



DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2022

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

May is performance evaluation time for staff. Staff filled out self-evaluations, and then managers completed evaluation conversations with all staff. Merit increases will be awarded in July.

Extended Access for the branches started May 9. **Thirty-nine members have registered for the service so far**, and six have used Extended Access Hours (three at each branch).

David Vinjamuri of Third Way Brand Trainers visited in May to conduct an audit of our public spaces from a user perspective. His report, due in July, will make recommendations to make the Library easier to use and to increase circulation and discovery of materials.

Youth & Teen Services Assistant Manager Lupe Colin will be leaving us June 4. Her spouse has been transferred to Sweden. We will miss her, but we're excited for her new opportunity.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the renovation, some things had to be put on hold. Many of the groups of which I'm a member had asked me to serve in a leadership role, but I begged off for a year. None of them forgot, and now I find myself taking on additional responsibilities in those groups. Here's an overview of the work I'm doing.

POC Board: I am Treasurer this year and Chair of the Marketing Committee. We are reviewing POC's investments and talking with Wintrust and BMO Harris about investment options. POC is also finally able to offer health insurance to employees, and I am assisting with the selection of health insurance broker. I've been asked to consider being a Co-President starting in July.

American Library Association: I am finishing up term on PLA Membership Advisory Committee in June. I just started as a member of the Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) Certification Committee, which reviews applications to the CPLA program.

CCS Governance: I'll officially begin my term as Vice-President/President-Elect in July. I've started attending the executive committee meetings to get up to speed.

Hoffman Estates Chamber: I'm in the middle of my year as Chair of the Women Engaged in Business networking group. We have a speaker and networking once a month.

Office Park of Palatine: This association meets once a year in June. I will be a board member at large for 2022-2023.



EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- Met w/District 15 Superintendent Laurie Heinz, 5/2
- CCS Executive Committee, 5/11
- Financial planning meetings with PMA, 5/11 & 5/17
- PLA Membership Advisory Committee, 5/12
- Space Audit discussion w/David Vinjamuri, 5/13
- North Suburban Directors meeting, Glenview Library, 5/16
- Hoffman Estates Chamber Women Engaged in Business, 5/16
- Foundation Board, 5/19
- Friends of the Library Co-Presidents meeting, 5/19
- Friends of the Library Board meeting, 5/25
- Library tour for Village of Palatine Deputy Manager, 5/25
- POC Board meeting, 5/25
- Rotary Club of Palatine, 5/31

Jeannie Dilger



Palatine **LIBRARY** District



Member Appreciation Month

April 2022

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Summary

National Library Week (April 3 – 9, 2022) was celebrated the whole month of April this year at Palatine Library. We incorporated a campaign; “Come Back – We Miss You!” that invited our community to come back to the Library and check out all the cool, new stuff we added during our renovation. After a difficult two years of dealing with Covid-19 and a library renovation, we noticed that attendance numbers were still low compared to pre-pandemic. It was important for us to invite members to our renovated space and encourage them to try out all the new services.

Like many businesses, the Library has seen a slow return to “business as usual” as a consequence to the pandemic. The Library has tried several strategies to attract members to come back: incorporating virtual programming, celebrating the end of the renovation with a grand opening event, and repeating the benefits of the renovation in the print and email newsletters.



Goals

- Encourage current members to come back and visit the Library and to thank them for being faithful and frequent library users.
- Encourage new members of the community to come visit and check out our services.
- Active members will spread the word in the community.

Our Plan

Our “Come Back – We Miss You!” campaign invited our community to come back to the Library and check out all the cool, new stuff we added during our renovation. As an incentive, we held weekly prize drawings for members to enter for a chance to win a gift card. Basically, as people came in and used the library in any way (i.e., check out anything, use a study room, attend a program, use a computer, and countless other things), they received an entry from staff to enter our weekly drawing. We conducted the drawings during the whole month of April, with winners pulled every Friday. Our Friends of the Library group graciously agreed to give us \$500 to purchase 20, \$25.00 Target gift cards, for five winners each week (including 1 winner at each branch). Each week staff pulled three winners for the Main Library, and one winner from each Branch. We received a total of 2,758 entries from all three locations.

