

Indian Prairie Public Library Board Agenda
January 21, 2026

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
January 21, 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.

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- C. Public Comment

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Laura Birmingham, Executive Director | | Information |
| J. | Reports
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3. Finance Committee (no report)
4. Planning/Outreach Committee (no report)
5. Policy Committee (no report) | Page 53 | Information |
| K. | Unfinished Business
None | | |
| L. | New Business
None | | |
| M. | Scheduled Meetings
None | | |
| N. | Closed Session as allowed by 5ILCS, Act 120/2 (c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. | | |
| O. | Return to Open Session and Report of Any Action Taken
1. Approve Minutes of Closed Session Meetings, 1/15/25, 8/20/25, 10/15/25
2. Open or Close Any Closed Session Minutes | | |
| P. | Adjournment | | |

Outlook

RE: Darien - Indian Prairie Public Library District

From PerCapGrant <PerCapGrant@ilsos.gov>
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To Laura Birmingham <laurab@ippl.info>

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Hi Laura,

Thank you for submitting your FY26 Public Library Per Capita Grant application and FY24 Expenditure Report. Your FY26 application documents that the library is approaching, meeting, or exceeding the core standards, and the proposed use of grant funds is acceptable. The FY24 Expenditure Report documents appropriate disbursement of the award in full.



Mandy Saia (she/her/hers)
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From: Laura Birmingham <laurab@ippl.info>
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To: PerCapGrant <PerCapGrant@ilsos.gov>
Subject: Darien - Indian Prairie Public Library District

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Our Per Capita Grant Application and 2024 Expenditure Report is attached.

Sincerely,

Laura Birmingham
Executive Director
Indian Prairie Public Library
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Dear Liana & Staff —

Thank you for making the 20th Write-ON
so amazing. From the IPPC proclamation to
the pizza party & the wonderful gift bag of goodies
& the Write-ON coffee mug. You have gone
so above & beyond my wildest expectations. I am
so proud to continue this partnership program
in Carl's memory & honor! Cher Vuilliam

thank you



Sarah M Johnson Art

Jamie,

Thank you so much for
this opportunity to display my
art in your gallery space.
I appreciate it. Sincerely,

Sarah M Johnson

image on front:
"Golden Retriever in Blue Bells",
original 11" x 14", oil on panel

by Sarah M Johnson
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Darien Historical Society



7422 Cass Avenue
Darien, IL 60561
November 18, 2025

Amy Merda
Programming and Outreach Services
Indian Prairie Public Library
401 Plainfield Road
Darien, IL 60561

Dear Amy,

On Sunday, our one-room schoolhouse was overflowing with children eagerly awaiting Story Time with you. And, as usual, you did not disappoint. You had them completely engaged from the start. You have a gift for just doing that.

We are so very appreciative that you were able to join us this year for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. You did so much to make the event extra-special.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean".

Dean Rodkin, President
Darien Historical Society



January 3, 2026

Indian Prairie Public Library
Laura Birmingham, Director
401 Plainfield Road
Darien, IL 60561

Dear Ms. Birmingham,

On behalf of the Darien Woman's Club and the recipients of the soap and paper products, we want to thank you for helping in our Holiday Soap and Paper Goods Collection. We collected 997 items which were distributed to three local food pantries and the Family Shelter. Community members like yourself care and make this project possible to help those in need. Please thank your staff who participated on behalf of our organization.

We appreciate your contribution and are very grateful for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Murphy".

Barbara Murphy
Co-Chair, DWC Holiday Soap and Paper Goods Collection
Darien Woman's Club
c/o Darien City Hall
1702 Plainfield Rd.
Darien, IL 60561

Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
November 19, 2025

**Truth in Taxation Hearing
November 19, 2025– 6:50 p.m.**

A. Call to Order and Statement of Purpose – President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Present were Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab, Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski.

Absent: none

Suriano stated that the purpose of the hearing was to provide opportunity for public comment on the proposed property tax levy increase. The Legal Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Indian Prairie Public Library District appeared in The Doings Newspaper on November 6, 2025.

B. Public Questions/Comments – No public in attendance.

C. Closing of Hearing – Suriano closed the hearing at 7 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
November 19, 2025 – 7 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll.

Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab

Absent: none

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, T.J. Szafranski

Others: none

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

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

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

Values Statement: Secretary Palmisano 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. State Library Memo re: Senate Resolution 104

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 15, 2025
- 2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills

- 3. Ordinance #2025-7 Directing Cook County as to PTELL Reduction
- 4. Determination to Dispose of Personal Property
 Krupicka moved, Damon seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

At this point Szafranski gave his staff report. When he finished the Board continued with the rest of the agenda.

G. Library Director's Report

The library will be featured on the 2026 Darien vehicle sticker. An article appeared in The Darien Patch reporting that each year the city holds a lottery for nonprofit groups to design a sticker but no one took up the offer this year. Darien doesn't require residents to purchase a sticker. Instead, they ask for a \$3 donation which goes to the nonprofit group that wins the lottery. Birmingham and Yott saw the article and decided to let the city know that the library would love to offer a design. Birmingham showed the sticker to the Board. They thought it looked great! Stickers will be sold at Darien City Hall and at the library – the library needs to sell 50 to break even.

H. Department Reports

Lawson recapped her written report from the packet. We received another utility bill since she wrote her report and it's actually 1% lower than last November. We are back on track in terms of power usage because Joe, our Building Services Coordinator, has been monitoring the system manually. The new air handler valve is coming on Monday and after installation, it will be doing the work that Joe has been doing. We finalized the color choice for our new signs and they will be installed as the weather permits. Palmisano noted that our marketing department has been doing an awesome job with the library's social media presence.

- I. Staff Report – Resource Services Senior Librarian, T.J. Szafranski, spoke to the board about two of our newest collections, vinyl records and trending Rokus. We started circulating our vinyl collection in September of 2024 with funding from the Foundation and Friends. We began with 20 albums and are now at 34. We also have 2 entry level record players. Each item has gone out an average of 7 times. We are able to add 16 albums a year with a \$500 budget. There is a huge demand for our Rokus so they don't stay on the shelves -- in September 2025 we were able to add 8 Roku devices to our Trending Collection with funding from the Foundation and Friends. We continue to monitor their interest and performance. Birmingham noted that Szafranski does an excellent job managing the collections.

J. Reports

- 1. Treasurer's Report - backup in packet.
- 2. Building and Grounds Committee – Krupicka reported that the committee met on October 22. They reviewed the Capital Needs Assessment Report from Enberg Anderson Architects They discussed higher priority items for 2025-2029 as well as lower priority items and future needs.
- 3. Building and Grounds Committee Minutes, 10/22/25 – Rodriguez moved, Palmisano seconded to approve Building and Grounds Committee Minutes, 10/22/25. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Finance Committee – no report
- 5. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report

6. Policy Committee – no report

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K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business

1. Ordinance #2025-6 Levying and Assessing Taxes for FY 2025-2026 - Damon moved, Raftis seconded to approve Resolution #2025-E To Determine Estimate of Funds Needed for FY 25-26. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Elevator Project 2026 – This is a priority because the elevator is obsolete. Lawson reviewed her written backup from the packet. An analysis of our door counter data over the past two years showed that the library tends to have the fewest visitors from December through February. We've spoken to our attorney regarding what steps need to be taken so that the library remains ADA compliant. We're identifying specific ways that our operations will be affected. We anticipate going out to bid in January and the work to begin in Late November or early December of 2026. The project would continue until late January or early February of 2027. The bid will include a provision for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment as soon as possible and store it until we begin the project – then if we need to move up the date, we will be ready to go.

M. Meetings Scheduled - none

N. Adjournment

At 7:57 p.m. Damon moved, Krupicka seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Palmisano, Secretary

ACTION ON BILLS NOVEMBER, 2025

<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #'s</u>	<u>Total</u>
Republic Bank-Bills for Approval	4331 - 4365 plus ACHs	91,583.10
Republic Paper Payroll Checks		
Republic Direct Deposits		148,431.20
MONTH'S TOTAL:		\$ 240,014.30

Indian Prairie Public Library District
Bill Payment List
November 2025

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
10127 Republic Bank Operating Account			
11/06/2025	4331	Accurate	113.13
11/06/2025	4332	AT&T	365.15
11/06/2025	4333	Baker & Taylor	62.96
11/06/2025	4334	Center Point Large Print	94.38
11/06/2025	4335	Erin Fergus	28.70
11/06/2025	4336	Groot Industries, Inc.	345.04
11/06/2025	4337	Hagg Press, Inc.	2,933.29
11/06/2025	4338	Hayes Mechanical LLC	8,358.00
11/06/2025	4339	Kristen Lawson	112.50
11/06/2025	4340	kristinZkreations	1,550.00
11/06/2025	4341	Laura Warner	6.02
11/06/2025	4342	LIMRICC UCGA	309.81
11/06/2025	4343	Midwest Laser Specialists, Inc.	214.96
11/06/2025	4344	Playaway Products LLC	81.90
11/06/2025	4345	Today's Business Solutions, Inc.	157.12
11/06/2025	4346	Wlosinski, Maria	16.80
11/06/2025	4347	Authors Unbound Agency	1,000.00
11/14/2025	4348	Marcy ThomasBurns	180.00
11/14/2025	4349	USA Today	400.35
11/24/2025	4350	Canon U.S.A. Inc.	72.00
11/24/2025	4351	Center Point Large Print	187.26
11/24/2025	4352	Children's Plus Inc.	1,401.40
11/24/2025	4353	Dearborn Life Insurance Company	95.46
11/24/2025	4354	DuPage County Public Works	902.76
11/24/2025	4355	Hayes Mechanical LLC	2,316.00
11/24/2025	4356	Holton Brothers Inc	2,960.00
11/24/2025	4357	Illinois Dept of Innovation & Technology	475.00
11/24/2025	4358	Jamie Allard	82.60
11/24/2025	4359	Jean Carroll	35.00
11/24/2025	4360	NCPERS Group Life Insurance	64.00
11/24/2025	4361	OverDrive, Inc.	5,631.53
11/24/2025	4362	Playaway Products LLC	43.45
11/24/2025	4363	Unique Management Services, Inc.	137.90
11/24/2025	4364	Village of Willowbrook	8,066.90
11/24/2025	4365	Zee Signs, INC	2,400.00
11/25/2025	ACH Amy 11/25	Bank of America	244.53
11/25/2025	ACH Gail 11/25	Bank of America	1,850.66
11/25/2025	ACH Joe 11/25	Bank of America	787.19

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Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
11/25/2025	ACH Kristen 11/25	Bank of America	1,513.73
11/25/2025	ACH Laura 11/25	Bank of America	37.11
11/25/2025	ACH Maria 11/25	Bank of America	1,631.98
11/25/2025	ACH Sharon 11/25	Bank of America	499.85
11/25/2025	ACH1 11/25	Blackstone Publishing, Inc.	1,137.46
11/25/2025	ACH2 11/25	Case Lots Inc.	819.80
11/25/2025	ACH3 11/25	Cengage Learning, Inc.	408.66
11/25/2025	ACH4 11/25	Hagg Press, Inc.	8,728.00
11/25/2025	ACH5 11/25	Illinois NFP Audit & Tax, LLP	6,500.00
11/25/2025	ACH6 11/25	Ingram Library Services	11,055.15
11/25/2025	ACH7 11/25	Kanopy	393.55
11/25/2025	ACH8 11/25	Midwest Tape	9,024.55
11/25/2025	ACH9 11/25	Quill LLC	2,387.83
11/25/2025	ACH10 11/25	Specialty Mat Service	137.48
11/25/2025	ACH11 11/25	Staples Inc.	453.59
11/25/2025	ACH12 11/25	Thomas Klise/Crimson Multimedia	1,072.55
11/28/2025	ACH13 11/25	Cigna Health & Life Insurance Company	1,698.06
Total for 10127 Republic Bank Operating Account			\$ 91,583.10

Bills for approval – Electronic Payments & Automatic Withdrawals

NOVEMBER 2025

Vendor	Purpose	Date Paid	Amount Paid
Federal & IL	Payroll taxes	11/05/2025	25,194.15
Federal & IL	Payroll taxes	11/19/2025	28,321.81
IMRF	Payroll Pension	11/20/2025	30,595.73
Mission Square	457 Plan	11/05/2025	50.00
Mission Square	457 Plan	11/19/2025	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	11/05/2025	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	11/19/2025	50.00
DAC	Deposit to HRA	11/5/2025	962.91
DAC	Deposit to HRA	11/12/2025	298.32
DAC	Deposit to HRA	11/13/2025	227.72
DAC	Deposit to HRA	11/19/2025	124.01
DAC	Deposit to HRA	11/28/2025	20.62
BCBS	Health Ins Premium	11/26/2025	27,138.76
Lauterbach & Amen	Payroll Service	11/10/2025	695.00
Nicor	Gas	11/13/2025	2,418.77
ELS	License Stickers		5,195.00
ELS	ELS Fee (November)	11/04/2025	77.90
INB & Republic	Cr Card & Bank Fees	11/17/2025	400.16

