmingham /Library Executive Director

Your donation will make a big impact on our community and thousands of people will see the generous sponsorship by Republic Bank. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Birmingham".

Laura Birmingham
Executive Director
Indian Prairie Public Library

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March 17, 2023

Sharon Comstock
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
School of Information Sciences
251 LIS Building
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Sharon:

On behalf of the Indian Prairie Library District, I am pleased to write this letter of strong support for your application for the *Saving Stories: Lyonsville (1843-2023) Abolitionism and Early Chicago*. This project will save important historical documents and records that are vital to preserve.

The library supports and looks forward to collaborating with the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign School of Information Science and the Flagg Creek Historical Society on this important project. We are pleased to provide space for volunteers to work and meeting rooms for community programs about the history of Lyonsville and the Underground Railroad in our area. The library will also commit digital space to the Finding Aid for the Lyonsville Archive Collection on our local history page.

If you need to contact me for further information, I can be reached at 630/884-8010 or via e-mail at lauarb@ippl.info. I wish you the best of success in your application for funding.

Sincerely,

Laura Birmingham
Executive Director



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Trustee Day 2023

Saturday, May 20 from 10am - noon

Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District

11960 S Pulaski Rd

Alsip, IL 60803

Being a Library Board member is a wonderful way to give back to your community and to your library, but it can also be very overwhelming!

Whether you are a veteran trustee or new to the position, this workshop will leave you feeling more confident in your ability to run an effective meeting and engage with your Director and community.

Jim Deiters, Assistant Director of the Joliet Public Library, and Alex Todd, Director of the Prospect Heights Library District, will be presenting a mock board meeting to review the do's and don'ts of running a public meeting. Topics include FOIA, OMA, closed sessions and voting, and there will be an opportunity for questions.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Register online [here](#) or mail this form along with a check to:

ATLAS c/o Jennifer Cutshall
SSCH Public Library
54 East 31st Street
Steger, IL 60475

Name _____

Library _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Amount Enclosed _____ (\$15/person)

Trustee Workshop 2023

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Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of March 15, 2023

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
March 15, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

Vice-President Damon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Megaridis called the roll. Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Crystal Megaridis, Themis Raftis, Sri Rao (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Christina Rodriguez (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)

Absent: Victoria Suriano

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Marquitta Harris, Rachel Hofstetter, Tori Castro, Amy Merda

Others: Willowbrook resident Joseph Kroenert

Vice-President Damon asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

- B. Mission Statement: Secretary Megaridis read the library mission statement. We enrich people's lives by providing opportunities to explore, connect, and be inspired.

Vision Statement: Secretary Megaridis read the library vision statement. Lives are enriched and dreams are realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Megaridis read the library values statement. We value and Respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

- C. Public Comment – Kroenert expressed his dissatisfaction over the newspapers being moved from the periodical area to the café.

At this point Harris, Hofstetter and Castro gave their staff report. They left at 6:50 p.m. and the Board continued with the rest of the agenda.

D. Communications and Announcements

1. LACONI Trustee Breakfast, May 19
2. Darien Direct Connect E-Newsletter

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 15, 2023
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills

Rodriguez moved, Megaridis seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Megaridis, Raftis, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Rao, Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

We're working on the agenda for Staff Institute on May 5. The Board was very pleased with the roll out of the Keshav Sanghani Meeting Room.

H. Department Reports

I. Staff Report – Marquitta Harris, Programming & Outreach Strategist; Rachel Hofstetter, Assistant Head of Guest Services; Tori Castro, Resource Services Specialist gave an overview of our Homebound Service including the intake process, readers advisory and book selection, checking-out materials, and delivery.

J. Reports

- 1. Treasurer's Report - backup in packet.
- 2. RAILS – backup in packet.
- 3. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
- 4. Finance Committee – no report
- 5. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business

- 1. Request to Hire New Auditing Firm – At the end of 2022 we were informed by our long-time auditing firm, Brian Zabel & Associates, that they could no longer serve their government auditing clients. Birmingham noted that our Administration Office Coordinator, Mary Dames, did an amazing job researching new CPA firms. Mary's recommendation is to hire Illinois NFP Audit & Tax, LLP. Megaridis moved, Krupicka seconded to hire Illinois NFP Audit & Tax, LLP for three years at a cost of \$6500.00 per year. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Megaridis, Raftis, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Rao, Suriano. Motion carried unanimously
- 2. Committee on local Government Efficiency Act – The law requires all Illinois local governments to form a committee to study and report on local government efficiencies. The committee must meet for the first time no later than June 10, meet at least three times, prepare a written report with recommendations (if any) on efficiencies, and file the report with the county. The report deadline is 18 months after the first committee meeting. The process will be repeated every ten years. In addition to the trustees, the committee must include Birmingham or Lawson, and at least two residents in our district. The Board decided they will meet as a committee of the whole at the start of the May, June, and July Board meetings. The Trustees will speak to community members and will let Birmingham know of anyone who is interested in serving on the committee.
- 3. Recommendation for Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance Services – The Board reviewed the quotes in the backup. Lawson's recommendation is to accept Premier's proposal. They offered a very competitive quote and we have an established relationship with them from last year's landscaping installation. Raftis moved, Rodriguez seconded to approve the proposal from Premier Landscape at a cost of \$9,944.00. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Megaridis, Raftis, Rao, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously

M. Meetings

1. Dates were discussed for a Building & Grounds Committee meeting in May. Birmingham will check with Suriano regarding her availability on May 9.

N. Adjournment

At 7:15 p.m. Megaridis moved, Raftis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Megaridis, Raftis, Rao, Rodriguez. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

Crystal Megaridis, Secretary

ACTION ON BILLS MARCH, 2023

| <u>Account</u> | <u>Check #'s</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Republic Bank-Bills for Approval | 2148 -2227 | \$ 126,471.25 |
| Republic Paper Pay Checks | 2072 - 2077 | \$ 1,955.30 |
| Republic Direct Deposits | | \$ 181,684.17 |
| MONTH'S TOTAL: | | \$ 310,110.72 |

Indian Prairie Public Library District
Bill Payment List
March 2023

| | Date | Num | Vendor | Amount |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 10127 Republic Bank Operating Account | | | | |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2148 | Baker & Taylor | 5,826.84 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2149 | Blackstone Publishing, Inc. | 1,410.11 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2150 | Bullseye Cleaning Services, Inc. | 6,000.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2151 | Canon Solutions America Inc. | 3,307.42 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2152 | Center Point Large Print | 122.84 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2153 | Children's Plus Inc. | 17.95 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2154 | Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co. | 82.53 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2155 | DEMCO | 230.81 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2156 | Eugene Flynn | 240.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2157 | Fox Valley Fire & Safety | 1,041.05 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2158 | Groot Industries, Inc. | 533.79 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2159 | Hagg Press, Inc. | 8,672.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2160 | Hayes Mechanical LLC | 2,247.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2161 | ID Label Inc. | 161.95 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2162 | Illinois Dept of Innovation & Technology | 500.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2163 | Ingram Library Services | 422.53 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2164 | Kanopy | 272.65 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2165 | Lauterbach & Amen, LLP | 660.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2166 | Marissa Plucinski | 20.50 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2167 | Marquee Movie Presentations LLC | 200.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2168 | Merda, Amy E | 6.03 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2169 | Michael Nickolaou | 175.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2170 | Midwest Tape | 13,265.06 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2171 | OverDrive, Inc. | 2,500.85 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2172 | Patron Point, Inc. | 8,850.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2173 | Quill LLC | 425.39 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2174 | Rivistas Subscription Services | 4,444.75 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2175 | Runco Office Supply | 83.28 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2176 | Sarah Henning | 4.50 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2177 | Showcases | 31.10 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2178 | Terrence Lynch | 300.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2179 | Weiss Snow Removal, Inc. | 823.11 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2180 | Wenstrup, Gary | 275.00 |
| | 03/08/2023 | 2181 | Wlosinski, Maria | 14.67 |
| | 03/09/2023 | 2182 | AT&T | 365.15 |
| | 03/09/2023 | 2183 | Dearborn Life Insurance Company | 316.90 |
| | 03/09/2023 | 2184 | Mad Science of Northern Illinois | 100.00 |
| | 03/09/2023 | 2185 | RAILS | 193.84 |
| | 03/09/2023 | 2186 | U.S. Postal Service (PostageByPhone) | 4,000.00 |
| | 03/09/2023 | 2187 | Unique | 49.25 |
| | 03/17/2023 | 2188 | AEP Energy, Inc. | 6,595.64 |
| | 03/17/2023 | 2189 | Colleen Haller | 13.50 |
| | 03/17/2023 | 2190 | Dearborn Life Insurance Company | 341.82 |

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| Date | Num | Vendor | Amount |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 10127 Republic Bank Operating Account | | | |
| 03/17/2023 | 2191 | Jean Joslyn | 75.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2192 | Allard, Jamie | 78.60 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2193 | Anna Hinkley | 18.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2194 | Baker & Taylor | 6,007.79 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2195 | Blackstone Publishing, Inc. | 1,408.55 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2196 | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois | 18,806.19 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2197 | Canon Solutions America Inc. | 59.50 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2198 | Case Lots Inc. | 1,372.70 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2199 | Cengage Learning, Inc. | 642.17 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2200 | Children's Plus Inc. | 22.95 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2201 | City of Darien | 25.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2202 | Current Technologies Corporation | 165.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2203 | Dell Marketing L.P. | 80.38 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2204 | DuPage County Public Works | 689.21 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2205 | Erin Fergus | 14.28 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2206 | Eskew, Joe | 121.72 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2207 | Gary Kantor | 395.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2208 | India for Everyone | 648.85 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2209 | Jordan Calabrese | 374.98 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2210 | Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC | 54.68 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2211 | LexisNexis Matthew Bender | 243.10 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2212 | Merda, Amy E | 17.44 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2213 | NCPERS Group Life Insurance | 48.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2214 | OverDrive, Inc. | 4,162.15 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2215 | Paddock Publications, Inc. | 235.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2216 | PitneyBowes | 175.98 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2217 | Playaway Products LLC | 121.48 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2218 | Principal Life Insurance Company | 1,272.16 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2219 | Quill LLC | 835.48 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2220 | Rivistas Subscription Services | 113.98 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2221 | Runco Office Supply | 247.96 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2222 | SSCH Public Library | 15.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2223 | Suburban Life Media | 78.00 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2224 | The New York Times | 1,018.28 |
| 03/23/2023 | 2225 | Weiss Snow Removal, Inc. | 823.11 |
| 03/29/2023 | 2226 | kristinZkreations | 775.00 |
| 03/29/2023 | 2227 | Bank of America | 10,083.77 |
| Total for 10127 Republic Bank Operating Account | | | \$ 126,471.25 |

Bills for approval – Electronic Payments & Automatic Withdrawals

March 2023

| Vendor | Purpose | Date Paid | Amount Paid |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Federal & IL | Payroll taxes | 3/02/2023 | 22,358.24 |
| Federal & IL | Payroll taxes | 3/16/2023 | 22,099.33 |
| Federal & IL | Payroll taxes | 3/30/2023 | 22,242.55 |
| IMRF | Payroll Pension | 3/31/2023 | 32,551.80 |
| ExpertPay | Garnishments | 3/02/2023 | 704.82 |
| ExpertPay | Garnishments | 3/16/2023 | 716.26 |
| ExpertPay | Garnishments | 3/30/2023 | 646.82 |
| Mission Square | 457 Plan | 3/02/2023 | 200.00 |
| Mission Square | 457 Plan | 3/16/2023 | 200.00 |
| Mission Square | 457 Plan | 3/30/2023 | 200.00 |
| Nationwide | 457 Plan | 3/02/2023 | 50.00 |
| Nationwide | 457 Plan | 3/16/2023 | 50.00 |
| Nationwide | 457 Plan | 3/30/2023 | 50.00 |
| DAC | Deposit to HRA | 3/07/2023 | 757.00 |
| DAC | Deposit to HRA | 3/10/2023 | 221.82 |
| DAC | Deposit to HRA | 3/14/2023 | 193.82 |
| DAC | Deposit to HRA | 3/21/2023 | 1,401.66 |
| DAC | Deposit to HRA | 3/28/2023 | 1,082.45 |
| Nicor | Gas | 3/14/2023 | 2,624.66 |
| ELS | License Stickers | | 6889.00 |
| ELS | ELS Fee (February) | 3/03/2023 | 66.00 |
| INB | Credit Card Fee | 3/13/2023 | 210.84 |

2023 ANNUAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
PUBLIC LIBRARY NON-RESIDENT CARDS

WHEREAS, the Indian Prairie Public Library District is a tax-supported public library; and

WHEREAS, people residing within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Indian Prairie Public Library District pay taxes to support the library, and so need pay no additional fee to be eligible to receive a library card; and

WHEREAS, PA 92-0166 stipulates that “A person residing outside of a public library service area must apply for a non-resident card at the public library located closest to the person’s principal residence”; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State has issued regulations defining the “closest public library” and also providing three formulas which public libraries can use to determine the non-resident fee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of the Indian Prairie Public Library District has determined for its 2023-2024 fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, to participate in the non-resident reciprocal borrowing program of its regional library system and to issue non-resident library cards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT as follows:

SECTION 1: Individuals residing beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of the Indian Prairie Public Library District whose closest public library is the Indian Prairie Public Library District, and not residing within the boundaries of another public library, may purchase a non-resident fee card during fiscal year 2023-2024, calculated according to the General Mathematical Formula (23 Ad. Code 3050.60(a)).

