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Indian Prairie Public Library Board Agenda
July 15, 2026

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

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

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| A. | Roll Call
Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano,
Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab | | |
| B. | Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report from Chairperson of Nominating Committee• Nominations from the Floor• Voting/Election | | Action |
| C. | Mission Statement: We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn, and create.

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

Values: We value and respect the individual.
We empower and guide each visitor.
We aspire to bring people together. | | |
| D. | Public Comment | | |
| E. | Communications and Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Giannoulas to Birmingham re: Per Capita Grant | Page 3 | |
| F. | Omnibus Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, June 17, 2026,2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills3. Resolution #2026-A Authorizing Distribution of
Trustee Election Materials & Acceptance of Petitions | Page 4
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| G. | Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda | | Action |
| H. | Library Director's Report | Page 11 | Information |
| I. | Department Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Deputy Director's Report2. Marketing3. Guest Services4. Programming & Outreach5. Resource Services6. Technology & Maker Services | Page 24
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- J. Staff Report
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| 1. Treasurer's Report | Page 41 | Information |
| 2. Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes, 7/6/26 | Page 45 | Action |
| 3. Building and Grounds Committee (no report) | | |
| 4. Finance Committee (no report) | | |
| 5. Planning/Outreach Committee (no report) | | |
| 6. Policy Committee (no report) | | |
- L. Unfinished Business
None
- M. New Business
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| 1. Adopt Tentative Budget & Appropriations | Page 46 | Action |
| 2. Ordinance #2026-3 Determining to Levy an Additional Tax of .02% | Page 48 | Action |
| 3. Audit of Secretary's Minutes & Review of Closed Session Minutes | | Action |
| 4. Committee Appointments | | Action |
- N. Scheduled Meetings
None
- O. Adjournment



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS • Secretary of State and State Librarian

June 11, 2026

Ms. Laura Birmingham, Executive Director
Indian Prairie Public Library District
401 Plainfield Road
Darien, Illinois 60561-4207

Dear Ms. Birmingham:

I am pleased to award the Indian Prairie Public Library District a 2026 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$74,616.40.

This grant support is provided pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035.Subpart A, State Grants.

As Secretary of State and State Librarian, I commend you for taking advantage of this grant that will greatly benefit your community. The Illinois State Library staff and I are committed to ensuring that all Illinois residents have fair and equitable access to library services.

Should you have any questions regarding this award, please contact the Illinois State Library at 217-524-8836.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexi Giannoulis".

Alexi Giannoulis, Secretary of State and
State Librarian

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Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of June 17, 2026

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
June 17, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll.

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

Absent: Donald Damon

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Jamie Allard

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.

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C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Secretary of State to Lawson re: Security Grant
2. Cook County to Birmingham re: Tax Disbursements
3. Tribune Article re: Cook County Taxes
4. Tribune Article re: Cook County Treasurer

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, May 20, 2026
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
3. Ordinance #2026-2 Establishing a Regular Meeting Date
4. Determination to Dispose of Property

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

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

On Friday we got the good news that the library was awarded a \$9,000 security grant that Lawson wrote and later that day we received word that we were awarded the Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$74,616. The grant is \$9,616 more than Birmingham had forecasted. Niki Conforti cancelled her campaign meet and greet for tonight at the library due to weather.

H. Department Reports

Palmisano noted that it's wonderful to see library events like summer reading on the Darien digital display. The Board agreed that the summer reading yard signs we placed around the library and in the local parks look great and the Trustee table at our Summer Reading kickoff was a wonderful idea.

- I. Staff Report – Jamie Allard, Administrative Specialist & Art Gallery Curator, spoke to the Board about community connections. In addition to her administrative duties, Allard is the library's Art Gallery Curator. She welcomes returning artists and actively seeks new talent, including library staff. She has increased school participation like showcasing College of DuPage architectural students. She strategically ties in themes with our library events such as collaborating artists for Black History Month and the Darien Garden Club at the start of the gardening season. Twice a year she works with the Darien Woman's Club and Vitalant to host a blood drive and she's working on creating a centralized landing page for all Darien blood drives to streamline donor registration. Other community events she has coordinated include: the annual soap drive with the Darien Woman's Club, a food drive with the Darien Lyon's Club and the Knights of Columbus, free back-to-school vision exams with Pearle Vision, a Child Identification Kit event with local police, Icash Unclaimed Property programs with the Illinois Treasurer's office, and a recurring purse drive with Senator Curran's office. Birmingham said that Allard does an amazing job. Krupicka noted that Allard is a great contact for making community drives successful.

J. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report – backup in packet.
2. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
3. Finance Committee – Raftis reported that the committee met on 6/9. They discussed and agreed to try a new newsletter mailing plan that will save the library \$31,000. They also reviewed the 26/27 budget and salary schedule, and the financial forecast.
4. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, 6/9/26 - Raftis moved, Rodriguez seconded to approve the Finance Committee Minutes 6/9/26. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
6. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business

1. Newsletter Mailing – Birmingham gave an overview of the new plan. Starting with the December 2026–February 2027 newsletter, we will no longer mail a 16-page newsletter to district households. Instead, a 16-page newsletter published four times a year will be available online and in the library. This change is needed due to the rising cost of postage (we already mail the newsletter by the cheapest route possible, nonprofit bulk mail). In addition to the rising cost, the post office has up to 28 days to deliver bulk mail or to not deliver it at all. Some residents complain that they never receive a mailed copy. Also, bulk mail is not delivered to individual apartment and condo buildings - instead, a bundle is

dropped and residents have to take one if they're interested. Besides having the 16-page newsletter available online and in the library, we will do a 4-page mailing to households twice a year (fall and spring). These changes will save the library \$31,000. We'll be educating our guests about the change in the fall newsletter and we'll encourage patrons to sign up for our Enews. Suriano suggested that Birmingham prepare talking points for staff and Trustees.

2. Operating Budget 2026/2027 - Raftis moved, Palmisano seconded to approve the Operating Budget 2026/2027. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.
3. FY26/27 Salary Schedule – The proposed salary schedule contains a 2% increase. Raftis moved, Palmisano seconded to approve FY26/27 Salary Schedule. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Appoint Committee to Review Closed Session Minutes and Complete Secretary's Audit – Krupicka and Suriano will be on the committee.

At this point, Suriano told the Board that she's resigning as President, but she will be staying on the Board. Unfortunately, she is no longer able to commit the time to being President. A nominating committee will be needed to recommend a slate of officers. Krupicka, Wahab, and Palmisano volunteered to be on the committee.

M. Scheduled Meetings

A Nominating Committee meeting was scheduled for July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment

At 7:17 p.m. Wahab moved, Raftis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Palmisano, Secretary

JUNE, 2026

Bills for Approval – Electronic Payments & Automatic Withdrawals

Vendor	Purpose	Date Paid	Amount Paid
Federal & IL	Payroll taxes	6/04/2026	25,447.21
Federal & IL	Payroll taxes	6/18/2026	25,737.33
IMRF	Payroll Pension-May	6/16/2026	32,081.79
Mission Square	457 Plan	6/04/2026	50.00
Mission Square	457 Plan	6/18/2026	50.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	6/04/2026	250.00
Nationwide	457 Plan	6/18/2026	250.00
DAC	Deposit to HRA	6/05/2026	569.28
DAC	Deposit to HRA	6/10/2026	247.01
DAC	Deposit to HRA	6/10/2026	598.85
DAC	Deposit to HRA	6/17/2026	329.10
DAC	Deposit to HRA	6/24/2026	192.76
Lauterbach & Amen	Payroll Service	6/08/2026	716.00
Constellation	Electric	6/10/2026	6,124.27
Nicor	Gas	6/15/2026	2,913.14
United Healthcare	Group Health Premium	6/10/2026	28,251.76
FP Postage	Postage	6/24/2026	2,540.00
ELS	License Sticker fees	6/30/2026	7,378.50
INB & Republic	Cr Card & Bank Fees	6/20/2026	363.95

Action on Bills – Checks, ACHs, & Payroll Direct Deposits

Account	Check Numbers	Other	Amount Paid
Operating	4573 - 4642	Plus ACHs	132,402.35
Payroll		Direct Deposits	144,184.64
	TOTAL ACTION	ON BILLS	276,586.99