ACTION ON BILLS DECEMBER, 2025

<u>Account</u>	<u>Check #'s</u>	<u>Total</u>
Republic Bank-Bills for Approval	4366 - 4388 plus ACHs	71,345.31
Republic Paper Payroll Checks		
Republic Direct Deposits		229,794.65
	MONTH'S TOTAL:	\$ 301,139.96

Indian Prairie Public Library District Bill Payment List

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December 2025

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
10127 Republic Bank Operating Account			
12/10/2025	4366	Authors Unbound Agency	984.97
12/10/2025	4367	Canon U.S.A. Inc.	72.00
12/10/2025	4368	Hayes Mechanical LLC	6,502.00
12/10/2025	4369	Heritage House Florist	75.94
12/10/2025	4370	Ingram Library Services	22,032.63
12/10/2025	4371	Joe Eskew	46.90
12/10/2025	4372	kristinZkreations	600.00
12/10/2025	4373	Marcy ThomasBurns	480.00
12/10/2025	4374	Sterling Services, Inc.	2,355.00
12/18/2025	4375	Accurate	69.89
12/18/2025	4376	AT&T	365.15
12/18/2025	4377	Canon Financial Services, Inc.	521.72
12/18/2025	4378	Center Point Large Print	254.68
12/18/2025	4379	Children's Plus Inc.	598.41
12/18/2025	4380	Claire Evans	275.00
12/18/2025	4381	Groot Industries, Inc.	345.04
12/18/2025	4382	Illinois Dept of Innovation & Technology	475.00
12/18/2025	4383	NCPERS Group Life Insurance	64.00
12/18/2025	4384	OverDrive, Inc.	5,632.78
12/18/2025	4385	Paddock Publications, Inc.	339.00
12/18/2025	4386	Playaway Products LLC	1,009.30
12/18/2025	4387	Unique Management Services, Inc.	118.20
12/18/2025	4388	Village of Willowbrook	8,066.90
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12/19/2025	12/25 ACH7	Specialty Mat Service	137.48
12/19/2025	12/25 ACH8	Thomas Klise/Crimson Multimedia	290.59
12/19/2025	12/25 ACH9	Staples Inc.	737.23
12/30/2025	ACH Amy 12/2025	Bank of America	215.46
12/30/2025	ACH Gail 12/2025	Bank of America	1,123.46
12/30/2025	ACH Joe 12/2025	Bank of America	391.99
12/30/2025	ACH Kristen 12/2025	Bank of America	1,392.79
12/30/2025	ACH Laura 12/2025	Bank of America	187.08
12/30/2025	ACH Maria 12/2025	Bank of America	1,583.82
12/30/2025	ACH Mary 12/2025	Bank of America	53.50
12/30/2025	ACH Sharon 12/2025	Bank of America	1,079.12
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DECEMBER 2025

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Federal & IL	Payroll taxes	12/31/2025	27,247.55
IMRF	Payroll Pension	12/22/2025	31,953.76
Mission Square	457 Plan	12/05/2025	50.00
Mission Square	457 Plan	12/19/2025	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	12/04/2025	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	12/18/2025	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	12/31/2025	50.00
DAC	Deposit to HRA	12/04/2025	38.70
DAC	Deposit to HRA	12/10/2025	246.47
DAC	Deposit to HRA	12/11/2025	234.81
DAC	Deposit to HRA	12/17/2025	47.79
DAC	Deposit to HRA	12/24/2025	75.62
DAC	Deposit to HRA	12/31/2025	1,043.84
Lauterbach & Amen	Payroll Service	12/08/2025	695.00
Constellation	Electric	12/12/2025	12,835.68
Nicor	Gas	12/15/2025	3,495.16
ELS	License Stickers		5,898.00
ELS	ELS Fee (November)	12/03/2025	58.90
INB & Republic	Cr Card & Bank Fees	12/17/2025	245.17

DETERMINATION TO DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Indian Prairie Library Board of Trustees has determined to dispose of the following unused computer and electronic equipment no longer usable by the district.

- 1 3D Pen
- 1 Video to digital converter
- 1 Portable DVD player w/remote control
- 1 CD Boombox
- 1 Amazon smart plug
- 1 Amazon Echo with power cable
- 1 Philips Hue light bulb
- 2 Nintendo Switch consoles
- 2 Candle makers
- 1 GoPro Hero camera
- 1 Energy lamp
- 1 Amazon smart plug
- 1 Amazon Echo with power cable
- 1 Philips Hue light bulb
- 1 PlayStation4 console
- 1 pair of PS4 VR goggles
- 1 PS4 VR processor
- 2 PS4 motion controllers
- 1 PS4 controller
- 1 PS4 Camera
- 1 Oculus Quest headset and controllers
- 3 Kindles
- 3 Topaz signature pads
- 1 Sony Handycam Hi-8 video camera
- 2 Sound Wizard listening devices
- 2 Portable DVD player
- 2 Dell laptops
- 2 Nook e-readers
- 6 Apple iPads
- 1 Microsoft Surface tablet
- 1 WiFi hotspot
- 1 Honeywell barcode scanner
- 1 Chromecast
- 1 Hot press laminator
- 1 Dell dock
- 1 Apple iPod
- 1 Apple TV
- 1 Amazon Fire tablet
- 2 Netbox Door controllers

- 1 Canon adding machine
- 1 Aerohive WiFi access point
- 1 Sharp adding machine
- 8 Lenovo ThinkCentre microcomputers
- 1 Acer microcomputer
- 1 19" Acer VGA monitor
- 1 Acer tower computer
- 1 HP Color Laserjet printer
- 1 Motorola walkie talkie
- 1 Fellowes paper shredder

Miscellaneous keyboards, mice, headphones, cables & wires

The equipment will be disposed of using a recycling service who will recycle or dispose the equipment properly.

515 - Responsibility and Criteria for Selection

Staff conduct selection according to the materials selection policy. Because it is impossible for staff to examine all items being considered for purchase, they depend on reviews found in standard sources and other selection aids. Suggestions for materials to be purchased are welcome from patrons, trustees and staff. An attempt will be made to borrow, through interlibrary loan, any item requested which is out of print or that the library determines does not meet the criteria for selection.

The library considers itself a popular materials library. Within that framework, as well as available financial resources and available space, staff use any of the following criteria to select materials:

Informational materials that are accurate and up-to-date

Popular within the community. In addition, the number of copies purchased is based on community demand.

Curriculum support.

Diversity of subjects, ideas and opinions.

Relevance to community interests and needs

Literary quality

Reputation and or significance of author, illustrator, or publisher.

Attention given by critics, reviewers and/or professional selection aids.

Current or historical significance

Materials relevant to the Chicagoland area.

Availability of materials and informational resources in the community or the library system.

Price

Quality of format including technical quality of non-book materials.

Staff will purchase DVDs for youth rated G, PG and PG13 and games rated E, 10+, and Teen. Staff will not purchase CDs for youth marked with a "parental advisory". Games rated mature are purchased and shelved in the adult collection. In the adult collection, DVDs rated X or "NC-17" will not be added to the collection. The library does purchase DVDs that are not rated.

Staff will not knowingly purchase items created in whole or in part using Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) due to the possibility of false or misleading information and the reported unauthorized access and use of human-authored texts by AI training models.

Self-published titles by authors residing outside of the Library District will not knowingly be added to the collection.

Digital Materials: eBooks, eAudio, and Video

Staff will not knowingly purchase digital items created in whole or in part by Artificial Intelligence due to the possibility of false or misleading information and the reported unauthorized access and use of human-authored texts by AI training models.

Indian Prairie Public Library belongs to a consortium for digital materials that may include AI items purchased by the consortium or by other libraries, and these items may be checked out by IPPL cardholders.

Indian Prairie Public Library also purchases access to a collection of digital items. IPPL has opted out of AI titles in this collection, but that does not guarantee that all items created in whole or in part using AI will be successfully excluded.

Executive Director's Report: November & December 2025

Omnibus:

You will find an update the Materials Selection policy under Omnibus. The addition widens the scope of the policy regarding materials written by artificial intelligence (AI) as we can't control what other libraries purchase in SWAN and it is sometimes difficult for us to tell what is written by AI when ordering new materials.

Staff Report:

I am giving the staff report this month and will talk about the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the process of responding to FOIA requests.

Per Capita Grant:

This year's Per Capita Grant has been submitted and was already accepted by the State Library. We will be awarded funds mid-year.

Community Collections:

In December, we had two community collection drives at the library:

- The soap and paper drive with the Darien Woman's Club brought in 997 items.
- The food drive with the Mayslake Council 4053-Knights of Columbus brought in 436 items for local pantries.

Vehicle Stickers:

So far, we have collected \$279 for Darien Vehicle stickers.

Legislative Happenings:

The brochure that was handed out at the Legislative Meetups is included at the end of your packet. I was delighted to see that one of the highlighted topics was "Why can't my library buy more e-books and audiobooks?" which was also an article in our latest newsletter. This led to many interesting conversations with the legislators and how surprised they were at the cost of these digital materials.

IPPL Foundation & Friends:

- The Book Sale made \$189 in November and \$267 in December.
- We received \$4.50 in movie donations.
- Giving Tuesday brought in \$3,850.

Continuing Education:

Webinar: *Developing AI Policies & Principles for Libraries*

Webinar: *Neurodivergence and Customer Service*

Meetings:

- 11/20 Person-in-Charge Training
- 11/25 SWAN Fireside
- 12/2 Legislative Meetup
- 12/4 SWAN Quarterly
- 12/9 Willowbrook Coalition Meeting
- 12/11 Department Head Meeting

In November, I had 43 one-on-ones and in December, I had 30.

Submitted by: Laura Birmingham

Deputy Director's Report: November 2025

Building & Grounds:

In November, the large spikes in our gas and electricity usage as compared to last year were resolved. This was due in large part to Joe's efforts manually adjusting the system at various points throughout the day. After the valve was installed on 11/24 the manual adjustments became unnecessary.

Also on November 24, the monument sign tops were replaced. This completes the monument sign update project.

Additionally, Joe closed 33 building tickets in November. Highlights include: 1) Fixed volume and static issues in the intercom system speakers, 2) Installed a sign for Keshav's Garden, and 3) Fixed a broken drawer at the Guest Services desk.

Staff Training:

In November I conducted Person-In-Charge training on general housekeeping topics, including the new boilers, cleaning supplies and tools, and the building alarm system.

Meetings:

Library Board meeting, November 19

Department Head meeting: November 13

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

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

Technology Highlights:

The server migration has stalled; we are waiting for a chance to work with MK Solutions, the company that handles our self-check software, to migrate that service to the new server. We received a new piece of equipment: an ID card printer, which can be used to print on-demand library cards for guests featuring our new logo.

Additionally, Tony closed 58 building tickets in November. Highlights include: 1) Fixed a printing issue on the mid-kids computers, 2) Set up RS staff with Ring account credentials and troubleshooting instructions so they can reset the doorbell independently as needed, and 3) Fixed a printing issue with the Express computers on the first floor.

Report submitted by: Kristen Lawson

Deputy Director's Report: December 2025

Building & Grounds:

On December 17 we experienced a temporary blockage in our septic line – not due to tree roots this time, just a blockage in the line. Before it cleared on its own, it caused backups in the basement and in the first floor public restrooms. The public restrooms were blocked off for several hours on that day while troubleshooting and cleanup were taking place, but we were able to reopen them before the end of the day.

In November and December we also experienced several issues with carpet squares lifting up at the corners on the second floor. Joe tried many solutions to this problem and worked on it for weeks. He eventually had to replace many of the squares with some extras we had in storage.

Additionally, Joe closed 31 building tickets in December. Highlights include: 1) Fixing the hot water faucet in the first floor public women's room, 2) Fixing the receiving room door, which was sticking, and 3) Replacing a defective light in Conference Room 202.

Staff Training:

In December I conducted initial Person-in-Charge training for our new P&O Teen Librarian, Aron.

Meetings:

Coaching meetings with Anthony, 12/5 & 12/12

6-month check-in with Raissa, 12/10

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

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

Technology Highlights:

The server migration is getting closer to completion. The last item to be migrated is the staff blog. As of this writing, NobleTec has assured me that the migration will be complete before our VMWare subscription runs out.

