

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

- A. Roll Call
Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano,
Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab

- B. Mission Statement: We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn and create.

Vision Statement: People are inspired and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values: We value and respect the individual.
We empower and guide each visitor.
We aspire to bring people together.

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 Resource Services Librarian

- J. Reports
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 - 5. Finance Committee (no report)
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- K. Unfinished Business
 None

- L. New Business
 - 1. Meet the Trustee Table at Summer Reading Kickoff, 6/6 Discussion

- M. Scheduled Meetings
 - 1. Finance Committee, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 (Raftis, Damon, Rodriguez)

- N. Adjournment

Dwight D. Eisenhower Junior High School

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March 12, 2026

Dear Indian Prairie Library,

Thank you for helping collect socks for our Student Council Sock Drive. Your support helped bring warmth and comfort to those who need it most.

We are thrilled to share that, through our partnership with the Darien Woman's Club, the Indian Prairie Library, Darien City Hall, and Lace Elementary School, we were able to collect **1,004 pairs of socks** to donate.

All socks were donated to People's Resources, PADS, and a local woman's shelter in Downers Grove.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely,

The Eisenhower Junior High Student Council
Advisors: Julia Polasek and Carol Neville



Outlook

[DIRECTORS] U.S. Justice Department Extends Web Accessibility Deadline

From Directors Only <DIRECTORS@LIST.RAILSLIBRARIES.ORG>

on behalf of

Dan Bostrom <dan.bostrom@RAILSLIBRARIES.ORG>

Date Mon 4/20/2026 9:45 AM

To DIRECTORS@LIST.RAILSLIBRARIES.ORG <DIRECTORS@LIST.RAILSLIBRARIES.ORG>

The U.S. Department of Justice has issued an [Interim Final Rule](#), effective April 20, 2026, that extends the compliance deadlines for web accessibility by one year. Under the previous deadlines, a number of public libraries faced a primary compliance deadline of April 2026 (or April 2027 for smaller jurisdictions or districts). Under this revised timeline, public entities serving populations of 50,000 or more now have until April 26, 2027, while smaller entities and special districts have until April 26, 2028 to comply.

While this extension provides additional time, the underlying requirements remain unchanged: libraries must ensure that their websites, digital collections, and online services meet accessibility standards (generally WCAG 2.1 AA). Libraries are encouraged to continue their accessibility efforts, as this delay is intended to support implementation and reflects the ongoing importance of equitable digital access for all library users.

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Riverside**

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April 21, 2026

Joe Popowitch
Indian Prairie Library
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Darien, IL 60561

Thank you so much for providing facilities and scheduling services for the Tax-Aide volunteers who performed free tax filing services at the Indian Prairie Library during February, March, and April. It may interest you to note that the IRS has confirmed that your volunteers e-filed 473 (351 Senior) federal returns under the supervision of site coordinator Bill Chromizky.

According to the IRS metrics, the tax returns prepared at Indian Prairie Library generated more than \$609,091 in refunds averaging over \$1,637. Some 103 of the Tax-Aide return computations totaled \$283,272 in taxes due to the IRS at an average of \$2,750.

The Tax-Aide program of free tax return preparation is supported by the AARP Foundation under the supervision, informational and financial support of the Internal Revenue Service. The program was initiated decades ago by the IRS to assist senior citizens and now serves all ages of taxpayers in the middle to low-income levels – with an emphasis on those over age 60. Volunteer tax return preparers are certified annually after studying materials provided by the IRS and attending classes conducted by experienced volunteers.

Without the support of organizations such as yours that provide space and appointment services, the more than 35,000 Tax-Aide volunteers around the country would have a hard time meeting the needs of millions of taxpayers who cannot afford the services of professionals or do not understand how to prepare their own returns.

Sincerely,
Dean Foster

CC: Bill Chromizky

Re: Appreciation of Facilities and Services

From Joe Popowitch <joep@ippl.info>

Date Wed 4/22/2026 1:05 PM

To Dean Foster <aarpdist25il@gmail.com>

Dean:

It is our pleasure to offer our facilities for AARP Tax-Aide. We would in turn like to thank you and your volunteers for providing this valuable service to our patrons. Our community has come to depend on the help you provide. Some comments I remember hearing include:

"They [AARP volunteers] are great!"

"I get my taxes done here every year."

"This is a lifesaver. I don't know what I would have done without them."

Bill Chromizky and his crew work very hard, staying long past the last appointment. Bill continues to answer follow up questions for weeks after the program ends. He is very dedicated. We feel very fortunate to have AARP as a partner, and our community has benefited greatly from your hard work.

Thank you!

Joe Popowitch
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630-884-8032

From: Keyes, Laura F LKeyes@ILSOS.GOV
Date: Thu 5/7/2026 9:09 AM
To: Laura Birmingham <laurab@ippl.info>

Dear Indian Prairie Public Library District:

All the data collected in the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) is reviewed, and used in various ways at the local, state, and national level. Your library's data is combined with others across the state, and uploaded to the annual Public Library Survey.

While reviewing the data contained in section 16 of the 2025 IPLAR, I noticed that the total number of unexpired resident cards (22,732) represents 51.79% of your service population (43,892). This percentage is far above the average (between 27-31%), and I'd like to discuss that with you.

Before you submit your next IPLAR, please confirm you have reviewed any Patron Retention Policies your library and your library's consortia have, and follow the appropriate steps to remove expired library cards.

Thank you,



Laura F. Keyes (she/her)

Library Program Specialist, Illinois State Library

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Re: Comments on your library's 2025 IPLAR data

From Laura Birmingham <laurab@ippl.info>
Date Thu 5/7/2026 2:12 PM
To Keyes, Laura F <LKeyes@ILSOS.GOV>
Bcc Laura Birmingham <laurab@ippl.info>; Cindy Maiello <cindym@ippl.info>

Laura,

I am always disappointed that we don't have 100% of our population with active cards!

Indian Prairie is a member of the SWAN library consortium and we do follow their rules for library cards. Although our cards "never" expire, inactive cards are automatically purged at three years by SWAN. This is done on a monthly basis.

We have also been using online library card registration (via Patron Point) for almost 5 years. This makes it easy for us to register people for cards outside the library. We have a Programming and Outreach staff who regularly visit our local schools, senior facilities and community events. Patron Point does all the backend work to verify that the applicant lives within our District boundaries.

We are also surrounded by unserved areas, so the number of our non-resident cards is higher than other libraries.

I did dig into our number and verified that it is indeed accurate. A "snapshot" of today shows that there are only 112 inactive users, which will be purged at the end of the month.

We also strongly promote the library to businesses and schools who are in our district.

So, here are other numbers included in our figure:

Student cards: 72 (these are set to expire at the end of the school year)

Homebound individuals: 59

Business cards: 68

Staff cards: 46

Generic cards: 49 (we use these in order to give our schools access to databases and for staff to use to keep track of project-based checkouts like storytime)

So, in conclusion, our number is accurate. We have popular "IPPL Cardholder Exclusive" programs and a Maker Studio that is for IPPL cardholders only, so people get cards just to be able to do these things.

I did not realize our percentage was so much higher than other libraries so now I am really proud! All the work we do to promote getting a library card is paying off!

Does this answer your concern? I am always happy to chat or get more information for you.

Sincerely,
Laura

Re: Comments on your library's IPLAR data
From: Laura Keyes LKeyes@ILSOS.GOV
Date: Mon 5/11/2026 9:49 AM
To: Laura Birmingham <laurab@ippl.info>

Laura,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and for your response. I'm glad to hear that your library has so many options for a variety of cards, in order to meet your patrons' needs. In addition to that, it's great to hear that your library has a procedure for removing expired library cards (which cannot be said for each public library in Illinois). Your explanation was impressive.

If you haven't already done so, please consider sharing your methods with your peers, either through RAILS or ILA.

Best,



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Comments · Compliments · Questions · Suggestions

We're your library, and we'd love to hear what you think.

Date:

5/13/26

Wonderful

people here !!

Which department does this pertain to?

- Adult Guest Services Kids & Teens
- Maker Studio Technology Center General

If you'd like a personal response, please complete the following.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

email: _____

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Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of April 15, 2026

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
April 15, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Acting Secretary Krupicka called the roll. Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Themis Raftis (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab

Absent: Stacy Palmisano

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Laura Warner, Aron Ryan
Others:

President Suriano asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

- B. Mission Statement: Acting Secretary Krupicka read the library mission statement. We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn and create.

Vision Statement: Acting Secretary Krupicka read the library vision statement. People are inspired and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values Statement: Acting Secretary Krupicka 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

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Thank You from Eisenhower Junior High Student Council

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 18, 2026
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
3. Ordinance #2026-1 authorizing Non-Resident Cards
4. Motion to Close the Library for Darien Fest at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 8 and All Day on Sunday, August 9

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

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

Birmingham said that donations have been made in honor of one of our patrons who passed away. The summer newsletter will be going out next month. She showed the Board an Instagram reel put together by our Communications Specialist, Fernanda Diaz, about IPPL in the 90's – it got over 20,000 views!

H. Department Reports

I. Staff Report – Programming & Outreach Liaison-Mid-Kids, Laura Warner and Programming & Outreach Librarian-Teen Services, Aron Ryan, spoke to the board about IPPL’s services to our local schools. The library serves 7 districts and 19+ schools. Library staff connect with parents and kids at various events including curriculum nights, back to school events, STEM nights, Winter Fest, and Career Club. Warner regularly sends out virtual backpacks advertising our programs. Ryan explained that we heavily promote our Write-On competition at the schools. Other outreach opportunities include our monthly visit to Lakeview Junior High for Spartan Hour and a monthly visit to Anne M. Jeans Elementary for The Spark Youth Development Initiative. Recently we hosted a program in partnership with the Hinsdale South Astronomy Club. We also host schools that request in-library field trips. Staff will be visiting schools throughout the month of May to promote our upcoming Summer Reading program. Our teen volunteers do a wonderful job helping us throughout the year – we couldn’t do Summer Reading without them!