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Bill Payment List

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June 2026

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
10127 Republic Bank Operating Account			
06/03/2026	4573	Midwest Laser Specialists, Inc.	37.00
06/03/2026	4574	Morris Taylor	479.60
06/03/2026	4575	Windy City Ice Cream LLC	450.00
06/10/2026	4576	Accurate	251.99
06/10/2026	4577	AT&T	365.15
06/10/2026	4578	Betty Cornfield	65.83
06/10/2026	4579	Canon U.S.A. Inc.	79.19
06/10/2026	4580	Chicagoland Exotic Animal Rescue	150.00
06/10/2026	4581	Children's Plus Inc.	219.45
06/10/2026	4582	Darien Garden Club	100.00
06/10/2026	4583	Edge Music Academy LLC	200.00
06/10/2026	4584	Grimco, Inc.	161.52
06/10/2026	4585	Groot Industries, Inc.	471.60
06/10/2026	4586	Hayes Mechanical LLC	366.00
06/10/2026	4587	Illinois Dept of Innovation & Technology	475.00
06/10/2026	4588	Ingram Library Services	14,122.22
06/10/2026	4589	Kate Kresek	25.81
06/10/2026	4590	Kristin Carrera	475.00
06/10/2026	4591	Margaret Martinson	61.30
06/10/2026	4592	Meticulous Martin Window Washing Inc.	1,620.00
06/10/2026	4593	Premier Landscape Contractors	1,525.70
06/10/2026	4594	Scholastic Inc.	27.45
06/10/2026	4595	Talewise LLC	425.00
06/10/2026	4596	The Davey Tree Expert Company	303.00
06/10/2026	4597	Unique Management Services, Inc.	68.95
06/10/2026	4598	United Radio Communications	17.50
06/10/2026	4599	US Safety Products	1,400.00
06/26/2026	4600	Indian Prairie Library Foundation & Friends	20.00
06/26/2026	4601	Jamie Allard	154.65
06/26/2026	4602	Children's Plus Inc.	58.73
06/26/2026	4603	Jean Carroll	18.85
06/26/2026	4604	NCPERS Group Life Insurance	128.00
06/26/2026	4605	Laura Warner	23.93
06/26/2026	4606	Kate Kresek	5.08
06/26/2026	4607	Ryan, Aileen	39.15
06/26/2026	4608	Sterling Services, Inc.	2,355.00
06/26/2026	4609	Marcy ThomasBurns	360.00
06/26/2026	4610	Edge Music Academy LLC	200.00
06/26/2026	4611	Krueger International, Inc.	2,252.51
06/26/2026	4612	OverDrive, Inc.	12,987.63
06/30/2026	4613	Amy Merda	36.98
06/30/2026	4614	Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services	135.00
06/30/2026	4615	Bright Market LLC dba Fastspring	2,000.00
06/30/2026	4616	Canon U.S.A. Inc.	30.00
06/30/2026	4617	Cengage Learning, Inc.	40.00
06/30/2026	4618	Erin Fergus	46.43
06/30/2026	4619	Ingram Library Services	18,487.54

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Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
06/30/2026	4620	Jamie Allard	70.76
06/30/2026	4621	Joe Eskew	65.98
06/30/2026	4622	Jordan Calabrese	45.18
06/30/2026	4623	Kristen Lawson	12.00
06/30/2026	4624	Kristin Carrera	1,650.00
06/30/2026	4625	Metropolitan Fire Protection, Inc.	3,470.00
06/30/2026	4626	Midwest Tape	3,272.13
06/30/2026	4627	Premier Landscape Contractors	1,460.00
06/30/2026	4628	Ryan, Aileen	34.08
06/30/2026	4629	The Davey Tree Expert Company	303.00
06/30/2026	4630	Wlosinski, Maria	11.60
06/30/2026	4631	Accurate	174.93
06/30/2026	4632	Springshare LLC	54.30
06/30/2026	4633	Staples Inc.	1,337.77
06/30/2026	4634	Bank of America	596.04
	4635	VOIDED	
06/30/2026	4636	Bank of America	631.18
06/30/2026	4637	Bank of America	216.00
06/30/2026	4638	Bank of America	3,486.36
06/30/2026	4639	Bank of America	2,782.03
06/30/2026	4640	Bank of America	328.24
06/30/2026	4641	Bank of America	974.94
6/30/2026	4642	OverDrive, Inc.	7,158.40
06/26/2026	ACH01	Blackstone Publishing, Inc.	1,157.22
06/26/2026	ACH02	Case Lots Inc.	985.15
06/26/2026	ACH03	Cengage Learning, Inc.	60.00
06/26/2026	ACH04	JANPRO Franchise Development of Northern IL	5,595.00
06/26/2026	ACH05	Kanopy	420.25
06/26/2026	ACH06	Midwest Tape	10,890.76
06/26/2026	ACH07	Nextiva, Inc.	19.91
06/26/2026	ACH08	NobleTec LLC	1,208.80
06/26/2026	ACH09	Quill LLC	5,065.75
06/26/2026	ACH10	Specialty Mat Service	137.48
06/26/2026	ACH11	Springshare LLC	2,777.00
06/26/2026	ACH12	Thomas Klise/Crimson Multimedia	829.47
06/26/2026	6/26 ACH Amy	Bank of America	2,400.55
06/26/2026	6/26 ACH Gail	Bank of America	1,935.10
06/26/2026	6/26 ACH Joe	Bank of America	919.77
06/26/2026	6/26 ACH Kristen	Bank of America	1,023.10
06/26/2026	6/26 ACH Laura	Bank of America	383.32
06/26/2026	6/26 ACH Maria	Bank of America	4,586.24
06/26/2026	6/26 ACH Sharon	Bank of America	539.82
Total for 10127 Republic Bank Operating Account			\$ 132,402.35

RESOLUTION #2026-A

INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF
TRUSTEE ELECTION MATERIALS AND ACCEPTANCE OF PETITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Indian Prairie Public Library District, DuPage County, Illinois, that its Secretary of the Board, as local election official, be empowered to designate the following authorized individuals to distribute trustee election materials and to accept petitions for candidacy: Employees of the Indian Prairie Public Library District.

RESOLVED this 15th day of July, 2026.

Ayes:

Nayes:

Absent:

Attest:

Executive Director's Report: June 2026

Election of Officers:

The Nominating committee met on July 6th. They propose the following slate of officers:

President: Christina Rodriguez

Vice-President: Stacy Palmisano

Treasurer: Themis Raftis

Secretary: Samia Wahab

Christina, as Acting President, will call the meeting to order. Marian, as Chairperson, will present the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee. Christina will then take any other nominations from the floor. Trustees will then vote. Once the vote is complete, we will continue with the regular meeting.

Packet Highlights:

As I verbally mentioned last month, this year's Per Capita Grant from the Secretary of State is \$74,616.40 which is \$9,616 higher than last year.

Cook County taxes continue to be problematic, and I have included some additional articles about what is happening.

I also included an interesting article about how Gen Z's use public libraries and their reading behavior.

Community Connections:

I attended the nationwide reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8 as coordinated by Kate Kresek in P&O. I invited members of the Darien VFW Post 2838 to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance just before the event and 5 vets attended. It was a very nice event with a good turnout.

In July, we are a collection site for DuPage County's Operation Dropbox. They are collecting hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and basic household goods to be given to veterans for free.

Legislative Happenings:

Congressman Bill Foster's team will have a table in the lobby on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.

IPPL Foundation & Friends:

- Book Sale \$151
- Book bags \$20
- Movie donations \$19

Continuing Education Webinars (Total CE hours: 4)

Getting into the Customer Service Flow (1 hour)

Effective Communication Styles (3 hours)

Training, Meetings and Events:

6/25 Department Head Meeting
6/27 ALA Conference Exhibits
6/30 SWAN Fireside
7/8 WBBR Chamber Meeting: The State of Burr Ridge
7/15 Library Board Meeting

In June, I had 45 one-on-ones.

Submitted by: Laura Birmingham

Cook County property tax bills delayed again — this time by 2 months

By Violet Miller

Jun 9, 2026, 4:50pm CDT

Property tax bills usually sent out in July will once again be delayed, according to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

Preckwinkle, who announced the two-month delay Tuesday, said she intends to reopen a no-interest loan program for government bodies that rely on the property tax revenue they now won't get on time.

Suburban tax districts, such as schools and libraries, that would otherwise need to take out pricey short-term loans to cover their budgets can instead borrow from the county's \$300 million Property Tax Bridge Fund Program, Preckwinkle said.

That program mirrors one put in place last year when tax bills were delayed four months due to a computer issue.

Chicago Public Schools, however, would not be eligible for that loan program.

That could be a problem for CPS, which last year paid \$220,000 in interest per day on short-term loans it took out to make payroll.

CPS officials said last year's tax bill delay has forced them to take out at least \$1.6 billion in short-term loans for operating expenses and another \$246 million loan to keep its teachers pension fund solvent — making for \$33 million in interest payments down the line.

CPS didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

The loan program is needed, Preckwinkle said, because tax bill delays can cost different bodies massive amounts of money, specifically when they take out short-term loans. Preckwinkle said more details would come out next month when she anticipates the Cook County board will pass the measure.

“We are announcing this now because local governments need time to plan,” Preckwinkle said in a statement. “This bridge fund gives schools, libraries, parks, fire districts and other local governments a short-term tool to keep serving residents while we continue the deeper work of fixing a fragmented property tax system.”

Preckwinkle pointed to the delay as further need for tax reform in a year that has seen some modifications to tax laws, including legislative changes to property tax sales.

But the delay last year was just the tip of the iceberg.

Over the last 30 years, the property tax levy outpaced inflation and grew “well above wage growth,” according to a recent report from the Cook County treasurer’s office. The county’s property tax levy increased from \$6.8 billion in 1995 to \$19.2 billion in 2024. That’s \$10 billion more than if it had just kept pace with inflation.

Schools countywide, which account for about half of the total tax bill, also have seen tax demands skyrocket 189%, or \$6.9 billion.

Some, including former Cook County Assessor James Houlihan, have called for an overhaul of the system on a much larger scale. He has suggested weaning public schools off the current funding method, in which they rely solely on property tax revenue.

Library and school leaders let Cook County officials have it over costly property tax delays



By **A.D. QUIG** | aquig@chicagotribune.com | Chicago Tribune

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Suburban library and school district officials laid into Cook County leaders Wednesday over the fact last year's [late property tax bills](#) cost them millions of dollars, with [another lengthy delay](#) looming this year.

At a long-anticipated Cook County Board meeting on the still-spiraling problems with the county's property tax collections and payouts, Diana McCluskey, chief school business official for Community Consolidated School District 15 in Palatine, testified that her district had lost "approximately \$4 million due to this unfortunate situation. Where are we going to make that up from? We aren't a corporation."

