Year in Review Highlights
Fiscal Year 2018–2019

6,953 people attended programming for our Summer Challenge.
The Summer Challenge helps keep kids’ minds engaged & stay focused to prevent the summer slide, a decline in reading ability & academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn’t in session.

2,988 food items were collected & donated to the food pantries at Our Lady of Peace & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel during our Food for Fines drive. During the same time, our Teen Advisory & Services Committee (TASC) collected 270 cold weather items for families in need.

You can explore & try new things at the library. New devices in Tech Takeout include diagnostic tools, iPods preloaded with Audible, smart home kits, & telescopes.

A knitting machine & 12 STEM kits were added to the WouldShop™ to inspire creativity & learning.

120.84 lbs. of herbs & vegetables were grown in the Prairie Patch & given away to 218 community members, including families in need & local food pantries.

We continued our partnership with The Gift of Carl Foundation to present opportunities for teens through Write-On & The Sound, plus we added four new music kits for all ages.

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A donation from the Darien Lions Club added a video magnifier for people with low vision.
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**165 people** attended job club meetings & programming. Our expert librarians can also help with job services.

**Ten businesses & 97 teens** attended the Young Adult & Teen Job Fair. We help connect employers & teens in finding their first jobs.

**LittleTown™ opened.**

Donated by the Sadowski Family, this space encourages young minds to use their imaginations to play & explore.

**1,055 programs were offered** for kids, teens, & adults.

20,988 kids & teens attended programs to learn about everything from technology to art and reading and language.

A new auto database, **Alldata**, gives access from home to essential vehicle repair instructions, parts, costs, & labor time.

The Circulation team **accepted 855 passports & performed 1,538 Notary Public services,** making the library another one-stop-shop for the community.

Our digital collection features **645,235 items.** We give you the library on demand using your smart devices with your library card.

171 volunteers gave **4,742 hours** of their time to the library.

**837 adults attended 83 technology programs.**

We taught adults essential computer skills like how to use smart phones & apps to communicate with their families & how to be safe online in a complicated cyber world.

**45,783 people** used our computers.
Facts and Figures
Fiscal Year 2018–2019

Our collections
- 115,968 books
- 354,540 eBooks
- 25,294 DVDs & Blu-rays
- 14,736 streaming movies
- 8,897 music CDs
- 265,515 streaming music albums
- 7,807 audiobooks on CD
- 65,553 downloadable audiobooks
- 788 console games
- 45 board games
- 385 magazines/newspapers
- 81 eMagazines
- 63 online resource databases

Serving our community
- 671,280 items checked out
- 369,954 people visited IPPL
- 206,122 visits to ippl.info
- 80,697 questions answered
- 45,783 uses of IPPL computers
- 1,055 programs and classes offered
- 27,348 people attended programs & classes
- 1,592 items delivered to homebound cardholders

We also are a member of the SWAN online catalog, which provides access to more than 8 million titles.

Operating expenditures: $3,805,289

Revenue: $3,813,659

PERSONNEL: $2,793,853
MATERIALS: $477,265
BUILDING: $303,091
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