

# DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

## Month ending June 30, 2018

Summer Reading is in full swing! Our first few weeks went quickly, with nearly 900 more sign-ups compared to the first two weeks of last year. As of this writing, we have 750 more sign-ups than last year, and we have issued 650 new library cards in the month of June!

### Project Updates

- Beth Schwarz has jumped right in to her new position as Finance Manager. In addition to getting training on all her accounting and payroll duties, she has also met with all the managers to learn about their departments and everything we do as a library. In the upcoming weeks, she will be dealing with the year-end fiscal close and audit.
- Consultant Amanda Standerfer is working with the strategic plan planning team to craft 3-4 mission and vision statements. These will be ready for the board to review at the retreat in late July.
- Facilities staff is working with Hayes Mechanical to replace nine heat pumps that were identified for replacement in FY17-18 in the capital replacement plan. (Quote was approved at the May board meeting.) Because of a current manufacturer's discount on the heat pumps, we may be bringing an additional quote to the board in July or August for heat pumps identified for FY18-19 replacement.

### External Meetings

- StoryWalk Ribbon Cutting, Hamilton Reservoir, 6/6
- Senator Rooney's Legislative Update, Café Fourteen, 6/7
- Illinois Library Association Board Orientation, 6/8
- Illinois Library Association Strategic Planning, 6/14
- Palatine Farmers Market, 6/16
- PLA Leadership Academy conference call, 6/18
- Palatine Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 6/19
- Friends of the Library Dinner and Meeting, 6/20
- Palatine Chamber Nonprofit Networking Group, 6/20
- American Library Association Conference, New Orleans, 6/22-6/25
- Little City volunteer project, 6/27

*Jeannie Dilger*

Executive Director

## Highlight

There were so many great photos at the StoryWalk Grand Opening that I had trouble narrowing down to a few to share with you.





## Calendar

### July 2018

- July 11                      Regular Board Meeting, Main Library, 7pm
- July 26                      Policy Committee Meeting, Main Library, 9am
- July 28                      Board Strategic Plan Retreat, 9am

### August 2018

- August 8                    Regular Board Meeting, Main Library, 7pm
- August 22                  Special Board Meeting: Strategic Plan, Main Library, 7pm
- August 23                  Policy Committee Meeting, Main Library, 9am
- August 25-26              Palatine Street Fest

**Palatine Public Library District  
Strategic Plan, Fiscal Year 2017-2018  
Final Progress Report**

June 30<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the Fiscal Year 2017-18. This report comprises an update on the annual strategic plan 4<sup>th</sup> quarter progress through June 2018. Not all activities are included below, just some of the highlights from each department.

**I. Finance/Budget – Implement efficient and effective use of funding while working within a balanced budget**

B. Goal – Seek additional funding sources and partnerships

*Launched StoryWalk project with Friends and Foundation funding.*

*Partnered with CareerPlace, Harper College’s Small Business Development Center, and North Park University’s Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management to offer programming for entrepreneurs and job seekers*

C. Educate patrons about Library funding

*Financial Management plan placed on library website.*

*Developed, presented and had the FY 2018-2019 Budget approved by the Board.*

D. Communicate and collaborate with other governmental entities

*Involved governmental agencies and partner organizations in strategic planning process. Staff attend Harper’s Women’s Program on May 4. Primarily this was a networking event with other local agencies and organizations that serve women and low-income families in the northwest suburbs. We shared general information about the Library and specific details about ESL programming with other attendees.*

F. Study and define plans for appropriate ballot initiatives to address financial needs

*Board and managers continued discussions with EveryLibrary on gauging community interest and support for a ballot initiative. Staff and board were trained on community conversations around plan A and B. These conversations will begin in the first quarter of the next fiscal year.*

**II. Maintain viable facilities for the delivery of Library services**

A. Complete initiatives in the Special Reserve Fund Plan

*Substantially completed cooling tower reseal.*

*Replaced 2 heat pumps.*

*Repaired or completed partial replacements on 5 heat pumps.*

*Replaced failing sump pump.*

B. Consider alternate approaches to providing services to the southwest and northeast portions of the District

*Six Spanish language computer classes both offsite and in the library were conducted.*

*Three new hires at our Branches and one retirement.*

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C. Maintain a written Facilities Plan

*Cleaned all carpeting and waxed all tile floors.*

D. Promote and achieve energy savings and other green initiatives

*Obsolete equipment and supplies were sold in an online auction generating revenue of \$2,002.*

*Replaced leaking pipes on snow melt boiler and sump pump.*

E. Implement replacement of worn furniture for the current year per plan

*Replaced tables in Meeting Room 1 and Storytime rooms.*

*Replaced Circulation desk task chairs and Executive Directors' guest chairs.*

H. Conduct space needs study (last completed in 2008)

*Staff began work with Engberg Anderson on space needs study, with consideration for both local needs and industry-wide trends*