We've also been running into several issues with our public computers, due to incompatibilities between our public computer management and public printing systems and the latest version of Windows, which had to be installed for security reasons. Tony has been working diligently with TBS to identify and troubleshoot the issues.

Additionally, Tony closed 39 building tickets in December. Highlights include: 1) Updated Bambu Studio and Hatch, and installed LibreOffice, on Maker Studio laptops, 2) Helped navigate a sudden requirement for MFA with ePay, including setting up a special email address to receive codes, and 3) Fixed a connection issue between Sharon's computer and a workroom printer.

Report submitted by: Kristen Lawson

Jill Yott, Communications Coordinator

Report for Board of Trustees

November & December 2025

November Gallery

1st Floor: Nataliya Guchenia

2nd Floor: Lyn Tietz|

Display Cases: Evelyn H. and Coraline and Ethan

December Gallery

1st Floor: Sarah M. Johnson

2nd Floor: Sarah M. Johnson

Display Cases: Sarah M. Johnson

Notable Projects/Meetings/Workshops

- Happy 7th anniversary to me! I'm so happy to be part of team IPPL.
- Met with Gail regarding upcoming projects.
- Met with Sharon about Maker Studio programming.
- Met with Amy about programming.
- Met with Laura, Gail, and Jeanine about updating kits.
- Met with Jeanine about kits. After meeting, gave Laura new template for the STEM Kits to review with Sharon and Cindy.
- Updated the kit templates for Playaways.
- Fernanda and I cut tags and kit places for the Library of Things and Audiobook Players. While I did some, Fernanda did the majority of the cutting, and did a great job making sure everything was there and matched our IPPL standards.
- Had regular 1-1 meetings with Laura.
- Had regular 1-1 meetings with Fernanda.
- Met with Laura and Kristen about accessibility.
- Had bi-monthly call with PatronPoint.
- Fernanda attended social media workshop online with Ancel Glink.
- Jill attended online accessibly workshop.
- Jill attended internal communications workshop.
- Worked on Pop-Con promotions.
- Created new signs for the library card kiosk, the food drive, and the soap drive.
- Worked with TJ on the new display for the Roku players. Thanks to Luke for printing the signs for this display using the Maker Studio printer. This saves the library time and money.
- Updated the print fliers/poster with Sharon.

- Created other signs as requested by the P & O team, Resource Services, and Kristen.
- Fernanda and I worked on cutting to update the trending collection. Fernanda did the bulk of the Library of Things cutting and did a fantastic job.

Print Newsletter

- The December/January/February newsletter arrived in the library November 18.
- The March/April/May programs were due in early December. We began work on editing programs and writing stories for this newsletter.

Outreach

Fernanda pulled together more promotional items for several community events that P & O attended including the Darien Tree Lighting and Willowbrook Christmas Event.

Website

- Did minor updates to the site as requested by Laura, Kristen, Gail, Sharon, and TJ.
- Updated the home page to reflect the current happenings in the library.
- Revised the Homebound form.
- Updated the Write-On information to reflect the contest's closing.
- Updated the Foundation & Friends website with the donor wish list in November.

Yelp & Google

People are using Yelp and Google to access the library.

November Google directions: 1,112

November Google phone calls: 388

November Yelp calls: 23

December Google directions: 948

December Google phone calls: 341

December Yelp calls: 21

Enews

Open rates continue to stay steady compared to the previous months.

Current Subscribers: 21,538

Date/Type of enews & Open rate

Write-On Specialty: 35 percent

November 6: 36 percent

November 13: 35 percent

November 20: 35 percent

November 25: 36 percent

Emergency Closing Nov. 29: 37 percent

Giving Tuesday: 36 percent

December 4: 36 percent

December 11: 36 percent

December 18: 35 percent

December 23: 34 percent

End of Year Giving: 35 percent

December 30: 34 percent

Recommends: 46 percent

Birthday: 52 percent

Anniversary: 47 percent

Welcome 1: 73 percent

Welcome 2: 60 percent

Welcome 3: 56 percent

Social Media

This time of year does have slower growth. Facebook did grow the most, hitting over 3,000 followers in November.

Followers November

Facebook: 3,015
Instagram: 1,370
X: 1,124
LinkedIn: 275
YouTube: 222
Threads: 240
BlueSky: 156

Social Media +/- Change from Previous Month

Facebook: +30
Instagram: +4
X: -4
LinkedIn: +1
YouTube: +1
Threads: No change
BlueSky: +1

Followers December

Facebook: 3,032
Instagram: 1,375
X: 1,124
LinkedIn: 276
YouTube: 221
Threads: 240
BlueSky: 157

Social Media +/- Change from Previous Month

Facebook: +17
Instagram: +5
X: No Change
LinkedIn: +1
YouTube: -1
Threads: No change
BlueSky: +1

Guest Services November 2025

Circulation

The total checkouts and renewals for November were 50,614. 69% of our checkouts and renewals were done by self-service. 27% of our checkouts and renewals were done at the desk, and 4% were done at the drive-up. 1,902 items were checked out or renewed at the drive-up and 887 holds were placed for pickup at the drive-up.

Visitors The library had 36,912 in-person visitors; 564 people used the drive-up.

Passports: Staff accepted 75 passports.

License plate sticker renewals: Staff sold 31 License plate stickers.

Library Cards: 188 library cards were issued: 114 resident and 74 non-resident. 34 cards were initiated remotely.

Total number of IPPL Library cards: 25,528.

Birthday gift: Staff handed out 37 birthday gifts in November.

Cynthia Maiello Gluecklich
Guest Services Supervisor

Guest Services December 2025

Circulation

The total checkouts and renewals for December were 49,847
74% of our checkouts and renewals were done by self-service. 22% of our checkouts and renewals were done at the desk, and 4% were done at the drive-up.

We had 17,265 in-person visitors in December.

We had 598 patrons use the drive-up in December.

We checked out or renewed 1,923 items at the drive-up. 884 holds were placed in December for pickup at the drive-up.

Passports: We accepted 64 passports in December.

License plate sticker renewals: We sold 42 License plate stickers in December.

Library Cards: We issued a total of 158 library cards. There were 58 non-resident and 100 resident library cards. 30 were initiated remotely.

Total number of IPPL Library cards: 23,271

Birthday gift: We handed out 27 birthday gifts in December.

Cynthia Maiello Gluecklich
Guest Services Supervisor

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	
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		
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		
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		
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		
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	326,967	

Programming and Outreach Department – November 2025

Community

Joe Popowich, Resource Librarian, presented to 20 adults on IPPL’s ongoing Veterans History Project at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, located in Darien.

On Nov. 11, Jean Carroll, Adult Librarian, and Kate Kresek, Adult Specialist, provided mobile library service at Harvester Place Senior Living to 7 residents, resulting in 15 checkouts.

Amy Merda presented an interactive storytime to 36 attendees inside Old Lace Schoolhouse and Museum as part of the annual Darien Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 16.

Kate Kresek and Jean Carroll provided mobile library service at Eden Vista Burr Ridge on Nov. 18 and interacted with 6 residents, resulting in 22 checkouts.

Beth Skolba and Margie Martinson, Youth Specialists, presented a hands-on button-making project for 41 middle school students during Spartan Hour at Lakeview Junior High on Nov. 19.

Between Nov. 16 and Nov. 21, families in the IPPL community were invited to submit a picture of their family reading to the library to enter a prize drawing offered in celebration of National Family Literacy Month and Family Reading Night. The games and activities were generously sponsored by Lakeshore Learning with two additional books as part of the prize. Family Reading Night is an Illinois partnership promoted by the Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois Center for the Book, and Illinois Reads.

On Nov. 20, Amy Merda and Margie Martinson facilitated a paper airplane activity for 27 students participating in the after-school Spark Youth program at Anne M. Jeans School.

Jean Carroll provided mobile library service at Burr Ridge Senior Living to 10 residents, resulting in 17 checkouts on Nov. 21.

Also on Nov. 21, Beth Skolba and Margie Martinson represented IPPL at the Burr Ridge Village Green’s Deck the Green event, where they interacted with 435 community members.

Two hundred sixteen seed packets were taken for use by guests from the Seed Library, which is maintained by Betty Cornfield, Associate.

Programming Highlights

In November, we had **seventy-three programs attended by 2,983 guests**. This programming number represents in-library programs (including passive programming) and outreach programming that includes an activity or presentation.

Local students in grades 4-12 submitted 151 original poems and short stories for the 20th annual Write-On competition, which is generously sponsored by The Gift of Carl Foundation. The three levels of competition in the areas of poetry and short story (4-6, 7-8, and 9-12 grades) continue to work well to make judging as fair as possible. This celebration of writing and community culminated at "An Evening with Michael Leali" program on Nov. 18. Multiple IPPL staff were instrumental in the evening's success, including Jamie Allard, Jill Yott, Laura Birmingham, Jordan Calabrese, Beth Skolba, Fernanda Diaz, Laura Warner, and Amy Merda. The entire community, including the 18 winners, was invited to experience this engaging presentation by the author. Prior to the presentation, available winners attended a pizza dinner with the author. After the presentation, IPPL staff and The Gift of Carl Foundation representative Char Vuillaume announced with winners and awarded each with a cash prize and a book signed by the author. Members of the public then had an opportunity to purchase books for signing.

Staff Trainings/Continuing Education

- 11/5: Amy Merda attended an L2 "How to Evaluate Services" webinar
- 11/7: Beth Skolba hosted and attended an in-person RAILS BIPOC Mentorship cohort meeting
- 11/12: Kate Kresek attended an online ABOS Driven Discussion
- 11/14: Laura Warner attended a "Talking Teen Services" webinar

Submitted by Amy Merda, P & O Dept. Head

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Programming and Outreach Department – December 2025

Community

Laura Warner, Mid-Kids Liaison, facilitated an engaging field trip experience to 15 students from the local Burr Ridge Bilingual Montessori School on Dec. 3 and provided library card signup information to families prior to the visit.

On Dec. 9, Jean Carroll, Adult Librarian, provided mobile library service at Harvester Place Senior Living to 9 residents, resulting in several checkouts. Residents enjoyed the “in addition” option of selecting some recently removed items from the Adult book collection to keep and choosing colorfully creative cards created by Teen Advisory Service Committee members and other local teens.

Beth Skolba, Specialist, and Amy Merda facilitated a bookmark making activity and shared information on library services, materials, and programs to 45 attendees at the annual WinterFest hosted at Anne M. Jeans School by fellow Willowbrook Coalition partners.

On Dec. 16, Jean Carroll and Kate Kresek, Specialist, provided mobile library service at Eden Vista Burr Ridge to 6 residents, resulting in several checkouts. Residents also enjoyed the cards created by TASC members and other local teens.

On Dec. 19, Jean Carroll provided mobile library service at Burr Ridge Senior Living to 9 residents, resulting in several checkouts. Residents also enjoyed the cards created by TASC members and other local teens.

Seventy-three seed packets were taken for use by guests from the Seed Library, which is maintained by Betty Cornfield, Associate. The seed library now has a fresh coat of paint to further enhance its visual appeal. Its generous sponsorship by the Darien Garden Club continues through 2026.

Programming Highlights

In December, we had **48 programs attended by 1,972 guests**. This programming number represents in-library programs (including passive programming) and outreach programming that includes an activity or presentation.

Over 80 community members attended the Frosty Family Fun program that occurred on Dec. 13 and facilitated by Erin Fergus, Beth Skolba, and Amy Merda. Not only could families stop by to enjoy free hot chocolate, a craft, “ice skate” with fuzzy socks, design and assemble a felt snowman, feed a paper penguin, and more; caregivers enjoyed this opportunity to browse through the information provided by 10 local schools, organizations, and childcare centers that serve families with young children.

Students and families choosing to visit the library during winter break in December had multiple engaging programs available during daytime and afternoon hours that are listed below.