J. Reports

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

K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business - none

M. Scheduled Meetings

1. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 13 at 6 p.m.
2. Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment

At 7:21 p.m. Krupicka moved, Damon seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Palmisano. Motion carried unanimously.

Marian Krupicka, Acting Secretary

ACTION ON BILLS APRIL, 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #'s</u>	<u>Total</u>
Republic Bank-Bills for Approval	4498 - 4523 plus ACHs	119,733.02
Republic Paper Payroll Checks		
Republic Direct Deposits		149,626.88
	MONTH'S TOTAL:	\$ 269,359.90

Indian Prairie Public Library District Bill Payment List April 2026

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
10127 Republic Bank Operating Account			
04/13/2026	4498	AT&T	365.15
04/13/2026	4499	Canon U.S.A. Inc.	192.20
04/13/2026	4500	Cathy Streett	145.26
04/13/2026	4501	Children's Plus Inc.	63.80
04/13/2026	4502	Chinese Intercultural, LLC	350.00
04/13/2026	4503	City of Darien	25.00
04/13/2026	4504	Colley Elevator Co.	805.00
04/13/2026	4505	Groot Industries, Inc.	420.02
04/13/2026	4506	Hayes Mechanical LLC	2,700.00
04/13/2026	4507	Ingram Library Services	11,957.02
04/13/2026	4508	Jean Carroll	18.85
04/13/2026	4509	JourneyEd.com, Inc.	1,515.84
04/13/2026	4510	Kristin Carrera	565.00
04/13/2026	4511	Nextiva, Inc.	1,296.81
04/13/2026	4512	OverDrive, Inc.	8,706.18
04/13/2026	4513	Peregrine, Stime, Newman, Ritzman & Bruckner, Ltd.	1,125.00
04/13/2026	4514	The Atlantic Monthly Group LLC	74.95
04/13/2026	4515	The Davey Tree Expert Company	3,185.00
04/13/2026	4516	Unique Management Services, Inc.	108.35
04/21/2026	4517	Andrew Krause	180.00
04/21/2026	4518	City of Darien	50.00
04/21/2026	4519	KFM Consulting, Inc.	100.00
04/21/2026	4520	Marcy ThomasBurns	480.00
04/21/2026	4521	Mary Launi	300.00
04/21/2026	4522	NCPERS Group Life Insurance	64.00
04/21/2026	4523	Quill LLC	644.70
04/24/2026	ACH1 4/26	Blackstone Publishing, Inc.	1,797.27
04/24/2026	ACH2 4/26	Case Lots Inc.	1,040.40
04/24/2026	ACH3 4/26	Cengage Learning, Inc.	251.91
04/24/2026	ACH4 4/26	Dell Marketing L.P.	24,995.66
04/24/2026	ACH5 4/26	Hagg Press, Inc.	560.00
04/24/2026	ACH6 4/26	JANPRO Franchise Development of Northern Illinois	5,595.00
04/24/2026	ACH7 4/26	Kanopy	350.20
04/24/2026	ACH8 4/26	Midwest Tape	9,860.13
04/24/2026	ACH9 4/26	Nextiva, Inc.	19.27
04/24/2026	ACH10 4/26	NobleTec LLC	18,940.03
04/24/2026	ACH11 4/26	Specialty Mat Service	137.48
04/24/2026	ACH12 4/26	Springshare LLC	53.40

Indian Prairie Public Library District
Bill Payment List
April 2026

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
04/24/2026	ACH13 4/26	SWAN	12,183.74
04/29/2026	ACH Sharon 4/2026	Bank of America	541.57
04/29/2026	ACH Maria 4/2026	Bank of America	1,357.00
04/29/2026	ACH Gail 4/2026	Bank of America	2,870.58
04/29/2026	ACH Joe 4/2026	Bank of America	668.26
04/29/2026	ACH Kristen 4/2026	Bank of America	1,961.09
04/29/2026	ACH Laura 4/2026	Bank of America	300.00
04/29/2026	ACH Amy 4/2026	Bank of America	811.90
Total for 10127 Republic Bank Operating Account			\$ 119,733.02

Bills for approval – Electronic Payments & Automatic Withdrawals

APRIL 2026

Vendor	Purpose	Date Paid	Amount Paid
Federal & IL	Payroll taxes	4/08/2026	26,611.24
Federal & IL	Payroll taxes	4/22/2026	26,113.71
IMRF	Payroll Pension-March	4/16/2026	32,590.91
Mission Square	457 Plan	4/10/2026	50.00
Mission Square	457 Plan	4/24/2026	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	4/09/2026	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	4/23/2026	50.00
DAC	Deposit to HRA	4/02/2026	138.30
DAC	Deposit to HRA	4/07/2026	254.45
DAC	Deposit to HRA	4/08/2026/	22.76
DAC	Deposit to HRA	4/16/2026	1,028.27
DAC	Deposit to HRA	4/22/2026	1,848.84
DAC	Deposit to HRA	4/29/2026	542.72
Lauterbach & Amen	Payroll Service	4/08/2026	716.00
Constellation	Electric	4/13/2026	4,608.77
Nicor	Gas	4/16/2026	3,356.75
United Healthcare	Group Health Premium	4/10/2026	30,764.46
ELS	License Stickers		7,086.00
ELS	ELS Fee (March)	4/03/2026	91.20
INB & Republic	Cr Card & Bank Fees	4/20/2026	348.61

Executive Director's Report: April 2026

Packet Highlights:

The staff report this month is Jeanine Clinton, Resource Services Librarian/Technical Services Supervisor and Jordan Calabrese, Youth and Teen Resource Services Librarian who will present an overview of our award book program and collections.

During National Library Week at the end of April, we collected responses from our visitors to the prompt: "Tell us what you love about IPPL." We collected hundreds of responses that are very worth reading. They are attached to my report.

I have included an article from the "Mommy Poppins" blog which highlights Indian Prairie.

We will be discussing Marian's idea to have a "Meet the Trustees" Table at for the Summer Kick-Off Party (Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) under New Business.

Community Connections:

Amy Merda and I attended the May 6th Willowbrook Burr Ridge Chamber Lunch. Willowbrook Mayor Frank Trilla gave a presentation on the "State of the Village". Mayor Frank highlighted the fact that the Village has lowered property taxes for residents five years in a row.

Amy Merda and I attended the Borse Park Grand Re-Opening on Thursday, May 14th. Borse Park is located at 208 Midway Drive in Willowbrook.

During our elevator replacement project, Baby Brilliance story times will be held at the Willowbrook Community Resource Center.

Legislative Happenings:

The U.S. Department of Justice extended the deadline for Web Accessibility (WCAG 2.1 AA). Indian Prairie's new deadline to comply is April 26, 2028.

I am watching two State of Illinois bills (SB3821 and HB5367) which would raise minimum wage. Both are still in committee.

IPPL Foundation & Friends:

- Book Sale \$136
- Vehicle Stickers \$12
- Movie donations \$9

Continuing Education Webinars (Total CE hours: 7.5):

Engagement Beats Promotion: A Community-Centered Approach to Marketing (1 hr)
Mental Health Without a Wellness Budget (1)
Leading with Purpose (1.5)

Partnerships for People and Their Libraries (1)
Engagement Beats Promotion (1)
Customer Experience Forum (2)

Trainings, Meetings and Events:

4/28 Person-In-Charge Training
4/30 Person-In-Charge Training
5/1 IPPL Volunteer Luncheon
5/6 WBBR Chamber Lunch
5/13 RAILS Member Update
5/13 Building & Grounds Meeting
5/14 Department Head Meeting
5/14 Borse Park Grand Re-Opening
5/20 Library Board Meeting

In April, I had 51 one-on-ones.

Submitted by: Laura Birmingham

National Library Week Comment Sheets 2026

The wonderful library staff! Thank you for all you do.

The helpful pleasant library workers.

I love the friendly staff, book clubs, great selections and bargain books and puzzles!!!

The helpful employees.

I love them because I use the silent rooms when I have to take tests. I use the scanner or printer when my office scanner or printer is not working.

I love the environment, people, and the welcoming space everyone brings here. As I am studying for a while now, here at IPPL, I have really never felt more at home. Thanks for all you guys do.

Has everything that one needs to live.

EVERYTHING!! I love this beautiful indoor and outdoor space to read and learn...so many opportunities await you here!

I love the events and the fun paint n' sips.

I love this library because it is inclusive! You not only think about the young, you think about the old. It is also very neat and friendly staff.

I love the bricks outside the garden with notes.

I'm coming here with kids, they love it. It's always a pleasure. Great ambient, pleasant staff and a paradise of books.

It is a wonderful place to talk to community members and make friends. It's also a very creative place to show your creativity.

Wonderful staff. Great book discussions.

The library has lots of free fun things to do!

I enjoy coming here to study for college! It's a really nice environment for all age groups, and I always seem to get my work done here. I also appreciate the resources here.

The variety of selection!

A world of adventure awaits for readers-right here in "D-Town!"

I go to IPPL almost everyday to read/study/hangout. I love that our community is able to have all these books for free! I love reading and have around 21 books checked out right now... IPPL is my comfort place and I love coming here. The librarians are so nice and I absolutely LOVE Beth.

I love IPPL because I can get peace and quiet here, and I love to read and relax. A great way to destress from my daily life and the world.

Cool place to chill, and cool books!!!