SECTION 2: Individuals residing beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of the Indian Prairie Public Library District, but owning (as an individual, a partner, the principal stockholder, or other joint owner) taxable property within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Indian Prairie Public Library District, or serving as a Senior Administrative Officer of a firm, business or other corporation owning taxable property within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Indian Prairie Public Library District, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Ordinance, may obtain one (1) non-resident library card without payment of the non-resident fee upon presentation of the most recent tax bill upon that taxable property; provided however, that in no event shall the privileges and use of the Library be extended to more than one (1) individual non-resident for each parcel of taxable property. Each non-resident library card issued pursuant to this Section is limited to the exclusive use of the individual whose name appears on its face.

SECTION 3: The President of the Board of Library Trustees shall notify the regional library system in writing within 30 days of the adoption of this Ordinance, stating (a) the effective date of this Ordinance, (b) the beginning and ending dates of the 12-month period of validity for non-resident library cards issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and (c) the fee formula as set forth herein.

SECTION 4: The Indian Prairie Public Library District shall continue to honor all non-resident library cards heretofore issued by the Library, for the full term of purchase.

SECTION 5: The Indian Prairie Public Library District shall cooperate with other participating area public libraries and the regional library system and adjacent regional library systems to determine the appropriate non-resident service areas, as stated in 23 Ad. Code 3050.25.

SECTION 6: The Policy of the Indian Prairie Public Library District for service to non-residents, including a description of the Library’s service areas and the methods of calculating fees, shall be available for public inspection at the Library.

SECTION 7: A valid non-resident library card issued by the Indian Prairie Public Library District pursuant to this Ordinance shall accord a non-resident library cardholder all the services which this Library provides to its residents, including reciprocal borrowing privileges.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2023, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Victoria Suriano, President

ATTEST:

Crystal Megaridis, Secretary

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Executive Director's Report April 2023

Republic Bank:

I am happy to report that Republic Bank is donating \$1,800 towards the Summer Reading program. Our account manager had mentioned that the Bank has funds to support community initiatives, so I wrote them a letter (which is in this packet under Communications and Announcements). The Bank will be sponsoring the ice cream giveaway and face painting at our Kick-Off party on Saturday, June 3rd and the purchase of tote bags to be given away as prizes for adults this summer. As an added bonus, they have also donated tickets to a White Sox game to raffle off during the kick-off to attendees.

Local Government Efficiency Act:

Former library trustee and current Vice-President of the Darien Park District, Luanne Spiros, has agreed to serve on our Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency. Darien resident Jim Mayka will also serve on the committee. Both Luanne and Jim will be at the April meeting so that we can officially form the committee and set some next steps.

Trustee Update:

Congratulations to Stacy Palmisano for being elected to the Board. Congratulations to Marian, Don and Vicki for being re-elected to the Board. Stacy Palmisano will be joining the Board in May and Sri Rao's last meeting will be April. There is a Proclamation honoring Sri Rao under New Business. In April, the Board will appoint a nominating committee who must meet before the May meeting. In May, officer positions will be set as well as committee appointments.

House Bill 2789:

New Secretary of State, Alexi Giannoulias, is taking a stand against censors. He has recently drafted legislation designed to protect the freedom of libraries to acquire materials in Illinois, reiterating his staunch support for libraries and for Illinoisans' freedom to read.

The proposed legislation, House Bill 2789, would require each Illinois library that receives State grants to establish an anti-censorship policy. Specifically, it says that those libraries will only be eligible for State grants if they either "adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights" or "develop a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within the library or library system." The bill requires libraries to have an anti-censorship policy or statement; it would not require any other action. Indian Prairie already has ALA's Library Bill of Rights included in our policy.

The American Library Association has reported new data documenting 1,269 demands to censor books in 2022, nearly double the number of challenges in 2021 and the highest number ever reported since they began compiling this data over 20 years ago. 41% of the challenges targeted materials in public libraries, while 58% targeted school and classroom libraries or curricula. If approved, HB 2789 will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

Land Acknowledgement:

Since our last Board meeting, I have had several conversations with Joseph Standing Bear of the Midwest SOARRING Foundation (www.midwestsoarring.org) and he is happy to work with us on our land acknowledgement. We are planning an afternoon of family activities on Saturday, October 9, about Native American culture and traditions at which, we will read the land acknowledgement. Please let me know if you are interested in helping plan the day or working on the land acknowledgement.

Election Sign Recycling Collection:

One of our residents asked the library to partner on a recycling project to collect the many election signs in our area. There are collection boxes in the vestibule. The resident is collecting signs and then bringing them to DuPage County's larger event. The collection remains through April 19th.

Grant:

Indian Prairie is a partner in a with the University of Illinois School of Library Science and the Flagg Creek Historical Society on a project to save the historical archives from the Lyonsville Church. The Lyonsville Church building, which is in Indian Head Park, has been sold. My letter of support and more information is under Communications and Announcements.

Personnel:

Kelli Parke, our new full-time Programming & Outreach Specialist starts on Tuesday, April 25th. She comes to us with years of programming experience (for all ages) with an environmental education specialty. She has also worked in various positions at multiple types of libraries.

In April, Kristen and I interviewed candidates for the Head of Technology and Maker Services position. We have selected Mark Sloan as the new department head. Mark has over 15 years of public library experience, a solid, extensive background both in IT and maker services, as well as excellent leadership and management skills. Mark and his family live in Sycamore. His wife is also a librarian at a public library. Mark's first day is Wednesday, April 26. He is very much looking forward to working with his new team and at our library. This is a bittersweet time for all of us as Ann retires, but I am confident that Mark is a great fit for IPPL.

IPPL Foundation & Friends:

The Book Sale brought in \$239.70 in March.

Meetings:

- 3/20 Meet and Greet with Monica Harris (RAILS)
- 3/21 Department Head Meeting
- 4/4 Department Head Meeting
- 4/18 Department Head Meeting
- 4/18 Library Board Meeting

In March, I had 19 one on ones with 7 staff. (Mary, Kristen, Cindy, Ann, Amy, Gail & Jill)

Continuing Education

- 3/21 Webinar: *Facilitating Engaging Conversations* (2 hours)
- 4/5 *Library District Budget Workshop* Presented by Alex Todd, Director of Prospect Heights (3 hours)
- 4/14 Webinar: *An Overview of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act* (1 hour)
- 4/21 Webinar: *How to Recognize, Address and Adjust Biases* (1 hour)

Submitted by:
Laura Birmingham
Executive Director



Deputy Director's Report: March 2023

Building & Grounds:

The second (old) sump pump in our gray water sump pump pit failed sometime over the weekend on March 11 & 12. It also shorted out an electrical circuit, resulting in a temporary failure of the new pump. We ended up with some water in the basement. Joe got the water dried and a new pump installed within a few days after this event, but it did cause damage to the tile flooring in the hallway outside his office in the basement. Joe got the flooring replaced the week of March 27, using mostly materials we already had on hand in storage. I asked Metropolitan Pump to come out on April 10 and take a look at our new system, since both pumps had to be replaced recently, and give us any recommendations they might have for ensuring long-term stability for a building our size. They advised us that the pumps Joe installed in the gray water pit were fine, but upon inspecting the pumps in the septic pit they found that new floats were needed and one of the pumps is jammed. We have a visit scheduled with them to fix the jammed pump on April 21.

Hayes came out to inspect our chiller on Wednesday 3/22. In addition to some chewed wiring, which they replaced, they alerted us that one of the drivers was broken. As of Tuesday, April 4, all has been repaired and our HVAC system is fully operational.

Additionally, Joe closed 26 building tickets in March. Highlights include: 1) Installed glass kits in conference room doors (CR 202 and CR 203), 2) Installed an array of acrylic sign holders in K&T, and 3) Replaced & fixed 2 outlets on stair landing near seating.

Continuing Education:

HR Source: Leadership & Culture webinar: March 1

Meetings:

90 Day Review with Laura: March 1

Summer Reading Planning Meeting: March 2

P&O Department Meeting: March 2

Darien Police Department Meeting (Planning for May 5 presentation): March 6

Department Heads meetings: March 7 & 14

Library Board meeting: March 15

Monica Harris Meet & Greet at RAILS: March 20

Regular check-in meetings with Joe, twice/week (ongoing)

Regular check-in meetings with Tony, once/week (ongoing)

Weekly meetings with Ann

Programs:

After making 66 phone calls and writing 30 emails to local businesses, I am pleased to report that I have secured the participation of 14 businesses in our upcoming Teen Job Fair on April 15.

I also created a planning spreadsheet for the use of our Programming & Outreach, Resource Services, and Tech & Maker department heads as they begin to plan fall programs. The aim of the planning spreadsheet is to better coordinate programming efforts across all three departments.

Staff Training:

I trained Cindy on LIC procedures on Monday March 13.

Tony attended the Computers in Libraries conference from March 28-30.

Technology Highlights:

Ann passed me her IT budget planning spreadsheet, and I am using that to solicit quotes and estimates for forecasting in the FY 23/24 IT budget lines.

In March I signed a new Comcast contract. This will save the library about \$360/year for the next two years and return us to current pricing for the third year. Also, it will protect us from unexpected price hikes during that three-year time period.

In addition to closing 18 technology tickets in March, Tony completed a lot of back-end IT work for us. Highlights include: 1) Configured and installed two public computers in the Teen area, 2) Set up new Zebra label printers in Resource Services, and 3) Worked with Barracuda support to update our backup processes, resulting in faster backups using their cloud-to-cloud service.

In March, the WorkNet DuPage Kiosk in the café area recorded 95 sessions, 105 navigations, and 2 applications for services.

Report Submitted by: Kristen Lawson

**Jill Yott, Communications Coordinator, Report for Board of Trustees
March 2023**

In the Gallery—February

Display cases: **Darien Woman's Club Art Show Winners**

1st floor gallery: **Darien Woman's Club Art Show Winners**

2nd floor gallery: **Darien Woman's Club Art Show Winners**

Outreach Efforts: Schools & Community

-The Stinger Newspaper at Hinsdale South for April

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer at the Indian Prairie Public Library!

Earn service hours. Have fun. Make a difference.

Learn more: calendar.ippl.info.

Under category choose: Volunteens Summer 2023
and sign up for one of those information sessions.



Print Newsletter

- The March/April/May print newsletter was emailed to households on February 22.
- We began working on the June/July/August print newsletter on March 13.