"Also I'm expecting \$10 million more in property tax receipts this fiscal year. We received nothing in the entire month of May. ... If any of us speaking here from the school districts did anything close to what is happening here, we would lose our jobs," McCluskey said.

But county officials offered them few clear explanations for the ongoing delays and problems. After several hours of testimony, Commissioner Scott Britton said he would "put a pin" in some outstanding questions and keep talks going.

Commissioners also grilled officials from the county treasurer's office and the county's beleaguered technology contractor about the roughly 77,000 outstanding property tax refunds and about 2,500 bills that still haven't been mailed from prior billing cycles.

But fall bills were top of mind. Officials said they could still not guarantee the bills would meet the new September mailing deadline, prompting Commissioner Alma Anaya to urge colleagues to "knock all the wood right here."

The hearing featured leaders from the assessor, clerk, treasurer and president's offices, the Board of Review, and the county's property tax system vendor Tyler

Technologies. The discussion pinballed between other lingering issues with the property tax system upgrade that has been plowing along for more than ten years.

Commissioners have been inundated with complaints from homeowners awaiting property tax refunds and taxing bodies like schools, libraries or small special service areas concerned about revenue payouts.

For months, suburban school and library district leaders in particular have complained about being left in the dark about last year's property tax troubles and demanded a hearing. When bills are delivered late, so are revenues that districts rely on to balance their budgets: Several districts opted to borrow, cash out investments or hit pause on other spending to make do, in some cases costing millions.

School districts alone estimated the financial workarounds necessitated by the delays cost them more than \$120 million.

When that tax money did come through from the county, some districts were overpaid or underpaid. County officials haven't been able to tell district leaders how to account for that money yet, because the checks cut for bills during the 2024 and 2025 tax year are currently "commingled."

Untangling that data manually isn't workable, Tyler and treasurer's office officials said, because of reporting discrepancies between the old property tax system and the new one. While county officials pledged districts that received too much or too little tax money would settle up or be made whole, that process is still unclear.

Blue Island's Public Library estimates it received 86% of its taxes from the 2024 tax year, according to Amy Franco, the executive director at Hillside Public Library, who has helped lead a coalition of libraries demanding answers.

"Why are we still here talking about a tax year that happened two years ago?" Franco asked. "Have taxes been billed and paid and mistakenly distributed to other agencies? Without accurate reporting no one has been able to provide a clear answer."

Many of the current issues are not with Tyler software, coding or calculations, officials said. But representatives for the treasurer and Tyler disagreed about

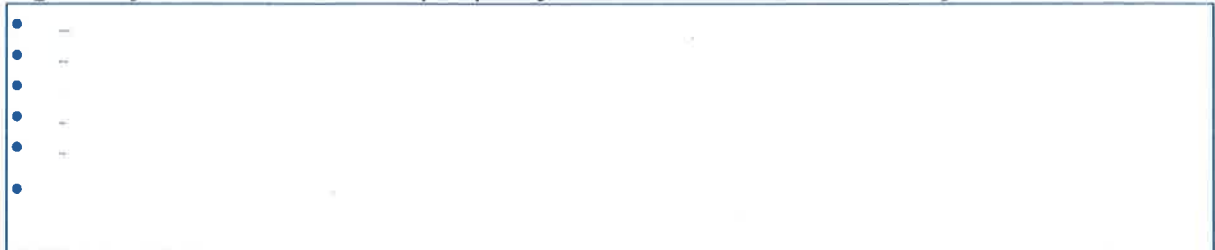
who was responsible for delivering the fix. Commissioners saved most of their questioning for those two offices.

Tom Lynch, the county's chief technology officer working under Board President Toni Preckwinkle, did reassure commissioners that Tyler was only being paid when it met milestones. "In other words, Tyler can't bill us and the county can't pay them until the offices agree that the functionality is delivered and working," Lynch said.

Problems with Tyler's system are not holding up this year's bills. Several county officials pointed to earlier difficulties within other offices that date back several months. Because the property tax cycle relies on handoffs from one office to another, setbacks can easily snowball.

As it stands, the process is roughly six weeks off schedule. The county's Board of Review typically hears and reviews appeals until the end of April or early May and hands its results back to the assessor. This year, that happened this week.

The board said it got off to a late start because the clerk delivered a key figure late last year. The clerk said they did not anticipate delays going forward. Tax data is now with the state's Department of Revenue. After a week or so, that information should come back to county officials, who will hand it off from office to office over the next 60 days in a process that will eventually end with bills being ready to hit the mail to property owners across the county.



MORE FROM OUR NEWSROOM

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Library and school leaders let Cook County officials have it over costly property tax delays

Quig, A. D. *Chicago Tribune (Online)* Tribune Publishing Company, LLC. Jun 10, 2026.

Abstract

None available.

Suburban library and school district officials laid into Cook County leaders Wednesday over the fact last year's late property tax bills cost them millions of dollars, with another lengthy delay looming this year.

At a long-anticipated Cook County Board meeting on the still-spiraling problems with the county's property tax collections and payouts, Diana McCluskey, chief school business official for Community Consolidated School District 15 in Palatine, testified that her district had lost "approximately \$4 million due to this unfortunate situation. Where are we going to make that up from? We aren't a corporation."

"Also I'm expecting \$10 million more in property tax receipts this fiscal year. We received nothing in the entire month of May. ... If any of us speaking here from the school districts did anything close to what is happening here, we would lose our jobs," McCluskey said.

But county officials offered them few clear explanations for the ongoing delays and problems. After several hours of testimony, Commissioner Scott Britton said he would "put a pin" in some outstanding questions and keep talks going.

Commissioners also grilled officials from the county treasurer's office and the county's beleaguered technology contractor about the roughly 77,000 outstanding property tax refunds and about 2,500 bills that still haven't been mailed from prior billing cycles.

But fall bills were top of mind. Officials said they could still not guarantee the bills would meet the new September mailing deadline, prompting Commissioner Alma Anaya to urge colleagues to “knock all the wood right here.”

The hearing featured leaders from the assessor, clerk, treasurer and president’s offices, the Board of Review, and the county’s property tax system vendor Tyler Technologies. The discussion pinballed between other lingering issues with the property tax system upgrade that has been plowing along for more than ten years.

Commissioners have been inundated with complaints from homeowners awaiting property tax refunds and taxing bodies like schools, libraries or small special service areas concerned about revenue payouts.

For months, suburban school and library district leaders in particular have complained about being left in the dark about last year’s property tax troubles and demanded a hearing. When bills are delivered late, so are revenues that districts rely on to balance their budgets. Several districts opted to borrow, cash out investments or hit pause on other spending to make do, in some cases costing millions.

School districts alone estimated the financial workarounds necessitated by the delays cost them more than \$120 million.

When that tax money did come through from the county, some districts were overpaid or underpaid. County officials haven’t been able to tell district leaders how to account for that money yet, because the checks cut for bills during the 2024 and 2025 tax year are currently “commingled.”

Untangling that data manually isn’t workable, Tyler and treasurer’s office officials said, because of reporting discrepancies between the old property tax system and the new one. While county officials pledged districts that received too much or too little tax money would settle up or be made whole, that process is still unclear.

Blue Island’s Public Library estimates it received 86% of its taxes from the 2024 tax year, according to Amy Franco, the executive director at Hillside Public Library, who has helped lead a coalition of libraries demanding answers.

"Why are we still here talking about a tax year that happened two years ago?" Franco asked. "Have taxes been billed and paid and mistakenly distributed to other agencies? Without accurate reporting no one has been able to provide a clear answer."

Many of the current issues are not with Tyler software, coding or calculations, officials said. But representatives for the treasurer and Tyler disagreed about who was responsible for delivering the fix. Commissioners saved most of their questioning for those two offices.

Tom Lynch, the county's chief technology officer working under Board President Toni Preckwinkle, did reassure commissioners that Tyler was only being paid when it met milestones. "In other words, Tyler can't bill us and the county can't pay them until the offices agree that the functionality is delivered and working," Lynch said.

Problems with Tyler's system are not holding up this year's bills. Several county officials pointed to earlier difficulties within other offices that date back several months. Because the property tax cycle relies on handoffs from one office to another, setbacks can easily snowball.

As it stands, the process is roughly six weeks off schedule. The county's Board of Review typically hears and reviews appeals until the end of April or early May and hands its results back to the assessor. This year, that happened this week.

The board said it got off to a late start because the clerk delivered a key figure late last year. The clerk said they did not anticipate delays going forward. Tax data is now with the state's Department of Revenue. After a week or so, that information should come back to county officials, who will hand it off from office to office over the next 60 days in a process that will eventually end with bills being ready to hit the mail to property owners across the county.

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HOW GEN Z USE (AND DON'T USE) PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The digital natives of Gen Z identify as readers, distrust algorithms, and increasingly turn to libraries

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We are two media studies professors who love libraries and have been researching media behaviors with a special focus on libraries since 2019.

During that time, we've experienced a global pandemic, witnessed an alarming rise in book bans, and have begun to see AI technology impact all aspects of society—including libraries and publishing—in new and seemingly disruptive ways.

Our 2022 survey focused on Gen Z and millennials, and added questions about identity. The 2025 survey focused exclusively on Gen Z, people born 1997-2012. All of our surveys are nationally representative and aligned with the U.S. Census proportions for gender, race, and region.