**III. Human Resources – Support and strengthen human resources initiatives in order to forward the mission of the Library**

A. Provide qualified and contributing staff members to carry out library services

*14 vacancies were successfully filled during this quarter. Some internal departmental changes resulted in promotions. This also includes 5 positions hired for only the Summer months.*

*Our new finance manager started May 29, 2018.*

*Completed performance evaluations incorporating goals, supporting the Strategic Plan.*

C. Continue staff and Board development within an established budget

*Our workers compensation carrier provided staff training on Back Injury Prevention. Ten employees attended the Reaching Forward Conference, an affiliate of the Illinois Library Association. Assistant Director Melissa Gardner was a presenter at this conference.*

*Our annual blood borne pathogen training was conducted during department meetings. Members of the Management Team received training on /Awareness and Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination.*

*Assistant Director Gardner and Assistant Manager of Technology Michael Szwed attended the Elevate Illinois Library Leadership Program in Springfield.*

*RAILS conducted a customer Service training in the Main Library 7 staff attended.*

*ISD staff members conducted staff training on government document resources and job seeker resources.*

*TS trained using Lynda as well as OneNote and Snipping Tool software.*

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D. Continuously evaluate organizational structure and system-wide staff needs

*Contracted with the Accounting Firm of Lauterbach and Amen to assist in the transition while searching for a new Finance Manager.*

*Review of job descriptions and staff planning for distribution of duties will be ongoing.*

*Hired temporary PT Technology Associate for the summer to fill the temporary absence of a regular PT Technology Associate.*

F. Continue appropriate use of volunteers

*50 volunteers are placed in positions.*

*98 Teen Volunteers began work as part of our Summer Teen Volunteer Teams.*

*Volunteers continue to be placed as opportunities become available. Investigating opportunities to appropriately deploy volunteers is ongoing.*

*42 volunteers attended our annual volunteer luncheon hosted by the Library. The library also hosted a dinner for the Friends of the Library.*

**IV. Technology – Sustain, grow, and develop technology initiatives that connect patrons with information and resources**

A. Complete all initiatives as detailed in the current Technology Plan

*We began work on our Technology Assessment. A consultant from Elert Consulting conducted an on-site visit and interviewed staff. Report will be completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY 2018-2019.*

*Server replacement project is underway. All the equipment has been ordered and is currently being configured. Installation will be completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY 2018-2019.*

*Two public and three staff computers were replaced.*

*Purchased Oculus Go VR headsets, 360 Gear cameras and Video Mic to circulate from the Digital Media Center in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY 2018-2019.*

B. Update the current Technology Plan as required

*We began writing the FY 2018-2019 Technology Plan by identifying major technology projects and planning a budget for them.*

C. Continue study of available Integrated Library Systems (ILS)

*Created a list of ILS options available.*

**V. External and Internal Communications – Enhance and improve current communications methods**

A. Review all Library publications annually and revise format or content as needed

*Communication's department visited PMD, ISD, and Technology departments to review style guide and clarify the functions of staff in Communication Department. Since we*

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*have so many new staff members, this was an effective way to review newsletter guidelines and other means of communication.  
ISD database brochures are in the process of being updated to reflect changes resulting from the new website.*

B. Review the Library's digital content frequently to ensure current information and accessibility

*Continuing effective patron E-newsletters on a monthly basis which includes general information and highlights our collection and programming.*

C. Implement methods to obtain comments, input, and feedback from patrons, and methods to respond

*Including positive patron feedback from comment cards into our monthly Staff E-newsletters.*

**VI. Programs and Services – Continue to provide relevant, cost-effective services and programs to the public**

A. Continue to evaluate programs (including classes) and events offered to the public

*The Technology Department offered 23 technology classes, 5 gaming events, and 4 pop-up events.*

*Poetry contest received 175 entries, 110 people attended the awards and open mic event.*

*103 attended our May 4<sup>th</sup> Star Wars movie and activities.*

*Summer reading has already reached 5000 signups. We are ahead by 750 signups from this time last year.*

*Summer reading kickoff had 400 people.*

*Due to popular demand, ISD continues to regularly offer popular cooking demonstration programs, Dann and Raymond Movie programs and Resume Clinics.*

C. Create and maintain flexible, interactive spaces to support programs and services

*Staff opened the Storytime Rooms and provided additional spaces for students to study and eat during finals week. In addition the library passed out 118 Finals Week Stress Relief Kits.*

*Rearranged special collection displays to give World Languages collection greater prominence and room to expand.*

**VII. Collections – Maintain and develop highly relevant material collections**

A. Maximize availability of and accessibility to digital resources within parameters of the materials budget

*Evaluated existing databases and pruned selection as budget required.*

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*Switched from Novelist Select to Unbound.*