Other Notable Projects

- I worked with Jordan, Tori, and Jen on getting the shelf talker templates completed.
- I started working with our designer on case options for the Library of Things after meeting with Laura and Ann.
- I met with Ann to talk about other projects we needed to get done in the Maker Studio, including a flier and project sheets.
- I worked with Jordan and getting the Caudill, Monarch, and Bluestem Challenge sheets updated for 2024.
- Created some slides for the electronic monitors within the building.
- I met with Gail on plans for upcoming signage for the DVD area.

Summer Reading 2023

- Met with Laura, Kristen, Amy, Jordan, and Jen about the results of the survey we sent out in February and determined the plan for summer reading.
- I started working on the reading logs with the graphic designer.
- I started looking at pricing for tote bags, which is the adult reader prize.
- I gave Amy the content to last year's summer reading pages with the Mission Math information so she could update that.

- I had several conversations with the support team at Patron Point to determine how I can use the product to handle the registration and communication to participants. I will report on this more in my upcoming reports as progress is made. To date, I figure out a communication plan and created email skeletons so the work can move forward.

Website

While no major updates were done to the website, Paul and I have made minor updates to the website including getting the ABC Mouse service added to the website. I did a form for Librarian for Day (for National Library Week.) I also met with Ann to discuss changes to the Maker Studio website.

Yelp & Google

People are using Yelp and Google to access the library.

In the month of March, 47 people called us by searching for us through Yelp.

In the month March, through Google . . .

- 462 called us
- 831 asked for directions to get to us
- 3,331 Googled our name
- 3,336 visited our website after visiting Google

Reviews left for us recently on Google with five star ratings.

Best library in the DuPage county area. Nothing tops Indian Prairie Library, with the remodeling it's even better. Plenty of study rooms to study. A coffee machine with creamer, cups, and sugar is included. A vending machine with all kinds of snacks as well as a separate vending machine for drinks like sodas and juices are available. This library has the most amenities by far.

We love this library and all they have to offer, and the staff is great, very helpful.

This place has definitely changed since I was a kid. I love the news study rooms they have there. They are super useful for studying and writing papers. I have a lot of them being in grad school but it is super peaceful, and I can finish them in no time. Also, they got super helpful staff compared to years ago when there used to be a mean librarian. Overall this place is great.

Enews

General Enews Subscribers

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| March 31 | 20,540 |
| February 28 | 20,418 |
| Loss/Gain in subscribers | +122 |

Enews Open Rate

Overall, people are opening our emails consistently. For catchalls, it's nice to see that people open our weekly messaging and specialty messaging. The birthday campaigns and welcome emails rates were up this month. Cindy M. has shared with me that there is a lot of surprise and delight when people come in for a birthday gift (right now guest are getting chip clips.)

| Date | Open Rate |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| March 2 | 39 percent |
| March 9 | 36 percent |
| March 16 | 38 percent |
| March 23 | 36 percent |
| March 30 | 35 percent |
| Recommends | 49 percent |
| Birthday Campaign Open Rate | 52 percent |
| Anniversary Campaign Open Rate | 47 percent |
| Library Welcome Emails | |
| Welcome one | 74 |
| Welcome two | 64 |
| Welcome three | 63 |

Social Media

We continue to see organic growth with Facebook and Instagram. I decided to also report the Facebook follows. That seems to be something Facebook is putting first in their reporting. I think it's worth reporting since they are so different.

| Social Channel | Likes/Followers | +/- (Feb. 28) |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Facebook (likes) | 2,300 | +12 |
| Facebook (follows) | 2,506 | New reporting |
| Instagram | 1,050 | +18 |
| Twitter | 1,146 | No change |
| LinkedIn | 222 | No change |
| YouTube | 218 | -1 |

One of my favorite things is when our guests tag us on social media. This post was on Instagram. Isn't it great the IPPL was their spring break place?

The other post I'm sharing was featured on Instagram and Facebook about our Ramadan storytime. It did well engagement-wise.



Guest Services

March 2023

Circulation

The total checkouts and renewals for March was 48,922

75% of our checkouts and renewals were done by self-service. 20% of our checkouts and renewals were done at the desk and 5% were done at the drive up.

We had 30,556 in-person visitors in March.

We had 811 patrons use the drive up in March.

We checked out or renewed 1,929 items at the drive up. 1,141 holds were placed in March for pickup at the drive-up.

There were 320 checkouts done by patrons on the mobile app.

Community

Passports: We accepted 119 passports in March.

License plate sticker renewals: We sold 46 License plate stickers in March.

Library Cards: We issued 189 library cards: 157 resident and 32 non-resident library cards. 28 cards were initiated remotely.

Total number of current Library cards: 25,790

Birthday gift: We handed out 13 birthday gifts in March.

Staff

We hired a new Guest Services Associate. Evan Stoner started March 27, 2023.

Meetings

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| April 11 | ATLAS: Building Your Management Toolkit | Orland Park |
| April 19 | SWAN Circulation Users group | Zoom |
| April 25 | SWAN Updates | Zoom |

Cindy Maiello Gluecklich
Head of Guest Services

Programming and Outreach Department – March 2023

Community

Marquitta Harris, Strategist, and Kate Kresek, Specialist, returned to Sunrise Living on Mar. 7 to provide checkouts and information on library services to residents. This included 11 interactions and multiple checkouts.

Erin Fergus, Early Literacy Librarian, and Amy Merda, Dept. Head, each visited Elizabeth Ide Primary School (Mar. 7 and Mar. 21) to facilitate the popular “Library Lions” Lunch Club for kindergartners.

On Mar. 11, Marquitta Harris and Kate Kresek again visited Burr Ridge Senior Living to interact with residents and provide material checkouts. This included 12 interactions and 9 checkouts.

On Mar. 16, Marquitta Harris attended an online Community Connections program presented by Catholic Charities from the Diocese of Joliet.

Marquitta Harris provided an engaging program enjoyed by 16 members of the local SEASPAR group on Mar. 21.

Marquitta Harris represented IPPL at Hinsdale South for the SHE Rises Event on Mar. 22, an event focused on mental health in teenage girls. She was part of the morning panelist discussion, worked in small groups with the teens, and facilitated some break-out sessions that included information on mindfulness, self-defense, and mental health issues.

Sarah Zagotta, Teen Librarian, presented an engaging activity to middle schoolers during the monthly Spartan Hour at Lakeview Junior High on Mar. 22.

The Homebound program, coordinated by Marquitta Harris and additional staff across departments, saw a circulation of 138 items.

Spring is definitely springing with a noted increase in the seed packets taken by guests from the Seed Library with 144 packets being taken in March. This increase may also be due in part to the success of the Seed & Houseplant Exchange with the Darien Garden Club which had occurred earlier in the month.

STEAM Week

This week’s Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math celebration (which kicked off on Mar. 12) included high interest from the community. The Adler Planetarium presented a “Scopes in the City” program, and IPPL staff delivered with engaging programming for families, mid-kids, teens, and adults throughout the week. Coding, paper circuits, sun prints, Virtual Reality, cardboard automata, spring-related experiments, and more were explored by our community and facilitated by our talented staff.

Spring Break

Spring Break for many local students occurred during the week of Mar. 28, with thrilling program options to match, including jewelry making for teens, a hands-on Cat Café, additional crafting opportunities, a Mid-Kids magic workshop, and more. In total, hundreds of guests attended programs during this week, and increased daytime and afternoon department traffic was noted on most days.

Programs – March 2023

In March, we had 95 programs attended by 2,883 guests.

Early Literacy

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|------|--------------------------------------------|---------|----|
| 3/1 | Nature Storytime with the Morton Arboretum | Erin | 27 |
| 3/6 | Preschool Play | Erin | 30 |
| 3/7 | Super Speech Storytime | Erin | 34 |
| 3/13 | Preschool Play | Erin | 20 |
| 3/14 | Talented Toddlers | Chrissy | 30 |
| 3/15 | Talented Toddlers | Jordan | 19 |
| 3/17 | Baby Brilliance | Erin | 8 |
| 3/20 | Preschool Play | Erin | 15 |
| 3/21 | Talented Toddlers | Erin | 20 |
| 3/24 | Baby Brilliance | Erin | 6 |
| 3/27 | Preschool Play | Erin | 17 |
| 3/28 | Talented Toddlers | Chrissy | 22 |
| 3/29 | Talented Toddlers | Erin | 20 |

Families

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|------|----------------------------------------|---------------|-----|
| 3/6 | Tiny Art Kit | Erin, Kate | 15 |
| 3/7 | Fantastic Families | Jordan | 13 |
| 3/12 | Adler Planetarium: 'Scopes in the City | Amy | 45 |
| 3/13 | Paper Circuits & Robots | Jack, Amy | 16 |
| 3/17 | Spring Science | Erin, Chrissy | 45 |
| 3/27 | Cat Cafe | Sarah | 127 |
| 3/27 | Ramadan Reading | Erin | 34 |
| 3/31 | Baby Brilliance | Erin | 11 |

Artists of all ages participated in the Tiny Art Kit program, which invited community members to pick up an art kit, create a colorful canvas with an "umbrella" theme at home, and return the completed artwork for display in a 2nd floor cabinet to be viewed by the IPPL community.

Mid-Kids

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|------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| 3/8 | Read to a Pet | Chrissy | 8 |
| 3/9 | STEAM Station | Chrissy | 13 |
| 3/11 | Holi Color Fight | Sarah | 60 |
| 3/13 | Reading Buddies | Sarah | 1 |
| 3/14 | Balloon Fun | Jack, Amy | 13 |
| 3/15 | Homeschooling SMART: The Human Body | Amy | 24 |

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| 3/15 | Nature and Technology Art for Kids | Jack, Chrissy | 10 |
| 3/20 | Mid-Kids Art Club | Chrissy | 22 |
| 3/28 | Dog Man Release Party | Jordan | 26 |
| 3/29 | Mid-Kids Bead Crafts | Amy, Chrissy | 31 |
| 3/30 | Mid-Kids Magic Workshop | Amy | 57 |

The first annual Holi Color Fight was enjoyed by many guests outdoors despite the chilly day. Participants were grouped by age, offered safety eyewear, and then the fun began with many colored powder options available to throw within the established boundaries. Some families enjoyed the experience together, while other parents elected to record their children's excitement from the sidelines. At the conclusion of the event, feedback was positive because of the strong responses, plans are already being made to present this program again next year.