We initiated our library research in response to Macmillan's 2019 ebook embargo, which demonstrated that publishers were wary of libraries, believing that library access depressed frontlist book sales. It seemed to us that a case could be made for the opposite as well: that libraries increase awareness of books in a very crowded media eco-

system, and a weeks-long wait for a frontlist title reinforces the perception of its popularity. Libraries foster a love of reading books and create welcoming physical environments in which to read.

The question of whether Macmillan was right—that library access to frontlist books cannibalizes sales—struck us as a juicy scholarly question to investigate. But to answer it, we thought to look beyond just book sales. We gathered data about book consumption in the wider media ecosystem, capturing some pre-Covid behaviors across survey participants including the Silent Generation through Gen Z; to our knowledge, ours was the first to examine book “engagement” alongside engagement with streaming media, video games, and social media/writing platforms such as fan fiction.

While it's impossible to say definitively how libraries impact frontlist sales without comparing anonymized borrowing data to proprietary sales data, our 2020 survey revealed that one third of borrowers go on to purchase a book or an author that they first discovered at a public library. In this sense, libraries are showrooms for publishers' products.

Each biennium we've collected data has further solidified the vitality of libraries in the book and entertainment eco-

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and Dragons groups, and game nights from Pokémon cards to Magic the Gathering; all of this Gen Z-specific programming for teens and young adults shows that public libraries see the unique interests that Gen Z have and entice them to come to the library.

In our 2025 survey, more than two thirds (67 percent) of Gen Z report visiting a public library, a large 13 percent jump from 2022 (54 percent). And there's more good news: 66 percent of Gen Z identify as readers, up 14 percent from 2022. Librarians rank third for Gen Z as their preferred source for finding books, up 16 percent from 2022; friends and streaming media are first and second respectively. De-

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spite librarians adopting more inclusive branding and services beyond books, borrowing books is still the top-ranked activity Gen Z do at the library, with the second most preferred activ-

ity—studying for school—following behind by 30 percent.

This suggests that Gen Z strongly associate libraries with borrowing items and are less aware of the many services libraries offer. Libraries' services and programming need more messaging targeted specifically to Gen Z. Social media is essential; though Gen Z distrust social media more than they did in 2022, they are using social media even more. A stunning 91 percent said they used YouTube in 2025, up from 78 percent in 2022, with modest increases in Instagram (79 percent in 2025) and TikTok (71 percent in 2025). TikTok and YouTube are the two most preferred social media platforms. Fewer Gen Z reported buying or borrowing books because of influencer recommendation in 2025.

WHY DO GEN Z TRUST AND VALUE LIBRARIES MORE IN 2025?

The 2025 results demonstrate growth in library use and trust in librarians. Between 2022 and 2025, not only did the proportion of Gen Z visiting the library rise substantially, but the number of Gen Z discovering books through library recommendations increased to 36 percent. Librarian recommendation is the most preferred method of discovery for 10 percent of Gen Z.

The rise in trust in librarians and visits to libraries may be connected to the increased wariness of Gen Z toward social media and influencers. In March 2026, both Meta and Google were found liable for producing products that harm children and that have addictive qualities. While this may or may not be a "big tobacco moment" for social media, our survey results indicate Gen Z's growing distrust of social media. Our data shows that Gen Z still use social media avidly, but their preference for it as a trusted source—for example, book recommendations—is waning. Between 2022 and 2025, book bans and AI have grown substantially. Our research suggests that those developments have influenced Gen Z's increased use of libraries.

GEN Z READING BEHAVIOR AND READING IDENTITY

Gen Z are generally more open than older generations to accepting a wide range of genres to "count" as reading and

system. In 2022, when we gathered nationally representative data of millennials and Gen Z and presented our findings at the ALA Annual conference in Washington, DC, we shared an important finding: that long wait times for digital books impacted BIPOC readers most adversely. BIPOC readers use digital collections more than the general population. In this sense, longer wait times can be understood as an equity barrier.

Our 2025 survey focused exclusively on Gen Z, and revealed a significant shift: members of Gen Z are increasingly connected to their libraries and most identify as readers.

At the 2026 Public Library Association conference in Minneapolis, we presented on "How Gen Z Use (and Don't Use) Public Libraries," the highlights of which are the basis of this article.

MORE GEN Z USED LIBRARIES, IDENTIFY AS READERS IN 2025 THAN IN 2022

At the PLA conference, we began our research presentation by inviting librarians to share how they engage Gen Z patrons. Trivia nights, romance book clubs, crafting, anime clubs, adulting 101, recording studio maker spaces, movie nights, writing clubs, zine making workshops, Dungeons

which might boldly feature in their identities as readers: spicy or smutty romance, graphic novels and comics, horror, fanfic, and other categories that have been stigmatized. As more kinds of reading “count”—and here we allude to surveys that recognize only certain types of books and reading habits—we hope that this number of teens and young adults who identify as readers continues to rise. In our surveys, we have defined reading capaciously to capture the multiple ways Gen Z (and other demographic groups) engage with books. Our surveys ask about reading books (all three formats) alongside other types of reading (on platforms and elsewhere), and we included partial reading as well.

We have found that the social and community-based aspects of reading are crucial factors to determine whether someone identifies as a reader or not. Public libraries are important community hubs. This rise in Gen Z identifying as readers indicates that libraries are already doing great work in creating social community-based spaces that Gen Z recognize as valuable.

However, we have found that people who don't identify as readers still read books. You might ask, if identifying as a reader doesn't mean that someone reads more books, what is the purpose of this identification? To us, the value of identifying as a reader is access to a bookish community and social reinforcement for reading practice. When reading is integrated into a sense of self, readers seek out others with that sense of self and find significance in belonging.

Being able to afford book buying and the perception of reading as a highbrow activity might be why some people may hesitate to identify as readers, even if they are reading. Libraries help readers overcome that socioeconomic barrier to access free books. Surprisingly, in both our 2022 and 2025 data, 47 percent of those who did not identify as readers did report visiting their local public library in the last 12 months. We've also found that people who do not identify as readers actually read more than the general population.

WHY DOES 2025 DATA DIFFER FROM 2022?

Context matters. According to data from the American Library Association (ALA), there was a 300+ percent increase in book bans between 2022 and 2025; 1,269 attempts to censor books at libraries in 2022 and 5,668 books banned from libraries in 2025. This rise in book bans represents an enormous shift culturally, and it may have recalibrated the value of libraries in the minds of Gen Z.

ChatGPT launched in November 2022, and this is the second phenomenon we think helps to explain Gen Z's increasing turn to libraries and librarians. Coupled with social media, AI automates the kinds of slow, human interactions that people find calming and nourishing. Libraries are hubs



A rise in book bans may have recalibrated the value of libraries in the minds of Gen Z.

of social connection even when people are working individually on their laptop or reading quietly in a chair. Libraries' ambient, low-key co-presence is one thing people missed so much during Covid lockdowns.

Anytime we talk about AI in print, it's like a stamp of a moment in time, because it advances so fast. Librarians are purveyors of vetted, human-authenticated information. They are experts in assessing information quality. We believe Gen Z value such authenticity more now than ever before. Gen Z's waning trust in social media infl

encers (previously one of their top preferred ways to discover books) is likely connected to their skepticism about what real and fake on the internet. Gen Z are looking to human recommenders like librarians.

With social media and AI come loneliness, which Surgeon General Vivek Murthy deemed an “epidemic” in 2022. His report found that loneliness impacts teenagers as young adults more than any other age group. Our 2025 data found that lonely Gen Z are less likely to use the library. Higher loneliness scores were associated with lower odds of visiting the physical library. For each one unit increase in the loneliness score, the odds of visiting a physical library go down by 27 percent. Conversely, those who were more likely to visit the library reported lower loneliness scores, indicating a connection between visiting the library and feeling more connected, less lonely.

Librarian recommendations help Gen Z escape the algorithm echo chamber, and physical libraries are safe, welcoming spaces where the obligation to socialize is easily customized to the individual's preference. Amazon's algorithms are designed to keep showing people books that are like ones they have read, which doesn't promote discovery of new books, voices, and topics that might be new to a reader. Given that one benefit of reading is its ability to transport the reader into life experiences and circumstances they have never encountered elsewhere—Professor Rudine S. Bishop called this “mirrors, windows, and sliding doors”—our data suggest that Gen Z are chafing against the limitations of “more of the same” algorithmic recommendations. Gen Z see value in the novelty and authenticity of librarian recommendations.

Libraries are clearly delivering value that Gen Z appreciate. Libraries as physical hubs of well-being, however, can be better messaged to Gen Z because their understanding of libraries lands firmly on materials that can be borrowed.

If you'd like to read more about our Gen Z research, we invite you to check out our new book *How Gen Z Discovers and Consumes Books*, which Cambridge University Press is publishing June 29. For the first two weeks of its release, the book will be free to download.

Deputy Director's Report: June 2026

Building & Grounds:

We have chosen an electrical contractor and alarm contractor for the work associated with the elevator replacement project in November. G&I Electric and Metropolitan Alarm both provided us with the best pricing on their quotes. The next steps in the project are to focus on messaging to the public and arranging alternative meeting and program spaces as necessary.

Joe also completed a large furniture replacement and rearrangement project in the Tech & Maker Workroom that will allow staff to use the space much more efficiently.

Additionally, Joe closed 40 building tickets in June. Highlights include: 1) Fixing a broken sink in the basement, 2) Installed foot-operated door pulls in the restrooms, and 3) Fixed a broken handle on one of the family restroom toilets.