My son always find so much to do and strengthen his love for reading and playing constructively.

Everyone is so nice and helpful! Library is always quiet and clean.

The online check out/hold system. All the programs for kids as well as adults. Very well run.

Books, art, friends!

Because I like all of the classes you can take and all of the different books you can read!!!

I love the library because of all the programs for kids there are. I love that there is plenty of availability for meeting with teachers for tutoring in an open space.

I find all the good books here!

So many great programs for the family. Maker Studio is also such a wonderful place to learn new crafting skills.

The staff is always helpful; and, "the library goers" are nice to speak with, sharing ideas and experiences.

My main library. Good staff.

Amazing resources and staff. I LOVE the Maker Studio!

They have everything! So friendly and kind always.

I. Prairie has a very good variety of community and extra programming & events, a very good selection of newspapers, and a awesome reference and do-it-yourself section. Thanks!!

IPPL has sponsored the IPPL chess club for 24 years at no cost to the participants. This has benefited everyone in our locality. It also brought much foot traffic to the library. A win-win for everybody!

Book club leaders. Joe, Tori, and Jen.

The librarians are very nice and everyone there is too. It's a great community to be a part of.

It's a place of peace. When I'm here I feel the most relaxed.

Children's library.

It's quiet, very modern and pretty! Also beautiful around the walls & staff is always kind and helpful. Outside of the building is pretty and flowers are always well kept!

Best selection of books and friendly staff!

I love the library so much. I come here everyday to this lovely environment and amazing resources!!

It has been the best library ever & will forever be!

It has helped me get easily adjust to living in a newer area without too much money. Found some work, books, events, and also internet access for free. Thank you IPPL.

As a homeschool family, we love all the books and resources that have enriched our education!

The services provided: copy service, maker space, great selection of books.

We love to come for storytime and read books.

I love all the programs for kids, especially Preschool Play with Miss Erin.

It's a window to the world with its internet, books, and movies.

Love the books.

The children's area is great. Love the website to order a book.

Has always something fun to do.

Great kids section, great ILL, great helpful staff!

Otto (2) and I come here almost every day. This is his favorite place. We read at least 15 books, do puzzles, play with kids. Then can't wait to come back.

Great library-great people.

Great books!!!

Great selection, great staff!

Because it is very informative: and give everyone a place to study and equip themselves.

Everyone is so helpful!

Nicest people work here.

Computer tech.

Good selection of movies and music CDs. Interlibrary loan is awesome.

They always help me get the books and info I need!

We love the librarians! They are so kind, helpful, and patient with our children. We also love all the fun programs to help our kids learn and grow!

Cause it is convenient to come and borrow and read books. I love reading.

So helpful, great book and DVD selection.

I love the storytime and play areas. Its always clean.

It has everything! Information, entertainment, new ideas, crafts, emerging technology, puzzles to do, places to meet for classes or hangouts, and books or ways to access them. We're there every week, sometimes more than once. We do love it!

All the kid activities.

Checking out the sewing machine.

The Maker Studio is amazing! The library staff is extremely helpful and personable!

I love the large print books!

I love the variety of books and video games that are at this library.

They are super nice with the student volunteers!!!

Because I love books library my work at here.

It gives out free coffee.

It's big and has a lot of options for myself and my kids.

I love all the great resources—the Maker Studio, Library of Things, and wonderful classes and programs.

For the incredible resources offered to use for free and a sense of community and commitment to education!

Welcoming place to do computer-related chores, read, and “run-into” locals. Great, educational programs are available.

Amazing play space for kids, unique Maker Space and great book collection! My son and I love having library picnics!

Because all of the people are very nice and caring and this library always has the best books and most amazing programs.

It's beautiful, clean and organized. Most importantly the staff is always welcoming and helpful. Thanks.

IPPL IS AMAZING! From the Library of Things to retro video and board games, to the fabulous selection of books to the wonderful staff, to meeting for girl scouts and events, this place has it all! Thanks for all you do!

Books books and more books.

“It has all the amazing books” - my 4 year old daughter.

It's the best and we can get all our favorite books!

Fun place to hang.

To use there computers and get books and find friends.

Love reading books.

Because it has great books and video games.

Great staff—professional, efficient.

They have the best resources, always have an available pc, very friendly staff whom are always available to assist. Thank you!

Hours are great.

We love the kids section, all the special activities and Miss Erin.

Because they have a Maker Studio. I love creating special gifts for family.

I love the IPPL because I love the books and activity.

It has computers, crafts, and cool 3d printer stuff.

Because its cool.

They have things to color.

You have computers.

It always has great opportunities and fun events while still adding learning. IPPL has a great impact on the community and always has amazing librarians that help me and give me advice.

I have come for years love audiobook choices.

Love for retirees.

I absolutely love the Maker Studio! It is the best thing!

Programs for kids and library online so I can read all the new books on my tablet.

So many activities and a good place where I can take my grandson.

They have the best lectures, the best staff, and the best selection of books, and now a change for free coffee!?!?

It is my refuge.

The events here for the kids are amazing and they really enjoy themselves. I also come here for work and will always get a room.

Because it is so fun to read here and the cooking books.

I love the IPPL because it feels like a quiet world full of endless possibilities, where every book is waiting, to be discovered. It's one of the few places where time slows down, and you can focus, think, and escape all at once.

Everyone is always so helpful and friendly.

Abundance of resources, i.e. Maker Studio and staff that are knowledgeable and patient.

It is my spirited and intellectual oasis.

They have great animes and DVD and Blu Ray and the location is beautiful.

Wonderful programs for all ages, great diversity, learning opportunities, commitment to the community.

I love getting holds, the games, movies, videogames, and the Maker Studio. Also, we got our passports here and it was super easy.

Has amazing books, amazing people, and such a diversity of items to borrow! WE LOVE IPPL!

Books and children classes.

Always stocked with new books.

Early childhood classes.

It has everything and more. Love the Spanish classes and wonderful lectures.

My toddler utilizes your early literacy programs, and we've gone to a number of family events and activities. We're also used the Explore More Illinois. Love you library!

You can ALWAYS find something of interest!

You guys helped me raise my kids here—they are all grown up and my son Lucas loves his job here! Thanks Indian Prairie.

My bookcase is unlimited!

Close to home, great selection of books, friendly staff.

It is fun, interesting, and has books!

Because it has books that we love, games, Maker Studio, homeschooling classes, investing magazines, extra classes and the inexpensive Book Sale.

There are nice people.

Free coffee.

The DVD books and the DVD movies!

It's close. The people are courteous. They have most books.

I love IPPL because the vibe is so conducive to audiences of all ages. I can enjoy time here with my kids age 23-11 years. The librarians are so friendly and helpful which is the greatest part of making the library so welcoming!

Great services, polite staff.

Time requests fulfilled. Great classes for adults.

There are a lot of choices for people of all ages. Subjects are interesting.

Friendly staff, variety of materials.

I love it because you all make so comfortable and I really love getting books here. I get like three books every time! I love you guys here your super nice and all the events are so fun! I've been in some! Love the library!

Great service, prompt pick up of holds.

Everyone is so helpful and friendly! Great quiet place to get work done.

Great book selections for teachers.

I love IPPL because you can check out lots of different books.

I love IPPL because you can also check out video games.

I love IPPL because I can check out sewing machines/PS5, etc.

I love your selection of books.

You can checkout a variety of books.

I grew up coming to IPPL. I love the dedicated areas to mid-kids and teens. I learned a lot of new skills through the events like sewing and 3-D printing. I also love seeing my friends in the summer and Volunteer program. Overall, it's a great place to study and HAS A CAFE which is amazing because most other libraries have food.

I enjoy mysteries very much, and the library is bursting with them!

Been coming here since I was a toddler, love the Maker Studio!!

It's close to school. It has a friendly environment.

The library is very big. It has a lot of books.

I love this library because it's so close to the Hinsdale South High School, like literally a walking distance and for this reason I come here practically every day. It has so many good volunteer opportunities as well and obviously any book you ever could imagine. Ultimately, the staff are also some of the kindest people I've ever met.

The staff of IPPL are always so welcoming, friendly, and helpful.

Everyone is welcome here.

Its the heart of Darien, friendly staff, endless books, free Wi-Fi, fun events and cozy reading spots all under one roof. Where else can you borrow a ukelele, learn 3-D printing, and find your best favorite movie? IPPL proves libraries aren't just around, they're thriving.

It is so much peace and quick here. Also neat and main rooms. The librarians are so helpful and go out of their way to help in every way possible. Love the ambiance!!

All the choices on the website—lots of information. Easy to navigate. Library of Things. Ease of placing holds and getting books from other libraries.

So many fun books to read and for kids to play Legos!

"The Workers." I cannot think of a bad one. Very helpful, very knowledgeable. I like to know how you get them throughout the years I written a lot of compliments. (P.S. They used to get a meal from a compliment—must be too many now!)

They have everything!

I love the studio maker where I can make so many cool things!

Lots of activities and book choices.

All of the programs—from adult classes to child storytimes. The Maker Studio! The lending library. And of course the books. And librarians!

I love all knitting books here. Also, when I need one, I can ease order it.

All of the beautiful art displays!

I love going somewhere that I'm not bombarded with advertisements, the quiet atmosphere, and all the free books.

I love the movies and adult presentations.

Very nice staff so helpful all the time. Very clean and quiet place to have your coffee when I win it and read a book.

There has been something for each family member to do no matter the age. Our kids started coming when we moved here (1+4 years old). Now, (15+18) love the Makerspace and always the books!

Awesome staff! Able to get books and books on CD I need for book club. Love the programs offered here from plants in spring, summer ice-cream celebration, programs on cherry blossoms, crochet (pls offer another because I was on waitlist and didn't get in), and many more. Love flight attendant presentation.