- Mid-Kids Crafternoon with 12 attendees
- Reel Reads Family Movie: The Lorax with 30 attendees
- Noon Years Eve with 35 attendees
- Mult. Days of Drop-In Card Making for Teens with over 40 attendees

Staff Trainings/Continuing Education

- 12/4: Kate Kresek hosted the South Suburban Adult Programmers meeting at IPPL
- 12/4: Beth Skolba attended a virtual BIPOC Mentorship 2025 Debrief
- 12/5: Amy Merda attended the ATLAS Critical Conversation and EQ for Staff program

Submitted by Amy Merda, P & O Dept. Head
1/14/26

Resource Services November 2025 Report
Submitted by Gail Graziani, Head of Resource Services

Collection Updates and Departmental Highlights

- Jordan Calabrese, Youth and Teen Resource Services Librarian, was involved in planning, promoting, and facilitating the program, “Write On: An Evening with Michael Leali” on November 18th, including booking the author, judging poetry and short story entries, and hosting the event with Programming & Outreach staff.
- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, worked with community book group leaders to plan their 2026 book requests, including providing suggestions for titles.
- Jeanine Clinton, Resource Services Librarian / Technical Services Supervisor, presented on “Dewey to Topic Classification” at the LACONI Technical Services Section Unconference on November 14, 2025
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, presented on the Veterans History Project for a local senior group at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on November 6th. Joe also attended the Willowbrook / Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce annual meeting to honor veterans on November 5th.
- Jen Ripka, Resource Services Librarian, added eBook titles to the four new adult Kindles and updated the Quick Start Guides.
- T.J. Szafranski, Senior Resource Services Librarian, presented an overview of the Trending Roku and Vinyl Record collections to IPPL’s Board of Trustees on November 19th.

Displays**1st Floor**

- Pumpkin Spice and Cozy Nights, Feast Your Eyes on These Cookbooks, Binge Boxes

2nd Floor

- Giving Thanks, Celebrating Veterans, Family Reading Night, Native American Heritage

Resource Services Librarian Interactions

- Reference: 159
- Readers Advisory: 11
- One-to-One Training: 13
- Assistance: 132
- Directional: 10

Community

- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, checked out 78 items for Homebound program deliveries and prepared discussion questions for seven outside book groups.
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, coordinated two volunteer hours for the Veterans History Project.

Programs

- Resource Services staff facilitated nine programs with total attendance of 89, including three book group meetings, two Thursday afternoon movies, and more.

Continuing Education & Contributing to the Profession

- Resource Services staff participated in 29 hours of continuing education and/or contributing to the profession.

Resource Services December 2025 Report

Submitted by Gail Graziani, Head of Resource Services

Collection Updates and Department Highlights

- Jordan Calabrese, Youth and Teen Resource Services Librarian, worked with a local teacher to provide materials on the states for a school project.
- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, shared information about the library's Homebound Delivery program with potential participants.
- Jeanine Clinton, Resource Services Librarian / Technical Services Supervisor, facilitated the development and activation of streamlined loan rules for the library's collections to consolidate check out lengths, among other updates.
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, created instructions for uploading historic images taken in Darien, Willowbrook, and Burr Ridge to the Illinois Digital Archive platform.
- Jen Ripka, Resource Services Librarian, reviewed and updated the "Best of Genres – Thriller & Suspense" book list on the library's website.
- T.J. Szafranski, Senior Resource Services Librarian, updated the streaming services available on in the Roku collection and worked with tech-focused staff and the Communications Department to revamp the Roku display.

Displays

1st Floor

- Festive Reads, Crafts to Warm Your Winter, and Baked Treats for All Occasions

2nd Floor

- Christmas, Kwanzaa, Winter Reads, Winter Animals, Hanukkah, Let it Snow!

Resource Services Librarian Interactions

- Reference: 213
- Readers' Advisory: 12
- One-to-One Training: 11
- Assistance: 92
- Directional: 7

Community

- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, checked out 61 items for Homebound program deliveries and prepared discussion questions for seven outside book groups.
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, coordinated 3.5 volunteer hours, 1.5 for the Veterans History Project and two general volunteer hours.

Programs

- Resource Services staff facilitated five programs in December with total attendance of 32.

Continuing Education & Contributing to the Profession

- Resource Services staff participated in 24.5 hours of continuing education and/or contributing to the profession.

Technology and Maker

Board Report

November 2025

Notable projects/Meetings/Workshops

Sharon Byerly

Completed and submitted a proposal for a Technology and Maker Workroom redesign. Sharon met and discussed the redesign proposal with Laura, Kristen and Joe.

STEM Kit meeting with Gail and Jeanine: November 12

Technology and Maker ALL Staff meeting: November 12

RAILS Online Roundtable: Makerspaces & Digital Scholarship: November 20

Staff

Maker Studio Staff completed three sewing lessons with Marcy-Thomas Burns. Marcy is our new sewing instructor for Maker Studio sewing programs. Staff learned sewing machine basics and created a simple (basic) and origami (mid-level) tote, plus a zipper pouch (advanced level). This professional development for staff was to increase knowledge of the machines to assist guests in the Maker Studio and to offer support to Marcy during scheduled programs.

Programs

The Maker Studio conducted six programs with 58 patrons in attendance. Guests provided high praise on evaluations for the Holiday Cards and Laser & Sublimation Necklace programs.

Attendance was strong for the iPhone/iPad basics technology program with 12, a full house in the Maker Studio. Luke conducted the program and shared that attendees asked many questions about iPhones.

Maker Studio One-on-one and Equipment-only Reservations

One on one: 78

Equipment bookings: 161

Maker Studio additional inquiries and assistance: 29

Technology Statistics

Technology desk: 855

Wireless use: 9531

Adult computer use: 1379

Adult computer use hours: 1162

Adult laptopp use: 8

Adult laptop use hours: 12

Kids and teens computer use: 603

Kids and teen computer use hours: 203

Teen laptop use: 3

Teen laptop use hours: 3

Submitted by Sharon Byerly, January 15, 2026

Technology and Maker**Board Report****December 2025****Meetings/Workshops**

Sharon Byerly

ATLAS Annual Multi-Library Day at Moraine Valley Community College: December 5

Programs**Maker Studio**

Twelve (12) programs with 96 guests attending

The Winter Candle program had high waitlist numbers, so a 3rd program was added.

New adult program additions: Introduction to the Maker Studio, Holiday Cards, Basic Sewing, Advanced Sewing, Sublimation Lunch Tote

New mid-kids program addition: Crafts and Cocoa

Statistics**Maker Studio One-on-one and Equipment-only Reservations**

One on one: 93

Equipment only: 283.

Maker Studio additional inquiries and assistance: 47

Technology Statistics

Technology Desk: 857

Wireless use: 9173

Adult computer use: 1245

Adult computer use hours: 1114

Adult laptop use: 25

Adult laptop use hours: 22

Kids and teen computer use: 605

Kids and teen computer use hours: 242

Teen laptop use: 15

Teen laptop hours: 17

Submitted by Sharon Byerly, January 15, 2026

STATISTICS FOR	Nov-25	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Circulation</u>					
Adult	19,989	21,548	111,884	119,725	-6.55%
Teen	893	854	6,081	6,307	-3.58%
Kids	15,159	15,651	82,051	84,290	-2.66%
ILLS Sent	2,446	2,457	14,325	13,581	5.48%
TOTAL	38,487	40,510	214,341	223,903	-4.27%
Electronic Circulation	12,127	11,142	62,779	50,916	23.30%
GRAND TOTAL CIRC.	50,614	51,652	277,120	274,819	0.84%
% Reciprocal Borrowing	10%	10%	10%	11%	
Patron Visits	37,476	29,814	192,172	159,394	20.56%
<u>Current Cards</u>					
Resident	114	135	23,238	25,155	-7.62%
Non-Resident	74	111	2,290	2,385	-3.98%
TOTAL	188	246	25,528	27,540	-7.31%
<u>Patron Assistance</u>					
Adult - Reference	2,588	1,569	11,026	10,379	6.23%
Kids - Reference	907	830	5,500	4,475	22.91%
Technology - Reference	881	911	5,818	6,214	-6.37%
TOTAL REFERENCE	4,376	3,310	22,344	21,068	6.06%
Adult - Other	68	41	280	312	-10.26%
Kids - Other	20	31	171	122	40.16%
Technology - Other	10	163	111	642	-82.71%
TOTAL OTHER	98	235	562	1,076	-47.77%
GRAND TOTAL ASST.	4,474	3,545	22,906	22,144	3.44%
<u>ILL/Reserves</u>					
Holds	6,390	7,187	38,306	32,111	19.29%
ILLS Sent	2,446	2,457	14,325	13,581	5.48%
ILLS Checked Out	3,079	19,944	18,441	33,942	-45.67%
ILLS Received	3,564	4,054	20,675	22,581	-8.44%
<u>Programs - Adult</u>					
# Programs	13	13	61	67	-8.96%
Attendance	343	263	1,466	1,577	-7.04%
<u>Programs - Tech & Maker</u>					
# Programs	7	16	41	69	-40.58%
Attendance	60	132	412	598	-31.10%
<u>Individual Technology Training</u>					
# of Patrons	22	21	184	257	-28.40%
<u>Groups</u>					
# Programs	11	11	53	56	-5.36%
Attendance	89	104	552	539	2.41%
<u>Others</u>					
#Programs	0	0	0	0	
Attendance	0	0	0	0	
<u>Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	4	3	18	18	0.00%
Attendance	21	93	129	220	-41.36%
<u>Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	27	23	102	97	5.15%
Attendance	715	439	3,385	2,327	45.47%
GRAND TOTAL ATT.	1,250	1,052	6,128	5,518	11.05%

STATISTICS FOR	Nov-25	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Passive Programs - Adult</u>					
#Programs	2	1	10	12	-16.67%
Attendance	74	25	349	805	-56.65%
<u>Passive Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	2	0	19	14	35.71%
Attendance	15	0	475	863	-44.96%
<u>Passive Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	14	19	79	74	6.76%
Attendance	1,726	1,675	7,310	6,997	4.47%
<u>Computers - Patron Use</u>					
Adult Computers	1,379	1,571	8,297	8,475	-2.10%
Kids Computers	603	551	3,225	3,275	-1.53%
Teen Laptop	3	1	26	18	44.44%
Adult Laptop	8	7	62	36	72.22%
TOTAL PATRON USE	1,993	2,130	11,610	11,804	-1.64%
<u>Hours Used</u>					
Adult Computers	1,162	1,400	7,108	7,118	-0.14%
Kids Computers	203	327	1,388	1,739	-20.18%
Teen Laptop	3	1	30	11	172.73%
Adult Laptop	12	10	74	42	76.19%
TOTAL HOURS USED	1,380	1,738	8,600	8,910	-3.48%
Wireless Total Connections	9,531	8,439	52,463	39,780	31.88%
IPPL Total Web Site Access	16,018	11,736	75,167	62,230	20.79%
IPPL Total Page Views	48,667	42,000	247,426	228,245	8.40%
Subscription Database Logins	11,006	5,711	37,913	26,680	42.10%
<u>Outreach-Homebound</u>					
Items Delivered	78	101	367	628	-41.56%
<u>Volunteers</u>					
Number Active	29	15			
Hours Worked	72	41	688	530	29.81%
Staff Training Hours	69	75	813	888	-8.45%
<u>Room Use</u>					
Conference Rooms	699	764	3,722	4,148	-10.27%
Meeting Rooms					
Library	59	59	240	254	-5.51%
Non-Library	13	17	83	86	-3.49%
Board Room					
Library	27	13	131	105	24.76%
Non-Library	18	19	74	98	-24.49%

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR PHYSICAL FORMATS - November 2025

BOOKS	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Reference	113	4	0	117
Non-Fiction	29,341	217	278	29,280
Fiction	30,214	240	281	30,173
ADULT TOTALS	59,668	461	559	59,570
KIDS				
Non-Fiction	13,046	38	9	13,075
Fiction	24,295	151	158	24,288
Books + Audio (Vox, WonderBooks)	217	0	0	217
KIDS TOTALS	37,558	189	167	37,580
TEEN				
Non-Fiction	708	5	2	711
Fiction	3,651	50	9	3,692
TEEN TOTALS	4,359	55	11	4,403
BOOK TOTALS	101,585	705	737	101,553

AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Audiobooks on CD	5,657	20	14	5,663
Music CDs	4,306	11	3	4,314
Vinyl Records	35	2	0	37
Playaway's	347	4	2	349
ADULT TOTALS	10,345	37	19	10,363
KIDS				
Audiobooks on CD	348	0	1	347
Music CDs	200	0	38	162
Playaway's	165	4	1	168
KIDS TOTALS	713	4	40	677
TEEN				
Audiobooks on CD	78	0	0	78
Playaway's	20	0	0	20
TEEN TOTALS	98	0	0	98
AUDIO TOTALS	11,156	41	59	11,138

VIDEO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
DVD & Blu-ray	19,057	81	53	19,085
ADULT TOTALS	19,057	81	53	19,085
KIDS				
DVD & Blu-ray	3,762	10	2	3,770
KIDS TOTALS	3,762	10	2	3,770
VIDEO TOTALS	22,819	91	55	22,855