Teens

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|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|----|
| 3/1 | Teen Tech Drop-In: Sferos | Sarah | 11 |
| 3/13 | Teen STEAM: Cardboard Automata | Sarah | 1 |
| 3/14 | STEAM Challenge: Towers | Sarah | 5 |
| 3/15 | Teen Drop-In VR Game | Sarah | 8 |
| 3/16 | Sphero Club | Sarah | 1 |
| 3/19 | Teen Tech Tutor Training and Info. Session | Sarah | 1 |
| 3/28 | Teen Character Creation Workshop | Sarah | 2 |
| 3/28 | Teen Dungeons & Dragons | Sarah | 2 |
| 3/29 | Teen Earring Workshop | Sarah | 7 |
| 3/30 | Middle School Dungeons & Dragons | Sarah | 3 |
| 3/30 | Middle School D & D Character Creation | Sarah | 1 |

Adults

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|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| 3/1 | Online-Chair Yoga | Cindy | 21 |
| 3/2 | Home Energy Savings with C.U.B. | Kate | 9 |
| 3/3 | Caregivers' Meetup -canceled (low registration) | Marquitta | |
| 3/4 | Seed & Houseplant Exchange with Darien Garden Club | Amy | 76 |
| 3/7 | Experience VR | Sarah | 3 |
| 3/7 | Online: Applying for Jobs Online | Joe | 0 |
| 3/8 | Normal Aging vs. Dementia | Marquitta | 9 |
| 3/8 | Online: Chair Yoga | Cindy | 21 |
| 3/9 | Senior Living Options | Marquitta | 19 |
| 3/10 | Legal and Financial Planning for a Successful Age-In-Place Plan-canceled (low registration) | Marquitta | |
| 3/12 | Irish Tales of the Wee Folk | Kate | 18 |
| 3/13 | Secrets of Resilient Relationships | Joe | 5 |
| 3/15 | Adult Dungeons & Dragons | Sarah | 11 |
| 3/15 | Online: Chair Yoga | Cindy | 22 |
| 3/16 | Get Your House Ready to Sell | Kate | 12 |
| 3/20 | Opera Lovers Lecture: Carmen | Cindy | 6 |

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| 3/20 | D.I.Y. Together: Cyanotype Botanical Prints | Marquitta | 6 |
| 3/21 | The History of Carole King | Cindy | 28 |
| 3/22 | Online: Getting in Touch with your Creativity | Marquitta | 2 |
| 3/23 | Online: Chair Yoga | Cindy | 23 |
| 3/23 | Women's Right to Vote-canceled (low registration) | Kate | |
| 3/24 | Long-Term Care Plan | Marquitta | 9 |
| 3/25 | Donuts, Coffee, and Coloring | Kate | 19 |
| 3/27 | A Visit to The Netherlands and Belgium | Cindy | 33 |
| 3/29 | Adult Dungeons & Dragons | Sarah | 11 |
| 3/29 | Online: Chair Yoga | Cindy | 28 |
| 3/31 | Walking Book Club | Marquitta | 10 |

Groups

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|------|-------------------------------------|-------|----|
| 3/2 | Nonfiction at Night Book Discussion | Joe | 8 |
| 3/4 | In-Person ESL Conversation Group | Joe | 13 |
| 3/6 | Adult Chess | Amy | 5 |
| 3/8 | Online ESL Conversation Group | Joe | 3 |
| 3/9 | Crime Readers Book Discussion | Tori | 5 |
| 3/13 | Adult Chess | Amy | 7 |
| 3/16 | Novel Idea Book Discussion | Jen | 19 |
| 3/18 | In-Person ESL Conversation Group | Joe | 12 |
| 3/18 | TASC Meeting | Sarah | 3 |
| 3/22 | Online ESL Conversation Group | Joe | 7 |
| 3/23 | Genealogy Group Meeting | Joe | 20 |
| 3/27 | Adult Chess | Amy | 5 |

Passive Programs

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|-----------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----|
| 3/1-3/31 | Teen Post: 1 Skill You'd Like to Learn | Teens | Sarah | 16 |
| 3/1-3/31 | Adult Post: Fashion Trend | Adult | Kate | 5 |
| 3/1-3/31 | Adult Puzzle | Adult | Marquitta | 3 |
| 3/1-3/20 | St. Pat's Day Pot of Gold Craft | Kids & Teens | Chrissy | 425 |
| 3/1-3/15 | Find the Shamrock | Early Literacy | Erin | 350 |
| 3/7-3/14 | Little Makers At Home: Rainbow Treasure | Early Literacy | Erin | 65 |
| 3/8 | PressReader Drop-In (Lobby) | Adults | Joe | 20 |
| 3/15-3/18 | Little Makers At Home: Weather | Early Literacy | Erin | 50 |
| 3/18-3/29 | Rainbow Coloring | Early Literacy | Erin | 250 |
| 3/20-3/31 | Spring Color by Number | Kids & Teens | Chrissy | 60 |
| 3/22-3/29 | I Love Ramadan Coloring | Early Literacy | Erin | 150 |
| 3/29-3/31 | Spring Trace and Count | Early Literacy | Erin | 50 |
| 3/31 | Easter Bunny Coloring | Early Literacy | Erin | 50 |

Submitted by:

Amy Merda, P & O Dept. Head

Resource Services Monthly Report

March 2023

Submitted by Gail Graziani, Head of Resource Services

Collections

- The GenLit collection is in the process of being incorporated into Novels
- The K&T teen area now has two computers for guest use
- Jordan purchased new Hindi and Polish language picture books for the languages area
- The Beginning Readers' wall is now complete with the addition of acrylics listing various resources

Library Materials Displays for March

1st Floor

- Women's History Month
- March Madness
- Irish Fiction
- Personal Finance

2nd Floor

- Celebrating Women's History Month
- Celebrating Spring
- Celebrating Spring Holidays

Monthly Highlights

- 393 interactions were logged by on-call librarians in March
- On March 15th, a staff meeting was held for tech-focused staff to discuss new developments and project updates
- Jen spearheaded the ALA SustainRT Committee's publication of, "Top Ten Sustainability-Focused Children's Books of 2022."
- Jeanine worked with Tony to install the five new Zebra label printers. Jeanine also calibrated the machines, set up templates, and trained staff
- Jordan attended the Illinois Youth Services Institute Conference in Bloomington, Illinois on March 16-17
- Jordan hosted a Dog-Man Release Party with 26 mid-kids attending and enjoying snacks and crafts on March 28th
- Tori, Marquitta, and Rachel presented to the Board on March 15th detailing their roles in the Homebound Service
- T.J. ordered 12 new Rokus to reduce wait times and to introduce new streaming services, like Paramount Plus
- Anna created a spreadsheet that can be accessed by the team listing the collection projects currently underway or scheduled
- Anna worked with SWAN to standardize records for the Library of Things to improve searching in the catalog

- On March 23rd, 20 members of the Genealogy Group attended a presentation by Wheaton Library
- On March 8, Joe held a drop-in program in the lobby to demonstrate PressReader and spoke to 20 guests

Community

- Tori prepared book club discussion materials for 16 area book clubs, nine on new titles never before requested and seven on titles that another club had previously requested.

Groups / Programs

| Date | Name | Program | Attendance |
|--------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 3/1/23 | Jen | Illinois Libraries Present: Mary Roach | 7 |
| 3/2/23 | T.J. | Thursday Move: Where the Crawdads Sing | 30 |
| 3/2/23 | Joe | Non-Fiction at Night Book Group | 8 |
| 3/4/23 | Joe | In-Person ESL Conversation Group | 13 |
| 3/7/23 | Jordan | Fantastic Families | 13 |
| 3/8/23 | Joe | Online ESL Conversation Group | 3 |
| 3/13/23 | Joe | Author Talk: Secrets of Resilient Relationships | 5 |
| 3/15/23 | Jordan | Talented Toddlers (for Erin) | 19 |
| 3/9/23 | Tori | Crime Readers Book Group | 5 |
| 3/16/23 | T.J. | Thursday Movie: Ticket to Paradise | 31 |
| 3/16/23 | Jen | Novel Idea Book Club | 19 |
| 3/18/23 | Joe | In-Person ESL Conversation Group | 12 |
| 3/27/23 | Joe | Online ESL Conversation Group | 7 |
| 3/28/23 | Jordan | Dog-Man Release Party | 26 |
| 3/8/23 | Joe | PressReader Drop-In (Lobby) | 20 |
| TOTAL | | | 218 |

Continuing Education & Contributing to the Profession

- Jen attended the following webinars/meetings:
 - SustainRT Resource Committee Meeting
 - SustainRT Steering Committee Meeting
- Jordan attended the following programs at the Illinois Youth Services Institute Conference:
 - Revolution Library Style Now!
 - Birth to Five Illinois
 - Bringing Sciences & Stem Learning to Your Library!
 - Representation Matters
 - Title Talks with CATS with Baker & Taylor
 - Music Benefits for Child Development
 - Spicing up Storytime for Preschoolers
 - Ha Ha... Made You Read!

- Find your Voice!
- Tori attended the following webinars:
 - Crash Course in Science Fiction (Novelist)
 - Spring Book Club Picks (Booklist)
- Jeanine attended the following webinars/meetings:
 - Career Pathway Talk Series (ILA)

**Technology & Maker Services Board Report
March 2023**

Technology Services

- Improved access for computer usage on the 2nd floor by placing two computers in the Teen Lounge.

Classes/Programs

Number of Classes: 11 - Total attendance: 101

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Audience</u> | <u>Instructor</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday, March 2 | 10am- 11:30 | Introduction to the Windows Computer session 7 | Adult | PRC | 4 |
| Tuesday, March 7 | 6pm-8pm | Windows Computer Basics Part 1 | Adult | Ann | 8 |
| Monday, March 13 | 4-5p | Paper Circuits & Robots | Kids | Jack | 16 |
| Tuesday, March 14, | 10- 11:30am | iPhone/iPad Basics part 1 | Adult | Beth | 9 |
| Tuesday, March 14 | 6pm-8pm | Windows Computer Basics Part 2 | Adult | Ann | 7 |
| Tuesday, March 14 | 4-5p | Balloon Fun Learning About Force & Motion | Kids | Jack | 12 |
| Tuesday, March 21 | 10- 11:30am | iPhone/iPad Basics part 2 | Adults | Beth | 9 |
| Thursday, March 16 | 10- 11:30am | Windows Fundamentals Session 1 | Adult | PRC | 10 |
| Thursday, March 23 | 10- 11:30am | Windows Fundamentals Session 2 | Adult | PRC | 9 |
| Monday, March | 4-5p | Scratch Coding | Kids | Jack | 9 |
| Thursday, March 30 | 10-11:30 am | Windows Fundamentals Session 3 | Adults | PRC | 8 |

Statistics

- Computer Usage
 - Adult Users: 1,870 Hours: 1,540
 - Adult laptop: 18 Hours: 23
 - K&T Users: 556 Hours: 267
 - K&T Laptops: 6 Hours: 11
- Technology Desk Assistance- 702
- 1-on-1 Training- 93
- Wireless Usage- Total Unique Access: 7,379



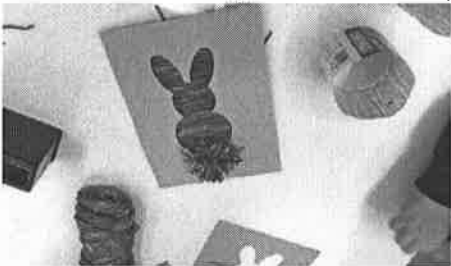

Maker Services/Maker Studio

- We added tote bags to our selection of items we sell in the Maker Studio.



Classes/Programs

- Classes: - 15 Total attendance: 107
- Passive program- 1- Cricut Paper Flowers. Total attendance: 48

Made in a class

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Laser- Name Signs & Wall Art</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Vinyl- Key Chain</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Kids Time – Cutting Machine Bunny</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Sublimation- Car Coasters</p>  |

Made Using Equipment

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| <p style="text-align: center;">3D Printer- Star Wars Character</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Vinyl Cutters- Easer Egg</p>  |
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Laser- Rocks



Sublimation- School Banner



Statistics

- Maker Assistance- 379
- Maker 1-on-1 Training- 113

Equipment Usage

- 3D Printers- 27
- Button Maker – 8
- Candle Maker- 2
- Carving Machine- 14
- Cricut (Vinyl)- 33
- Digital Editing (iMac)- 6
- Embroidery Machine- 6
- Knitting Machine- 1
- Laser Cutter- 52
- Poster Printer – 16
- Sewing Machine- 1
- Silhouette (Vinyl)- 23
- Sizzix (die cut/embossing) – 44
- Sublimation Printer- 30

Outreach

Jack went to Anne M. Jeans School to teach a robotics class. Sixteen kids attended.

