

Annual Report

2014-15

A summary of significant achievements, new services, and special programs and events.

EXPLORE. CONNECT. BE INSPIRED.

WE'RE BEST IN THE WEST! Thank you to those who voted IPPL the Best Public Library in *West Suburban Living's* 2015 Best of the West issue!

STRATEGIC PLAN. The library staff and trustees have worked together to develop a strategic plan that will guide the library through the next three years.

TRUSTEES. Trustee Dorothy Schardt moved out of the library district and Kelly Von Zee was appointed to the library board.

KIDS & TEENS. Our Mid-Kid and Teen areas were refurbished and updated.

THANKS TO . . .

- The community for donating \$34,440.
- The Friends of IPPL for donating \$7,041.
- The IPPL Foundation for donating \$3,090.
- The Estate of Miriam Ringo for donating \$1,000.
- The Darien Woman's Club for donating \$729.
- The Darien Lions Club for donating \$500.
- The Darien Garden Club for donating \$200.
- The Darien Chamber of Commerce for \$100.
- 263 volunteers who donated 5,180 hours.

Special thanks to Arthur E. Distasio, who bequeathed \$25,000 to the library. Mr. Distasio was a longtime supporter of the library and we are honored by his gift.

PROVIDING POPULAR MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS

- We created the WouldShop, a permanent makerspace in Kids & Teens.
- We introduced the Seed Library.
- Our film collection grew to almost 11,000 DVDs spanning 100 years of movie magic.
- Our eLibrary expanded to more than 260,000 items.
- We added Netflix to our Roku devices.
- We introduced family Rokus with children's movies and educational programs.
- Hoopla, our on-demand digital media service, now has ebooks, audiobooks, comics, and TV shows.

FOSTERING LIFELONG LEARNING

- 855 programs were offered and 19,360 people attended.
- Little U, our early literacy series, taught skills that prepare children to read to over 6,400 young children and their caregivers.
- 1,600 kids and teens enjoyed STEM classes, supporting what they learn in school.
- Summer reading programs challenged and rewarded students.
- Junction programming encouraged patrons to learn, create, and share.
- To provide the most accurate and current residential, business, and consumer information, we added ReferenceUSA.
- A wide selection of editable Illinois legal forms are available with Gale Legal Forms.
- Job seekers can get personalized resume help and live interview training with the addition of Brainfuse JobNow.
- Live tutoring and personalized writing help is available through Brainfuse HelpNow.

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

- We introduced a new online catalog with new features to enhance user experience.
- We upgraded our self-check stations.
- The Darien Lions Club funded new assistive equipment for those with physical limitations.
- The IPPL Foundation and Susan Stonesypher funded a MacBook Pro for in-house circulation.
- We hosted a 3D Design Challenge during Teen Tech Week.
- Patrons printed 307 projects with our 3D printer.
- We provided Kindle Fires pre-loaded with parenting apps and magazines.
- We added LeapFrog Ultras and LeapFrog Tags to our kids collection.

ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY

- We hosted storytimes at Whole Foods Market Willowbrook and the Darien Farmers Market.
- We co-hosted a Jobs Fair with Sen. Christine Radogno, Rep. Jim Durkin., and Rep. Ron Sandack.
- More than 40 writers participated in our first-ever Local Authors Fair.
- We initiated the StoryShare oral history project.
- Over 100 teens attended our first Teen Summer Job Fair, co-hosted by the Darien Chamber of Commerce and the Willowbrook-Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- We formed a partnership with SCORE to provide free assistance to small businesses.
- Our nine-day Food for Fines drive brought in 2,867 nonperishable food and personal care items to be donated to the food pantries at Our Lady of Peace and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
- Local artist Jenn Weinschenker painted on location at IPPL and donated the artwork to us.