It is nice to work and it has bathrooms.

Very beautiful books.

I love the movies and programs like Cherry Tree Fests of Japan.

I love the nice people who work here and the clean environment.

They organize several activities for kids and love reading books.

My learned to love to read because of IPPL—the helpful and kind librarians, the amazing selection of books, and resources. Now they are teenagers and volunteer to give back. I also love putting books on hold and the convenience of the drive thru. Thank you for everything!

I love all the resources from being able to craft and create in the Maker Studio to borrowing a book to read. I feel like IPPL has everything!

IPPL is just an amazing place to get books! Thank you for also letting me play with the video games! The employees here help a lot! Thank you for everything you do for us!

The staff is wonderful. You have or find everything I need.

What I love most about our library is that it is my ultimate “reset button.” In a loud world, the library is a quiet space and time. Whether I am tucked in a corner or just browsing, I can “refresh.” Thank you for providing a welcoming space.

Great staff, great environment, clean building.

Great collection of books for all ages. Helping and cheerful staff members. Very comfortable sitting area.

Because here's awesome books.

The library is the heartbeat of our community! I learned some new hobbies in the technology center. The library makes learning free, fun and adventurous too. I know the friendly faces at the front desk support me and I support them.

The options! Between books, movies, Library of Things, eBooks—it's like Christmas every time I come to the library.

IPPL lets me be a lifelong learner.

Brings me peace and quiet.

Friendly place to meet, sit, talk, and most importantly read!!!

Books.

This has been my library for 20 years. I love hanging out, reading, studying, and getting access to everything I want and need!

Legos for Kids, the Maker Studio, and all the programs.

I love the new features in addition to books. Roku and Libby and hoopla. My granddaughter loves the books and play areas.

The staff members are all so helpful and have all the resources and classes.

Great selection of staff.

I love IPPL because it has all the books and everything I want. It has tons of interactive stuff and activities for my daughters. IPPL is by far the best library near here.

It is the best place for the whole family!

Love the books recommended by staff. Love the Maker Studio classes.

Love the Library of Things and staff.

The world's best! Library in the whole wide world! No lies! It is and it's beyond words! Come here everyday! Love this place and it's staff are wonderful and support in helping you! Good service that's why I'm here everyday!

I have been coming here for 8.5 years since my daughter was a few months old. We did all the baby/toddler programs and now she does all the big kid ones she can. I think it is her fave place. It started her love of books. Reading is and has been her fave thing since she was young. I love all this place offers! Thanks!

Free movies for movie night!!!

I like the movie selection.

Great staff. Maker Studio.

I like IPPL because they have fun books.

I love IPPL because is quiet and I can work in my homework, bring my kids to read.

Lots of book choices. Great place to study!

Everyone is so helpful and we save money getting books and technology. Our kids like to read thanks to the library.

Books.

Friendly and informative staff.

I have been using the library for many years, recently started using Libby (the library app) to borrow books for kindle etc. Since I retired, I have been reading up to 3 books a week! It's nice to have this resource and coffee and books just go together!

Clean, relaxing, helpful.

I love the use of computer.

I love it because of all the activities, books, and fundraisers.

You have everything we need from movies to music, and a great selection of books! My 4-year-old loves to play, read, and meet new friends.

I've been coming here since i was a kid and I love the amount of books they have. I also like the Maker Space, the events, and the coffee/vending machines.

Location, people, and the amount of stuff and activities they offer are awesome!

I love the people, the programs, and, of course, the books.

You can get books and there is always fun activities and clubs!

Service is great, my books are always received in a timely manner. I enjoy your activities.

It's simply the best library.

I love to read—always a new adventure and IPPL allows me to explore continuously.

I love watching my kids learn to love books and how to read. We have discovered many stories that my 5-year-old continues to remember and enjoy on repeat.

Access to books, the Maker Studio, and community.

The children's department is so inviting and desk staff is always eager to help us find what we need!

Because they have amazing books and movies.

So many books to choose from. Cheaper than buying books. Something to do at 4:30 a.m.

I love IPPL because there a lot of books.

I love IPPL because they are always willing to help and give people books and things for free.

I love books, and all the staff are so nice and helpful.

There is free books so my mom doesn't have to keep buying books for me.

Well it not the kind people that work here. They are not friendly.

People here are always so kind and I grew up coming to his library and 20 years later still one of my favorite places.

I LOVE the Maker Studio and all the cool things you can do.

I love IPPL because it is such a reliable space to study!

I love the play place and all the books.

Because there's lot of books.

Because of the play place.

It's awesome for me and my sisters to come and read and check out movies.

Because its always so clean!

Because I love learning history and it's quiet.

The seed library!!

Maker Studio!

Because I can learn and experience new things.

It's a great place to learn and play!

I love sleeping in the bathrooms.

I love libraries and all they offer! And, of course I am an avid reader.

So many great books!!

Everything a library should be.

The variety of books, love the puzzles, and the equipment we can rent out.

Great selection of books and love the ambience for work.

IPPL is a true community "Library of Alexandra" that embodies sharing, learning, and bring people together for common ground and understanding.

I love the librarians! The kids area is always so well maintained.

It is a welcoming and warm environment. The biggest plus is that when there are books in succession they are numbered so I don't read the same book twice!

Best library—great staff.

The Maker Studio is an opportunities for me to express my creativity in ways I never have been able to before. It offers me something to get excited about!

Great programs for kids and adults!

Lots of books.

I love the library and so does my child—we love books and reading and the child programs!

The kids books! And kids activities.

Storytime and activities for my daughter.

The staff is always helpful and welcoming. The collection is great especially books. Thank you!

Love to read!

It's a no judgement zone! I love the diverse book display each month. More importantly, my kids love coming here too!

I like being able to use the computers when I need to and the friendly and helpful employees.

Staff is really helpful. Easy access to many books as eBooks, hoopla, and Libby. Maker Studio is terrific!

Excellent selection of books and kids area!

The library is our happy place.

I love the activities.

I love gaining new knowledge with rapidly supplied books and taking advantage of the crafts center. My CB kids love coming here as well.

I love the kids area.

I love this library so much. I come here everyday to this lovely environment and amazing resources!

I never leave empty handed, I love the staff suggested books—they have great taste in books!

There are many things I enjoy at this library—the peaceful atmosphere, helpful staff, new books (fiction and nonfiction), great variety of materials, even an electric scooter to use if needed. A great place to be!

The many services it provides, not only getting new best sellers, but, talks, kiddie activities, movies, computer opportunities. Such a great place.

Deputy Director's Report: April 2026

Building & Grounds:

We are still in the process of getting three quotes each for the electrical and alarm work required by the elevator replacement project. We have asked several contractors of each type for quotes, and so far we've received two alarm quotes and one electrical quote. Alex at Colley has conducted two in-person walkthroughs of the space and the scope, and he is prepared to send the same information over email to any additional contractors if needed.

Additionally, Joe closed 40 building tickets in April. Highlights include: 1) Worked with Hayes to correct HVAC automation issues that was resulting in warm temperatures in the building, 2) Did the heavy lifting and packing to take down the archaeology exhibit, and 3) Installed additional shelving in the Teen Space.

Staff Training:

In April I conducted Person-in-Charge training on technology emergencies.

Meetings:

- Department Head meeting, 4/23
- Library Board meeting, 4/15
- Six month onboarding check-ins with Ayah, Jessica, and Isabelle
- Regular check-in meetings with Joe, twice/week (ongoing)
- Regular check-in meetings with Tony, once/week (ongoing)

Technology Highlights:

The security camera server upgrade and migration went very well. We experienced no downtime in camera service and the cameras are all successfully recording to the new server. We are keeping the old server online and archived for 35 days, then we will delete the old footage and dispose of it.

MFA implementation for staff email is scheduled to roll out the week of May 18. We are working with NobleTec to configure accounts so staff are not prompted for a code while working onsite or through a library-created VPN connection. However, they will be prompted for a code if: 1) their role at IPPL requires the ability to access email offsite and 2) they are working offsite on a different network or computer, such as their cell phone or their home computer.

The new phone system is also scheduled to go live the week of May 18. Advantages include a new vFAX service that will save several minutes of equipment troubleshooting every time we receive a fax, access to an app that will allow staff to make and receive calls on their cell phones as if they were doing it from their desk phones, better security due to the ability for each user to set their own voicemail PIN and automatic software and firmware updates provided by

Nextiva, and finally, the ability for administrators on staff to securely use any network connection to make changes to our phone system, such as changing the phone menu greeting or setting up an emergency closing message.

Additionally, Tony closed 47 tech tickets in April. Highlights include: 1) Fixed a Hatch software licensing issue on the Maker Studio laptops, 2) Worked with Dell to get an SD card reader slot repaired on a circulating laptop, and 3) Worked with NobleTec to facilitate the security camera server upgrade.

Report submitted by: Kristen Lawson

Jill Yott, Communications Coordinator, Report for Board of Trustees, April 2026

April Gallery

1st Floor: Paul Callahan

2nd Floor: Paul Callahan

Display Cases: The Way Forward Group

Notable Projects/Meetings/Workshops

Met with Gail regarding upcoming projects.

Met with Amy about programming.

Met with Sharon about Maker Studio needs.

Had regular 1-1 meetings with Laura.

Worked on librarian for a day bookmarks with Jordan.

Updated the floor plan.

Did new tags with Jeanine.

Fernanda and I attended the first part of a virtual marketing workshop hosted by ILA.

Fernanda and I attended several workshops on accessibility.

Created other signs as requested by the P & O team, Resource Services, and Kristen.

Summer Reading

April is among the busiest time for Summer Reading preparation for marketing.