Ann M. Stovall, Head of Technology & Maker Services, April 10, 2023

| STATISTICS FOR | Mar-23 | SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR | FYTD | LAST FYTD | FYTD % CHANGE |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
| <u>Circulation</u> | | | | | |
| Adult | 20,194 | 19,618 | 174,950 | 172,278 | 1.55% |
| Teen | 1,479 | 1,256 | 12,265 | 11,677 | 5.04% |
| Kids | 12,912 | 14,104 | 112,982 | 113,934 | -0.84% |
| ILLS Sent | 3,382 | 3,080 | 25,495 | 24,667 | 3.36% |
| TOTAL | 37,967 | 38,058 | 325,692 | 322,556 | 0.97% |
| Electronic Circulation | 11,025 | 8,942 | 81,838 | 76,958 | 6.34% |
| GRAND TOTAL CIRC. | 48,992 | 47,000 | 407,530 | 399,514 | 2.01% |
| % Reciprocal Borrowing | 10% | 11% | 10% | 9% | |
| Patron Visits | 31,367 | 28,457 | 257,656 | 210,530 | 22.38% |
| <u>Current Cards</u> | | | | | |
| Resident | 157 | 137 | 23,684 | 23,931 | -1.03% |
| Non-Resident | 32 | 64 | 2,113 | 807 | 161.83% |
| TOTAL | 189 | 201 | 25,797 | 24,738 | 4.28% |
| <u>Patron Assistance</u> | | | | | |
| Adult - Reference | 3,020 | 1,895 | 21,889 | 14,233 | 53.79% |
| Kids - Reference | 961 | 1,009 | 6,875 | 6,268 | 9.68% |
| Technology - Reference | 1,081 | 1,299 | 9,782 | 9,512 | 2.84% |
| TOTAL REFERENCE | 5,062 | 4,203 | 38,546 | 30,013 | 28.43% |
| Adult - Other | 194 | 121 | 1,477 | 1,664 | -11.24% |
| Kids - Other | 69 | 200 | 811 | 1,393 | -41.78% |
| Technology - Other | 47 | 51 | 311 | 575 | -45.91% |
| TOTAL OTHER | 310 | 372 | 2,599 | 3,632 | -28.44% |
| GRAND TOTAL ASST. | 5,372 | 4,575 | 41,145 | 33,645 | 22.29% |
| <u>ILL/Reserves</u> | | | | | |
| Holds | 7,800 | 7,501 | 62,713 | 65,214 | -3.84% |
| ILLS Sent | 3,382 | 3,080 | 24,529 | 24,667 | -0.56% |
| ILLS Checked Out | 3,431 | 3,975 | 34,839 | 31,839 | 9.42% |
| ILLS Received | 5,486 | 4,358 | 44,613 | 35,451 | 25.84% |
| <u>Programs - Adult</u> | | | | | |
| # Programs | 27 | 22 | 197 | 123 | 60.16% |
| Attendance | 401 | 401 | 2,608 | 2,009 | 29.82% |
| <u>Programs - Tech & Maker</u> | | | | | |
| # Programs | 26 | 27 | 166 | 142 | 16.90% |
| Attendance | 1,208 | 228 | 2,241 | 928 | 141.49% |
| <u>Individual Technology Training</u> | | | | | |
| # of Patrons | 308 | 349 | 2,980 | 2,732 | 9.08% |
| <u>Groups</u> | | | | | |
| # Programs | 12 | 21 | 113 | 89 | 26.97% |
| Attendance | 107 | 98 | 747 | 507 | 47.34% |
| <u>Others</u> | | | | | |
| #Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Attendance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| <u>Programs - Teen</u> | | | | | |
| # Programs | 11 | 8 | 53 | 59 | -10.17% |
| Attendance | 42 | 17 | 219 | 227 | -3.52% |
| <u>Programs - Kids</u> | | | | | |
| # Programs | 32 | 50 | 231 | 287 | -19.51% |
| Attendance | 839 | 729 | 4,703 | 2,989 | 57.34% |
| GRAND TOTAL ATT. | 2,905 | 1,822 | 13,498 | 9,392 | 43.72% |

| STATISTICS FOR | Mar-23 | SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR | FYTD | LAST FYTD | FYTD % CHANGE |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| <u>Passive Programs - Adult</u> | | | | | |
| #Programs | 4 | 2 | 21 | 17 | 23.53% |
| Attendance | 50 | 15 | 515 | 761 | -32.33% |
| <u>Passive Programs - Teen</u> | | | | | |
| # Programs | 2 | 3 | 20 | 24 | -16.67% |
| Attendance | 21 | 70 | 434 | 437 | -0.69% |
| <u>Passive Programs - Kids</u> | | | | | |
| # Programs | 10 | 8 | 95 | 60 | 58.33% |
| Attendance | 1,471 | 1,063 | 9,095 | 4,054 | 124.35% |
| <u>Computers - Patron Use</u> | | | | | |
| Adult Computers | 1,870 | 1,699 | 14,776 | 12,814 | 15.31% |
| Kids Computers | 556 | 314 | 3,893 | 1,592 | 144.54% |
| Teen Laptop | 6 | 20 | 87 | 89 | -2.25% |
| Adult Laptop | 18 | 19 | 166 | 164 | 1.22% |
| TOTAL PATRON USE | 2,450 | 2,052 | 18,922 | 14,659 | 29.08% |
| <u>Hours Used</u> | | | | | |
| Adult Computers | 1,540 | 1,315 | 11,645 | 9,988 | 16.59% |
| Kids Computers | 267 | 156 | 1,850 | 818 | 126.16% |
| Teen Laptop | 11 | 24 | 106 | 91 | 16.48% |
| Adult Laptop | 23 | 31 | 212 | 230 | -7.83% |
| TOTAL HOURS USED | 1,841 | 1,526 | 13,813 | 11,127 | 24.14% |
| Wireless Total Connections | 7,379 | 7,610 | 58,977 | 54,770 | 7.68% |
| IPPL Total Web Site Access | 12,931 | 14,934 | 107,480 | 130,088 | -17.38% |
| IPPL Total Page Views | 43,259 | 44,723 | 364,368 | 368,931 | -1.24% |
| Subscription Database Logins | 3,269 | 3,137 | 25,393 | 26,940 | -5.74% |
| <u>Outreach-Homebound</u> | | | | | |
| Items Delivered | 138 | 139 | 1,319 | 1,138 | 15.91% |
| <u>Volunteers</u> | | | | | |
| Number Active | 12 | 33 | | | |
| Hours Worked | 29 | 76 | 471 | 485 | -2.89% |
| Staff Training Hours | 73 | 55 | 602 | 667 | -9.75% |
| <u>Room Use</u> | | | | | |
| Conference Rooms | 744 | 546 | 5,243 | 2,927 | 79.13% |
| Meeting Rooms | | | | | |
| Library | 74 | 93 | 553 | 344 | 60.76% |
| Non-Library | 29 | 12 | 159 | 55 | 189.09% |
| Board Room | | | | | |
| Library | 27 | 16 | 176 | 101 | 74.26% |
| Non-Library | 30 | 7 | 172 | 70 | 145.71% |

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR PHYSICAL FORMATS -

March 2023

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| BOOKS | Previous Month Totals | Added Items | Discarded Items | Current Totals | Prev. Mo. YTD | | YEAR TO DATE | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Adds | Discards | Added | Discarded |
| ADULT | | | | | | | | |
| Reference | 483 | 2 | 0 | 485 | 488 | 494 | 490 | 494 |
| Non-Fiction | 37133 | 168 | 351 | 36950 | 6464 | 9691 | 6632 | 10042 |
| Fiction | 31664 | 337 | 685 | 31316 | 9881 | 13115 | 10218 | 13800 |
| ADULT TOTALS | 69280 | 507 | 1036 | 68751 | 16833 | 23300 | 17340 | 24336 |
| KIDS | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Fiction | 10986 | 187 | 25 | 11148 | 2096 | 2446 | 2283 | 2471 |
| Fiction | 24035 | 451 | 206 | 24280 | 6454 | 5243 | 6905 | 5449 |
| KIDS TOTALS | 35021 | 638 | 231 | 35428 | 8550 | 7689 | 9188 | 7920 |
| TEEN | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Fiction | 599 | 16 | 0 | 615 | 276 | 117 | 292 | 117 |
| Fiction | 4081 | 125 | 67 | 4139 | 1418 | 1146 | 1543 | 1213 |
| TEEN TOTALS | 4680 | 141 | 67 | 4754 | 1694 | 1263 | 1835 | 1330 |
| BOOK TOTALS | 108981 | 1286 | 1334 | 108933 | 27077 | 32252 | 28363 | 33586 |

| AUDIOVISUAL | Previous Month Totals | Added Items | Discarded Items | Current Totals | Prev. Mo. YTD | | YEAR TO DATE | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Adds | Discards | Added | Discarded |
| ADULT | | | | | | | | |
| Audiobooks on CD | 6368 | 40 | 2 | 6406 | 1433 | 1364 | 1473 | 1366 |
| Music CDs | 4401 | 24 | 3 | 4422 | 717 | 2140 | 741 | 2143 |
| Playaway | 368 | 2 | 0 | 370 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| DVDs (DVD & Blu-ray) | 20602 | 135 | 407 | 20330 | 3463 | 3666 | 3598 | 4073 |
| ADULT TOTALS | 31739 | 201 | 412 | 31528 | 5619 | 7178 | 5820 | 7590 |
| KIDS | | | | | | | | |
| Audiobooks on CD | 581 | 11 | 10 | 582 | 136 | 93 | 147 | 103 |
| Music CDs | 281 | 0 | 0 | 281 | 36 | 24 | 36 | 24 |
| Playaway | 114 | 2 | 1 | 115 | 12 | 5 | 14 | 6 |
| DVDs (DVD & Blu-ray) | 3949 | 25 | 2 | 3972 | 563 | 912 | 588 | 914 |
| KIDS TOTALS | 4925 | 38 | 13 | 4950 | 747 | 1034 | 785 | 1047 |
| TEEN | | | | | | | | |
| Audiobooks on CD | 172 | 8 | 6 | 174 | 89 | 123 | 97 | 129 |
| Playaway | 21 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| DVDs (DVD & Blu-ray) | -5 | 0 | 0 | -5 | 0 | 442 | 0 | 442 |
| TEEN TOTALS | 188 | 8 | 6 | 190 | 91 | 565 | 99 | 571 |
| AUDIOVISUAL TOTALS | 36852 | 247 | 431 | 36668 | 6457 | 8777 | 6704 | 9208 |

| Other | Previous Month Totals | Added Items | Discarded Items | Current Totals | Prev. Mo. YTD | | YEAR TO DATE | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Adds | Discards | Added | Discarded |
| ADULT | | | | | | | | |
| Console Games | 230 | 0 | 23 | 207 | 87 | 16 | 87 | 39 |
| Tech Takeout (except digital content devices) | 159 | 1 | 0 | 160 | 65 | 22 | 66 | 22 |
| CD-ROMs | -2 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 37 |
| ADULT TOTALS | 387 | 1 | 23 | 365 | 152 | 75 | 153 | 98 |
| KIDS | | | | | | | | |
| Kits (STEM, Book bundles, etc.) | 217 | 0 | 1 | 216 | 89 | 29 | 89 | 30 |
| Puzzles (New Aug. 2018) | 21 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 7 |
| Playaway Launch Pads | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| KIDS TOTALS | 256 | 0 | 3 | 253 | 99 | 38 | 99 | 41 |
| TEEN | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment (CD Players, etc.) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Console Games | 816 | 2 | 34 | 784 | 213 | 63 | 215 | 97 |
| Board Games | 117 | 0 | 2 | 115 | 41 | 21 | 41 | 23 |
| TEEN TOTALS | 938 | 2 | 36 | 904 | 254 | 85 | 256 | 121 |
| OTHER TOTALS | 1581 | 3 | 62 | 1522 | 505 | 198 | 508 | 260 |
| COLLECTION TOTALS | 147414 | 1536 | 1827 | 147123 | 34039 | 41227 | 35575 | 43054 |