**B. Continue to ensure relevant, current materials within collections**

*Purchased non-traditional circulating items such as board games, ukuleles, sewing machines, easels, knitting and crochet supplies, microscope, telescope, and binoculars. Circulation of these items will begin in FY 2018-2019.*

**C. Study alternate methods of provided print and non-print materials, and implement methods as appropriate**

*Launched circulation of Playaway view collection.  
Merged Family and Preschool DVD's.*

**VIII. Connect with the Community – Engage patrons where they are in person or online**

**A. Continue staff participation in community organizations, events, and initiatives**

*Staff and Board participated in the Palatine Hometown Fest Parade June 30.  
Staff and Board attended the Farmer's Market on June 16 to promote Friends Used Book Sale, Summer Reading and sign people up for library cards. Five people were given library cards, \$37.75 was profited from book sale, and 143 people visited or table.  
PMD attended Week of the Young Child expo, and Buehler YMCA Healthy Kids event.  
StoryWalk had almost 200 people attend the unveiling and storytime.  
Began monthly storytimes in a Palatine Parks, Salt Creek Park and Panera.  
Staff participated in volunteer work at Little City.  
Attended Palatine Chamber ExecNet, ChamberNet, and Hoffman Estates new member reception meetings to promote library business resources and services.*

**C. Explore opportunities to schedule programs or events in other community venues as feasible**

*StoryWalk Project was a success with the launch on June 6.  
Staff attended Harper's Career Expo on April 14, which is targeted at elementary and middle-school age children to help them envision future careers. We brought the Ozobots and the PlayStation Virtual Reality headset.  
In April 857 people attended 24 PMD outreach events to elementary and high schools, nursing homes, daycares and bilingual community group.  
In May PMD reached 2,212 students and teachers through 16 outreach events to elementary, junior high and high schools. Some were book talks, STEAM activities, career days and summer reading presentations.  
Offered off-site programs Bicycle Maintenance 101 at Mike's Bike Shop and Play a Ukulele at the Music Room.*

**D. Create opportunities to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of our community**

*Ukrainian programs celebrating cultural heritage were held in this quarter.*



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*Cultural Committee met in May and discussed programming for Spring 2019. The group decided that instead of focusing on just one culture, we would create programming for a variety of cultures in our community.*

**MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT**  
**CIRCULATION SUMMARY - June 2018**

	<u>June 2018</u>	<u>June 2017</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>	<u>Last Fiscal Year to Date</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b><u>Main</u></b>						
Juvenile Print	46,372	42,183	<b>10%</b>	409,701	420,923	-3%
*Juvenile Non-Print	6,778	2,766	<b>145%</b>	32,974	28,176	<b>17%</b>
Total Juvenile	53,150	44,949	<b>18%</b>	442,675	449,099	-1%
Young Adult Print	4,409	4,649	-5%	33,500	37,137	-10%
Total Young Adult	4,409	4,649	-5%	33,500	37,137	-10%
Adult Print	27,068	27,679	-2%	288,859	294,917	-2%
*Adult Non-Print	26,250	32,120	-18%	340,447	382,075	-11%
Total Adult	53,318	59,799	-11%	629,306	676,992	-7%
<b>TOTAL MAIN LIBRARY</b>	<b>110,877</b>	<b>109,397</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,105,481</b>	<b>1,163,228</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b><u>North Hoffman</u></b>						
Juvenile Print	2,553	2,765	-8%	27,067	27,867	-3%
*Juvenile Non-Print	671	213	<b>215%</b>	3,611	3,309	<b>9%</b>
Total Juvenile	3,224	2,978	<b>8%</b>	30,678	31,176	-2%
Young Adult Print	123	162	-24%	1,062	1,087	-2%
Total Young Adult	123	162	-24%	1,062	1,087	-2%
Adult Print	486	672	-28%	5,681	5,652	<b>1%</b>
*Adult Non-Print	1,316	1,844	-29%	18,061	21,905	-18%
Total Adult	1,802	2,516	-28%	23,742	27,557	-14%
<b>TOTAL N. HOFFMAN</b>	<b>5,149</b>	<b>5,656</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>55,482</b>	<b>59,820</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b><u>Rand Road</u></b>						
Juvenile Print	1,395	1,597	-13%	11,737	13,137	-11%
*Juvenile Non-Print	390	146	<b>167%</b>	1,969	1,651	<b>19%</b>
Total Juvenile	1,785	1,743	<b>2%</b>	13,706	14,788	-7%
Young Adult Print	76	98	-22%	557	543	<b>3%</b>
Total Young Adult	76	98	-22%	557	543	<b>3%</b>
Adult Print	208	193	<b>8%</b>	2,404	1,927	<b>25%</b>
*Adult Non-Print	933	1,919	-51%	15,393	19,648	-22%
Total Adult	1,141	2,112	-46%	17,797	21,575	-18%
<b>TOTAL RAND ROAD</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>-24%</b>	<b>32,060</b>	<b>36,906</b>	<b>-13%</b>