Staff Training:

I did not conduct any staff training in June, but I did have the opportunity to attend ALA on Saturday 6/27 and I learned a lot in the exhibit hall and during a session on signage and wayfinding.

Meetings:

- 6-month check-in meeting with Margie: 6/10
- Department Head meetings, 6/11 & 6/25
- 6-month check-in meetings with Victor & Linda: 6/23
- Regular check-in meetings with Joe, twice/week (ongoing)
- Regular check-in meetings with Tony, once/week (ongoing)

Technology Highlights:

Our AT&T contract expired recently and I was able to get an increase in speeds with a fairly nominal price increase, so I went ahead with the new contract. The AT&T pricing and speeds are now stabilized for three years.

Additionally, Tony closed 28 tech tickets in June. Highlights include: 1) Configured and deployed new laptops for the T&M team, 2) Configured and installed replacements for Maria's and Nancy's computers, and 3) Resolved an issue that was preventing guests from using the circulating laptops at the Technology Desk.

Report submitted by: Kristen Lawson

Jill Yott, Communications Coordinator, Board Report, June 2026

June Gallery

1st Floor: Downers Grove Artists' Guild

2nd Floor: Downers Grove Artists' Guild

Display Cases: Summer Reading Program

Notable Projects/Meetings/Workshops

Met with Gail regarding upcoming projects.

Met with Amy about programming.

Met with Sharon about Maker Studio LibCal and programs.

Met with Jordan about Welcome, Baby campaign.

Had regular 1-1 meetings with Laura.

Had regular 1-1 meetings with Fernanda.

Worked with designer on potential branding for a storywalk.

Worked with designer update the 100 Books Before Graduation Logs with new library colors.

Still moving templates for shelving from Publisher to Canva—put it on pause while I worked on the newsletter this month.

Created new walkie talkie guide for Kristen.

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

Ordered promo items, acrylics (thanks, Jamie!), and items for the department

Created three ads: Darien Woman's Club, Darien Park District, and Willowbrook Park District

Summer Reading

Summer Reading is in full swing!

Created emails for June 8, 15, and 30 for adult, kids, and teens.

Updated the website content.

Ordered more Mission Math Packet as we needed more than we planned on.

Print Newsletter

Worked on checking programs and wrote content for the September/October/November newsletter.

Sent to the designer to begin production.

Outreach

Fernanda pulled together promotional items for several community events.

Website

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

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

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

Page 2: Jill Yott, Communications Coordinator, Board Report, June 2026

Enews

Open rates continue to stay steady; I will report Summer Reading email stats at the end of summer.

Current Subscribers: 21,740

Date/Type of enews & Open rate

June 4: 40 percent

June 11: 39 percent

June 18: 40 percent

June 25: 37 percent

Maker Studio Special enews: 66 percent

Recommends: 44 percent

Birthday: 52 percent

Anniversary: 47 percent

Welcome 1: 72 percent

Welcome 2: 59 percent

Welcome 3: 55 percent

Social Media

Our reels continue to perform well on our channels as Fernanda continues to highlight the library in interesting ways through short-form videos. Most of our reels have focused on Summer Reading.

Followers June

Facebook: 3,215

Instagram: 1,471

X: 1,119

LinkedIn: 289

YouTube: 225

Threads: 249

BlueSky: 196

Social Media +/- Change from Previous Month

Facebook: +11

Instagram: +16

X: +2

LinkedIn: +2

YouTube: +2

Threads: +2

BlueSky: +3

Guest Services

June 2026

Circulation

The total checkouts and renewals for June were 57,148.

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

The library had 25,460 in-person visitors in June.

592 guests used the drive-up in June.

We checked out or renewed 1,796 items at the drive-up and 992 holds were placed for pickup at the drive-up.

Passports: Staff accepted 68 passports in June.

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

Library Cards: Staff issued a total of 272 library cards: 172 resident and 100 non-resident. 51 were initiated remotely.

Total number of IPPL Library cards: 25,928.

Birthday gift: Staff handed out 32 birthday gifts in June.

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Guest Services Supervisor

Programming and Outreach Department – June 2026

Community

On June 2, Laura Warner promoted the Summer Reading Program and summer programs to 350 students at Elizabeth Ide Elementary School.

Jean Carroll, Adult Librarian, and Kate Kresek, Specialist, provided mobile library service on June 9 to 7 residents at Harvester Place Senior Living, resulting in 8 checkouts.

On June 12, Erin Fergus, Senior Librarian, facilitated engaging storytimes to 50 3–5-year-olds at the Willowbrook Kindercare location.

Jean Carroll and Kate Kresek provided mobile library service on June 16 to 7 residents at Eden Vista Burr Ridge, resulting in 16 checkouts.

Amy Merda, Dept. Head, and Margie Martinson, Specialist, facilitated a Juneteenth craft activity and book giveaway with 65 1st-8th graders at the Spark Youth summer day camp at Anne M. Jeans School on June 17.

On June 18, Amy Merda facilitated a Park-Hopper Storytime for 54 attendees at Darien Community Park.

Jean Carroll and Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, provided mobile library service on June 19 to 11 residents at Burr Ridge Senior Living, resulting in 15 checkouts.

On June 26, Erin Fergus facilitated engaging storytimes for 70 1–5-year-olds at Grand Avenue Preschool.

Jean Carroll facilitated the inaugural Hot Reads Book Club, held at Shaghf Café in Willowbrook with 4 attendees on June 29.

A total of 65 teen volunteers generously volunteered 357 hours of time at the library this month.

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

Programming Highlights

In June, we had **93** programs attended by **6,979** guests. This programming number represents in-library programs (including passive programming) and outreach programming that includes an activity or presentation.

The Summer Reading Kickoff Party on Saturday, June 6 was well-received with an estimated 1,348 attendees in the span of just three hours (between 10 and 1 p.m.). On the second floor, a Summer Games Drop-In was offered and enjoyed in the Keshav Sanghani Meeting Room. Also

on the 2nd floor, hundreds of guests again enjoyed the annual face painting activity facilitated by our amazing teen volunteers. Guests could connect with IPPL Trustees at the “Meet a Trustee” table and receive a giveaway; get a selfie with “Scoopie” at the Darien Culvers table along with a coupon; meet a police officer and receive giveaways at the Willowbrook Police Dept. table; and play a game and receive a giveaway at the Wintrust Bank table. On the 1st floor, the Maker Studio offered green-screen photos to attendees inside the studio and bookmark making nearby in the Café. Outside, hundreds of free ice cream treats were handed out to thrilled guests from a Windy City ice cream cart.

So many staff, including all members of the P & O Department as well as staff in the Maker Studio, Guest Services, Administration, and Resource, were instrumental in the success of this event. We are also grateful to the multiple adult and teen volunteers, including an IPPL trustee, who donated their time to help support the event. We are also grateful to the multiple sponsors of the event and the Summer Reading Program, including IPPL Foundation & Friends and Wintrust Bank.

The Kickoff Party also signaled the start of the season for favorite June and July series summer programs that are enjoyed by children and families. These programs include Family Night, Mission Math, Reading Buddies, Family Storytime, Mid-Kids Chess Club, Teen Volunteering (Volunteens), Mid-Kids Garden Club, Mini Music Makers, STEM Explorers Drop-In, Park-Hopper Storytimes, Blocks and Bubbles, and more.

The Summer Reading Program, which began on June 6, has shown strong participation with over 3,002 guests currently registered. Over 948 guests have already turned in at least 1 log. While the paper log continues to be a popular option for guests, 520 readers as of July 9 have enjoyed the digital logging option through ReaderZone. Many guests, especially adults, are opting to read even more and submit multiple logs to earn additional entries in the grand prize drawings. We are grateful to the local businesses who donated coupons or prizes: McDonalds, Chick-fil-A, Culvers, Portillos, Zazzo's, Goldfish Swim School, Jojo Japanese Steakhouse, Joliet Slammers, and the Chicago White Sox.

Staff Trainings/Continuing Education

- 6/11: Kate Kresek attended a virtual Webjunction webinar: Beyond the Dewey: Nonfiction Readers' Advisory
- 6/18: Jean Carroll attended a RAILS Board meeting
- 6/19-6/30: Lauren Bobysud, new P & O Dept. member, attended trainings on many library-wide and dept.-specific topics.
- 6/27: Aron Ryan and Amy Merda attended the ALA annual conference
- 6/28: Erin Fergus attended the ALA annual conference

Submitted by Amy Merda, P & O Dept. Head

7/9/26

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

Monthly Highlights

- Melanie Alcantara, Acquisitions Specialist, and Jeanine Clinton, Resource Services Librarian/Technical Services Supervisor, planned and executed tasks leading up to the end of the fiscal year, including working with vendors, setting ordering deadlines, and ensuring all bills applicable to the current year were submitted.
- Jordan Calabrese, Youth and Teen Resource Services Librarian, placed an additional order for Summer Read prize books due to increased youth participation.
- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, assisted three community book group leaders to choose upcoming titles for their summer/fall book club meetings.
- Jeanine Clinton, Resource Services Librarian/Technical Services Supervisor, cataloged five new circulating STEM kits: Tape Measure, Real Bugs, Math Machines, Simple Machines, and Animal X-Rays. Hannah Frost, Resource Services Specialist, created luggage tags, container covers, and quick start guides for the kits.
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, organized a collection of local history materials into categories for use by IPPL staff when researching questions.
- Jen Ripka, Resource Services Librarian, worked with IPPL's digital materials representatives to transfer ongoing eBook and eAudio licenses from the sunseting Hoopla Flex collection to Libby to ensure continued access.
- T.J. Szafranski, Senior Resource Services Librarian, added new channel magnets with topic descriptors to the nonfiction DVD collection to improve browsing and findability.