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR ELECTRONIC FORMATS -

Mar 2023

| eBOOKS | Previous | Added | Current | Prev. Mo. YTD | YTD |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Month Totals | Items | Totals | Adds | Add |
| Hoopla- Year (ebooks & comics) | 683,054 | 0 | 683,054 | N/A | 0 |
| eMedia (Overdrive Consortium) | 24,490 | 33 | 24,523 | 1147 | 1180 |
| eMedia (Overdrive Advantage) | 7,272 | -2 | 7,270 | 1233 | 1231 |
| Preloaded eReaders | 166 | 0 | 166 | 174 | 174 |
| eBook Totals | 714,982 | 31 | 715,013 | 2554 | 2,585 |
| | | | | | |
| AUDIOVISUAL | Previous | Added | Current | Prev. Mo. YTD | YTD |
| | Month Totals | Items | Totals | A | Add |
| Audiobooks | | | | | |
| Hoopla- Year | 320,052 | 0 | 320,052 | N/A | 0 |
| eMedia (Overdrive Consortium) | 6,657 | 31 | 6,688 | 800 | 831 |
| eMedia Advantage (Overdrive) | 1,945 | 31 | 1,976 | 599 | 630 |
| Preloaded Adult Audiobook iPods | 158 | 0 | 158 | 85 | 85 |
| Audiobook Total | 328,812 | 62 | 328,874 | 1484 | 1546 |
| Music | | | | | |
| Hoopla- Year | 241,704 | 78673 | 320,377 | N/A | 78673 |
| Videos | | | | | |
| Hoopla- Year (includes TV Episodes) | 43,288 | 0 | 43,288 | N/A | 0 |
| Kanopy | 30,398 | -30 | 30,368 | 60618 | 60588 |
| Preloaded Adult Roku Titles | 1,378 | 21 | 1,399 | 2756 | 2777 |
| Preloaded Family Roku Titles | 213 | 1 | 214 | 422 | 423 |
| Video Totals | 75,277 | -8 | 75,269 | 63796 | 63788 |
| Total Audiovisual | 645,793 | 78,727 | 724,520 | 65,280 | 144,007 |
| Collection Totals | 1,360,775 | 78,758 | 1,439,533 | 67,834 | 146,592 |

INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

3/31/2023

| | |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance on hand as of February 28, 2022..... | 2,687,481.92 |
| Cash Receipts for March..... | 119,309.10 |
| Cash Disbursements for March..... | 425,377.79 |
| Cash on hand as of March 31, 2023..... | 2,381,413.23 |

Investments

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Illinois Funds (Money Market) - Average Monthly Rate 4.696% | |
| General..... | 629,527.33 |
| MPI Investment (Corporate Fund)..... | 1,422,792.05 |

| | |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Fifth Third - Checking | (1,417.45) |
| Republic Bank - Savings - Rate 2.89%..... | 317,519.20 |
| Republic Bank - Checking General..... | 7,581.37 |
| Republic Bank - Payroll Account..... | 3,088.95 |
| Republic Bank - License Sticker Account..... | 1,717.78 |
| Petty Cash/Circulation..... | 604.00 |
| Balances as of March 31, 2023..... | 2,381,413.23 |

FUND BALANCES AS OF 3/31/2023

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Corporate Fund..... | 2,080,569.30 |
| Building & Maintenance Fund..... | 37,160.72 |
| I.M.R.F. Fund..... | (5,599.61) |
| Liability Fund..... | 806.08 |
| Social Security Fund..... | (3,909.08) |
| Special Reserve Fund..... | (15,742.05) |
| Deferred Taxes..... | 82,789.43 |
| Current Liabilites..... | 288,127.87 |
| Grand Total All Funds..... | 2,381,413.23 |

Indian Prairie Public Library District Consolidated Revenue Report for March 2023

Percent of Year: 75.00

| | RECEIVED March 2023 | RECEIVED THIS YEAR | PRCT COLL | BUDGET RECEIPTS | UNCOLLECTED RECEIPTS |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST | | | | | |
| 41100 · Property Taxes | 547.29 | 3,885,373.21 | 98.86% | 3,930,322.00 | 44,948.79 |
| 41150 · Non-current Property Taxes | 100.80 | 599.42 | 0.00% | 0.00 | -599.42 |
| 43100 · Interest-Tax Levy | 6.32 | 339.47 | 0.00% | 0.00 | -339.47 |
| TOTAL PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST | 654.41 | 3,886,312.10 | 98.88% | 3,930,322.00 | 44,009.90 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL | | | | | |
| 42200 · Per Capita Grant | 0.00 | 64,740.70 | 121.78% | 53,161.00 | -11,579.70 |
| 42300 · LIMRICC | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL | 0.00 | 64,740.70 | 121.78% | 53,161.00 | -11,579.70 |
| INTEREST | | | | | |
| 43500 · Interest - Investment | 3,427.20 | 28,489.36 | 0.00% | 4,000.00 | -24,489.36 |
| TOTAL INTEREST | 3,427.20 | 28,489.36 | 0.00% | 4,000.00 | -24,489.36 |
| DESK MONIES | | | | | |
| 45100 · Copier | 286.05 | 2,229.22 | 111.46% | 2,000.00 | -229.22 |
| 45120 · Computer Copies | 1,305.73 | 10,635.22 | 88.63% | 12,000.00 | 1,364.78 |
| 45130 · Fax | 1,206.69 | 3,932.22 | 78.64% | 5,000.00 | 1,067.78 |
| 45200 · Fines/Fees | 541.88 | 5,198.98 | 103.98% | 5,000.00 | -198.98 |
| 45250 · Gifts/Donations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 45300 · Lost Materials | 784.93 | 5,658.76 | 102.89% | 5,500.00 | -158.76 |
| 45350 · Non-Resident Fees | 10,702.06 | 89,062.32 | 98.96% | 90,000.00 | 937.68 |
| 45450 · Hot Picks | 6.00 | 271.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | -271.00 |
| 45550 · Meeting Room Rental | 250.00 | 2,568.75 | 513.75% | 500.00 | -2,068.75 |
| 45600 · ILL Fees | 15.00 | 307.62 | 61.52% | 500.00 | 192.38 |
| 45650 · Maker Studio | 433.65 | 4,337.18 | 216.86% | 2,000.00 | -2,337.18 |
| 45700 · Passport Fees | 3,990.00 | 28,780.00 | 115.12% | 25,000.00 | -3,780.00 |
| 45750 · Notary Fees | 0.00 | 8.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | -8.00 |
| 45800 · License Stickers | 144.68 | 663.33 | 0.00% | 0.00 | -663.33 |
| TOTAL DESK MONIES | 19,666.67 | 153,652.60 | 104.10% | 147,600.00 | -5,389.27 |
| OTHER INCOME | | | | | |
| 46500 · OCLC Refund | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 46700 · Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 948.00 | 47.40% | 2,000.00 | 1,052.00 |
| 46800 · Collection Agency Fee | 30.00 | 69.16 | 34.58% | 200.00 | 130.84 |
| TOTAL OTHER INCOME | 30.00 | 1,017.16 | 46.24% | 2,200.00 | 1,182.84 |
| TOTAL | 23,778.28 | 4,134,211.92 | 99.93% | 4,137,283.00 | 3,734.41 |
| 49000 · Operating Transfer In | 0.00 | 15,742.05 | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 23,778.28 | 4,149,953.97 | 100.31% | 4,137,283.00 | -12,670.97 |

Operating Transfer Out reflects \$15,742.05 from Corporate Reserves

70000 · Operating Transfer Purchases - LoDestro Construction Company \$15,742.05

Indian Prairie Public Library District Consolidated Expenditures Report for March 2023

Percent of Year: 75.00

| | March 23 | YTD ACTIVITY | PRCT USED | WORKING BUDGET | REMAINING BUDGET | APPROPRIATION | PRCT APPROPRIATION |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| PERSONNEL | | | | | | | |
| 61100 · Salaries | 250,630.77 | 1,735,374.18 | 73.06% | 2,375,154.00 | 639,779.82 | | |
| 61310 · Benefits - Medical / Life Ins. | 15,036.99 | 155,227.33 | 73.10% | 212,360.00 | 57,132.67 | | |
| 61330 · Benefits - IMRF | 24,128.78 | 172,479.35 | 84.86% | 203,246.00 | 30,766.65 | | |
| 61340 · Benefits - FICA | 15,562.97 | 112,774.07 | 65.41% | 172,400.00 | 59,625.93 | | |
| 61400 · Staff Development | 1,679.70 | 10,927.71 | 48.78% | 22,400.00 | 11,472.29 | | |
| 61600 · Board Development | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | |
| 61710 · Workers Compensation | 0.00 | 7,095.00 | 110.45% | 6,424.00 | -671.00 | | |
| 61720 · Unemployment Insurance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | | |
| 61730 · Data Expense Reimbursement | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| TOTAL PERSONNEL | 307,039.21 | 2,193,877.64 | 73.22% | 2,996,484.00 | 802,606.36 | 3,250,000.00 | 67.50% |
| MATERIALS | | | | | | | |
| 62100 · Books | 12,862.61 | 92,148.96 | 57.88% | 159,200.00 | 67,051.04 | | |
| 62200 · Periodicals | 5,890.01 | 15,007.49 | 82.01% | 18,300.00 | 3,292.51 | | |
| 62300 · Audio | 3,677.21 | 13,544.23 | 45.37% | 29,850.00 | 16,305.77 | | |
| 62400 · Video | 2,711.79 | 18,334.18 | 45.33% | 40,450.00 | 22,115.82 | | |
| 62500 · Multi-Media | 431.06 | 725.52 | 36.28% | 2,000.00 | 1,274.48 | | |
| 62600 · eMaterials | 16,621.78 | 163,518.11 | 80.62% | 202,825.00 | 39,306.89 | | |
| 62700 · Console Games | 319.73 | 3,767.16 | 53.82% | 7,000.00 | 3,232.84 | | |
| 62800 · Damaged Item Replacement | 427.32 | 4,276.32 | 53.45% | 8,000.00 | 3,723.68 | | |
| 62900 · Materials Supplies | 1,827.95 | 13,429.50 | 63.95% | 21,000.00 | 7,570.50 | | |
| TOTAL MATERIALS | 44,769.46 | 324,751.47 | 66.46% | 488,625.00 | 163,873.53 | 525,000.00 | 61.86% |
| BUILDING | | | | | | | |
| 63200 · Cleaning Service | 6,000.00 | 55,297.60 | 63.56% | 87,000.00 | 31,702.40 | | |
| 63300 · Utilities (1-8-11 · Gas) | 2,624.66 | 15,302.30 | 102.02% | 15,000.00 | -302.30 | | |
| 63300 · Utilities (1-8-12 · Electric) | 6,585.64 | 35,818.16 | 73.85% | 48,500.00 | 12,681.84 | | |
| 63300 · Utilities (1-8-13 · Telephone) | 236.97 | 1,822.51 | 36.45% | 5,000.00 | 3,177.49 | | |
| 63300 · Utilities (1-8-14 · Water/Sewer) | 689.21 | 8,189.74 | 102.37% | 8,000.00 | -189.74 | | |
| 63300 · Utilities (1-8-15 · Garbage Disposal) | 533.79 | 4,613.37 | 92.27% | 5,000.00 | 386.63 | | |
| 63350 · Building Supplies | 1,397.21 | 9,994.17 | 181.71% | 5,500.00 | -4,494.17 | | |
| 63400 · Maintenance Supplies | 797.35 | 7,399.51 | 67.27% | 11,000.00 | 3,600.49 | | |
| 63500 · Security System Monitoring | 25.00 | 515.50 | 73.64% | 700.00 | 184.50 | | |
| 63600 · Property Maintenance | 3,893.22 | 28,025.94 | 56.05% | 50,000.00 | 21,974.06 | | |
| 63800 · Building Maintenance/Repair | 1,366.05 | 27,964.95 | 79.90% | 35,000.00 | 7,035.05 | | |
| TOTAL BUILDING | 24,159.10 | 194,943.75 | 72.02% | 270,700.00 | 75,756.25 | 350,000.00 | 55.70% |
| OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
| 64100 · Payroll Service | 660.00 | 6,770.00 | 199.18% | 3,399.00 | -3,371.00 | | |
| 64200 · Supplies - Office | 1,335.27 | 3,670.02 | 48.28% | 7,601.00 | 3,930.98 | | |
| 64300 · Photocopy Supplies | 475.97 | 2,202.41 | 62.93% | 3,500.00 | 1,297.59 | | |
| 64400 · Guest Services Supplies | 0.00 | 763.03 | 20.62% | 3,700.00 | 2,936.97 | | |
| 64500 · Postage | 4,175.98 | 6,243.70 | 124.87% | 5,000.00 | -1,243.70 | | |
| 64550 · Passport Postage | 0.00 | 2,827.14 | 94.24% | 3,000.00 | 172.86 | | |
| 64600 · Non-Payment Reimbursement | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | |
| 64700 · Travel | 252.74 | 656.34 | 65.63% | 1,000.00 | 343.66 | | |
| 64800 · Organizational Memberships | 0.00 | 1,889.50 | 51.07% | 3,700.00 | 1,810.50 | | |
| 64900 · Bank Fees | 210.84 | 1,777.27 | 71.09% | 2,500.00 | 722.73 | | |
| TOTAL OPERATION | 7,110.80 | 26,799.41 | 77.91% | 34,400.00 | 7,600.59 | 42,000.00 | 63.81% |
| TECHNOLOGY | | | | | | | |
| 65100 · Supplies-Public Toner | 1,151.44 | 4,561.09 | 57.01% | 8,000.00 | 3,438.91 | | |
| 65150 · Supplies-Staff Toner | 425.39 | 6,480.00 | 129.60% | 5,000.00 | -1,480.00 | | |
| 65160 · Supplies-Technology Services | 0.00 | 138.49 | 46.16% | 300.00 | 161.51 | | |
| 65170 · Supplies-Maker Studio | 467.60 | 5,260.03 | 187.86% | 2,800.00 | -2,460.03 | | |