Facts and Figures*

WE OWN:

- 141,480 books
- 53,863 ebooks
- 24,561 DVDs
- 6,937 streaming movies
- 11,344 music CDs
- 255,428 streaming music albums
- 6,584 audiobooks
- 23,164 downloadable audiobooks
- 526 playaways
- 464 console games

WE ALSO HAVE:

- 385 magazine/newspaper subscriptions
- 94 emagazine subscriptions
- 65 online resource databases

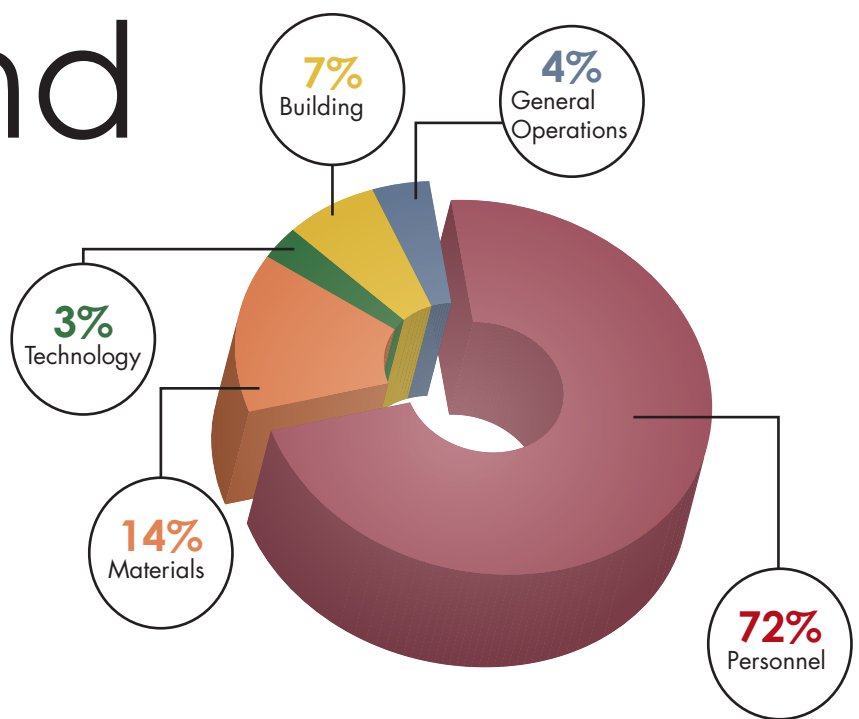
We are also a member of SWAN online catalog, which provides access to more than eight million titles.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY:

- 810,215 items circulated
- 441,134 people visited the library
- 337,086 visits to ippl.info
- 99,592 questions answered
- 69,893 uses of IPPL computers
- 855 programs and classes offered
- 19,360 people attended programs and classes

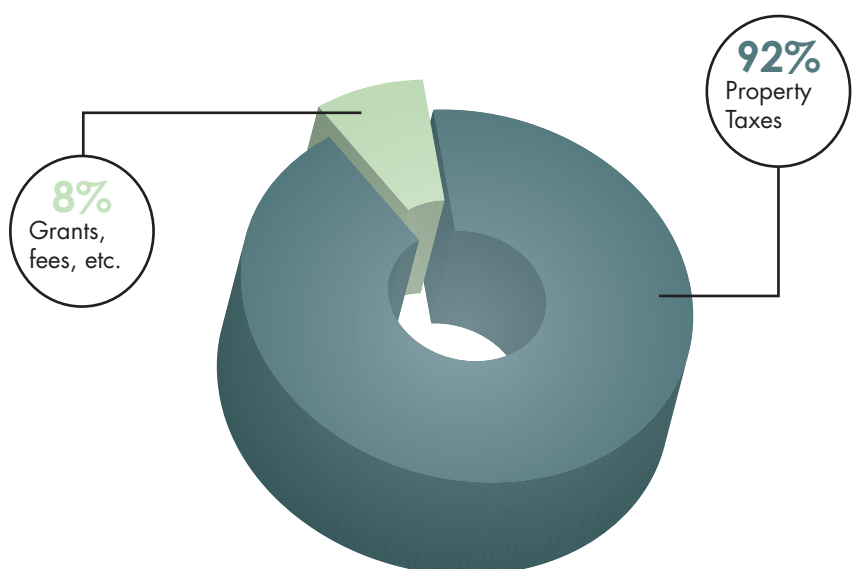
SAVING YOU MONEY:

Our 24,625 cardholders checked out 810,215 items, which represents a savings of \$638 to each cardholder.



OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$3,529,148

Personnel	\$2,532,928
Materials	\$483,675
Building	\$237,100
General Operations	\$151,645
Technology	\$123,800



REVENUE \$3,373,078

Property Taxes	\$3,300,084
Grants, gifts, interest, fines, fees, misc.	\$272,994

*unaudited figures