Displays

1st Floor: For the Love of The Game, Start a New Series, Adventure Awaits!

2nd Floor: Mindfulness, Color Your World with Reading, The Great Outdoors, Celebrating Fathers

Librarian Interactions with Guests

- Assistance: 69; Directional: 3; One-to-One Training: 13; Reference: 126; Readers' Advisory: 6

Community

- Tori Castro, Resource Services Librarian, checked out 66 items for Homebound program deliveries and prepared discussion questions for six outside book groups.
- Tori Castro visited Burr Ridge Senior Living with staff from the Programming & Outreach Department and spoke to four individuals about library services.
- Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, coordinated 12.5 volunteer hours.

Programs

- Resource Services staff facilitated five programs with total attendance of 64, including Bring Your own Book Club and two Thursday afternoon movie programs.

Continuing Education and Contributing to the Profession

- Resource Services staff participated in 20 hours of continuing education and contributing to the profession.

Technology and Maker

Board Report

June 2026

Statistics

Programs

Tech and Maker hosted 13 programs with 81 guests attending.

Technology Desk

Assistance: 1394

Directional: 13

1-on-1 Training: 7

Policy Reminder: 5

Total Technology Desk: 1419

Maker Studio

Assistance: 67

Total Maker Studio: 67

Maker Studio

One on one: 61

Equipment usage: 138

Maker Studio additional inquiries and assistance: 65

Technology Desk

Assistance: 1394

Directional: 13

1-on-1 Training: 7

Policy Reminder: 5

Total Technology Desk: 1419

Public Wireless Access: 9940

Computer – Patron Use

Adult Computers: 1616

Kids & Teen Computers: 1073

Adult Laptop: 68

Computer – Hours Used

Adult Computers: 1325

Kids & Teen Computers: 511

Adult Laptop: 14

Accomplishments

T&M Department meeting, June 23, 2026

T&M Workroom

Work completed in June on the reorganization of the staff workroom. Everyone in the department is happy and thankful for the support and contributions received for this project. Staff in the department worked hard to downsize, pack, unpack, and reorganize the space.

Maker Studio

On June 6, 2026, Lucas and Sharon hosted a photobooth in the Maker Studio for attendees of the Summer Reading Kickoff.

On June 23, 2026, Claire, Lucas and Sharon toured and visited staff at two Maker Studios, Helen Plum Public Library in Lombard and the St. Charles Public Library.

On June 26, 2026, all Maker Studio Staff completed a quilting sewing course with Marcy Thomas-Burns on June 26, 2026.

Technology

On June 23, 2026, IPPL held the first technology program of a series with a new Vendor, Wright to Learn. This first program was hands on and titled, "Excel: Next Steps."

Anthony

- Continued adding data to the Technology and Maker Program Evaluation Form Google Spreadsheet.

Claire

- Shadowed Maker Studio appointments and tried many Studio machines.
- Shadowed Technology Desk with team and practiced computer and printing systems, procedures, and best practices
- Assisted in the Zipper Bag and Pulls advanced sewing program
- Organized and labeled new workroom storage system

Linda

- Assisted with planning and presenting the Perler Bead program
- Led Button Keychain program for teens
- Assisted with training Claire in the Maker Studio and Tech desk.
- Created 3D printing filament samples and a display for use in 3D printing appointments.

Lucas

- Began training Claire in the Maker Studio on how to operate the equipment
- Prepared the new rectangular button maker for use in the Maker Studio
- Had a larger role in the newsletter and program copy production.

Sharon

- To focus on professional development, training, and maintenance in the Maker Studio and at the Technology Desk, the Studio was closed to the public from June 22-27, 2026.
- Sharon began training Claire on her first day with Technology and Maker, June 8th. Her training was ongoing throughout the month with Sharon and other staff and will continue into July 2026.
- Sharon continued to train Lucas on newsletter and program copy. The goal is for Lucas to take over this responsibility starting in the Winter quarter for 2026-27.

Victor:

- Focused on further familiarizing himself with all the different equipment within the Maker Studio.
- Assisted with training Claire at the Tech Desk and Maker Studio.

- Refreshed displays inside the Maker Studio by printing on a puzzle and tumbler using the sublimation printer.

Submitted by:

Sharon Byerly, Head of Technology & Maker Services, 7/8/26

STATISTICS FOR	Jun-26	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Circulation</u>					
Adult	19,768	23,582	248,378	274,743	-9.60%
Teen	1,393	1,512	13,656	13,929	-1.96%
Kids	19,367	19,972	184,755	195,366	-5.43%
ILLS Sent	3,641	2,984	40,971	33,057	23.94%
TOTAL	44,169	48,050	487,760	517,095	-5.67%
Electronic Circulation	12,979	12,453	152,596	135,474	12.64%
GRAND TOTAL CIRC.	57,148	60,503	640,356	652,569	-1.87%
% Reciprocal Borrowing	10%	11%	10%	10%	
Patron Visits	26,052	37,052	340,617	374,870	-9.14%
<u>Current Cards</u>					
Resident	172	177	23,533	22,732	3.52%
Non-Resident	100	155	2,395	2,240	6.92%
TOTAL	272	332	25,928	24,972	3.83%
<u>Patron Assistance</u>					
Adult - Reference	2,689	1,741	29,307	22,459	30.49%
Kids - Reference	1,630	1,615	12,595	11,941	5.48%
Technology - Reference	1,471	896	14,189	13,179	7.66%
TOTAL REFERENCE	5,790	4,252	56,091	47,579	17.89%
Adult - Other	56	32	534	615	-13.17%
Kids - Other	32	53	380	383	-0.78%
Technology - Other	13	47	199	976	-79.61%
TOTAL OTHER	101	132	1,113	1,974	-43.62%
GRAND TOTAL ASST.	5,891	4,384	57,204	49,553	15.44%
<u>ILL/Reserves</u>					
Holds	7,831	7,666	90,857	84,941	6.96%
ILLs Sent	3,641	2,984	40,971	33,057	23.94%
ILLs Checked Out	3,639	3,418	42,298	57,916	-26.97%
ILLs Received	4,038	4,090	48,355	49,311	-1.94%
<u>Programs - Adult</u>					
# Programs	11	11	165	177	-6.78%
Attendance	316	328	3,787	4,554	-16.84%
<u>Programs - Tech & Maker</u>					
# Programs	13	13	134	144	-6.94%
Attendance	81	52	1,004	1,191	-15.70%
<u>Individual Technology Training</u>					
# of Patrons	16	44	310	475	-34.74%
<u>Groups</u>					
# Programs	8	9	112	122	-8.20%
Attendance	81	90	1,149	1,141	0.70%
<u>Others</u>					
#Programs	0	0	0	0	
Attendance	0	0	0	0	
<u>Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	13	8	69	58	18.97%
Attendance	79	74	523	516	1.36%
<u>Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	32	33	274	236	16.10%
Attendance	4,046	4,045	13,861	9,126	51.88%
GRAND TOTAL ATT.	4,619	4,633	20,634	17,003	21.36%

STATISTICS FOR	Jun-26	SAME MONTH PREV. YEAR	FYTD	LAST FYTD	FYTD % CHANGE
<u>Passive Programs - Adult</u>					
#Programs	2	2	24	29	-17.24%
Attendance	67	62	768	1,775	-56.73%
<u>Passive Programs - Teen</u>					
# Programs	3	2	37	24	54.17%
Attendance	74	110	1,386	1,169	18.56%
<u>Passive Programs - Kids</u>					
# Programs	24	18	207	172	20.35%
Attendance	2,316	1,450	18,598	15,571	19.44%
<u>Computers - Patron Use</u>					
Adult Computers	1,616	1,651	18,907	19,281	-1.94%
Kids & Teens Computers	1,073	834	7,661	7,033	8.93%
Adult Laptop	130	11	412	103	300.00%
TOTAL PATRON USE	2,819	2,496	26,980	26,417	2.13%
<u>Hours Used</u>					
Adult Computers	1,325	1,384	15,917	16,126	-1.30%
Kids & Teens Computers	511	384	3,356	3,642	-7.85%
Adult Laptop	14	13	308	129	138.76%
TOTAL HOURS USED	1,850	1,781	19,581	19,897	-1.59%
<u>Wireless Total Connections</u>	9,940	9,277	120,988	103,545	16.85%
<u>IPPL Total Web Site Access</u>	15,962	15,554	186,005	155,959	19.27%
<u>IPPL Total Page Views</u>	67,137	54,460	656,095	566,786	15.76%
<u>Subscription Database Logins</u>	13,599	4,364	119,175	56,373	111.40%
<u>Outreach-Homebound</u>					
Items Delivered	66	93	902	1,256	-28.18%
<u>Volunteers</u>					
Number Active	75	60	226	242	
Hours Worked	399	410	1,565	1,359	15.16%
<u>Staff Training Hours</u>	72	31	1,309	1,274	2.75%
<u>Room Use</u>					
Conference Rooms	776	660	9,242	9,370	-1.37%
Meeting Rooms					
Library	53	45	572	666	-14.11%
Non-Library	9	16	192	220	-12.73%
Board Room					
Library	25	19	305	271	12.55%
Non-Library	21	12	193	225	-14.22%

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR PHYSICAL FORMATS - June 2026