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Indian Prairie Public Library District Consolidated Expenditures Report for March 2023

Percent of Year: 75.00

| | March 23 | YTD ACTIVITY | PRCT USED | WORKING BUDGET | REMAINING BUDGET | APPROPRIATION | PRCT APPROPRIATION |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 65200 · Technology-Prof Services | 340.00 | 1,644.38 | 54.81% | 3,000.00 | 1,355.62 | | |
| 65300 · Purchase of Equipment | 3,659.41 | 18,518.77 | 89.58% | 20,672.00 | 2,153.23 | | |
| 65350 · Library of Things | 173.78 | 2,629.74 | 31.88% | 8,250.00 | 5,620.26 | | |
| 65400 · Technology Equip Mnt/Repair | 80.38 | 5,743.28 | 29.36% | 19,564.00 | 13,820.72 | | |
| 65500 · Software | 0.00 | 8,864.18 | 52.14% | 17,000.00 | 8,135.82 | | |
| 65600 · SWAN | 0.00 | 37,789.36 | 76.60% | 49,335.00 | 11,545.64 | | |
| 65700 · Telecommunications | 1,068.00 | 10,525.67 | 70.20% | 14,995.00 | 4,469.33 | | |
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY | 7,366.00 | 102,154.99 | 68.60% | 148,916.00 | 46,761.01 | 200,000.00 | 51.08% |
| CONTRACTUAL SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| 66100 · General Professional Services | 775.00 | 14,250.00 | 77.03% | 18,500.00 | 4,250.00 | | |
| 66200 · Credit Bureau | 49.25 | 591.00 | 49.25% | 1,200.00 | 609.00 | | |
| 66300 · Copier | 0.00 | 1,768.00 | 58.93% | 3,000.00 | 1,232.00 | | |
| 66400 · Copier Maintenance Contract | 59.50 | 481.32 | 16.04% | 3,000.00 | 2,518.68 | | |
| 66500 · Background Screenings | 0.00 | 500.78 | | | | | |
| 66900 · Fees - Bond Registrar | 0.00 | 15.00 | 6.82% | 220.00 | 205.00 | | |
| TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES | 883.75 | 17,606.10 | 67.93% | 25,920.00 | 8,814.68 | 35,000.00 | 50.30% |
| INSURANCE | | | | | | | |
| 67100 · Multi Peril-Physical Assets | 0.00 | 13,068.00 | 100.00% | 13,068.00 | 0.00 | | |
| 67200 · Bonding | 0.00 | 1,386.00 | 102.21% | 1,356.00 | -30.00 | | |
| 67300 · Officers & Directors Liability | 0.00 | 2,153.00 | 107.17% | 2,009.00 | -144.00 | | |
| 67400 · Umbrella Liability | 0.00 | 2,524.00 | 99.96% | 2,525.00 | 1.00 | | |
| TOTAL INSURANCE | 0.00 | 19,131.00 | 100.91% | 18,958.00 | -1/3.00 | 25,000.00 | 76.52% |
| COMMUNICATIONS | | | | | | | |
| 68110 · Marketing Newsletter | 8,672.00 | 33,379.91 | 86.93% | 38,400.00 | 5,020.09 | | |
| 68111 · eNewsletter | 8,859.00 | 9,385.52 | 97.06% | 9,670.00 | 284.48 | | |
| 68210 · Marketing Advertising | 700.22 | 883.22 | 88.32% | 1,000.00 | 116.78 | | |
| 68310 · Marketing Supplies | 0.00 | 217.62 | 21.76% | 1,000.00 | 782.38 | | |
| 68410 · Marketing-Information Printing | 0.00 | 656.29 | 5.05% | 13,000.00 | 12,343.71 | | |
| 68500 · Legal Notices | 0.00 | 858.09 | 57.21% | 1,500.00 | 641.91 | | |
| TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS | 18,231.22 | 45,380.65 | 70.28% | 64,570.00 | 19,189.35 | 70,000.00 | 64.83% |
| PROGRAMMING | | | | | | | |
| 68600 · Programming | 2,762.09 | 25,920.49 | 64.64% | 40,100.00 | 14,179.51 | | |
| TOTAL PROGRAMMING | 2,762.09 | 25,920.49 | 64.64% | 40,100.00 | 14,179.51 | 50,000.00 | 51.84% |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY & CONTINGENCY | | | | | | | |
| 69100 · Building Improvements | 0.00 | 25,360.00 | 0.00% | 25,360.00 | 0.00 | | |
| 69200 · Special Reserve Fund | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | 0.00 | | |
| 69250 · Equipment/Furnishings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | 0.00 | | |
| 69800 · Operating Transfer Out | 0.00 | 15,742.05 | 0.00% | | -15,742.05 | | |
| 69900 · Contingency | 3,032.25 | 11,714.01 | 50.38% | 23,250.00 | 11,535.99 | | |
| 69920 · Gift/Donation Purchases | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | 0.00 | | |
| TOTAL | 415,353.88 | 3,019,123.61 | 72.97% | 4,137,283.00 | 1,118,159.39 | | |
| 70000 · Operating Transfer Purchases | 0.00 | 15,742.05 | 0.00% | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 415,353.88 | 3,034,865.66 | 73.35% | 4,137,283.00 | 1,102,417.34 | 4,547,000.00 | 66.74% |

Operating Transfer Out reflects \$15,742.05 from Corporate Reserves

RAILS News

E-News April 12, 2023

Last Day to Submit RAILS Board Nominations - RAILS Public Library Board of Trustee Candidates Especially Needed

RAILS invites nominations for three public library board of trustee positions and one academic, school, and specialized library position on the RAILS Board. While nominations for all of these positions are welcome, we especially need public library board of trustee candidates.

This is your opportunity to work with colleagues representing all types of libraries to help shape the future of RAILS. Log into the RAILS website to complete this application by 5 p.m. today, April 12. Questions? Contact Mary Witt.

Algonquin and Quincy Monica Harris Meet and Greet Dates Added

There are two more opportunities for all levels of staff at all types of RAILS libraries to meet Monica Harris, RAILS' new Executive Director! We just added Algonquin Area Public Library District and Quincy Public Library to the lineup, and there's still room at our Coal Valley service center meet and greet.

Please register through the links below.

- Coal Valley Service Center, Thursday, April 27, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 - Algonquin Area Public Library District, Wednesday, May 10, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
 - Quincy Public Library, Thursday, May 18, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
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Continuing Education

Libraries and the Solar Eclipse: Information Sessions for Library Staff

There are two impressive solar eclipses coming up in October 2023 and April 2024 that will be visible across the state of Illinois. This fun, educational session will cover a bit of eclipse-related history, what eclipses are, when to look for the two coming up, easy ways to view the eclipses safely, and more! Join Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at the Adler Planetarium, for these in-person events.

Identical events will be held on May 10 at the RAILS Burr Ridge service center, June 7 at Rock Island Public Library, and July 25 at Peoria Public Library. All three events will be held from 10 a.m. – noon. See more details and register on L2. *The Adler Planetarium's solar eclipse education and professional development project is made possible in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Service.*

"Leveraging TikTok for Libraries" Webinar, April 18

See how TikTok videos can be used by libraries for advocacy, collection development, readers' advisory, outreach, and community building. You'll also learn about the safety of using TikTok, its impact on the publishing industry, and more. This webinar is Tuesday, April 18, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Additional webinars covering advanced tips and techniques for TikTok will be offered in the coming months and promoted in *E-News*.

Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Report Template

The Decennial Committees on Local Government Act requires units of local government to form a committee to study local efficiencies and create a corresponding report. To assist member libraries with this new requirement, Ancel Glink has created a sample report with an accompanying FAQ.

RAILS will offer a webinar with Ancel Glink to review the sample report and answer member questions on April 14 from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. This webinar will be recorded for those who can't attend.

"Telehealth 101: What Libraries Need to Know"

The Network of National Library of Medicine is offering a Moodle class from June

12 - July 12 to help you launch a successful telehealth program in your library. [Find out more and register.](#)

"Core, Strategy, Culture: Elements for Library Impact" Webinar

Having a strong strategic plan alone doesn't guarantee success! You also need to consider your core operations and workplace culture. Attend this free Zoom webinar organized by Amanda Standerfer from Fast Forward Libraries on Monday, April 17 at noon to find out more. [Register](#). Can't attend? Register to receive the recording link.

CARLI Shared Spaces Webinar Series

Part one of this series, "[Tales of Sharing Spaces](#)," will be on May 9 from 11 a.m. - noon, and will include two presentations reflecting the experiences of three academic libraries. Part two, "[Getting to a Common Goal: Designing the New Library Commons at University of Illinois Springfield](#)," will be on May 16 from 11 a.m. - noon. U of I staff will talk about their experiences with shared spaces, concentrating on planning for the new Library Commons.

Networking

Data Networking in School Libraries Group Meeting

Join us for the next meeting of the Data Networking in School Libraries Group on Wednesday, April 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., via Zoom. This meeting will feature a brief discussion of using data for year-end reporting, as well as time for questions and data-related discussion. Any library worker from any Illinois school library is invited. [More information](#). [Register here](#).

RAILS Member Meetup, Northern Illinois University, May 11

Join us for a [RAILS Member Meetup](#) at the Founders Memorial Library at Northern Illinois University, Thursday, May 11 from 10 a.m. - noon. This event will include a tour and an opportunity to connect/network with colleagues. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Registration closes 48 hours before the event. All Illinois library staff and public library trustees welcome! Registration is limited to 25 participants. [See more information/register](#).

SLA Illinois Event, Shorefront Legacy Center in Evanston, August 16

Join SLA Illinois for an in-person tour of the Shorefront Legacy Center in Evanston, Wednesday, August 16 from 3 - 4 p.m. The Center collects, preserves, and educates people on Black history on Chicago's suburban North Shore.

This event will include a tour and an opportunity to connect/network with colleagues. There is no charge, but all attendees are encouraged to make a \$10 donation. For more donation information, please see the [Shorefront Legacy Center website](#). All Illinois library staff welcome! Registration closes 48 hours before the event and is limited to 20 participants. [Register via Eventbrite](#).

Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries (IACRL) Social Hour

Mark your calendars for the upcoming IACRL online social hour on April 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your coffee or beverage of your choice along with snacks for a break to chat with IACRL members. [Register](#).

Deals, Discounts, Grants

For more information about any vendor discounts available to RAILS members, visit the [Deals & Discounts page](#) and log in using your L2 email and password.

New RAILS Discount and Webinar for Hiveclass!

[Hiveclass](#) is the digital encyclopedia for youth sports training that makes it easy for families to access high-quality, educational videos. Over 1,500 videos cover 15 sports/activities, including soccer, dance, fitness, basketball, yoga, mindfulness, and more. [Register for an informational webinar](#) on Tuesday, May 16 at 11 a.m. For more information, pricing, or to schedule a demo, visit the [Hiveclass Deals & Discounts page](#).