Library closed 2/9/2018

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in Juvenile Non-Print, moved from Adult Non-Print

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<b><u>Digital Collection</u></b>						
eBooks	8,019	6,456	<b>24%</b>	84,114	75,514	<b>11%</b>
hoopla	1,785	1,573	<b>13%</b>	20,571	17,639	<b>17%</b>
<b>TOTAL DIGITAL</b>	<b>9,804</b>	<b>8,029</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>104,685</b>	<b>93,153</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>CIRC. OF MATERIALS</b>	<b>128,832</b>	<b>127,035</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,297,708</b>	<b>1,353,107</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Electronic Info Retrieval*	877	N/A	N/A	24,919	N/A	N/A
<small>*Electronic Info Retrieval collected starting 7/1/17</small>						
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>129,709</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1,322,627</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b><u>Express Checkout</u></b>						
# of Items	25,919	16,734	<b>55%</b>	224,706	216,951	<b>4%</b>
% of Total Checkouts	20%	13%	<b>7%</b>	17%	16%	<b>1%</b>
<b><u>Reciprocal Borrowing</u></b>						
Books Loaned	4,191	4,522	-7%	51,599	48,961	<b>5%</b>
<b><u>Library Card Registration</u></b>						
<b>Card Activity</b>						
New PPLD Cards	925	752	<b>23%</b>	5,301	5,242	<b>1%</b>
New RBP's	87	95	-8%	825	931	-11%
Renewals (PPLD/RBP)	1,106	832	<b>33%</b>	6,286	5,664	<b>11%</b>
Non-Resident Fee Cards						
Renewals Non-Resident	19	25	-24%	66	79	-16%
New Non-Resident Fee	3	3	<b>0%</b>	17	24	-29%
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITY:</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>12,495</b>	<b>11,940</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Card Registrations</b>						
PPLD Cards	63,767	59,006	<b>8%</b>			
Non-Resident Fee Cards	158	183	-14%			
Reciprocal	7,108	6,413	<b>11%</b>			
ILL	99	98	<b>1%</b>			
<b>TOTAL REG. PATRONS</b>	<b>71,132</b>	<b>65,700</b>	<b>8%</b>			

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<b><u>Collection Summary</u></b>						
Database Titles	262,921	266,731	-1%			
All Items (Print, AV & Periodicals)	279,833	287,357	-3%			

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# Palatine Library hosts StoryWalk at Hamilton Reservoir June 6

Submitted by Andrea Lublink

Palatine Public Library District is thrilled to announce and invite the public to celebrate the unveiling of the new StoryWalk Project, a permanent, outdoor storybook at Hamilton Reservoir, 1037 N. Smith St., in Palatine, from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 6.

StoryWalk Project is an interactive way for the whole family to enjoy reading while participating in an outdoor activity together. Join the library for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and stay to walk the path while sponsors share the story "How Rocket Learned to

Read" by Tad Hills.

Pages of the story are displayed in permanent panels on the path and guide you through the story from beginning to end. This installation was created to provide one more way for children and adults to be inspired to cultivate a love of reading and pursue a healthy activity together.

StoryWalk Project is made possible by a partnership with Gold Sponsors: Palatine Public Library District, Palatine Library Foundation, Palatine Park District, and Friends of Palatine Library.

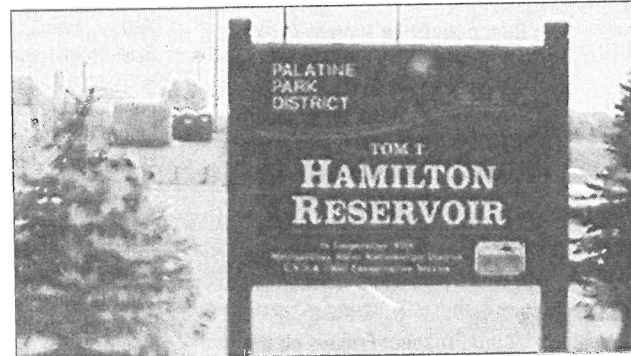
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Sponsors: Allied Air Conditioning & Heating Corp.; Lenora Berendt; Garfield's Beverage, Palatine; Rotary Club of Palatine; and Signs by Tomorrow, Arlington Heights.

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk is a registered service mark owned by Ferguson.

For information, visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org) or call (847) 358-5881.

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COURTESY OF PALATINE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

On Wednesday, June 6, at 10 a.m., the Palatine Public Library District will unveil the new StoryWalk Project, a permanent, outdoor storybook at Hamilton Reservoir, 1037 N. Smith St., in Palatine.