Created a coupon, copied, and cut the Zazzo's coupon.

Prepared the first two summer reading emails.

Updated reading logs; created a new one for teens.

Updated the content on the website.

Created a separate flier for Scholastic Teachable to complement the Mission Math program.

Prepared the Summer Reading flier for schools; sent to printer.

Created banners and yard signs and sent to the printer. Yard signs will be placed in local parks and on library property.

Print Newsletter

The June/July/August was worked on throughout April. Thank you to Laura, Amy, Sharon, Gail, Erin, and Jordan for proofing. It is expected to be dropped at the post office in mid-May.

Outreach

Fernanda pulled together more promotional items for several community events.

An ad was placed in the Hinsdale South *Stinger* for the Volunteers

A virtual backpack flier about Summer Reading was sent to Mid-Kid schools and preschools in our district.

Website

Did minor updates to the site as requested by Laura, Kristen, Gail, Cindy, Jordan, Joe, and Sharon.

Updated the home page to reflect on the current happenings in the library.

Updated the Foundation & Friends website.

Note: As we update pages, we continually make sure we meet accessibility standards. Even though the deadline was extended, we are still improving our pages.

Page 2: Jill Yott, Communications Coordinator, Report for Board of Trustees, April 2026

Yelp & Google

People are using Yelp and Google to access the library.

April Google directions: 1,308

April Google phone calls: 442

April Yelp calls: 25

Enews

Open rates continue to stay steady.

Current Subscribers: 21,591

Date/Type of enews & Open rate

Library Giving Day, April 1: 35 percent

April 2: 35 percent

April 9: 39 percent

April 16: 39 percent

April 23: 37 percent

April 30: 40 percent

Recommends: 44 percent

Birthday: 52 percent

Anniversary: 47 percent

Welcome 1: 72 percent

Welcome 2: 59 percent

Welcome 3: 55 percent

Social Media

Facebook and Instagram both had a surge of followers in April.

Followers March

Facebook: 3,192

Instagram: 1,440

X: 1,124

LinkedIn: 285

YouTube: 222

Threads: 247

BlueSky: 189

Social Media +/- Change from Previous Month

Facebook: +60

Instagram: +32

X: +6

LinkedIn: +5

YouTube: No change

Threads: +3

BlueSky: +9

Guest Services April 2026

Circulation

Total checkouts and renewals for April were 50,935.

76% of our checkouts and renewals were done by self-service; 20% of our checkouts and renewals were done at the desk, and 4% were done at the drive-up.

The library had 20,692 in-person visitors.

634 patrons used the drive-up. 2,011 items were checked out at the drive-up. 893 holds were placed in April for pickup at the drive-up.

Passports: Staff accepted 98 passports.

License plate sticker renewals: Staff sold 50 License plate stickers.

Library Cards: Staff issued a total of 245 library cards: 150 resident and 95 non-resident. 38 cards were initiated remotely.

Total number of IPPL Library cards: 25,715

Birthday gift: Staff handed out 35 birthday gifts.

Cynthia Maiello Gluecklich
Head of Guest Services

Circulation Statistics															
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
July	87,602	80,022	75,425	67,595	59,767	65,323	64,326	38,174	48,269	50,710	58,718	62,630	64,484		
Aug.	77,621	72,824	67,971	63,720	56,603	61,591	60,815	44,438	44,949	50,259	61,685	60,057	56,957		
Sept.	65,873	64,241	57,006	53,375	48,001	43,966	55,401	44,419	40,926	42,524	53,672	46,430	51,923		
Oct.	70,857	65,894	60,141	56,236	51,829	56,250	56,681	45,228	43,085	42,952	56,408	54,050	53,142		
Nov.	68,912	64,203	59,906	53,280	51,105	53,902	53,513	43,386	42,654	43,005	51,651	51,652	50,614		
Dec.	62,642	62,656	56,512	50,932	48,477	51,627	50,504	39,447	42,669	41,917	52,438	48,516	49,847		
Jan.	71,590	69,608	64,231	58,950	53,767	56,972	57,138	42,870	47,860	44,846	57,406	56,726	54,328		
Feb.	65,225	60,286	60,625	54,369	52,259	53,962	54,801	40,445	42,102	42,325	53,832	50,864	47,831		
Mar.	74,816	64,857	65,904	61,856	58,144	59,223	33,850	46,377	47,000	48,922	57,801	55,402	53,964		
Apr.	68,376	71,904	60,424	54,820	52,453	54,270	11,631	29,586	44,598	43,707	54,511	53,269	50,935		
May	61,687	62,018	58,528	54,893	51,329	54,751	15,670	45,473	42,153	43,553	49,626	52,470			
June	74,986	71,702	71,568	60,867	60,743	59,443	26,631	46,565	47,887	51,985	60,675	60,503			
Yearly															
Total	850,187	810,215	758,241	690,893	644,477	671,280	540,961	506,408	534,152	546,705	668,423	652,569	534,025	0	

Programming and Outreach Department – April 2026

Community

On Apr. 8, Aron Ryan, Teen Librarian, facilitated a book-making activity with 27 students during Lakeview Junior High's Spartan Hour.

Laura Warner, Mid-Kids Liaison, interacted with 122 attendees present at the Lacey School Parent Fair, providing information on IPPL programs, collections, and services on Apr. 9.

On Apr. 10, Laura Warner, Margie Martinson, Specialist, and Darien Garden Club member Cathy Streett met to plan collaboration for upcoming summer programs.

Jean Carroll, Adult Librarian, and Kate Kresek, Specialist, provided mobile library service at Harvester Place Senior Living on Apr. 14 to 8 residents, resulting in 9 checkouts.

On Apr. 15, Amy Merda interacted with 14 community members and facilitated a preschool game at the Hinsdale Lake Terrace Clubhouse during a partnership event with YWCA Strong Families staff offering developmental screenings and DuPage Co. Health Dept. staff offering WIC mobile clinic services. Two community members elected to apply for IPPL cards.

On Apr. 16 and Apr. 17, Laura Warner and Margie Martinson facilitated in-library field trip visits with 85 students in first grade classes from Gower West School.

Margie Martinson facilitated a catapult-making activity with 32 students in the Spark Youth after-school program at Anne M. Jeans School on Apr. 17.

Also on Apr. 17, Kate Kresek, Specialist, provided mobile library service to 12 residents at Burr Ridge Senior Living.

On Apr. 20, Amy Merda, Dept. Head, represented IPPL at Cass Jr. High's cultural fair event and provided a flag activity, interacting with 142 attendees.

Jean Carroll and Kate Kresek provided mobile library service to 5 residents at Eden Vista, resulting in 16 checkouts on Apr. 21.

On Apr. 24, Margie Martinson represented IPPL at the Darien Arbor Day Celebration event at Hinsbrook Park.

Laura Warner represented IPPL on Apr. 27 at the 25th Celebration of the Darien Garden Club held at Darien Park District. At the event, Laura connected with 15 attendees to share information on library programming and services.

On Apr. 30, Erin Fergus connected with 47 attendees at Gower West School's Kindergarten Orientation event, sharing information on IPPL programs, materials, and services with one attendee electing to apply for an IPPL card.

Also on Apr. 30, Amy Merda facilitated a Park-Hopper Storytime at Garden View Park with 25 attendees.

A total of 9 teen and young adult volunteers generously volunteered 10.25 hours of time at the library this month.

One hundred sixty-seven packets were taken for use by guests from the 2nd floor Seed Library, which is sponsored by the Darien Garden Club and maintained by Betty Cornfield, Associate.

Programming Highlights

In April, we had **89** programs attended by **3,345** guests. This programming number represents in-library programs (including passive programming) and outreach programming that includes an activity or presentation.

On Apr. 25, 150 community members visited IPPL to connect with 18 local organizations at the annual Volunteer Fair, which was facilitated by Kate Kresek.

National Library Week

Staff in all departments throughout the library enjoyed connecting guests with extra fun and discovery during National Library Week, which took place between April 19th and April 25th.

Sixty-one guests enjoyed the special scavenger hunt offered on the 2nd floor at the K & T Desk which was created by Jordan Calabrese.

On April 20, Kate Kresek connected with 32 community members at the Darien Park District to share information on library programs, materials, and services.

Themed passive activities were offered to all ages in multiple spaces in the 2nd floor Kids & Teens Area.

The popular “Librarian for a Day” contest expanded this year to include multiple winners among the over 40 entries received across both age categories. On Apr. 20, 5 Mid-Kid winners received a special tour and hands-on activities led by Laura Warner with staff highlighting activities in other departments. On Apr. 22, 8 Teen winners received a customized tour and activities led by Aron Ryan along with staff in other departments. Both sets of winners had the opportunity to curate a National Library Week book display on the 2nd floor.