RAILS Discount and Webinar for Gale Adult Education and Business Solutions

RAILS public library members are eligible for advantageous pricing for Gale resources, including Plan Builder, Gale Presents: Udemy, and more. [Register for a](#)

Gale informational webinar, "Grow Your Community with Adult Education and Business Solutions from Gale" on Wednesday, May 3 at 11 a.m. to learn about adult education and business solutions that can help your library attract new users. For more information and pricing, visit the [RAILS Deals & Discounts](#) page.

Conference News

RAILS AT CONFERENCES

RAILS at Reaching Forward, May 5

If you are planning on attending the [Reaching Forward Conference](#) at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont on May 5, make sure to stop by the RAILS table! We are a Platinum Partner and are sponsoring the morning coffee break. Early bird [registration](#) ends April 13.

\$40 Exhibit Hall Passes for ALA

[\\$40 exhibit-only guest passes are now available](#) through RAILS' exhibitor portal. Make sure to visit RAILS at our ALA exhibit booth #3414!

OTHER CONFERENCE INFO

Northern Illinois Regional History Conference, April 22

The Northern Illinois University (NIU) Libraries Regional History Center will host this inaugural conference on Saturday April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Holmes Student Center Heritage Room on NIU's campus in DeKalb. The theme is "At the Crossroads of the Urban-Rural Divide" and the program will feature presentations on a variety of topics related to Northern Illinois' changing communities, evolving land-use, and how history influences regional identity. [See full program.](#)

The conference is free and open to the public. Please [RSVP by April 15](#).

United for Libraries Virtual Conference Program Proposals Due April 15

The [2023 United for Libraries Virtual: Trustees – Friends – Foundations](#) will be held

August 1-3. Program proposals will be accepted through April 15. This interactive, three-day virtual event features expert speakers on current topics facing library trustees, friends, foundations, and staff who work with them.

Past program topics include fundraising, board development, EDI/social justice, advocacy, policies, and more. All accepted program speakers will receive FREE registration for the 2023 conference. [Submit a proposal](#).

Other Library News

Participate in HR Source's 2023 Library Survey

Now through April 21, all Illinois libraries are encouraged to participate in HR Source's annual compensation and benefits survey. Participating libraries are gifted a copy of the final survey report in June and given the opportunity to partake in the Public Library Supplemental Report, an additional publication that enables benchmarking against specific libraries. Contact surveys@hrsourc.org for your unique participation link.

Resolution #2023-A

**A Resolution Honoring Sri Rao
Indian Prairie Public Library District
Board Trustee**

WHEREAS, Sri served on the Indian Prairie Public Library District Board from 2021 to 2023;
and

WHEREAS, he was member of the Building & Grounds Committee and Planning & Outreach
Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he distinguished himself as a dedicated and effective trustee
and public official; and

WHEREAS, he shared his energy and enthusiasm for the library’s mission and vision; and

WHEREAS, he thoughtfully participated in discussions relating to library policies and
services with the bests interests of the community in mind; and

WHEREAS, through his work on the Indian Prairie Public Library District Board, he helped
nurture, enhance, and perpetuate an important community service, thereby enriching the
quality of life for the residents of Darien, Willowbrook, and Burr Ridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board expresses to Sri its sincere
appreciation for his wise council and sound judgment; commends him for his exemplary
service to it and to the library; and congratulates him for a job well done; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends to Sri its best wishes for continued
success.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2023.

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:

Victoria Suriano, President

ATTEST:

Crystal Megaridis, Secretary

Bill introduced to discourage book bans

Secretary of state initiated legislation to protect public libraries

Chicago Tribune · 8 Mar 2023 · By Jeremy Gorner

SPRINGFIELD — Legislation aimed at discouraging public libraries from banning books has been introduced in the Democratic-controlled Illinois General Assembly amid largely partisan battles around the country over what books and school curricula are suitable for children.



The bill was initiated by Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, who joined a nationwide Democratic chorus criticizing officials, mostly in red states, for trying to get libraries to remove books, often because of LGBTQ content.

Giannoulias, whose office also serves as the state librarian, downplayed the role partisanship plays in his proposal, saying that many librarians “I’m sure are Republicans.”

“I have no idea, nor do I care,” said Giannoulias, who once sat on the board of the Chicago Public Library. “We view this as protecting our libraries. They’re under assault the likes of which they have never seen. They are

being thrown into the mix of a political battle, and we’re trying to give them cover by helping them, by codifying this into legislation.”

The legislation, which has the backing of Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, would allow the secretary of state’s office to deny state grants to public libraries, including those in schools, that don’t adhere to the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights, which holds, among other things, that “materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.”

As an alternative, libraries could develop a written policy to “prohibit the practice of banning specific books or resources,” the bill states.

Some states controlled by Republicans have taken just the opposite approach. The Indiana Senate last week passed a measure that would make it easier for law enforcement to prosecute teachers if material deemed obscene ends up in possession of a minor. A similar measure was recently enacted in Missouri, leading educators to pull titles from school library shelves, according to published reports.

One opponent of the Illinois measure is State Rep. Dan Caulkins, a Decatur Republican who said the legislation takes away local control.

“Parents know best, school boards know best, library boards know best what their communities want and need,” said Caulkins, part of a far-right group of House Republicans informally known as the Eastern Bloc. “And for the state of Illinois again, here we go, the radical Democrats are pushing an agenda trying to force their woke ideology on more conservative parts of the state.”

The secretary of state’s office said libraries could only lose the grant funding if they pull books from their shelves due to “partisanship” or “discrimination.” Guidelines for what that means are still being developed. But the office would not interfere with a library’s selection process for books to include in its collection.

“If books are selected on a local level, we need to trust those librarians, respect the decisions they make and adhere to the guidelines that they already have in place,” Deputy Secretary of State Scott Burnham said in an email.

The measure is sponsored in the House by state Rep. Anne Stava-Murray, a Democrat of Naperville, who said book bans have been particularly discriminatory against groups of people who are already marginalized in American society.

“Whether they’re part of the LGBTQ community or their race or ethnicity, those are the books that are being targeted by right-wingers to be banned,” she said. “We absolutely want to be doing everything possible to stand up for the librarians and stand up for the students and children and all library patrons to be able to access the materials that they should be able to access in a public library.”

Cynthia Robinson, executive director of the Illinois Library Association, said that while most libraries likely already have a process in place to hear complaints about books on their shelves, the bill will ensure that libraries will be prepared to handle such challenges.

“That is something that we think will be positive out of this legislation. It will get libraries to be prepared beforehand,” said Robinson. “If you don’t have a policy, you don’t have a process. And if you have that in place, then everybody who is involved will know what to expect, what the steps are, as opposed to just making it up as you go or treating things differently.”

During fiscal year 2022, the secretary of state’s office under Jesse White awarded over \$62 million for 1,631 grants to Illinois libraries, an office spokesman said. In the previous fiscal year, nearly \$68 million in grants was awarded, up from just over \$36 million in fiscal year 2020.

By June 30, the end of fiscal year 2023, the secretary of state’s office estimates that it will have awarded more than 1,400 grants totaling close to \$56 million.

If the measure becomes law, enforcement could be an issue. Giannoulas said his office performs regular audits of how its grant funding is used, although there are limited resources to monitor libraries.

“We’ll establish a more formal audit process if we need to,” Giannoulas said. “But for now, we do feel pretty confident about the audit process and the administrative rules.”

In 2021, nationally, there were 681 attempts at book bans involving more than 1,600 books, the most since the Chicago-based American Library Association began tracking the statistic about two decades ago, according to the secretary of state's office, citing the association's figure.

While research has shown that most book banning in recent years has occurred in states that lean Republican, like Florida, Texas and Tennessee, there were 67 attempts to ban books in Illinois in 2022, up from 41 the year before, according to the association's data cited by Giannoulas' office.

According to a report from PEN America, a New York-based literary advocacy group, "Gender Queer: A Memoir" by Maia Kobabe was the most frequently banned book nationwide, prohibited at 41 U.S. schools districts from July 2021 through June 2022, for its illustrations of sex acts in a nonfiction story about the author dealing with gender identity and relationships with family and friends.

In June of last year, the high school board in Downers Grove, which falls within Stava-Murray's district, unanimously voted to keep "Gender Queer" in its libraries even after a group of parents and some members of the far-right Proud Boys group raised concerns over the book. In west suburban Riverside, some people earlier this year unsuccessfully tried to get the book banned from the local library. But there was strong support for keeping the book available.

"I don't believe there's any reason to ban a book" said Courtney Greve Hack, a trustee for the Riverside Public Library. "I don't believe in censorship, period. And I think that most people who are involved in libraries, whether they're a staff member or an elected trustee, feel the same way."

All told, the PEN report stated, local officials around the country banned more than 2,500 books by more than 1,200 authors, 290 illustrators and 18 translators from July 2021 through June 2022. These bans happened in 138 school districts in 32 states, according to the report. While Illinois wasn't close to being among the states with the most book bans, according to the report, Giannoulas said he's heard from librarians "who have never felt so threatened and under attack."

"As the state's librarian, my job is to ensure that Illinois residents have access to reading and learning material at their local libraries," he said.



Judy Blume

Judy Blume: book banning now much worse in US than in 1980s

Children's and young adult author of 1970 book *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* says growing intolerance must be challenged

Emily Dugan

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The author [Judy Blume](#) says a rise in intolerance in America has led to a “much worse” epidemic of book banning than she experienced in the 1980s.

The children's and young adult author, whose frank depictions of adolescence and puberty have long caused controversy, said it was time to fight back against censorship.

Her 1975 novel, *Forever*, which deals with teenage sexuality, was one of 80 books [banned in one Florida school district last month](#), for dealing with issues such as sex, race and gender.

In an interview on the BBC's Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg, Blume said of book banning: “I thought that was over, frankly ... I came through the

80s when book banning was really at its height. And it was terrible. And then libraries and schools began to get policies in place and we saw a falling-off of the desire to censor books.

“Now it is back, it is back much worse - this is in America. It is back so much worse than it was in the 80s. Because it’s become political.”

Children’s stories have become the latest battleground in the culture wars. When Puffin Books removed some of the more pejorative language from new editions of Roald Dahl’s works, it prompted a backlash.

Public outrage is not new to Blume. When her book *Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret* was released in 1970, its candid portrayal of puberty caused plenty of uproar and library bans. Even her own children’s primary school refused to keep a copy.

Now a screen adaptation of the book is to be released in May, starring Abby Ryder Fortson, Rachel McAdams and Kathy Bates.

Blume said she cried when she finally got to see her work made into a film 53 years later. “I think it was my son who said to me: ‘Just wait until all those people who grew up with your books are in power in Hollywood and you’re going to see what happens.’ And I’m so glad that I’m around to see it.”

Blume’s books have sold more than 90m copies and been translated into at least 32 different languages.

Asked if she was concerned about intolerance in the US, Blume said: “Absolutely. Intolerance about everything: gender, sexuality, racism. It’s just reaching a point where again we have to fight back, we have to stand up and fight.”

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Blume said she was also worried about censorship in teaching. Florida introduced a bill last month that may limit discussion of menstruation before the sixth grade and the state's governor, Ron DeSantis, is proposing to restrict conversation about gender identity and sexual orientation in schools.

“I mean, that’s crazy. That is so crazy,” Blume said. “And it is so frightening that I think the only answer is for us to speak out and really keep speaking out, or we are going to lose our way.

“I mean, there’s a group of mothers now going around saying that they want to protect their children. Protect them from what? You know, protect them from talking about things? Protect them from knowing about things?

“Because even if they don’t let them read books, their bodies are still going to change and their feelings about their bodies are going to change. And you can’t control that. They have to be able to read, to question.”

I hope you appreciated this article. Before you move on, I was hoping you would consider taking the step of supporting the Guardian’s journalism.

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