6/5/2018

### The Life of Robert Kennedy:

6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. On the 50th anniversary of Bobby Kennedy's death, historian Jim Gibbons presents Kennedy's life, both personal and political. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

### Palatine Library Genealogy Group:

7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Join others interested in genealogy and learn about new

research tools. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167 or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

6/6/2018

### Book discussion in Palatine:

"Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate will be the focus of an adult book discussion set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 18, at the Palatine Public Library District. The book is about a prominent lawyer who discovers her family's connection to an unscrupulous children's home in the 1930s. Light refreshments will be served. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132 or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org). Copies of "Before We Were Yours" are available at the first-floor reader assistance desk at the library, 700 N. North Court in Palatine!

6/7/2018

6/11/2018



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Jennifer Jazwinski, popular materials assistant manager at Palatine Public Library District, reads to children during Wednesday's debut of StoryWalk at Hamilton Reservoir.

## StoryWalk debuts at Palatine park

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Parents and young children can accomplish two healthy pursuits simultaneously through an initiative debuted Wednesday by the Palatine library and park systems.

"How Rocket Learned to Read," a New York Times best-selling children's picture book by Tad Hills, is the featured work in a new StoryWalk project at the Tom T. Hamilton Reservoir. Pages of the story sit in laminated, permanent panels that kids and adults can read while covering a roughly half-mile path around the park, 1037 N. Smith St.

About 100 parents and children gathered on a sunny Wednesday morning for a ceremony kicking off StoryWalk and a trip down the path to learn about Rocket, a dog that learns to read with a little yellow bird serving as his teacher.

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District Executive Director Jeannie Dilger is enthusiastic about the initiative, citing the physical and mental benefits for young children.

"We're learning now that a lot of early learning is very physical for kids," Dilger said. "And so, having that physical activity associated with reading actually helps stimulate the mind."

Dilger said she and others at the library were familiar with Hills from his work with an Illinois Library Association summer reading program. He gave his permission for library to use "How Rocket Learned to Read" for the StoryWalk.

Palatine resident Andrew Namowicz was among the parents who visited the StoryWalk stations. Namowicz brought his 1-year-old son, Walter, around the Hamilton Reservoir path in a stroller.

"I really like it," he said. "I like the idea of encouraging education outdoors. I like that Palatine is working to

continuously improve their parks."

Palatine Park District Executive Director Mike Clark said Hamilton Reservoir was selected in part because it has a long path and is one of the district's most-visited outdoor facilities. Hamilton also hosts the library's periodic Story Time in the Park program.

"We've done a lot with the library," Clark said. "And when they proposed this (StoryWalk) idea, it was like the path's already there. It's just a natural thing. And whenever we can mix in kids with reading and playing and being outdoors, I'm in."

Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, created StoryWalk in 2007 with assistance from an employee at the city's Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk displays have been installed in 50 states and 12 countries since, including Canada, Germany, Russia and Pakistan, according to the Montpelier library.

### Learn about Medicare:

Palatine Public Library District will host a Medicare presentation Thursday, June 21.

Running from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the program will provide information on choices, estimated costs and timelines to enroll in Medicare supplements, Part D drug plans and Medicare Advantage. Insurance broker Donna Spigolon will be the presenter. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org). The library is at 700 N. North Court.

6/12/2018

**Adult Crime Readers' Book Discussion:** 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Discuss the book, "Girl in Disguise," by Greer Macallister. Sign up at (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

6/13/2018

### Palatine program on dreams:

The Palatine Public Library District is hosting an adult program on the meaning of dreams on Tuesday, June 19, at the School of Metaphysics, 222 W. Wilson St. in Palatine. The program will run from 7 to 8 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a notebook for the free session on how to interpret dreams. The event is restricted to valid Palatine library cardholders. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

### Dann and Raymond's Movie Club:

6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Daily Herald movie critic Dann Gire and film historian and author Raymond Benson present a retrospect on the films of notable director Alfred Hitchcock. Register at (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

June 15, 2018

## Find books at bargain prices during library sale

*Submitted by Andrea Lublink*

Friends of Palatine Library will hold a Used Book Sale from Friday, June 15, to Sunday, June 17. The selection of materials includes books, several hundred DVDs, LPs, and CDs donated by the community and available at a deep discount.

Previous Summer Reading T-shirts and tote bags will also be at this sale.

Sale hours:

- Friday, June 15: 6-9 p.m., Friends' members-no charge; nonmembers \$5
- Saturday, June 16: 9:30

a.m.-3 p.m., free admission  
• Sunday, June 17: 12:30-3 p.m., free admission. All items are half price.

All proceeds from the fundraiser benefit Palatine Public Library District. The Friends group supports the summer and winter reading programs, the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program, and spring cultural events.