We promoted this campaign in our [newsletter](#), right before a page dedicated to “30 Free Things You Didn’t Know You Could Do with Your Library Card.” We put up signage in the building and at all the service desks. We heavily promoted this on our website and in email marketing. Staff created a [TikTok](#) to help promote all the activities they could do in order to earn an entry.



New Cardholders

We promised that brand-new cardholders would receive double entries. More than double the number of people came in to get new library cards than the year before.

	April 2021	April 2022
Main	112	314
Online	41	42
NHB	8	11
RRB	3	8
Total	164	375

Door Count Statistics

Door count was up to **23,531**. This is the highest since the pandemic, with the exception of June and July last year, (24K each) which are always our highest months.

DOOR COUNT	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
2018-19	45,281	42,085	34,743	41,605	38,158	35,629	35,783	35,478	39,741	37,159	38,806	45,084
2019-20	42,585	38,799	33,711	39,425	36,254	32,349	35,770	35,341	8,672	0	0	63
2020-21	14,091	14,883	15,139	16,526	12,508	4,834	4,315	13,118	8,736	16,684	17,743	24,166
2021-22	24,177	22,066	19,374	20,881	22,408	19,981	17,256	18,444	21,985	23,531		

Circulation

Circulation was not only **14% higher** than last April, it surpassed April 2019!

CIRC	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
2018-19	128,150	114,694	100,274	103,781	98,572	97,950	104,895	97,861	109,298	99,093	98,798	120,265
2019-20	139,207	122,962	114,473	116,536	112,108	108,646	117,151	110,752	68,253	23,631	26,030	62,908
2020-21	92,884	101,621	89,280	108,165	99,171	85,162	62,381	81,901	96,754	90,021	92,989	110,718
2021-22	116,824	105,339	94,491	100,904	97,292	98,497	103,258	95,324	108,687	104,906		

Conclusion

Our efforts to bring in more members and provide a chance for them to win a small prize was a succes, with little cost and moderate amount of work from staff. We are pleasantly surprised by the significant increases in the above statistics!

CIRCULATION STATS
2021-22

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Fiscal YTD	Last Fiscal YTD	% Change
<u>Main</u>														
Juvenile Print	49,579	43,407	37,095	38,822	37,559	36,494	38,969	37,336	42,264	40,399	36,541	438,465	351,243	25%
*Juvenile Non-Print	3,316	2,866	2,342	2,597	2,688	3,001	2,711	2,585	3,123	2,827	2,681	30,737	26,549	16%
Total Juvenile	52,895	46,273	39,437	41,419	40,247	39,495	41,680	39,921	45,387	43,226	39,222	469,202	377,792	24%
Total Young Adult	4,724	4,111	2,809	2,504	2,403	2,555	2,797	2,763	3,298	2,983	2,862	33,809	29,077	16%
Adult Print	20,768	17,692	17,134	18,758	18,193	19,165	21,154	19,757	21,972	20,502	19,699	214,794	204,871	5%
*Adult Non-Print	13,695	13,034	11,464	12,933	12,178	13,545	14,978	13,194	14,486	13,966	12,206	145,679	130,988	11%
Total Adult	34,463	30,726	28,598	31,691	30,371	32,710	36,132	32,951	36,458	34,468	31,905	360,473	335,859	7%
TOTAL MAIN LIBRARY	92,082	81,110	70,844	75,614	73,021	74,760	80,609	75,635	85,143	80,677	73,989	863,484	740,670	17%
<u>North Hoffman</u>														
Juvenile Print	2,627	2,348	2,523	2,853	3,007	2,465	938	140	546	1,923	1,864	21,234	15,760	35%
*Juvenile Non-Print	225	185	177	192	231	213	63	10	83	193	198	1,770	1,380	28%
Total Juvenile	2,852	2,533	2,700	3,045	3,238	2,678	1,001	150	629	2,116	2,062	23,004	17,140	34%
Total Young Adult	160	157	85	80	73	63	30	3	33	70	79	833	962	-13%
Adult Print	791	696	624	671	657	510	223	35	173	467	422	5,269	4,745	11%
*Adult Non-Print	449	483	527	486	487	399	83	5	176	466	565	4,126	4,287	-4%
Total Adult	1,240	1,179	1,151	1,157	1,144	909	306	40	349	933	987	9,395	9,032	4%
TOTAL N. HOFFMAN	4,252	3,869	3,936	4,282	4,455	3,650	1,337	193	1,011	3,119	3,128	33,232	27,134	22%
<u>Rand Road</u>														
Juvenile Print	473	351	325	535	410	265	149	0	145	458	336	3,447	2,815	22%
*Juvenile Non-Print	131	100	37	103	138	69	32	0	37	101	105	853	840	2%
Total Juvenile	604	451	362	638	548	334	181	0	182	559	441	4,300	3,655	18%
Total Young Adult	19	24	15	16	17	17	4	0	3	16	7	138	200	-31%
Adult Print	473	171	149	121	139	80	29	4	16	72	107	1,361	880	55%
*Adult Non-Print	131	138	99	117	209	156	39	2	57	197	151	1,296	1,763	-26%
Total Adult	604	309	248	238	348	236	68	6	73	269	258	2,657	2,643	1%
TOTAL RAND ROAD	1,227	784	625	892	913	587	253	6	258	844	706	7,095	6,498	9%