BOOKS	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Reference	82	0	0	82
Non-Fiction	29,043	307	857	28,493
Fiction	30,360	406	561	30,205
ADULT TOTALS	59,485	713	1,418	58,780
KIDS				
Non-Fiction	13,268	121	61	13,328
Fiction	24,632	242	416	24,458
Books + Audio (Vox, WonderBooks)	263	1	0	264
KIDS TOTALS	38,163	364	477	38,050
TEEN				
Non-Fiction	782	13	0	795
Fiction	3,868	90	0	3,958
TEEN TOTALS	4,650	103	0	4,753
BOOK TOTALS	102,298	1,180	1,895	101,583

AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Audiobooks on CD	5,409	34	194	5,249
Music CDs	4,368	33	4	4,397
Vinyl Records	36	0	0	36
Playaway's	368	9	40	337
ADULT TOTALS	10,181	76	238	10,019
KIDS				
Audiobooks on CD	359	1	0	360
Music CDs	162	0	0	162
Playaway's	186	0	2	184
KIDS TOTALS	707	1	2	706
TEEN				
Audiobooks on CD	76	0	1	75
Playaway's	18	0	0	18
TEEN TOTALS	94	0	1	93
AUDIO TOTALS	10,982	77	241	10,818

VIDEO	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
DVD & Blu-ray	18,996	65	203	18,858
ADULT TOTALS	18,996	65	203	18,858
KIDS				
DVD & Blu-ray	3,815	28	5	3,838
KIDS TOTALS	3,815	28	5	3,838
VIDEO TOTALS	22,811	93	208	22,696

OTHER	Previous Month Totals	Added Items	Discarded Items	Current Totals
ADULT				
Book Club to Go	18	0	0	18
Library of Things	97	3	4	96
Devices (Rokus, Tablets, eReaders, Record Players)	71	0	1	70
Console Games	631	7	5	633
ADULT TOTALS	817	10	10	817
KIDS				
Kits (STEM, Book Bundles, etc.)	186	5	0	191
Puzzles	25	3	1	27
Launchpads	21	0	0	21
eReaders	3	0	0	3
Console Games	364	10	1	373
Board Games - Juvenile	18	0	2	16
Equipment (CD Players, headphones, aux cords)	10	0	0	10
KIDS TOTALS	627	18	4	641
TEEN				
eReaders	2	0	0	2
Tablets	2	0	0	2
Board Games	71	0	4	67
TEEN TOTALS	75	0	4	71
OTHER TOTALS	1,519	28	18	1,529
COLLECTION TOTALS	137,610	1,378	2,362	136,626

MATERIALS COLLECTION TOTALS FOR ELECTRONIC FORMATS - June 2026

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eBOOKS	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Hoopla (ebooks & comics)	1,197,766	4,276	1,202,042
eMedia (OverDrive Consortium)	19,742	266	20,008
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	8,084	-9	8,075
Preloaded eReader titles	297	9	306
eBook Totals	1,225,889	4,542	1,230,431
AUDIO	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Audiobooks			
Hoopla	411,548	6,153	417,701
eMedia (Overdrive Consortium)	7,608	4	7,612
eMedia (OverDrive Advantage)	2,601	13	2,614
Preloaded Audiobook titles	219	1	220
Music			
Hoopla	565,015	14,830	579,845
Audio Total	986,991	21,001	1,007,992
VISUAL	Previous Month Totals	+/- Items	Current Totals
Videos			
Hoopla (includes TV Episodes)	38,431	227	38,658
Kanopy	37,390	76	37,466
Preloaded Adult Roku Titles	1,747	14	1,761
Preloaded Family Roku Titles	255	2	257
Visual Totals	77,823	319	78,142
Total Audio/Visual	1,064,814	21,320	1,086,134
Collection Totals	2,290,703	25,862	2,316,565

INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

6/30/2026

Balance on hand as of May 31, 2026.....	2,776,232.77
Cash Receipts for June.....	1,993,297.85
Cash Disbursements for June.....	410,765.44
Cash on hand as of June 30, 2026.....	4,358,765.18

Investments

Illinois Funds (Money Market) - Average Monthly Rate 3.763%	
General.....	942,840.21
MPI Investment (Corporate Fund).....	1,422,792.05
Republic Bank - Savings - Rate 2.57%.....	1,908,555.60
Republic Bank - Checking General.....	(32,363.33)
Republic Bank - Payroll Account.....	103,487.37
Republic Bank - License Sticker Account.....	12,849.28
Petty Cash/Circulation.....	604.00
Balances as of June 30, 2026.....	4,358,765.18

FUND BALANCES AS OF 6/30/2026

Corporate Fund.....	1,676,520.97
Building & Maintenance Fund.....	2,569.79
I.M.R.F. Fund.....	601.64
Liability Fund.....	2,984.79
Social Security Fund.....	6,773.99
Special Reserve Fund.....	-
Deferred Taxes.....	603,158.38
Deferred Per Capita Grant.....	74,616.40
Current Liabilites.....	2,669,314.00
Grand Total All Funds.....	4,358,765.18

Indian Prairie Public Library District
Consolidated Revenue Report for June 2026

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Percent of Year: 100.00

	RECEIVED June 2026	RECEIVED THIS YEAR	PRCT COLL	BUDGET RECEIPTS	UNCOLLECTED RECEIPTS
PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST					
41100 · Property Taxes	0.00	4,479,627.41	99.45%	4,504,300.00	24,672.59
41150 · Non-current Property Taxes	0.00	367.43	0.00%	800.00	432.57
43100 · Interest-Tax Levy	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX & LEVY INTEREST	0.00	4,479,994.84	99.44%	4,505,100.00	25,105.16
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	5,902.20	72,405.28	103.44%	70,000.00	-2,405.28
TOTAL INTEREST	5,902.20	72,405.28	103.44%	70,000.00	-2,405.28
DESK MONIES					
45100 · Copier	311.55	2,563.93	122.09%	2,100.00	-463.93
45120 · Computer Copies	2,123.96	23,016.31	164.40%	14,000.00	-9,016.31
45130 · Fax	506.73	4,314.17	123.26%	3,500.00	-814.17
45200 · Fines/Fees	514.91	4,398.61	109.97%	4,000.00	-398.61
45250 · Gifts/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00%	50.00	50.00
45300 · Lost Materials	614.59	7,687.19	153.74%	5,000.00	-2,687.19
45350 · Non-Resident Fees	10,788.28	128,105.20	134.85%	95,000.00	-33,105.20
45550 · Meeting Room Rental	-25.00	1,100.00	73.33%	1,500.00	400.00
45600 · ILL Fees	5.00	128.05	51.22%	250.00	121.95
45650 · Maker Studio	1,117.10	13,369.26	167.12%	8,000.00	-5,369.26
45700 · Passport Fees	2,625.00	32,488.50	116.03%	28,000.00	-4,488.50
45800 · License Stickers	364.80	3,843.55	128.12%	3,000.00	-843.55
TOTAL DESK MONIES	18,946.92	221,014.77	134.44%	164,400.00	-56,614.77
OTHER INCOME					
46500 · OCLC Refund	0.00	608.96	0.00%	500.00	-108.96
46700 · Miscellaneous	9,109.21	9,882.79	9882.79%	100.00	-9,782.79
46800 · Collection Agency Fee	29.21	437.63	145.88%	300.00	-137.63
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	9,138.42	10,929.38	1214.38%	900.00	-10,029.38
TOTAL	33,987.54	4,849,084.97	100.91%	4,805,400.00	-43,684.97
49000 · Operating Transfer In	28,000.00	28,000.00			
GRAND TOTAL	61,987.54	4,877,084.97	101.49%	4,805,400.00	-71,684.97