Membership forms to join the Friends are available in the lobby of the main library. Single or family membership is \$10 per year.

June 22, 2018

### Résumé tips available:

A program to help people improve their résumés is set for 6 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, at Palatine Public Library District. Open only to district cardholders, the free clinic will feature career counselor Fred Ettinger. He's will provide a one-on-one review of attendees' résumés. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

June 28, 2018

### Learn about Lost Dauphin:

The Lost Dauphin of France will be the focus of a Palatine Public Library District program for adults scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 9. Forensic science lecturer Hal Tinberg will be at the library to present the work and data used to solve the mystery of the Lost Dauphin, who was the son of King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The event will be held in Meeting Room 1 of the main library, 700 N. North Court in Palatine. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

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**Teen Book Club:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Discuss the book "I Hunt Killers," by Barry Lyga. Copies are available at the first floor Reader Assistance Desk. For kids in grades seven-12. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

**Book Buddies:** 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Strengthen your skills with the guidance of teen volunteers while sharing stories and activities. Partners may vary throughout the program. For kids in grades one-four. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

June 20, 2018

**Digging Dinosaurs:** 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Become a paleontologist as you explore dinosaurs through art, math, and science. For kids ages 4-6 with parent/caregiver. Sign up at (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

**Ozobots; Travel Challenge:** 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Work in a team to guide a tiny and easy-to-use robot on a globe-trotting adventure. For students in grades three-six. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

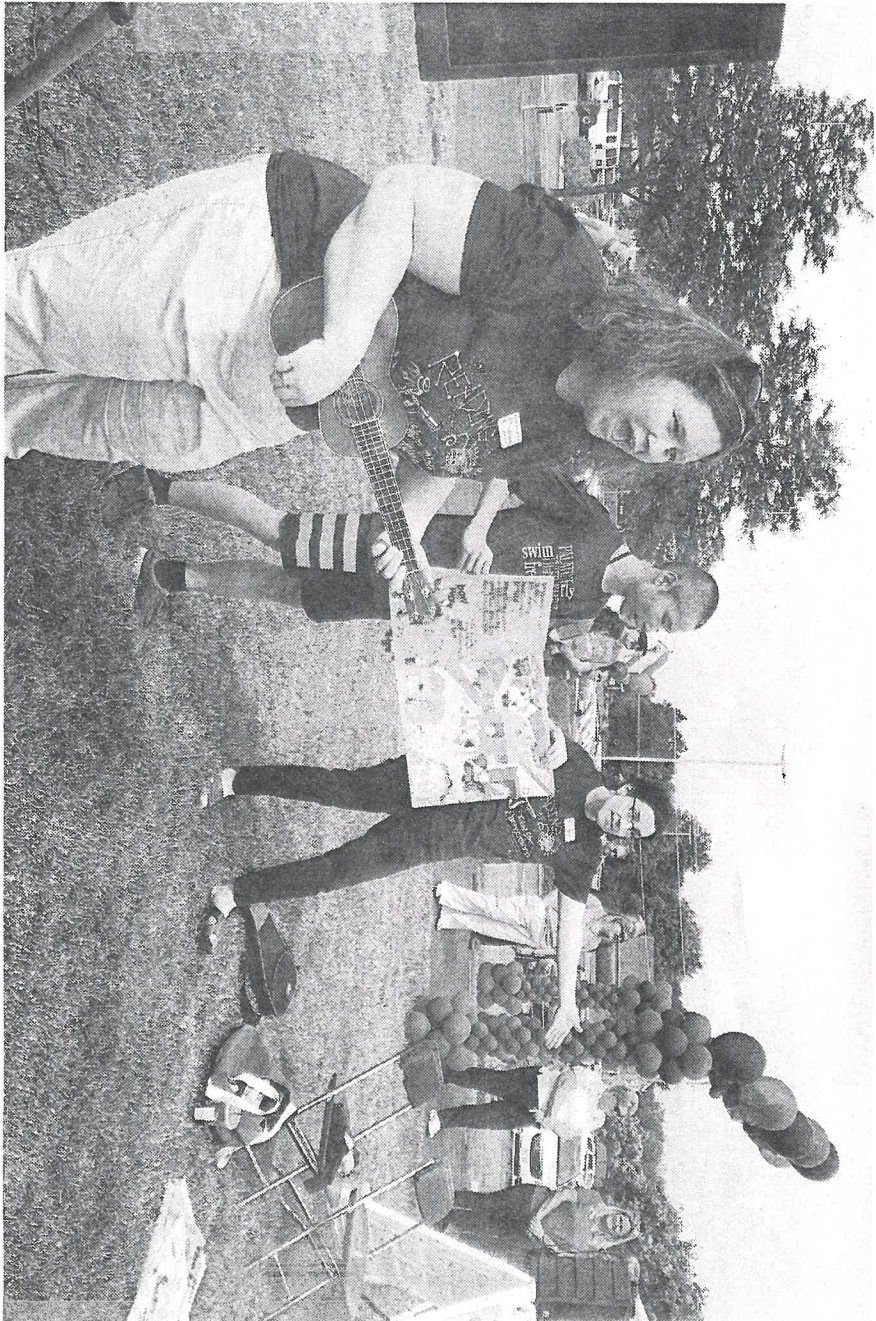
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**Book Buddies:** 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Strengthen your skills with the guidance of teen volunteers while sharing stories and activities. Partners may vary throughout the program. For students in grades one-four. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