Staff Trainings/Continuing Education

- April: Margie Martinson continued and completed a multi-hour asynchronous OCLC Supercharged Storytimes course
- 4/8: Kate Kresek attended a Programming with Purpose: Adult Programs & Community Partnerships webinar
- 4/28: Erin Fergus and Jean Carroll attended a PIC training
- 4/16-4/17: Aron Ryan attended and presented at the 2026 Future Outlook Conference
- 4/24: Laura Warner attended the LACONI Youth Services Unconference
- 4/30: Laura Warner, Aron Ryan, and Erin Fergus attended a PIC training

Submitted by Amy Merda, P & O Dept. Head
5/13/26

Resource Services Department - April 2026 Report
Submitted by Gail Graziani, Head of Resource Services

Monthly Highlights

- Jordan Calabrese, Youth and Teen Resource Services Librarian, facilitated a scavenger hunt for kids and teens to celebrate National Library Week with 61 individuals participating.
- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, attended the Adult Reading Round Table program, "Play with RA: Passive Readers Advisory," held at the Wheaton Public Library.
- Jeanine Clinton, Resource Services Librarian/Technical Services Supervisor, along with Melanie Alcantara, Acquisitions Specialist, continued to set up accounts with potential materials vendors and to test their invoicing systems.
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, oversaw the conclusion of the annual AARP Tax - Aide program at IPPL on April 10th. Statistics from the program at IPPL include: 484 potential appointments; 449 appointments attended; 447 returns filed; 274 taxpayers will receive refunds and 92 people owe funds; ages ranged from 17 to 99, with an average age of 74.2; taxpayers lived in 42 different suburbs and Chicago, including 120 from Darien, 100 from Willowbrook, 28 from Downers Grove, and 23 from Burr Ridge.
- Jen Ripka, Resource Services Librarian, gathered data and created a report on eBook and eAudiobook usage year-over-year for the Libby and Hoopla platforms.
- T.J. Szafranski, Senior Resource Services Librarian, compiled data gathered over the past year from IPPL's statistical software to determine the busiest times at the Technology Desk.

Displays

- 1st Floor: Superhero Comics, Spring into Reading, Earth Day Inspiration
- 2nd Floor: Grins and Giggles, Librarian for a Day Picks, Funny Reads, Money, Money, Money, Soar into Spring

Librarian Interactions with Guests

- Reference: 223; Readers' Advisory: 17; One-to-One Training: 9; Assistance: 67; Directional: 9

Community

- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, checked out 59 items for Homebound delivery and prepared discussion questions for six outside book groups.
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, coordinated 13 general volunteer hours.

Programs

- Resource Services staff facilitated 13 programs with total attendance of 117, including three book groups and two eBook & eAudiobook classes.

Continuing Education and Contributing to the Profession

- Resource Services staff participated in 26.5 hours of continuing education and contributing to the profession.

Technology and Maker**Board Report****April 2026****Statistics****Programs**

Tech and Maker hosted 13 programs with 100 guests attending.

Maker Studio

One on one: 86

Equipment usage: 156

Maker Studio additional inquiries and assistance: 110

Technology

Technology Desk Assistance: 1213

1 on 1 Training: 8

Directional: 11

Public Wireless Access:**Computer – Patron Use**

Adult Computers: 1588

Kids & Teen Computers: 618

Adult Laptop: 38

Computer – Hours Used

Adult Computers: 1316

Kids & Teen Computers: 263

Adult Laptop: 47

Staff accomplishments**Anthony**

Anthony continues to enter statistics from the Maker Studio and Technology program evaluation forms into the Google form.

Ayah

Ayah has been ensuring that the Maker Studio is stocked with supplies for patrons. She also taught the Sublimation Ceramic Tile program. She also took over toner stocking.

Sharon

Visited the Argonne AI program at IPPL in April to gauge interest. Feedback on this program was positive, and an additional technology program in the Fall was discussed.

Lucas

Lucas successfully completed his first month as a Person-In-Charge.

Victor

Victor has been continuing to work in the Maker Studio and has taken on several laser appointments.

Submitted by:

Sharon Byerly, Head of Technology & Maker Services

STATISTICS FOR	Apr-26	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Circulation</u>					
Adult	19,588	21,890	209,459	229,754	-8.83%
Teen	1,033	1,015	11,240	11,360	-1.06%
Kids	13,988	15,803	152,254	160,545	-5.16%
ILLS Sent	3,752	2,632	34,004	27,170	25.15%
TOTAL	38,361	41,340	406,957	428,829	-5.10%
Electronic Circulation	12,574	11,929	127,068	110,767	14.72%
GRAND TOTAL CIRC.	50,935	53,269	534,025	539,596	-1.03%
% Reciprocal Borrowing	10%	10%	10%	10%	
Patron Visits	21,326	33,013	295,241	306,028	-3.52%
<u>Current Cards</u>					
Resident	150	156	2,483	22,536	-88.98%
Non-Resident	95	8	23,232	2,201	955.52%
TOTAL	245	164	25,715	24,737	3.95%
<u>Patron Assistance</u>					
Adult - Reference	3,150	1,729	24,486	19,115	28.10%
Kids - Reference	1,038	1,026	10,168	9,192	10.62%
Technology - Reference	1,323	1,088	11,443	11,320	1.09%
TOTAL REFERENCE	5,511	3,843	46,097	39,627	16.33%
Adult - Other	39	52	451	552	-18.30%
Kids - Other	45	28	327	293	11.60%
Technology - Other	11	45	156	876	-82.19%
TOTAL OTHER	95	125	934	1,721	-45.73%
GRAND TOTAL ASST.	5,606	3,968	47,031	41,348	13.74%
<u>ILL/Reserves</u>					
Holds	7,428	7,690	76,366	69,932	9.20%
ILLS Sent	3,752	2,632	34,004	27,170	25.15%
ILLS Checked Out	3,386	3,595	35,596	51,163	-30.43%
ILLS Received	3,944	4,265	40,733	41,183	-1.09%
<u>Programs - Adult</u>					
# Programs	17	17	140	148	-5.41%
Attendance	529	499	3,234	3,785	-14.56%
<u>Programs - Tech & Maker</u>					
# Programs	13	9	110	126	-12.70%
Attendance	100	47	854	1,103	-22.57%
<u>Individual Technology Training</u>					
# of Patrons	25	24	276	398	-30.65%
<u>Groups</u>					
# Programs	10	10	95	103	-7.77%
Attendance	99	99	982	943	4.14%
<u>Others</u>					
#Programs	0	0	0	0	
Attendance	0	0	0	0	
<u>Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	5	4	47	44	6.82%
Attendance	49	13	394	407	-3.19%
<u>Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	34	25	229	198	15.66%
Attendance	943	564	7,438	5,045	47.43%
GRAND TOTAL ATT.	1,745	1,246	13,178	11,681	12.82%

STATISTICS FOR	Apr-26	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Passive Programs - Adult</u>					
#Programs	2	3	21	25	-16.00%
Attendance	43	66	648	1,660	-60.96%
<u>Passive Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	2	1	32	18	77.78%
Attendance	170	33	1,240	906	36.87%
<u>Passive Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	19	16	169	138	22.46%
Attendance	1,512	1,157	14,837	12,977	14.33%
<u>Computers - Patron Use</u>					
Adult Computers	1,588	1,543	15,747	16,153	-2.51%
Kids & Teens Computers	618	522	6,164	5,768	6.87%
Adult Laptop	38	18	238	82	190.24%
TOTAL PATRON USE	2,244	2,083	22,149	22,003	0.66%
<u>Hours Used</u>					
Adult Computers	1,316	1,235	13,371	13,485	-0.85%
Kids & Teens Computers	263	233	2,648	3,035	-12.75%
Adult Laptop	47	26	279	104	168.27%
TOTAL HOURS USED	1,626	1,494	16,298	16,624	-1.96%
<u>Wireless Total Connections</u>	9,804	9,940	100,925	84,017	20.12%
<u>IPPL Total Web Site Access</u>	14,327	13,204	156,375	125,942	24.16%
<u>IPPL Total Page Views</u>	55,847	44,452	526,477	460,525	14.32%
<u>Subscription Database Logins</u>	11,393	4,836	96,324	48,031	100.55%
<u>Outreach-Homebound</u>					
Items Delivered	59	84	737	1,081	-31.82%
<u>Volunteers</u>					
Number Active	18	15			
Hours Worked	48	57	1,132	909	24.53%
<u>Staff Training Hours</u>	82	59	1,135	1,157	-1.90%
<u>Room Use</u>					
Conference Rooms	769	815	7,666	7,890	-2.84%
Meeting Rooms					
Library	50	70	487	584	-16.61%
Non-Library	12	18	167	183	-8.74%
Board Room					
Library	26	27	254	221	14.93%
Non-Library	16	27	155	198	-21.72%

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR PHYSICAL FORMATS - April 2026

BOOKS	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Reference	116	0	34	82
Non-Fiction	29,007	221	142	29,086
Fiction	30,218	300	218	30,300
ADULT TOTALS	59,341	521	394	59,468
KIDS				
Non-Fiction	13,275	31	61	13,245
Fiction	24,369	256	124	24,501
Books + Audio (Vox, WonderBooks)	232	1	0	233
KIDS TOTALS	37,876	288	185	37,979
TEEN				
Non-Fiction	758	19	2	775
Fiction	3,788	60	18	3,830
TEEN TOTALS	4,546	79	20	4,605
BOOK TOTALS	101,763	888	599	102,052

AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Audiobooks on CD	5,665	36	199	5,502
Music CDs	4,344	1	0	4,345
Vinyl Records	37	0	0	37
Playaway's	361	3	0	364
ADULT TOTALS	10,407	40	199	10,248
KIDS				
Audiobooks on CD	349	6	1	354
Music CDs	162	0	0	162
Playaway's	177	9	0	186
KIDS TOTALS	688	15	1	702
TEEN				
Audiobooks on CD	76	0	0	76
Playaway's	18	0	0	18
TEEN TOTALS	94	0	0	94
AUDIO TOTALS	11,189	55	200	11,044

VIDEO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
DVD & Blu-ray	18,981	72	30	19,023
ADULT TOTALS	18,981	72	30	19,023
KIDS				
DVD & Blu-ray	3,790	21	3	3,808
KIDS TOTALS	3,790	21	3	3,808
VIDEO TOTALS	22,771	93	33	22,831