Indian Prairie Public Library District

Consolidated Expenditures Report for June 2026

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Percent of Year: 100.00

	June 26	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
PERSONNEL							
61100 · Salaries	198,414.29	2,615,345.94	100.29%	2,607,784.00	-7,561.94		
61310 · Benefits - Medical / Life Ins.	20,954.20	236,989.95	80.18%	295,587.00	58,597.05		
61330 · Benefits - IMRF	22,349.73	296,802.90	101.19%	293,302.00	-3,500.90		
61340 · Benefits - FICA	14,561.59	192,836.09	96.66%	199,495.00	6,658.91		
61400 · Staff Development	582.00	12,661.82	63.31%	20,000.00	7,338.18		
61600 · Board Development	0.00	1,099.16	219.83%	500.00	-599.16		
61710 · Workers Compensation	0.00	4,637.00	105.60%	4,391.00	-246.00		
61720 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	4,239.36	141.31%	3,000.00	-1,239.36		
TOTAL PERSONNEL	256,861.81	3,364,612.22	98.26%	3,424,059.00	59,446.78	3,600,000.00	93.46%
RESOURCES							
62100 · Books	28,814.17	151,682.23	90.53%	167,542.00	15,859.77		
62200 · Periodicals	146.43	15,106.76	80.92%	18,668.00	3,561.24		
62300 · Audio	3,339.89	17,783.85	78.86%	22,550.00	4,766.15		
62400 · Video	4,336.37	24,705.20	74.86%	33,000.00	8,294.80		
62500 · Multi-Media	788.21	6,579.46	90.13%	7,300.00	720.54		
62600 · eResources	28,714.36	238,216.56	99.74%	238,850.00	633.44		
62700 · Console Games	829.47	6,089.04	101.48%	6,000.00	-89.04		
62800 · Damaged Item Replacement	1,023.93	5,964.39	91.76%	6,500.00	535.61		
62900 · Resources Supplies	4,516.80	23,132.51	102.81%	22,500.00	-632.51		
TOTAL RESOURCES	72,509.63	489,260.00	93.57%	522,910.00	33,650.00	530,000.00	92.31%
BUILDING							
63200 · Cleaning Services	9,707.48	84,077.05	96.09%	87,500.00	3,422.95		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-11 · Gas)	2,913.14	25,183.12	119.92%	21,000.00	-4,183.12		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-12 · Electric)	6,124.27	75,146.24	75.52%	99,500.00	24,353.76		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-13 · Telephone)	792.95	4,570.51	152.35%	3,000.00	-1,570.51		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-14 · Water/Sewer)	0.00	4,260.28	47.34%	9,000.00	4,739.72		
63300 · Utilities (1-8-15 · Garbage Disposal)	471.60	4,307.00	90.67%	4,750.00	443.00		
63350 · Building Supplies	985.15	11,423.13	95.19%	12,000.00	576.87		
63400 · Maintenance Supplies	1,206.05	12,433.19	113.03%	11,000.00	-1,433.19		
63500 · Security System Monitoring	112.50	975.00	81.25%	1,200.00	225.00		
63600 · Property Maintenance	3,591.70	34,766.78	69.53%	50,000.00	15,233.22		
63800 · Building Maintenance/Repair	366.00	62,725.69	83.63%	75,000.00	12,274.31		
TOTAL BUILDING	26,270.84	319,867.99	85.54%	373,950.00	54,082.01	325,000.00	98.42%
OPERATIONS							
64100 · Payroll Service	716.00	8,445.00	99.35%	8,500.00	55.00		
64200 · Supplies - Office	499.21	3,963.21	66.05%	6,000.00	2,036.79		
64300 · Photocopy Supplies	1,020.13	3,006.26	91.10%	3,300.00	293.74		
64500 · Postage	2,277.85	5,637.98	93.97%	6,000.00	362.02		
64550 · Passport Postage	361.20	4,780.98	95.62%	5,000.00	219.02		
64700 · Travel	443.37	1,189.19	79.28%	1,500.00	310.81		
64800 · Organizational Memberships	135.00	1,970.70	56.31%	3,500.00	1,529.30		
64900 · Bank Fees	381.85	4,090.70	116.88%	3,500.00	-590.70		
TOTAL OPERATION	5,834.61	33,084.02	88.70%	37,300.00	4,215.98	40,000.00	82.71%
TECHNOLOGY							
65100 · Supplies-Toner	5,302.81	18,828.61	104.60%	18,000.00	-828.61		
65160 · Supplies-Technology Services	0.00	0.00	0.00%	200.00	200.00		
65170 · Supplies-Maker Studio	1,458.46	6,564.87	80.06%	8,200.00	1,635.13		
65200 · Technology-Prof Services	2,000.00	18,100.00	62.85%	28,800.00	10,700.00		
65300 · Purchase of Equipment	59.96	59,902.18	149.76%	40,000.00	-19,902.18		
65400 · Technology Equip Mnt/Repair	54.50	12,149.43	47.09%	25,800.00	13,650.57		
65500 · Software	5,297.13	33,334.95	75.32%	44,260.00	10,925.05		
65600 · SWAN	0.00	47,760.07	97.51%	48,979.00	1,218.93		

**Indian Prairie Public Library District
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Percent of Year: 100.00

	June 26	YTD ACTIVITY	PRCT USED	WORKING BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET	APPROPRIATION	PRCT APPROPRIATION
65700 · Telecommunications	1,175.95	12,081.81	89.13%	13,556.00	1,474.19		
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	15,348.81	208,721.92	91.63%	227,795.00	19,073.08	230,000.00	90.75%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES							
66100 · General Professional Services	4,206.92	29,150.05	62.02%	47,000.00	17,849.95		
66200 · Credit Bureau	68.95	1,103.20	110.32%	1,000.00	-103.20		
66300 · Copier	-41.65	2,840.66	94.69%	3,000.00	159.34		
66400 · Copier Maintenance Contract	109.19	1,296.40	64.82%	2,000.00	703.60		
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,343.41	34,390.31	64.89%	53,000.00	18,609.69	62,000.00	55.47%
INSURANCE							
67100 · Multi Peril-Physical Assets	0.00	19,340.00	100.00%	19,340.00	0.00		
67200 · Bonding	0.00	1,381.00	100.00%	1,381.00	0.00		
67300 · Officers & Directors Liability	0.00	2,358.00	100.00%	2,358.00	0.00		
67400 · Umbrella Liability	0.00	3,025.00	100.00%	3,025.00	0.00		
TOTAL INSURANCE	0.00	26,104.00	100.00%	26,104.00	0.00	27,000.00	96.68%
COMMUNICATIONS							
68110 · Marketing Newsletter	2,254.68	35,694.16	68.64%	52,000.00	16,305.84		
68111 · eNewsletter	15.00	9,623.40	103.15%	9,330.00	-293.40		
68210 · Marketing Advertising	54.30	707.03	70.70%	1,000.00	292.97		
68310 · Marketing Supplies	1,236.70	1,693.40	423.35%	400.00	-1,293.40		
68410 · Marketing-Information Printing	1,847.27	22,276.28	148.51%	15,000.00	-7,276.28		
68500 · Legal Notices	0.00	622.43	62.24%	1,000.00	377.57		
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	5,407.95	70,616.70	89.70%	78,730.00	8,113.30	80,000.00	88.27%
PROGRAMMING							
68600 · Programming	6,421.89	26,894.17	69.14%	38,900.00	12,005.83		
TOTAL PROGRAMMING	6,421.89	26,894.17	69.14%	38,900.00	12,005.83	40,000.00	67.24%
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	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00%		-28,000.00		
69900 · Contingency	6,231.71	11,338.57	75.59%	15,000.00	3,661.43		
69920 · Gift/Donation Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00%		0.00		
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY & CONTINGENCY	34,231.71	39,338.57	262.26%	15,000.00	-24,338.57		
70000 · Operating Transfer Purchases	0.00	40,276.29	0.00%				
TOTAL	427,230.66	4,653,166.19	96.99%	4,797,748.00	144,581.81	0.00	

Indian Prairie Public Library
Nominating Committee Minutes
July 6, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Krupicka, Suriano, Palmisano, Wahab

Krupicka called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The committee thanked Suriano for serving as President. The committee discussed nominations for the slate of officers. They recommend the following slate of officers to the Board:

1. President: Christina Rodriguez
2. Vice-President: Stacy Palmisano
3. Treasurer: Themis Raftis
4. Secretary: Samia Wahab

Adjourn: 6:48 p.m.

TENTATIVE ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
DU PAGE & COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

This Ordinance constitutes the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the Indian Prairie Public Library District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Indian Prairie Public Library District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following budget and appropriation amounts are adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Estimate of Expenditures from Corporate Fund

	<u>Appropriation</u>
Personnel	3,750,000
Materials	525,000
Building Operations	375,000
Office Operations	40,000
Technology & Maker	225,000
Contractual Services	50,000
Insurance	40,000
Communications/Publicity	50,000
Programs	45,000
Total Corporate Fund	5,100,000

Estimate of Expenditures from Special Tax Funds

Audit	0
IMRF	55,000
Social Security	50,000
Liability Insurance	24,000
Building and Equipment (.02% Special Tax)	125,000

Summary

Corporate	5,100,000
Audit	0
IMRF	55,000
Social Security	50,000
Liability Insurance	24,000
Building and Equipment (.02%)	125,000
Special Reserve	200,000
Total Appropriation	5,554,000

SECTION 2. As part of the Annual Budget, it is stated

- a. The cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year is \$4,358,765.18.
- b. The estimated cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources is \$4,969,790.40.
- c. The estimated expenditures for the fiscal year are \$4,964,080.
- d. The estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year is \$4,343,358.46.
- e. The estimated amount of taxes to be received during the fiscal year is \$4,647,264.
- f. The estimated amount of income to be received from sources other than library taxes for the fiscal year is \$322,526.

SECTION 3. Funds in the total amount of \$5,554,000 or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated as specified.

SECTION 4. All unexpended balances of proceeds received annually from public library taxes not in excess of statutory limits may be transferred to the Corporate Reserve Fund.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees on July 15, 2026.

ATTEST:

ORDINANCE #2026-3

ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL
TAX OF .02% FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Library District Act authorizes the Board of Trustees to levy a special tax in addition to the annual public library district tax for the purchase of sites and buildings, for construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and for maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the amount of said special tax is .02% of the value of all of the taxable property in the District as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it advisable and necessary to levy said special tax for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the purposes hereinbefore set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND DETERMINED by the Board of Trustees of the Indian Prairie Public Library District that for the purchase of sites and buildings, for the construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and for the maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment, a special tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed, shall be levied for the fiscal year 2026-2027:

FURTHER, a copy of this Ordinance shall be published in The Doings newspaper within 15 days after the date of adoption.

FURTHER, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2026, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that, by Ordinance adopted on the 15th day of July, 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Indian Prairie Public Library District ordained to levy an additional tax of .02% of the value of all the taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, for the purchase of sites and buildings, for construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and for maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment, said tax levy to be effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. The text of said Ordinance is set forth below.

The question of the adoption of said Ordinance shall be submitted to the electors of the District if a petition is filed with the District signed by 3,108 voters asking that the question of levying such .02% tax be submitted to the electors of the District. Said petition must be filed within 30 days after publication of this notice. The date of the prospective referendum is November 3, 2026.



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.