**Money Smart — Keep It Safe:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Palatine Bank & Trust presents the different forms and steps to help prevent identity theft, as well as examples and ways to prevent or reduce elder financial abuse. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

**ESL Conversation Club:** 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Drop in to practice your English conversational skills with friendly volunteers over tea and coffee. Basic conversation skills recommended. For information, (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

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# StoryWalk Time!

Jennifer Jazwinski (left), assistant manager at the Palatine Public Library District, gets kids excited about reading and the library's new Story-Walk unveiled yesterday (Wednesday) at Hamilton Reservoir in Palatine. **Turn to page 6A.** (Denise Fleischer/Journal photo)



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Sign leads way to StoryWalk area unveiled Wednesday at Hamilton Reservoir in Palatine. **Right photo:** Families, children, parents, grandparents and others take part in activities celebrating opening of the Palatine Library's StoryWalk. (Denise Fieischer/Journal photos)



## StoryWalk Comes To Life

Under bright blue skies Wednesday morning (June 6), local residents of all ages came out to Hamilton Reservoir off Smith Street in Palatine for the Palatine Public Library's unveiling of its new StoryWalk Project -- a permanent, outdoor storybook. The library has been working on the project for months and finally saw it come to fruition. The StoryWalk Project initiative is an

interactive way for the family to enjoy reading while participating in an outdoor activity. During the unveiling, a ribbon cutting took place. Those who walked the path noticed the story "How Rocket Learned to Read" by Tad Hills. Pages of the story are displayed in permanent panels on the path and provide a guide through the story from beginning to end.

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## Adult book discussion at Palatine library June 18

"Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate will be the focus of an adult book discussion set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 18, at the Palatine Public Library District.

The book is about a prominent lawyer who discovers her family's connection to an unscrupulous children's home in the 1930s.

Light refreshments will be served. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132 or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org). Copies of "Before We Were Yours" are available at the first-floor reader assistance desk at the library, 700 N. North Court in Palatine.



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## StoryWalk debuts at Palatine park



Parents and young children can accomplish two healthy pursuits simultaneously through an initiative debuted Wednesday by the Palatine library and park systems.

"How Rocket Learned to Read," a New York Times best-selling children's picture book by [Tad Hills](#), is the featured work in a new StoryWalk project at the Tom T. Hamilton Reservoir. Pages of the story sit in laminated, permanent panels that kids and adults can read while covering a roughly half-mile path around the park, 1037 N. Smith St.

About 100 parents and children gathered on a sunny Wednesday morning for a ceremony kicking off StoryWalk and a trip down the path to learn about Rocket, a dog that learns to read with a little yellow bird serving as his teacher.

Palatine Public Library District Executive Director Jeannie Dilger is enthusiastic about the initiative, citing the physical and mental benefits for young children.

"We're learning now that a lot of early learning is very physical for kids," Dilger said. "And so, having that physical activity associated with reading actually helps stimulate the mind."

Dilger said she and others at the library were familiar with Hills from his work with an Illinois Library Association summer reading program. He gave his permission for library to use "How Rocket Learned to Read" for the StoryWalk.

Palatine resident Andrew Namowicz was among the parents who visited the StoryWalk stations. Namowicz brought his 1-year-old son, Walter, around the Hamilton Reservoir path in a stroller.

"I really like it," he said. "I like the idea of encouraging education outdoors. I like that Palatine is working to continuously improve their parks."

Palatine Park District Executive Director Mike Clark said Hamilton Reservoir was selected in part because it has a long path and is one of the district's most-visited outdoor facilities. Hamilton also hosts the library's periodic Story Time in the Park program.

"We've done a lot with the library," Clark said. "And when they proposed this (StoryWalk) idea, it was like the path's already there. It's just a natural thing. And whenever we can mix in kids with reading and playing and being outdoors, I'm in."

Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, created StoryWalk in 2007 with assistance from an employee at the city's [Kellogg-Hubbard Library](#). StoryWalk displays have been installed in 50 states and 12 countries since, including Canada, Germany, Russia and Pakistan, according to the Montpelier library.



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**Palatine library hosting program on interpreting dreams**

The Palatine Public Library District is hosting an adult program on the meaning of dreams on Tuesday, June 19, at the School of Metaphysics, 222 W. Wilson St. in Palatine.