OTHER	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Book Club to Go	16	4	4	16
Library of Things	101	0	0	101
Devices (Rokus, Tablets, eReaders, Record Players)	72	0	1	71
Console Games	603	13	1	615
ADULT TOTALS	792	17	6	803
KIDS				
Kits (STEM, Book Bundles, etc.)	197	0	10	187
Puzzles	23	0	0	23
Launchpads	16	0	1	15
eReaders	3	0	0	3
Console Games	351	5	3	353
Board Games - Juvenile	14	0	1	13
Equipment (CD Players, headphones, aux cords)	12	0	0	12
KIDS TOTALS	616	5	15	606
TEEN				
eReaders	2	0	0	2
Tablets	2	0	0	2
Board Games	72	0	1	71
TEEN TOTALS	76	0	1	75
OTHER TOTALS	1,484	22	22	1,484
COLLECTION TOTALS	137,044	859	873	137,030

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR ELECTRONIC FORMATS - Nov 2025

eBOOKS	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Hoopla (ebooks & comics)	1,125,803	13,298	1,139,101
eMedia (OverDrive Consortium)	19,647	-23	19,624
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	8,253	295	8,548
Preloaded eReader titles	227	0	227
eBook Totals	1,153,930	13,570	1,167,500
AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Audiobooks			
Hoopla	369,090	4,942	374,032
eMedia (Overdrive Consortium)	7,446	12	7,458
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	2,557	4	2,561
Preloaded Audiobook titles	190	1	191
Music			
Hoopla	534,038	7,879	541,917
Audio Total	913,321	12,838	926,159
VISUAL	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Videos			
Hoopla (includes TV Episodes)	35,660	231	35,891
Kanopy	36,317	265	36,582
Preloaded Adult Roku Titles	1,712	7	1,719
Preloaded Family Roku Titles	251	1	252
Visual Totals	73,940	504	74,444
Total Audio/Visual	987,261	13,342	1,000,603
Collection Totals	2,141,191	26,912	2,168,103

STATISTICS FOR	Dec-25	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Circulation</u>					
Adult	19,653	20,410	131,537	140,135	-6.14%
Teen	936	934	7,017	7,241	-3.09%
Kids	13,015	13,291	95,066	97,581	-2.58%
ILLS Sent	3,574	2,276	17,899	15,857	12.88%
TOTAL	37,178	36,911	251,519	260,814	-3.56%
Electronic Circulation	12,669	11,605	75,448	62,521	20.68%
GRAND TOTAL CIRC.	49,847	48,516	326,967	323,335	1.12%
% Reciprocal Borrowing	10%	10%	10%	11%	
Patron Visits	17,863	23,873	210,035	183,267	14.61%
<u>Current Cards</u>					
Resident	58	83	23,271	25,130	-7.40%
Non-Resident	100	74	2,295	2,388	-3.89%
TOTAL	158	157	25,566	27,518	-7.09%
<u>Patron Assistance</u>					
Adult - Reference	2,272	1,330	13,298	11,709	13.57%
Kids - Reference	823	780	6,323	5,255	20.32%
Technology - Reference	892	868	6,710	7,082	-5.25%
TOTAL REFERENCE	3,987	2,978	26,331	24,046	9.50%
Adult - Other	53	29	333	341	-2.35%
Kids - Other	28	17	199	139	43.17%
Technology - Other	12	40	123	682	-81.96%
TOTAL OTHER	93	86	655	1,162	-43.63%
GRAND TOTAL ASST.	4,080	3,064	26,986	25,208	7.05%
<u>ILL/Reserves</u>					
Holds	7,054	6,749	45,360	38,860	16.73%
ILLS Sent	3,574	2,276	17,899	15,857	12.88%
ILLS Checked Out	3,223	3,250	21,664	37,192	-41.75%
ILLS Received	3,825	3,855	24,500	26,436	-7.32%
<u>Programs - Adult</u>					
# Programs	5	10	66	77	-14.29%
Attendance	80	188	1,546	1,765	-12.41%
<u>Programs - Tech & Maker</u>					
# Programs	12	4	53	73	-27.40%
Attendance	96	27	508	625	-18.72%
<u>Individual Technology Training</u>					
# of Patrons	25	41	209	298	-29.87%
<u>Groups</u>					
# Programs	7	7	60	63	-4.76%
Attendance	51	55	603	594	1.52%
<u>Others</u>					
#Programs	0	0	0	0	
Attendance	0	0	0	0	
<u>Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	8	7	26	25	4.00%
Attendance	92	22	221	242	-8.68%
<u>Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	10	5	112	102	9.80%
Attendance	255	109	3,640	2,436	49.43%
GRAND TOTAL ATT.	599	442	6,727	5,960	12.87%

STATISTICS FOR	Dec-25	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Passive Programs - Adult</u>					
#Programs	2	1	12	13	-7.69%
Attendance	52	31	401	836	-52.03%
<u>Passive Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	3	1	22	15	46.67%
Attendance	36	1	511	864	-40.86%
<u>Passive Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	13	9	92	83	10.84%
Attendance	1,406	1,124	8,716	8,121	7.33%
<u>Computers - Patron Use</u>					
Adult Computers	1,245	1,325	9,542	9,800	-2.63%
Kids Computers	605	514	3,830	3,789	1.08%
Teen Laptop	15	1	41	19	115.79%
Adult Laptop	25	5	87	41	112.20%
TOTAL PATRON USE	1,890	1,845	13,500	13,649	-1.09%
<u>Hours Used</u>					
Adult Computers	1,114	1,127	8,222	8,245	-0.28%
Kids Computers	242	312	1,630	2,051	-20.53%
Teen Laptop	17	1	47	12	291.67%
Adult Laptop	22	5	96	47	104.26%
TOTAL HOURS USED	1,395	1,445	9,995	10,355	-3.48%
<u>Wireless Total Connections</u>	9,173	7,853	61,636	47,633	29.40%
<u>IPPL Total Web Site Access</u>	15,308	10,981	90,475	73,211	23.58%
<u>IPPL Total Page Views</u>	45,861	40,540	293,287	268,785	9.12%
<u>Subscription Database Logins</u>	9,864	2,467	47,777	29,147	63.92%
<u>Outreach-Homebound</u>					
Items Delivered	61	82	428	710	-39.72%
<u>Volunteers</u>					
Number Active	39	28			
Hours Worked	138	87	826	617	33.87%
<u>Staff Training Hours</u>	47	41	860	929	-7.43%
<u>Room Use</u>					
Conference Rooms	699	637	4,421	4,785	-7.61%
Meeting Rooms					
Library	21	45	261	299	-12.71%
Non-Library	14	12	97	98	-1.02%
Board Room					
Library	20	18	151	123	22.76%
Non-Library	9	15	83	113	-26.55%

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR PHYSICAL FORMATS - December 2025

BOOKS	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Reference	117	0	0	117
Non-Fiction	29,280	208	491	28,997
Fiction	30,173	468	235	30,406
ADULT TOTALS	59,570	676	726	59,520
KIDS				
Non-Fiction	13,075	144	15	13,204
Fiction	24,288	164	78	24,374
Books + Audio (Vox, WonderBooks)	217	0	0	217
KIDS TOTALS	37,580	308	93	37,795
TEEN				
Non-Fiction	711	10	0	721
Fiction	3,692	48	0	3,740
TEEN TOTALS	4,403	58	0	4,461
BOOK TOTALS	101,553	1,042	819	101,776

AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Audiobooks on CD	5,663	24	3	5,684
Music CDs	4,314	17	28	4,303
Vinyl Records	37	0	0	37
Playaway's	349	3	1	351
ADULT TOTALS	10,363	44	32	10,375
KIDS				
Audiobooks on CD	347	1	0	348
Music CDs	162	0	0	162
Playaway's	168	1	0	169
KIDS TOTALS	677	2	0	679
TEEN				
Audiobooks on CD	78	0	0	78
Playaway's	20	0	0	20
TEEN TOTALS	98	0	0	98
AUDIO TOTALS	11,138	46	32	11,152

VIDEO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
DVD & Blu-ray	19,085	62	127	19,020
ADULT TOTALS	19,085	62	127	19,020
KIDS				
DVD & Blu-ray	3,770	8	6	3,772
KIDS TOTALS	3,770	8	6	3,772
VIDEO TOTALS	22,855	70	133	22,792

OTHER	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Book Club to Go	16	1	0	17
Library of Things	101	0	8	93
Devices (Rokus, Tablets, eReaders, Record Players)	71	4	3	72
Console Games	615	1	1	615
ADULT TOTALS	803	6	12	797
KIDS				
Kits (STEM, Book Bundles, etc.)	187	0	0	187
Puzzles	23	0	0	23
Launchpads	15	0	0	15
eReaders	3	0	0	3
Console Games	353	4	0	357
Board Games - Juvenile	13	0	0	13
Equipment (CD Players, headphones, aux cords)	12	0	0	12
KIDS TOTALS	606	4	0	610
TEEN				
eReaders	2	0	0	2
Tablets	2	0	0	2
Board Games	71	0	0	71
TEEN TOTALS	75	0	0	75
OTHER TOTALS	1,484	10	12	1,482
COLLECTION TOTALS	137,030	1,168	996	137,202

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR ELECTRONIC FORMATS - Dec 2025

eBOOKS	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Hoopla (ebooks & comics)	1,139,101	20,787	1,159,888
eMedia (OverDrive Consortium)	19,624	89	19,713
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	8,548	-76	8,472
Preloaded eReader titles	227	0	227
eBook Totals	1,167,500	20,800	1,188,300
AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Audiobooks			
Hoopla	374,032	3,835	377,867
eMedia (Overdrive Consortium)	7,458	35	7,493
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	2,561	2	2,563
Preloaded Audiobook titles	191	1	192
Music			
Hoopla	541,917	3,554	545,471
Audio Total	926,159	7,427	933,586
VISUAL	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Videos			
Hoopla (includes TV Episodes)	35,891	467	36,358
Kanopy	36,582	-193	36,389
Preloaded Adult Roku Titles	1,719	1	1,720
Preloaded Family Roku Titles	252	1	253
Visual Totals	74,444	276	74,720
Total Audio/Visual	1,000,603	7,703	1,008,306
Collection Totals	2,168,103	28,503	2,196,606

INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 11/30/2025

Balance on hand as of October 31, 2025.....	4,419,486.87
Cash Receipts for November.....	40,244.39
Cash Disbursements for November.....	361,868.26
Cash on hand as of November 30, 2025.....	4,097,863.00

Investments

Illinois Funds (Money Market) - Average Monthly Rate 4.098%	
General.....	888,326.84
MPI Investment (Corporate Fund).....	1,422,792.05
Republic Bank - Savings - Rate 2.82%.....	1,769,866.35
Republic Bank - Checking General.....	4,620.85
Republic Bank - Payroll Account.....	1,125.43
Republic Bank - License Sticker Account.....	10,527.48
Petty Cash/Circulation.....	604.00
Balances as of November 30, 2025.....	4,097,863.00

FUND BALANCES AS OF 11/30/2025

Corporate Fund.....	3,911,647.67
Building & Maintenance Fund.....	58,624.13
I.M.R.F. Fund.....	(168.60)
Liability Fund.....	(5,271.75)
Social Security Fund.....	6,040.57
Special Reserve Fund.....	-
Current Liabilites.....	126,990.98
Grand Total All Funds.....	4,097,863.00

Indian Prairie Public Library District
Consolidated Revenue Report for November 2025

Percent of Year: 41.67

	RECEIVED November 2025	RECEIVED THIS YEAR	PRCT COLL	BUDGET RECEIPTS	UNCOLLECTED RECEIPTS
PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST					
41100 · Property Taxes	0.00	4,275,224.61	94.91%	4,504,300.00	229,075.39
41150 · Non-current Property Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00%	800.00	800.00
43100 · Interest-Tax Levy	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST	0.00	4,275,224.61	94.90%	4,505,100.00	229,875.39
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	7,317.43	37,171.06	53.10%	70,000.00	32,828.94
TOTAL INTEREST	7,317.43	37,171.06	53.10%	70,000.00	32,828.94
DESK MONIES					
45100 · Copier	158.60	1,016.35	48.40%	2,100.00	1,083.65
45120 · Computer Copies	1,590.11	9,318.69	66.56%	14,000.00	4,681.31
45130 · Fax	330.60	1,494.30	42.69%	3,500.00	2,005.70
45200 · Fines/Fees	294.42	1,628.13	40.70%	4,000.00	2,371.87
45250 · Gifts/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00%	50.00	50.00
45300 · Lost Materials	482.10	2,575.85	51.52%	5,000.00	2,424.15
45350 · Non-Resident Fees	11,290.27	54,913.34	57.80%	95,000.00	40,086.66
45550 · Meeting Room Rental	100.00	700.00	46.67%	1,500.00	800.00
45600 · ILL Fees	5.00	33.35	13.34%	250.00	216.65
45650 · Maker Studio	889.87	4,981.34	62.27%	8,000.00	3,018.66
45700 · Passport Fees	2,625.00	11,663.50	41.66%	28,000.00	16,336.50
45800 · License Stickers	266.00	1,548.35	51.61%	3,000.00	1,451.65
TOTAL DESK MONIES	18,031.97	89,873.20	54.67%	164,400.00	74,526.80
OTHER INCOME					
46500 · OCLC Refund	0.00	608.96	0.00%	500.00	-108.96
46700 · Miscellaneous	0.00	241.00	241.00%	100.00	-141.00
46800 · Collection Agency Fee	30.00	169.21	56.40%	300.00	130.79
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	30.00	1,019.17	113.24%	900.00	-119.17
TOTAL	25,379.40	4,468,028.74	92.98%	4,805,400.00	337,371.26
49000 · Operating Transfer In					
GRAND TOTAL	25,379.40	4,468,028.74	92.98%	4,805,400.00	337,371.26