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2021-22

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Fiscal YTD	Last Fiscal YTD	% Change
<u>Digital Collections</u>														
Overdrive	14,305	14,553	14,673	15,450	14,595	14,956	16,149	14,756	17,032	16,121	16,635	169,225	161,933	5%
hoopla	3,287	3,383	2,929	3,143	3,023	2,943	3,222	2,915	2,978	2,843	2,844	33,510	38,651	-13%
Kanopy	1,164	1,215	1,095	1,101	955	1,241	1,255	1,150	1,316	1,302	1,172	12,966	13,047	-1%
TOTAL DIGITAL	18,756	19,151	18,697	19,694	18,573	19,140	20,626	18,821	21,326	20,266	20,651	215,701	213,631	1%
CIRC. OF MATERIALS	116,317	104,914	94,102	100,482	96,962	98,137	102,825	94,655	107,738	104,906	98,474	1,119,512	987,933	13%
Electronic Info Retrieval	507	425	389	422	330	360	433	669	949	566	262	5,312	12,396	-57%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	116,824	105,339	94,491	100,904	97,292	98,497	103,258	95,324	108,687	105,472	98,736	1,124,824	1,000,329	12%
<u>Self Checkout</u>														
# of Items	16,637	15,139	14,851	16,128	15,346	15,865	17,864	15,561	19,076	17,766	15,980	180,213	99,340	81%
% of Total Checkouts	14%	14%	16%	16%	16%	16%	17%	16%	18%	17%	16%	16%		
<u>Reciprocal Borrowing (other than CCS)</u>														
Items Loaned	1,853	1,787	1,651	1,841	2,099	2,015	1,967	2,082	2,713	2,507	2,216	22,731	15,180	50%
<u>Library Card Registration</u>														
Card Activity													Monthly Average	
New PPLD Cards	404	353	313	356	332	257	310	290	389	375	394	3,773		343
New RBP's	28	12	19	20	17	12	12	15	19	16	19	189		17
Renewals (PPLD/RBP)	134	89	248	157	292	388	363	370	399	590	536	3,566		324
Non-Resident Cards														
Renewals Non-Resident	6	0	3	6	0	8	0	7	2	6	5	43		4
New Non-Resident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7		0
TOTAL ACTIVITY:	572	454	583	539	641	665	685	682	809	994	954	7,578		632
Card Registrations														
PPLD resident cards	41,050	40,623	40,461	40,297	40,182	40,036	39,823	39,735	39,190	39,542	39,383			40,029
Non-Resident fee cards	102	105	101	101	110	113	118	118	121	126	126			113
Reciprocal	109	107	105	106	99	99	20	13	15	18	20			65
ILL	46	45	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44			44
TOTAL REG. PATRONS	41,307	40,880	40,711	40,548	40,435	40,292	40,005	39,910	39,370	39,730	39,573			36,897