OTHER	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Book Club to Go	17	1	0	18
Library of Things	93	5	2	96
Devices (Rokus, Tablets, eReaders, Record Players)	73	0	2	71
Console Games	617	0	0	617
ADULT TOTALS	800	6	4	802
KIDS				
Kits (STEM, Book Bundles, etc.)	187	0	0	187
Puzzles	25	0	1	24
Launchpads	19	2	0	21
eReaders	3	0	0	3
Console Games	356	0	0	356
Board Games - Juvenile	18	0	0	18
Equipment (CD Players, headphones, aux cords)	11	0	0	11
KIDS TOTALS	619	2	1	620
TEEN				
eReaders	2	0	0	2
Tablets	2	0	0	2
Board Games	71	3	0	74
TEEN TOTALS	75	3	0	78
OTHER TOTALS	1,494	11	5	1,500
COLLECTION TOTALS	137,217	1,047	837	137,427

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR ELECTRONIC FORMATS - Apr 2026

eBOOKS	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Hoopla (ebooks & comics)	1,186,986	-4,377	1,182,609
eMedia (OverDrive Consortium)	19,708	21	19,729
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	8,185	-22	8,163
Preloaded eReader titles	285	12	297
eBook Totals	1,215,164	-4,366	1,210,798
AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Audiobooks			
Hoopla	390,050	6,876	396,926
eMedia (Overdrive Consortium)	7,546	16	7,562
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	2,557	16	2,573
Preloaded Audiobook titles	216	1	217
Music			
Hoopla	561,223	3,792	565,015
Audio Total	961,592	10,701	972,293
VISUAL	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Videos			
Hoopla (includes TV Episodes)	37,491	735	38,226
Kanopy	37,060	155	37,215
Preloaded Adult Roku Titles	1,734	9	1,743
Preloaded Family Roku Titles	253	1	254
Visual Totals	76,538	900	77,438
Total Audio/Visual	1,038,130	11,601	1,049,731
Collection Totals	2,253,294	7,235	2,260,529

INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 4/30/2026

Balance on hand as of March 31, 2026.....	2,923,256.04
Cash Receipts for April.....	115,268.36
Cash Disbursements for April.....	405,714.99
Cash on hand as of April 30, 2026.....	2,632,809.41

Investments

Illinois Funds (Money Market) - Average Monthly Rate 3.774%	
General.....	1,024,146.37
MPI Investment (Corporate Fund).....	1,422,792.05
Republic Bank - Savings - Rate 2.57%.....	156,943.48
Republic Bank - Checking General.....	11,269.07
Republic Bank - Payroll Account.....	4,822.66
Republic Bank - License Sticker Account.....	12,231.78
Petty Cash/Circulation.....	604.00
Balances as of April 30, 2026.....	2,632,809.41

FUND BALANCES AS OF 4/30/2026

Corporate Fund.....	2,402,980.60
Building & Maintenance Fund.....	2,837.71
I.M.R.F. Fund.....	601.61
Liability Fund.....	(5,015.22)
Social Security Fund.....	6,773.96
Special Reserve Fund.....	-
Deferred Taxes.....	99,003.13
Current Liabilites.....	224,630.75
Grand Total All Funds.....	2,632,809.41

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**Indian Prairie Public Library District
Consolidated Revenue Report for April 2026**

Percent of Year: 83.33

	RECEIVED April 2026	RECEIVED THIS YEAR	PRCT COLL	BUDGET RECEIPTS	UNCOLLECTED RECEIPTS
PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST					
41100 · Property Taxes	0.00	4,479,627.41	99.45%	4,504,300.00	24,672.59
41150 · Non-current Property Taxes	0.00	364.93	0.00%	800.00	435.07
43100 · Interest-Tax Levy	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST	0.00	4,479,992.34	99.44%	4,505,100.00	25,107.66
INTERGOVERNMENTAL					
42200 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	64,740.70	99.60%	65,000.00	259.30
42300 · LIMRiCC	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	0.00	64,740.70	99.60%	65,000.00	259.30
INTEREST					
43500 · Interest - Investment	3,879.68	63,250.33	90.36%	70,000.00	6,749.67
TOTAL INTEREST	3,879.68	63,250.33	90.36%	70,000.00	6,749.67
DESK MONIES					
45100 · Copier	252.70	2,069.48	98.55%	2,100.00	30.52
45120 · Computer Copies	1,882.54	18,734.39	133.82%	14,000.00	-4,734.39
45130 · Fax	429.39	3,335.50	95.30%	3,500.00	164.50
45200 · Fines/Fees	470.48	3,564.86	89.12%	4,000.00	435.14
45250 · Gifts/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00%	50.00	50.00
45300 · Lost Materials	2,644.83	6,801.48	136.03%	5,000.00	-1,801.48
45350 · Non-Resident Fees	8,358.44	107,403.56	113.06%	95,000.00	-12,403.56
45550 · Meeting Room Rental	0.00	987.50	65.83%	1,500.00	512.50
45600 · ILL Fees	20.00	98.71	39.48%	250.00	151.29
45650 · Maker Studio	1,081.41	10,916.86	136.46%	8,000.00	-2,916.86
45700 · Passport Fees	3,500.00	27,413.50	97.91%	28,000.00	586.50
45800 · License Stickers	364.80	3,220.35	107.35%	3,000.00	-220.35
TOTAL DESK MONIES	19,004.59	184,546.19	112.25%	164,400.00	-20,146.19
OTHER INCOME					
46500 · OCLC Refund	0.00	608.98	0.00%	500.00	-108.98
46700 · Miscellaneous	247.28	773.58	773.58%	100.00	-673.58
46800 · Collection Agency Fee	20.00	368.42	122.81%	300.00	-68.42
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	267.28	1,750.96	194.55%	900.00	-850.96
TOTAL	23,151.55	4,794,280.52	99.77%	4,805,400.00	11,119.48
49000 · Operating Transfer In					
GRAND TOTAL	23,151.55	4,794,280.52	99.77%	4,805,400.00	11,119.48

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Indian Prairie Public Library District Consolidated Expenditures Report for April 2026

Percent of Year: 83.33

	April 26	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
PERSONNEL							
61100 · Salaries	204,871.77	2,215,411.13	84.95%	2,607,784.00	392,372.87		
61310 · Benefits - Medical / Life Ins.	24,844.82	194,313.08	65.74%	295,587.00	101,273.92		
61330 · Benefits - IMRF	23,142.68	251,505.37	85.75%	293,302.00	41,796.63		
61340 · Benefits - FICA	15,047.67	163,477.19	81.95%	199,495.00	36,017.81		
61400 · Staff Development	1,508.21	10,296.36	51.48%	20,000.00	9,703.64		
61600 · Board Development	70.00	574.16	114.83%	500.00	-74.16		
61710 · Workers Compensation	0.00	4,637.00	105.60%	4,391.00	-246.00		
61720 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	1,026.49	34.22%	3,000.00	1,973.51		
TOTAL PERSONNEL	269,485.15	2,841,240.78	82.98%	3,424,059.00	582,818.22	3,600,000.00	78.92%
RESOURCES							
62100 · Books	10,598.12	107,719.94	64.29%	167,542.00	59,822.06		
62200 · Periodicals	113.94	11,486.70	61.53%	18,668.00	7,181.30		
62300 · Audio	2,041.84	12,851.55	56.99%	22,550.00	9,698.45		
62400 · Video	2,406.53	17,687.89	53.60%	33,000.00	15,312.11		
62500 · Multi-Media	646.96	3,860.42	52.88%	7,300.00	3,439.58		
62600 · eResources	16,661.71	191,492.03	80.17%	238,850.00	47,357.97		
62700 · Console Games	79.04	3,635.91	60.60%	6,000.00	2,364.09		
62800 · Damaged Item Replacement	737.60	4,450.97	68.48%	6,500.00	2,049.03		
62900 · Resources Supplies	1,771.23	16,195.89	71.98%	22,500.00	6,304.11		
TOTAL RESOURCES	35,056.97	369,381.30	70.64%	522,910.00	153,528.70	530,000.00	69.69%
BUILDING							
63200 · Cleaning Services	5,732.48	68,637.09	78.44%	87,500.00	18,862.91		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-11 · Gas)	3,356.75	19,308.48	91.95%	21,000.00	1,691.52		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-12 · Electric)	4,608.77	63,684.52	64.01%	99,500.00	35,815.48		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-13 · Telephone)	1,562.95	3,558.40	118.61%	3,000.00	-558.40		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-14 · Water/Sewer)	0.00	3,407.38	37.86%	9,000.00	5,592.62		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-15 · Garbage Disposal)	420.02	3,240.38	68.22%	4,750.00	1,509.62		
63350 · Building Supplies	1,090.28	9,108.44	75.90%	12,000.00	2,891.56		
63400 · Maintenance Supplies	668.26	4,725.31	42.96%	11,000.00	6,274.69		
63500 · Security System Monitoring	25.00	862.50	71.88%	1,200.00	337.50		
63600 · Property Maintenance	3,330.26	26,353.59	52.71%	50,000.00	23,646.41		
63800 · Building Maintenance/Repair	3,555.00	56,382.69	75.18%	75,000.00	18,617.31		
TOTAL BUILDING	24,349.77	259,268.78	69.33%	373,950.00	114,681.22	325,000.00	79.78%
OPERATIONS							
64100 · Payroll Service	716.00	7,013.00	82.51%	8,500.00	1,487.00		
64200 · Supplies - Office	162.78	3,143.30	52.39%	6,000.00	2,856.70		
64300 · Photocopy Supplies	155.96	1,791.18	54.28%	3,300.00	1,508.82		
64500 · Postage	-374.04	2,450.33	40.84%	6,000.00	3,549.67		
64550 · Passport Postage	472.70	3,929.58	78.59%	5,000.00	1,070.42		
64700 · Travel	18.85	623.91	41.59%	1,500.00	876.09		
64800 · Organizational Memberships	0.00	1,485.70	42.45%	3,500.00	2,014.30		
64900 · Bank Fees	348.61	3,347.88	95.65%	3,500.00	152.12		
TOTAL OPERATION	1,500.86	23,784.88	63.77%	37,300.00	13,515.12	40,000.00	59.46%
TECHNOLOGY							
65100 · Supplies-Toner	465.28	10,770.11	59.83%	18,000.00	7,229.89		
65160 · Supplies-Technology Services	0.00	0.00	0.00%	200.00	200.00		
65170 · Supplies-Maker Studio	269.00	4,088.56	49.86%	8,200.00	4,111.44		
65200 · Technology-Prof Services	6,430.00	16,100.00	55.90%	28,800.00	12,700.00		
65300 · Purchase of Equipment	30,502.16	59,842.22	149.61%	40,000.00	-19,842.22		
65400 · Technology Equip Mnt/Repair	0.00	11,469.39	44.53%	25,800.00	14,310.61		
65500 · Software	10,010.32	22,144.57	50.03%	44,260.00	22,115.43		
65600 · SWAN	12,183.74	47,760.07	97.51%	48,979.00	1,218.93		