Indian Prairie Public Library District Consolidated Expenditures Report for November 2025

Percent of Year: 41.67

	November 25	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
PERSONNEL							
61100 · Salaries	203,134.86	1,085,957.74	41.64%	2,607,784.00	1,521,826.26		
61310 · Benefits - Medical / Life Ins.	21,150.41	105,042.78	35.54%	295,587.00	190,544.22		
61330 · Benefits - IMRF	23,017.18	123,357.65	42.06%	293,302.00	169,944.35		
61340 · Benefits - FICA	15,005.44	80,202.04	40.20%	199,495.00	119,292.96		
61400 · Staff Development	277.99	7,378.24	36.89%	20,000.00	12,621.76		
61600 · Board Development	0.00	464.16	92.83%	500.00	35.84		
61710 · Workers Compensation	0.00	4,637.00	105.60%	4,391.00	-246.00		
61720 · Unemployment Insurance	309.81	768.37	25.61%	3,000.00	2,231.63		
TOTAL PERSONNEL	262,895.69	1,407,807.98	41.12%	3,424,059.00	2,016,251.02	3,600,000.00	39.11%
RESOURCES							
62100 · Books	21,918.34	59,076.17	35.26%	167,542.00	108,465.83		
62200 · Periodicals	439.34	7,813.69	41.86%	18,668.00	10,854.31		
62300 · Audio	1,910.48	5,568.45	24.69%	22,550.00	16,981.55		
62400 · Video	1,653.84	7,593.12	23.01%	33,000.00	25,406.88		
62500 · Multi-Media	0.00	1,557.55	21.34%	7,300.00	5,742.45		
62600 · eResources	12,921.31	119,632.73	50.09%	238,850.00	119,217.27		
62700 · Console Games	1,072.55	3,074.56	51.24%	6,000.00	2,925.44		
62800 · Damaged Item Replacement	797.88	2,155.95	33.17%	6,500.00	4,344.05		
62900 · Resources Supplies	2,988.13	8,546.90	37.99%	22,500.00	13,953.10		
TOTAL RESOURCES	43,701.87	215,019.12	41.12%	522,910.00	307,890.88	530,000.00	40.57%
BUILDING							
63200 · Cleaning Services	6,204.38	28,906.49	33.04%	87,500.00	58,593.51		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-11 · Gas)	2,418.77	5,384.42	25.64%	21,000.00	15,615.58		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-12 · Electric)	-1,000.00	26,160.16	26.29%	99,500.00	73,339.84		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-13 · Telephone)	247.01	984.29	32.81%	3,000.00	2,015.71		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-14 · Water/Sewer)	902.76	1,793.40	19.93%	9,000.00	7,206.60		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-15 · Garbage Disposal)	345.04	1,440.20	30.32%	4,750.00	3,309.80		
63350 · Building Supplies	819.80	4,428.58	36.91%	12,000.00	7,571.42		
63400 · Maintenance Supplies	787.19	2,222.57	20.21%	11,000.00	8,777.43		
63500 · Security System Monitoring	0.00	562.50	46.88%	1,200.00	637.50		
63600 · Property Maintenance	2,000.00	13,251.00	26.50%	50,000.00	36,749.00		
63800 · Building Maintenance/Repair	10,674.00	35,751.00	47.67%	75,000.00	39,249.00		
TOTAL BUILDING	23,398.95	120,884.61	32.33%	373,950.00	253,065.39	325,000.00	37.20%
OPERATIONS							
64100 · Payroll Service	695.00	3,475.00	40.88%	8,500.00	5,025.00		
64200 · Supplies - Office	213.45	1,415.02	23.58%	6,000.00	4,584.98		
64300 · Photocopy Supplies	265.93	695.46	21.08%	3,300.00	2,604.54		
64500 · Postage	-6,751.02	2,072.72	34.55%	6,000.00	3,927.28		
64550 · Passport Postage	404.60	1,689.94	33.80%	5,000.00	3,310.06		
64700 · Travel	169.12	322.88	21.53%	1,500.00	1,177.12		
64800 · Organizational Memberships	112.50	771.70	22.05%	3,500.00	2,728.30		
64900 · Bank Fees	400.16	1,680.95	48.03%	3,500.00	1,819.05		
TOTAL OPERATION	-4,490.26	12,123.67	32.50%	37,300.00	25,176.33	40,000.00	30.31%
TECHNOLOGY							
65100 · Supplies-Toner	2,448.75	7,055.59	39.20%	18,000.00	10,944.41		
65160 · Supplies-Technology Services	0.00	0.00	0.00%	200.00	200.00		
65170 · Supplies-Maker Studio	548.54	1,970.21	24.03%	8,200.00	6,229.79		
65200 · Technology-Prof Services	0.00	8,470.00	29.41%	28,800.00	20,330.00		
65300 · Purchase of Equipment	0.00	22,737.41	56.84%	40,000.00	17,262.59		
65400 · Technology Equip Mnt/Repair	372.08	8,026.48	31.11%	25,800.00	17,773.52		
65500 · Software	1,307.23	7,873.29	17.79%	44,260.00	36,386.71		
65600 · SWAN	0.00	23,663.70	48.31%	48,979.00	25,315.30		

Indian Prairie Public Library District Consolidated Expenditures Report for November 2025

Percent of Year: 41.67

	November 25	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
65700 · Telecommunications	1,046.65	4,571.07	33.72%	13,556.00	8,984.93		
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	5,723.25	84,367.75	37.04%	227,795.00	143,427.25	230,000.00	36.68%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES							
66100 · General Professional Services	8,163.13	12,507.49	26.61%	47,000.00	34,492.51		
66200 · Credit Bureau	137.90	334.90	33.49%	1,000.00	665.10		
66300 · Copier	-31.19	1,169.35	38.98%	3,000.00	1,830.65		
66400 · Copier Maintenance Contract	72.00	529.56	26.48%	2,000.00	1,470.44		
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	8,341.84	14,541.30	27.44%	53,000.00	38,458.70	62,000.00	23.45%
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	11,661.29	23,264.48	44.74%	52,000.00	28,735.52		
68111 · eNewsletter	0.00	15.00	0.16%	9,330.00	9,315.00		
68210 · Marketing Advertising	15.00	285.00	28.50%	1,000.00	715.00		
68310 · Marketing Supplies	0.00	351.56	87.89%	400.00	48.44		
68410 · Marketing-Information Printing	37.11	2,598.96	17.33%	15,000.00	12,401.04		
68500 · Legal Notices	126.00	568.36	56.84%	1,000.00	431.64		
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	11,839.40	27,083.36	34.40%	78,730.00	51,646.64	80,000.00	33.85%
PROGRAMMING							
68600 · Programming	935.54	8,099.92	20.82%	38,900.00	30,800.08		
TOTAL PROGRAMMING	935.54	8,099.92	20.82%	38,900.00	30,800.08	40,000.00	20.25%
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	479.98	5,022.72	33.49%	15,000.00	9,977.28		
69920 · Gift/Donation Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00%		0.00		
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY & CONTINGENCY	479.98	5,022.72	33.49%	15,000.00	9,977.28		
70000 · Operating Transfer Purchases	5,360.00	34,476.29	0.00%				
TOTAL	358,186.26	1,955,530.72	40.76%	4,797,748.00	2,842,217.28	0.00	

INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 12/31/2025

Balance on hand as of November 30, 2025.....	4,097,863.00
Cash Receipts for December.....	219,504.48
Cash Disbursements for December.....	440,945.80
Cash on hand as of December 31, 2025.....	3,876,421.68

Investments

Illinois Funds (Money Market) - Average Monthly Rate 3.945%	
General.....	1,015,237.15
MPI Investment (Corporate Fund).....	1,422,792.05
Republic Bank - Savings - Rate 2.78%.....	1,379,580.85
Republic Bank - Checking General.....	45,282.95
Republic Bank - Payroll Account.....	2,255.60
Republic Bank - License Sticker Account.....	10,669.08
Petty Cash/Circulation.....	604.00
Balances as of December 31, 2025.....	3,876,421.68

FUND BALANCES AS OF 12/31/2025

Corporate Fund.....	3,688,715.74
Building & Maintenance Fund.....	43,588.87
I.M.R.F. Fund.....	597.11
Liability Fund.....	(5,016.74)
Social Security Fund.....	6,769.67
Special Reserve Fund.....	-
Current Liabilites.....	141,767.03
Grand Total All Funds.....	3,876,421.68

**Indian Prairie Public Library District
Consolidated Revenue Report for December 2025**

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Percent of Year: 50.00

	RECEIVED December 2025	RECEIVED THIS YEAR	PRCT COLL	BUDGET RECEIPTS	UNCOLLECTED RECEIPTS
PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST					
41100 · Property Taxes	177,446.55	4,452,671.16	98.85%	4,504,300.00	51,628.84
41150 · Non-current Property Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00%	800.00	800.00
43100 · Interest-Tax Levy	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST	177,446.55	4,452,671.16	98.84%	4,505,100.00	52,428.84
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	6,685.13	43,856.19	62.65%	70,000.00	26,143.81
TOTAL INTEREST	6,685.13	43,856.19	62.65%	70,000.00	26,143.81
DESK MONIES					
45100 · Copier	185.08	1,201.43	57.21%	2,100.00	898.57
45120 · Computer Copies	1,960.14	11,278.83	80.56%	14,000.00	2,721.17
45130 · Fax	282.77	1,777.07	50.77%	3,500.00	1,722.93
45200 · Fines/Fees	330.85	1,958.98	48.98%	4,000.00	2,041.02
45250 · Gifts/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00%	50.00	50.00
45300 · Lost Materials	210.10	2,785.95	55.72%	5,000.00	2,214.05
45350 · Non-Resident Fees	8,232.02	63,145.36	66.47%	95,000.00	31,854.64
45550 · Meeting Room Rental	50.00	750.00	50.00%	1,500.00	750.00
45600 · ILL Fees	11.00	44.35	17.74%	250.00	205.65
45650 · Maker Studio	1,544.44	6,525.78	81.57%	8,000.00	1,474.22
45700 · Passport Fees	2,310.00	13,973.50	49.91%	28,000.00	14,026.50
45800 · License Stickers	281.20	1,829.55	60.99%	3,000.00	1,170.45
TOTAL DESK MONIES	15,397.60	105,270.80	64.03%	164,400.00	59,129.20
OTHER INCOME					
46500 · OCLC Refund	0.00	608.96	0.00%	500.00	-108.96
46700 · Miscellaneous	0.00	241.00	241.00%	100.00	-141.00
46800 · Collection Agency Fee	20.00	189.21	63.07%	300.00	110.79
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	20.00	1,039.17	115.46%	900.00	-139.17
TOTAL	199,549.28	4,667,578.02	97.13%	4,805,400.00	137,821.98
49000 · Operating Transfer In					
GRAND TOTAL	199,549.28	4,667,578.02	97.13%	4,805,400.00	137,821.98