The program will run from 7 to 8 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a notebook for the free session on how to interpret dreams. The event is restricted to valid Palatine library cardholders.

To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167 or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).



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## Resume clinic at Palatine Public Library July 3

A program to help people improve their resumes is set for 6 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, at Palatine Public Library District.

Open only to district cardholders, the free resume clinic will feature career counselor Fred Ettinger. He's expected to present strategies for creating a resume in today's market and will provide a one-on-one review of attendees' resumes with tips for improving.

To sign up, please call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167 or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).



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## Non-traditional storytimes in Chicago's Northwest suburbs

by Cheryl Eugenio

You love storytimes at the library, but maybe you're looking for a change of scenery every once in a while? Here's a list of fun, unique storytimes located in Chicago's northwest suburbs. Grab your little bookworms and a blanket to sit on, and get ready for storytime fun.

### Lords Park Zoo

325 Hiawatha Drive, Elgin

**The fun:** There's no better place to listen to stories about your favorite animals like bison, cows, pigs than at a zoo! The Dive into Reading program held at Lords Park Zoo promises to be a farm-tastic fun time. Afterwards make a craft, hang out with the animals in the small zoo, then explore the rest of Lords Park including the Elgin Public Museum which showcases Elgin's history and the kid-friendly Discovery Room for hands-on fun. Find out what else you can do [here](#).

**Rainy day?** Storytime will be moved indoors to the cowshed.

**When:** Thursdays, June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 9; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Tip:** While you're in Elgin, check out the [hidden gems](#) located nearby including Fanny's Thai Rolled Ice Cream.

### **Woodstock Farmer's Market**

121 W. Van Buren Street, Woodstock

**The fun:** Pack a blanket and head to the charming Woodstock Square for a fun storytime by Miss Mary from Woodstock Public Library. Expect stories, songs and interactive fun. While you're there, check out the vendors at this Producers Only Market. You can be sure that everything you buy is grown or produced by that vendor.

**Rainy day?** Head to Read Between the Lynes, a cool independent bookstore on the Square, as their backup location.

**When:** Tuesdays until July 24 from 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

### **Storytime at the Village Hall**

2 S. Main Street, Algonquin

**The fun:** Storytime with songs, dancing, crafts and other fun activities? Yes, please. The Algonquin Area Public Library hosts the fun storytime with Miss Alexa at The Historic Village Hall. No registration is required.

**When:** Thursday, July 12 from 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

**Tip:** While you're here, enjoy the all wooden playground Towne Park or Cornish Park right by the Fox River just a short walk away.

### **Storytime at Riverbottom Ice Cream**

301 S. Main Street, Algonquin

**The fun:** What's better than a story and ice cream? Kids ages 2 to 6 will delight in a little storytime action with songs and dancing, but the tasty ice cream will no doubt be the highlight. Register [here](#).

**When:** Wednesday, July 11 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m or 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Tip:** Sugar rush? Park fun awaits at either Towne Park or Cornish Park.

### **Storytime in the Pantry Garden**

1113 Pyott Road, Lake in the Hills

**The fun:** Head to Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry's garden for storytime fun in the sun. Program is cancelled in case of inclement weather. No registration required.

**When:** Thursday, July 19 from 10:30 a.m.-11: 15 a.m.

### **Storytime at the Park**

Pioneer Park & Frontier Park, Arlington Heights

**The fun:** The Arlington Heights Memorial Library brings the library to you for a 20 minute storytime. Afterward, peruse the Bookmobile for your next summer read.

**When:** Tuesdays at Pioneer Park (corner of Fairview and Fernandez) on July 3,10, 17, 24 and Wednesdays at Frontier Park (NW corner of the parking lot) on July 11, 18, 25. Bookmobile stops from 11 a.m. to noon. Storytime is at 11:15 a.m.

### **Stories at Palatine Park District sites**

Oak Park and Maple Park, Palatine

**The fun:** Explore a new park and join the Palatine Public Library for storytime fun under the sun.

**When:** Oak Park (455 N. Clark Drive) on July 11 at 10 a.m.; Maple Park (316 N. Winston Drive) on July 25

### **Stories on Twin Lakes Deck**

1200 E. Twin Lakes Drive, Palatine

**The fun:** Drop in to Twin Lakes Recreation Area where you can sit on the deck and enjoy stories and songs. Don't miss exploring the area with playground, trails, and even paddleboat rentals.

**When:** Thursdays, July 12 and August 2 from 11-11:30 a.m.

Panera Bread

**The fun:** Many libraries have partnerships with Panera and what a fun one it is! Not only will kids enjoy a fun story, but afterward they can have a warm chocolate chip cookie with milk.

**When:** Check with your local library to find out if they participate in the program.