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**Indian Prairie Public Library District
Consolidated Expenditures Report for April 2026**

Percent of Year: 83.33

	April 26	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
65700 · Telecommunications	685.29	9,590.71	70.75%	13,556.00	3,965.29		
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	60,545.79	181,785.63	79.80%	227,795.00	46,009.37	230,000.00	79.04%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES							
66100 · General Professional Services	1,690.00	23,133.13	49.22%	47,000.00	23,866.87		
66200 · Credit Bureau	108.35	955.45	95.55%	1,000.00	44.55		
66300 · Copier	-29.17	2,376.12	79.20%	3,000.00	623.88		
66400 · Copier Maintenance Contract	192.20	1,108.02	55.40%	2,000.00	891.98		
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,961.38	27,572.72	52.02%	53,000.00	25,427.28	62,000.00	44.47%
INSURANCE							
67100 · Multi Peril-Physical Assets	0.00	19,340.00	100.00%	19,340.00	0.00		
67200 · Bonding	0.00	1,381.00	100.00%	1,381.00	0.00		
67300 · Officers & Directors Liability	0.00	2,358.00	100.00%	2,358.00	0.00		
67400 · Umbrella Liability	0.00	3,025.00	100.00%	3,025.00	0.00		
TOTAL INSURANCE	0.00	26,104.00	100.00%	26,104.00	0.00	27,000.00	96.68%
COMMUNICATIONS							
68110 · Marketing Newsletter	0.00	33,439.48	64.31%	52,000.00	18,560.52		
68111 · eNewsletter	68.40	9,593.40	102.82%	9,330.00	-263.40		
68210 · Marketing Advertising	0.00	465.00	46.50%	1,000.00	535.00		
68310 · Marketing Supplies	16.99	456.70	114.18%	400.00	-56.70		
68410 · Marketing-Information Printing	560.00	6,756.07	45.04%	15,000.00	8,243.93		
68500 · Legal Notices	0.00	622.43	62.24%	1,000.00	377.57		
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	645.39	51,333.08	65.20%	78,730.00	27,396.92	80,000.00	64.17%
PROGRAMMING							
68600 · Programming	2,266.30	18,621.54	47.87%	38,900.00	20,278.46		
TOTAL PROGRAMMING	2,266.30	18,621.54	47.87%	38,900.00	20,278.46	40,000.00	46.55%
CAPITAL OUTLAY & CONTINGENCY							
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	0.00	0.00%		0.00		
69900 · Contingency	84.14	5,106.86	34.05%	15,000.00	9,893.14		
69920 · Gift/Donation Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00%		0.00		
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY & CONTINGENCY	84.14	5,106.86	34.05%	15,000.00	9,893.14		
70000 · Operating Transfer Purchases	0.00	40,276.29	0.00%				
TOTAL	395,895.75	3,844,475.86	80.13%	4,797,748.00	953,272.14	0.00	

Indian Prairie Public Library
Building & Grounds Committee Minutes
May 13, 2026 – 6 p.m.

Krupicka called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Krupicka, Palmisano, Rodriguez, Birmingham, Lawson

Kristen presented information on replacing the paper towel dispensers with hand dryers in the bathroom. After discussion, the committee recommended removing the paper towels and installing hand dryers as it is a cost savings for the library. Christina recommended adding arm or foot door openers to the doors, so people don't have to touch the door handle when exiting.

The committee walked the grounds. Kristen reported that the dead tree in the bed in front of the entrance will be replaced under warranty.

Some dead bushes were identified, and Kristen will address replacement with our landscaper.

Marian asked about adding a trench around the trees along the dry riverbed to prevent dirt run off when it rains. Kristen will investigate this option.

Kristen reported that the chives have returned in the area by the bike rack. She will work with the landscaper on options to get rid of the chives once and for all.

Kristen gave an update on the upcoming elevator project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Marian Krupicka



There's lots of fun to be had among the stacks at Chicago public libraries.

Where Kids Can Play at Chicago Libraries: Hidden Gems for Families

April 12, 2026

By Nicole Olson

[Free Activities](#)

[Indoor Activities](#)

Libraries are easily the best free indoor activity, offering a place to play and learn for all ages (even teens!). Your library card gives you access to books, movies, CDs, video games, and online programs. Plus, many libraries have play areas full of toys for

small children. Visit with a toddler before or after storytime for a full-length morning excursion before nap.

Chicago's libraries do more than hold books — the buildings themselves are champions of architecture. Visit libraries in neighboring towns to discover something new. You don't need a library card to participate in many library programs or drop in for a visit.

Library Play Areas in Chicago, At-a-Glance

Best overall library play area: Schaumburg Public Library

Library with Polish Storytime: Elk Grove Village Public Library

Library with Spanish Storytime: Aurora Public Library West Branch

The library storytime that really shines: Warrenville Public Library

✘✘✘ **Best Maker Space:** Indian Prairie Public Library

Best Library with Outdoor Play space: Geneva Public Library

Library with the Best Baby and Toddler

Activities: Downers Grove Public Library

Most STEM-Focused Library: West Loop Branch, Chicago Public Library



Kids love these rollercoaster bead toys that appear at most libraries.

Worth the Short Drive: Suburban Libraries with Amazing Play Spaces

The suburbs of Chicago are home to some pretty cool libraries with play areas located both indoors and out. These are great for a free day trip. Bring along a picnic and make yourself a coffee at home for a perfect \$0 outing on a rainy day.



Elk Grove Village Public Library has large wooden play structures great for imaginative play.

1. Elk Grove Village Public Library

Why it stands out:

- Large spacious play area with LOTS to learn, including a collection of flags from every country around the world
- Surrounded by ceiling height windows for perfect action shots of your child at play
- Free Saturday drop-in crafts for all ages - no registration required
- Located in the **village square**, which features a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired clock tower which rings that plays a special song every hour and a splash pad open from May - September.

Play features:

- 'Litezilla' wall
- Two large wooden playhouses
- A wooden car with a real steering wheel
- A play kitchen and puppet theater
- A large doll house
- A Duplo table

Best for: Drying off after a summer splash



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IPPL'S
Magnet
Board
in
LITTLE TOWN

Don't leave the baby at home, libraries often have many activities that encourage gross motor skills and tummy time



2. Indian Prairie Public Library

Why it stands out:

- "Little Town" featuring a dress up area, kitchen, and pretend play elements
- Outdoor pollinator garden with room to run
- Across the street from a large park with two playground areas - **Darien Community Park**

Play features:

- LEGO building wall, light table, sensory walls for babies and toddlers
- Sensory walls for babies and toddlers
- Light table with magnetiles

Best for: Cooling off or warming up after a morning at the park

3. Geneva Public Library

Why it stands out:

- Spacious but enclosed kids area for toddlers and littles to play together safely
- Cushioned tummy time area for babies
- Large outdoor playground

Play features:

- Circular train table - kids can build tracks and drive "around and around"
- Large Duplo table with plenty of pieces and space to share
- Pretend house with seating and play food
- Litezilla wall

Best for: Getting the wiggles out and making new friends

4. Downers Grove Public Library

Why it stands out:

- Built-in pretend play area for bigger kids
- Shares a parking lot with the [Downers Grove Metra Stop](#)

Play features:

- Toy shelves filled with themed learning toys

- Place to enclose babies and young toddlers so they can play without wandering away

Best for: Winding down after a trip to the **Downers Grove Farmers Market**

5. **Gail Borden Public Library**

Why it stands out:

- Brand new KidSpace “Reimagined” opened March 27, 2026

Play features:

- Creation station for kids with arts and crafts and blocks
- iPad pods with several iPads

Best for: Families with kids in multiple age groups, especially babies with older siblings

6. **Schaumburg Public Library**

Why it stands out:

- Larger than life sized play areas inspired by favorite story books

Play features:

- Enter through the enchanted forest
- Read alongside Peter Rabbit and his family
- Play inside of a rocket ship
- Make believe inside of a fairytale castle

Best for: Bigger kids who love imaginative pretend play with friends or siblings



Meeting Ground Rules

- Respect other people, their ideas and opinions.
- Do not interrupt others.
- Try to say it in 25 words or less.
- Speak only to the topic at hand.
- No side conversations.
- When an idea has been stated previously and you agree, only speak when you have something new to add.
- Everyone gets a chance to share their opinion before someone speaks again.
- Speaking briefly and staying focused is everyone's responsibility. This will make the meeting run smoothly.
- Respond to people in a non-dismissive, respectful manner.
- Insure everyone has an equal voice.
- These are everybody's rules and everyone is responsible for seeing that they are followed.