**Indian Prairie Public Library District
Consolidated Expenditures Report for December 2025**

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Percent of Year: 50.00

	December 25	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
PERSONNEL							
61100 · Salaries	311,960.12	1,397,917.86	53.61%	2,607,784.00	1,209,866.14		
61310 · Benefits - Medical / Life Ins.	67.53	105,110.31	35.56%	295,587.00	190,476.69		
61330 · Benefits - IMRF	35,494.60	158,852.25	54.16%	293,302.00	134,449.75		
61340 · Benefits - FICA	23,236.98	103,439.02	51.85%	199,495.00	96,055.98		
61400 · Staff Development	183.32	7,561.56	37.81%	20,000.00	12,438.44		
61600 · Board Development	0.00	464.16	92.83%	500.00	35.84		
61710 · Workers Compensation	0.00	4,637.00	105.60%	4,391.00	-246.00		
61720 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	768.37	25.61%	3,000.00	2,231.63		
TOTAL PERSONNEL	370,942.55	1,778,750.53	51.95%	3,424,059.00	1,645,308.47	3,600,000.00	49.41%
RESOURCES							
62100 · Books	12,736.92	61,936.47	36.97%	167,542.00	105,605.53		
62200 · Periodicals	377.99	8,191.68	43.88%	18,668.00	10,476.32		
62300 · Audio	1,668.80	7,237.25	32.09%	22,550.00	15,312.75		
62400 · Video	2,261.08	9,854.20	29.86%	33,000.00	23,145.80		
62500 · Multi-Media	746.28	2,303.83	31.56%	7,300.00	4,996.17		
62600 · eResources	11,888.55	131,521.28	55.06%	238,850.00	107,328.72		
62700 · Console Games	290.59	3,365.15	56.09%	6,000.00	2,634.85		
62800 · Damaged Item Replacement	0.00	1,757.01	27.03%	6,500.00	4,742.99		
62900 · Resources Supplies	591.82	8,359.13	37.15%	22,500.00	14,140.87		
TOTAL RESOURCES	30,562.03	234,526.00	44.85%	522,910.00	288,384.00	530,000.00	44.25%
BUILDING							
63200 · Cleaning Services	8,559.38	37,465.87	42.82%	87,500.00	50,034.13		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-11 · Gas)	3,495.16	8,879.58	42.28%	21,000.00	12,120.42		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-12 · Electric)	12,835.68	38,995.84	39.19%	99,500.00	60,504.16		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-13 · Telephone)	247.01	1,231.30	41.04%	3,000.00	1,768.70		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-14 · Water/Sewer)	0.00	1,793.40	19.93%	9,000.00	7,206.60		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-15 · Garbage Disposal)	345.04	1,785.24	37.58%	4,750.00	2,964.76		
63350 · Building Supplies	1,110.10	5,538.68	46.16%	12,000.00	6,461.32		
63400 · Maintenance Supplies	401.94	2,624.51	23.86%	11,000.00	8,375.49		
63500 · Security System Monitoring	112.50	675.00	56.25%	1,200.00	525.00		
63600 · Property Maintenance	2,000.00	15,251.00	30.50%	50,000.00	34,749.00		
63800 · Building Maintenance/Repair	7,007.00	42,758.00	57.01%	75,000.00	32,242.00		
TOTAL BUILDING	36,113.81	156,998.42	41.98%	373,950.00	216,951.58	325,000.00	48.31%
OPERATIONS							
64100 · Payroll Service	695.00	4,170.00	49.06%	8,500.00	4,330.00		
64200 · Supplies - Office	83.84	1,498.86	24.98%	6,000.00	4,501.14		
64300 · Photocopy Supplies	104.78	800.24	24.25%	3,300.00	2,499.76		
64500 · Postage	-357.00	1,715.72	28.60%	6,000.00	4,284.28		
64550 · Passport Postage	357.00	2,046.94	40.94%	5,000.00	2,953.06		
64700 · Travel	46.90	369.78	24.65%	1,500.00	1,130.22		
64800 · Organizational Memberships	0.00	771.70	22.05%	3,500.00	2,728.30		
64900 · Bank Fees	245.17	1,926.12	55.03%	3,500.00	1,573.88		
TOTAL OPERATION	1,175.69	13,299.36	35.66%	37,300.00	24,000.64	40,000.00	33.25%
TECHNOLOGY							
65100 · Supplies-Toner	737.00	7,792.59	43.29%	18,000.00	10,207.41		
65160 · Supplies-Technology Services	0.00	0.00	0.00%	200.00	200.00		
65170 · Supplies-Maker Studio	351.32	2,321.53	28.31%	8,200.00	5,878.47		
65200 · Technology-Prof Services	0.00	8,470.00	29.41%	28,800.00	20,330.00		
65300 · Purchase of Equipment	82.52	22,819.93	57.05%	40,000.00	17,180.07		
65400 · Technology Equip Mnt/Repair	6.08	8,032.56	31.13%	25,800.00	17,767.44		
65500 · Software	21.57	7,894.86	17.84%	44,260.00	36,365.14		
65600 · SWAN	0.00	23,663.70	48.31%	48,979.00	25,315.30		

**Indian Prairie Public Library District
Consolidated Expenditures Report for December 2025**

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Percent of Year: 50.00

	December 25	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
65700 · Telecommunications	1,182.80	5,753.67	42.44%	13,556.00	7,802.33		
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	2,381.09	86,748.84	38.08%	227,795.00	141,046.16	230,000.00	37.72%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES							
66100 · General Professional Services	669.89	13,177.38	28.04%	47,000.00	33,822.62		
66200 · Credit Bureau	118.20	453.10	45.31%	1,000.00	546.90		
66300 · Copier	496.31	1,665.66	55.52%	3,000.00	1,334.34		
66400 · Copier Maintenance Contract	72.00	601.56	30.08%	2,000.00	1,398.44		
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,356.40	15,897.70	30.00%	53,000.00	37,102.30	62,000.00	25.64%
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	1,232.00	24,496.48	47.11%	52,000.00	27,503.52		
68111 · eNewsletter	15.00	30.00	0.32%	9,330.00	9,300.00		
68210 · Marketing Advertising	0.00	285.00	28.50%	1,000.00	715.00		
68310 · Marketing Supplies	15.70	367.26	91.82%	400.00	32.74		
68410 · Marketing-Information Printing	584.05	3,183.01	21.22%	15,000.00	11,816.99		
68500 · Legal Notices	0.00	568.36	56.84%	1,000.00	431.64		
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,846.75	28,930.11	36.75%	78,730.00	49,799.89	80,000.00	36.16%
PROGRAMMING							
68600 · Programming	2,443.46	10,543.38	27.10%	38,900.00	28,356.62		
TOTAL PROGRAMMING	2,443.46	10,543.38	27.10%	38,900.00	28,356.62	40,000.00	26.36%
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	0.00	5,022.72	33.49%	15,000.00	9,977.28		
69920 · Gift/Donation Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00%		0.00		
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY & CONTINGENCY	0.00	5,022.72	33.49%	15,000.00	9,977.28		
70000 · Operating Transfer Purchases	0.00	34,476.29	0.00%				
TOTAL	446,821.78	2,391,297.35	49.84%	4,797,748.00	2,406,450.65	0.00	

Library funding is under threat. Find out how you can show up for libraries: ala.org/showup.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Court permanently blocks Trump's executive order to dismantle federal agency for America's libraries

Washington – Today, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island struck down the Trump Administration's attempts to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The decision was issued in response to a lawsuit filed by the Attorneys General of 21 states.

ALA President Sam Helmick said, "Today's court decision is a powerful affirmation of what libraries mean to America. It restores everything that the executive order tried to take away: shared access to books in rural and remote areas, essential virtual learning tools, children's reading programs and the countless library services available to anyone who walks into a public, school or academic library. This isn't just a win for the 21 states who filed the case--it's a win for every library user and every American in every state and territory.

"Convincing a federal judge that shuttering a supposedly obscure agency would have an immediate and devastating impact on millions of Americans is no small feat. Libraries also strengthen local economies by supporting jobseekers, small businesses and community learning. Protecting these resources matters. ALA is proud to be in the company of dozens of library workers, associations, Friends of libraries, parents, educators, leaders at every level of government and every American who showed up for our libraries.

"This victory belongs to all of us, and we build the future of our libraries together. As we celebrate this decision, ALA invites everyone to keep using and speaking up for libraries. Your voice makes a difference, and your community leaders need to hear it."

IMLS is the only federal agency dedicated to the nation's libraries and museums. On March 14, President Trump issued Executive Order 14238, which directed the elimination of the agency. Subsequently, the Trump administration began mass termination of the agency's grants, dismissed all members of the IMLS board, halted crucial data collection and research, and intended to lay off nearly all of the agency's staff. These actions left IMLS unable to fulfill its duties required by federal law and interrupted library services across the country.

Today's court ruling found that those actions were arbitrary and capricious and contrary to federal law that established IMLS and directed it to carry out programs, including funding for libraries and museums across the nation. The ruling nullifies the Administration's actions to dismantle IMLS and permanently prohibits the Administration from taking such actions in the future. The ruling has immediate nationwide effect.

ALA also has led efforts in Congress and the courts to preserve IMLS, in parallel to the states' litigation. ALA filed its own lawsuit challenging the Administration's actions in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, which remains ongoing. In May, [ALA's lawsuit won a temporary restraining order](#), which prevented the mass layoff of nearly all IMLS employees, days before it was scheduled to take effect.

ALA also mobilized thousands of contacts from library supporters nationwide urging Congress to protect IMLS. As Congress continues work to finalize appropriations bills for fiscal year 2026, ALA urges advocates to [contact their Representatives and Senators in support of continued funding for the agency's vital work](#).

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About the American Library Association

The American Library Association is the largest non-partisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to America's libraries. The ALA mission is to empower and advocate for all libraries and library workers to ensure equitable access to information for all. For nearly 150 years, ALA has provided resources for information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more information, visit www.ala.org.



Illinois Library Association LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE MEETUPS

104th Illinois General Assembly | 2026 Spring Session |

Fund Libraries

Fully fund Fiscal Year 2026 state appropriations for the Illinois Secretary of State’s grant programs, equalization grants, and per capita grants for public libraries, school libraries, and library systems. Approve appropriations for the Illinois State Library and higher education institutions including state university and community college academic libraries for the benefit of students, their families, and our communities. Increase the per capita and per student grant rates for public libraries and school libraries, respectively, to keep pace with increased expenses libraries will incur throughout the year.

Library System Area & Per Capita Grants/Public Per Capita & School District Grants Inflationary Adjustments

PPC received a proposal to adjust library and related grants to account for inflationary economic conditions. As noted in the proposal, “without an inflation adjustment, these vital funding mechanisms lose value over time, impacting library operations and services.” Grants in these areas have been held flat for the past five fiscal years; we seek appropriate adjustment of grant line funding amounts.

Require Public Library Trustee Training

The legislative proposal submitted requires public library trustees to undergo training each year. The PPC found this to be a smart, proactive step for a representative of local government to be best prepared as a trustee. It would set a shared understanding of the role of a public library trustee.

Open Educational Resources Funding Grant

CARLI’s Open Educational Resources (OER) Committee presented its proposal for funding OER to address rising textbook costs that are creating an equity gap in higher education. PPC supports the \$3 million proposal to support faculty in creating OER materials. CARLI received a \$2 million US Department of Education Open Textbooks Pilot Grant, 2021-26; and a \$300,000 grant to administer the FY24 \$3 million Secretary of State/Illinois State Library grant. By the Spring 2026 semester, 219 classes have used or will be using the no-cost learning materials created by the two grants. Impact data is still being gathered. The OER funding would be part of the Secretary of State budget, a recurring \$3 million grant, and would be available to all schools in higher education per ILLINET.

Making eBooks Equitable & Accessible

The cost of eBooks to Illinois libraries is an ongoing and growing concern as libraries respond to user demand. PPC recommends taking legislative action to help libraries address the cost and limited terms of e-content.



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The State of Illinois School Libraries

Every student succeeds with licensed librarians



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RECENT LEGISLATION

- **License to Read Act** provides that the State Librarian may negotiate with publishers of eBooks and audiobooks on behalf of libraries.
- **Banning Book Bans** requires libraries to adhere to the ALA's Library Bill of Rights and to create written policies against the practice of banning books in order to qualify for state grants.
- **Media Literacy** requires every public high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy; sets forth what topics the unit of instruction shall include.

STUDENTS SUCCEED WITH LICENSED LIBRARIANS

In Illinois, the majority of elementary and high schools with a physical library are not staffed by those who have earned library certification from an accredited academic institution. There are no other roles in Illinois schools where unlicensed educators teach students.

Dozens of studies across the country indicate having a licensed librarian correlates with higher test scores across the board, even when variables like demographics and economic status are taken into account. One of the easiest steps Illinois can take for student success is to require all schools to employ ISBE licensed librarians, a mandate which is currently in place but inconsistently enforced (23ILAC1.420(o)(4)).

THE SLATE PROJECT

In response to large gaps in the data representing Illinois school libraries discovered by the SLIDE Project, RAILS launched the School Library Data Project in January 2022 and created the SLATE data dashboard (School Library Advocacy Through Education). This dashboard allows users to look at individual schools or districts and find statistics about their library programs, including the collection size, dollars spent, and number of licensed librarians employed. Visit SLATE using the QR code.



In cooperation with our state partners



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REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM



Illinois Heartland Library System

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Federal Funding for Libraries in Illinois: IMLS/LSTA

Administered through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the only federal program that exclusively covers services and funding for libraries, provided \$5.7 million for Illinois Libraries in FY2024 under the Grants to States Program. **Please support LSTA funding in the FY2025 federal budget; over 11.8 million Illinoisans reside in public library service areas which benefit from this funding.**

In FY2024 this funding impacted Illinois libraries through:

Efficiently Sharing Resources: 11 million items were transferred among more than 1,700 public, school, academic, and special libraries in Illinois. LSTA-supported resource sharing allowed for ground delivery services provided by the regional library systems and at no-charge to Illinois residents who requested the library materials. No one library can own everything; and sharing resources between libraries benefits library users across the entire state.

Additionally, through subscriptions for WorldCat Discovery/ FirstSearch services Illinois libraries conducted nearly 1 million citation searches between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 to serve their library patrons and support their library operations. Academic and college libraries constituted (263,379) 28% of searches; public libraries (65%) 610,099; K-12 school libraries (5%) 47,157 and special libraries such as medical, law, corporate, and government (2%) 17,254. Use of these services allows libraries to identify and access the resources that are required to meet the expectations of their patrons.



Project Next Generation Grants: This initiative is designed to educate at-risk students and bridge the digital divide. Public libraries work closely with their school districts to identify needs; since its 2000 inception, thousands of teens benefited. In FY2024, 30 libraries received more than \$500,000 in funding to enhance students' abilities to deal with life experiences, develop critical thinking skills, and prepare for the future. The program is designed to immerse students in learning while providing access to computers, software, and technologies. The Peoria Public Library received \$12,500 to implement "Project Next Generation Mini Stem Activities" at its Lincoln Branch. Other communities benefitting from this program included Normal, Highwood, Chicago Ridge, Carbondale, Evanston and Glen Carbon.

Public Library Programming: Administered by the Northbrook Public Library, the "Illinois Libraries Present" initiative allows over 200 public libraries to afford high quality online programming for their patrons that would be cost prohibitive for single libraries to hold on their own. The program affords public libraries access to nationally known speakers and authors at no cost to the public they serve.

Professional Development: The Illinois Library Association receives funding from the Illinois State Library and partners with the Reaching Across Illinois and the Illinois Heartland library systems to provide library leadership training for library directors, those who are brand new or those newer to the position, via "Directors' University." These programs enable library leaders to make the most out of local tax dollars which support the bulk of public library operations in this state.

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Why can't my library buy more e-books and audiobooks?



e-book and digital audiobook costs are too high for libraries, and access is limited.

It's unsustainable for libraries to continue to purchase digital content this way.

Publishers put limits on library e-books & e-audiobooks

 Print books are owned by the library and can be used for decades until they're worn out.

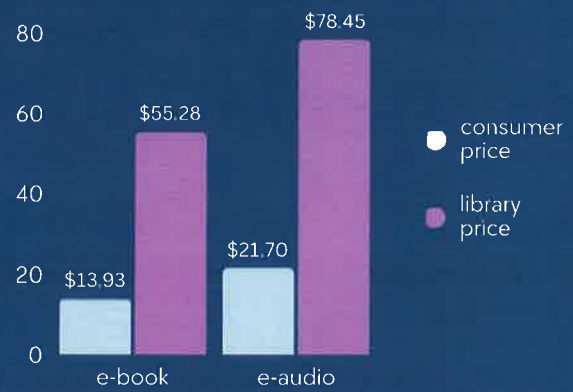
e-Books and digital audiobooks are licensed—libraries don't own them. Plus, publishers put limits on how long the content can be used:

 1 or 2 years *or*  26 or 52 checkouts

Once that limit is reached, libraries need to re-purchase the license at the same inflated price if they want to keep offering it to their community.

They're free for patrons to use, but not free for libraries to offer.


An average e-book costs a library **3.9x more** than what you would pay to buy it on your Kindle.



Source: ReadersFirst

e-Content usage is increasing

In 2024, a mid-size, suburban public library saw:

 **25%**
increase in e-book circulation

 **15%**
increase in audiobook circulation

Source: Warren-Newport Public Library

The cost per circulation of an electronic title is **3.7x higher** than a physical title.

 **\$0.63**

 **\$2.39**

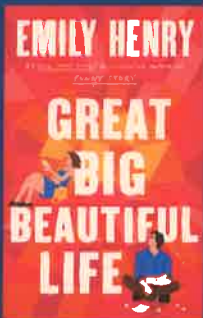
Source: Fremont Public Library

Let's see some real-time examples:

**library costs reflect single user, 2-year limit agreement*

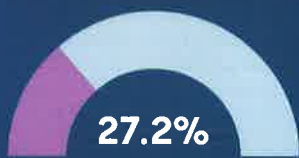


Format	Consumer Cost	Library Cost
	\$32.00	\$32.00
	\$16.99	\$67.99
	\$19.99	\$84.99



Format	Consumer Cost	Library Cost
	\$32.00	\$29.00
	\$14.99	\$55.00
	\$14.99	\$95.00

Sources: TS360, The Palace Marketplace, Amazon, and Apple Books

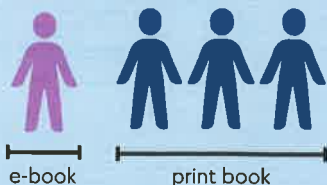


27.2%

Source: LibraryJournal

Libraries spend nearly **one-third of their budget** on digital content so their patrons can enjoy these popular titles.

Three people could check out the same print book for **less than the cost of a single e-book checkout.**



How does this affect my community?



Hold wait lists will get even longer

Your wait times will increase



You'll have limited options

Libraries can't afford to buy the content your community wants



Libraries will reach their budget breaking point

Providing you with less for your tax dollars



Illinois is known for its leadership in support of libraries, but...

if publishers continue to control the terms of digital content for libraries, we'll see an erosion of resource sharing across the state. **We will lose one of the best things that makes Illinois stand out in the national library landscape.**

How you can help



Support future legislative efforts from the **Illinois Library Association (ILA)** to address the cost and limited terms of e-content.

www.ila.org/advocacy/legislative-issues/illinois-legislative-issues



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Open Educational Resources (OER) Legislative Proposal 2026

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research materials (like textbooks) that are either in the public domain or licensed in a manner that provides everyone with free and perpetual permission to engage in the 5Rs: retaining, remixing, revising, reusing, and redistributing. The material is free online, affordable in print, and can be saved for future use and study.

CARLI and its supporters request permanent funding for Open Educational Resources in the amount of an annual \$3 million appropriation to the Secretary of State’s budget.

Background & context



The cost of course materials has become an equity issue because students do not have equal access to courses if they are unable to afford textbooks. According to the “[National Course Materials Survey 2023](#),” more than half of college students have taken fewer courses or avoided registering for a specific course due to the cost of course materials, including textbooks.

Why is it important to provide students with no-cost learning materials?



CARLI’s “[Illinois Course Materials: Student Perspective Survey](#),” administered to Illinois higher education students in 2023, details that many students are making difficult choices between purchasing textbooks or purchasing other necessities, such as food, housing, or medication. Other comments suggested that students are experiencing significant stress due to their financial situation, and the cost of course materials adds to the stress. Members of the Illinois General Assembly have expressed strong support for reducing the cost of textbooks and other course materials. Similarly, faculty and instructors are intensely interested in promoting OER as they see firsthand the impact of textbook costs on their students.

Comprehensive solution

Open Education Resources, or OER, is a critical part of the solution for reducing the cost of higher education for Illinois students. Adopting a statewide OER initiative does not exclude other programs to reduce the cost of course materials, such as inclusive access or institutional textbook rental programs, would be abandoned. These options could be integrated to provide comprehensive coverage. **OER availability is good for ALL students in Illinois** because OER created are available at no cost for adaptation and reuse by anyone. Sharing knowledge widely is an important piece of the academic mission.

OER benefits



OER provide a number of benefits as part of a comprehensive solution to reduce the cost of course materials.

- The cost of OER to students is minimal to zero.
- Many forms of OER can be modified and therefore customized to a course.
- OER can be easily updated to remain relevant and do not require long lead times for publishing.
- OER can be accessed by students anywhere, at anytime.

Is this an adjustment to an existing statute, or is it new legislation?



Rep. Norma Hernandez introduced HB3411 in February 2025 for inclusion in the FY26 Secretary of State’s budget. The bill was ultimately not successful. The state’s academic library supporters filed 119 witness slips in support of the bill.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Appropriates \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Secretary of State for a recurring, permanent grant program for Illinois academic libraries. These grants shall be applied toward Open Education Resources.

State funding to date for OER in Illinois

Illinois SCOERs: Support for Creation of Open Educational Resources, 2021-2026



The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) in the U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$2 million grant to the University of Illinois System/CARLI for "[Illinois SCOERs: Support for Creation of Open Educational Resources](#)."

Illinois OER: Open Educational Resources Grants, 2025-2026



The \$3 million program, "Illinois Fund for Open Educational Resource Creation," was included in the Secretary of State's FY24 budget. The Illinois State Library awarded \$300,000 to CARLI to support programmatic administration.

Success of OER funding in Illinois

Students enrolled in Illinois SCOERs-supported courses demonstrated success through **high pass rates, high overall course scores, low withdrawal, drop, and fail rates**. This success was supported by their self-reported perceptions of high performance and attribution to open educational resources. Based on preliminary data collection, 68% of students surveyed noticed a difference in their subject area mastery while using OER created with grant funds, and 70% of students noted their study habits changed while using the OER.

Why anchor the program at the Illinois State Library with CARLI support?

Library grant programs have been successfully administered for decades through the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State. The partnership between CARLI and the State Library has been very positive. CARLI is the manager for several grant programs from the Illinois State Library, including the Illinois Library Delivery Service and the Digital Public Library of America. CARLI is a centralized organization that is supported by the University of Illinois System and 124 institutions of higher education, about 90 percent of the not-for-profit institutions in Illinois. CARLI's experience and established conduits to higher education point to CARLI as an administrative agent for the program.

Unique opportunity

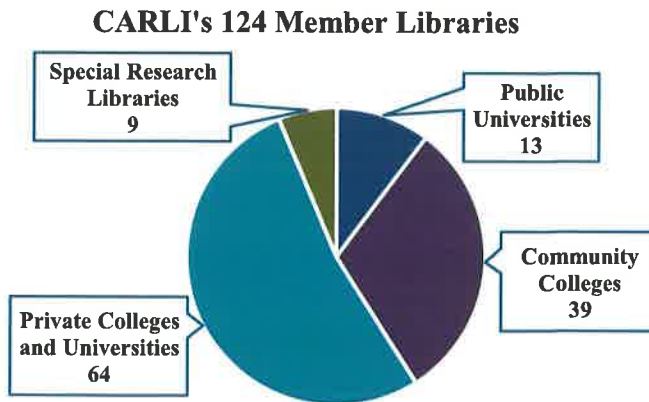
Academic libraries are uniquely positioned to support and promote the use of OER. They understand the unique curricula of each institution, they have a physical presence on campus, they have relationships with faculty across disciplines and across the institutions, and they provide access to scholarly materials. They represent a community already in place that can provide scholarly infrastructure for a statewide OER initiative. Many libraries are already training faculty in the use and creation of OER. CARLI membership includes almost all the higher education institution libraries across the state, serving more than 90% of Illinois higher education students, and has long standing relationships with the Illinois State Library and the Office of the Secretary of State. In addition, CARLI already has a successful track record of supporting collaborative efforts among the state's libraries.

What is CARLI?

Supported by the University of Illinois System and its 124 member libraries, CARLI serves 90% of Illinois' higher education students and faculty. Through the member libraries, CARLI serves over 630,000 higher education students, faculty, and staff, including over 121,000 across the three University of Illinois campuses.

Who are CARLI members?

- ALL Illinois' public universities
- ALL Illinois' community colleges
- 64 of Illinois' not-for-profit private colleges and universities
- 9 special research libraries like the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, the Illinois State Library, and the Newberry Library



Illinois Public Libraries by the Numbers FY2024



Illinois has **640** Public libraries with a service area population of **11,807,164**.*

4,019,072 Illinois residents have library cards, about **32%**.



Illinoisans checked out **990,685,270** materials – that's **7** per resident or **23** per card holders.

E-books, e-audiobooks, and e-videos were downloaded **16,763,660** times.



Illinois residents visited libraries **36,260,689** times.

4,096,023 Illinoisans attended **218,009** library programs either in person or virtually.



Illinois residents connected to library Wi-Fi **23,703,627** times.

Illinois libraries do all this for only **\$72** per person!



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*1 Million Illinois residents do not have public library services.



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.