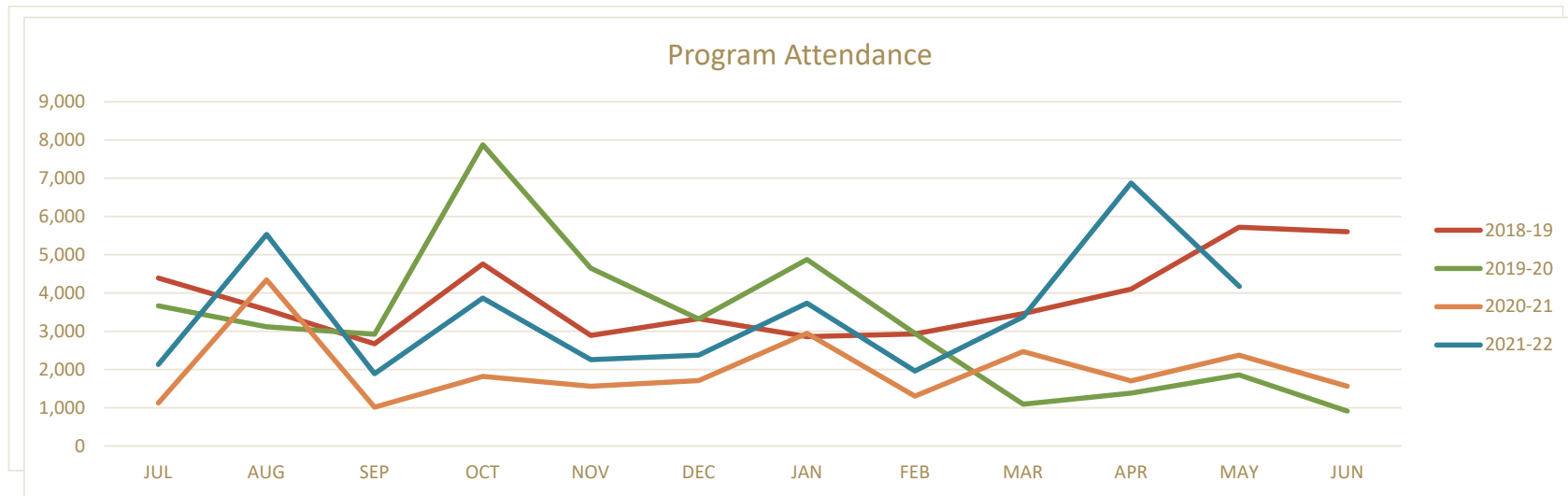
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<u>Collection Summary</u>														
Database Titles	102,212	103,376	105,044	105,943	107,576	108,232	108,878	109,831	110,581	111,378	112,583			Monthly Average 107,785
Physical Items	234,487	232,089	229,838	227,960	225,632	221,464	219,982	218,306	218,791	218,309	216,252			223,919
<u>Door Count</u>														
MAIN	20,364	17,937	15,789	17,166	18,748	17,954	17,087	18,302	20,609	20,490	19,951	204,397	104,320	96%
NHB	1,631	1,748	1,541	1,719	1,550	1,241	0	0	731	1,607	1,213	12,981	8,763	48%
RRB	1,964	2,229	1,887	1,871	2,007	664	0	0	546	1,379	1,199	13,746	8,686	58%
CURBSIDE PICKUP - MAIN	218	152	157	125	103	120	135	100	81	55	43	1,289	16,283	-92%
CURBSIDE PICKUP - NHB	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	31	13	0	0	71	493	-86%
CURBSIDE PICKUP - RRB	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	11	5	0	0	25	32	-22%
TOTAL	24,177	22,066	19,374	20,881	22,408	19,981	17,256	18,444	21,985	23,531	22,406	232,509	138,577	68%
<u>SUMMARIES BY TYPE</u>														
Juvenile Print	52,679	46,106	39,943	42,210	40,976	39,224	40,056	37,476	42,955	42,780	38,741	463,146	369,818	25%
Juvenile Nonprint	3,672	3,151	2,556	2,892	3,057	3,283	2,806	2,595	3,243	3,121	2,984	33,360	28,769	16%
Teen	4,903	4,292	2,909	2,600	2,493	2,635	2,831	2,766	3,334	3,069	2,948	34,780	30,239	15%
Adult Print	22,032	18,559	17,907	19,550	18,989	19,755	21,377	19,796	22,161	21,041	20,228	221,395	210,496	5%
Adult Nonprint	14,275	13,655	12,090	13,536	12,874	14,100	15,100	13,201	14,719	14,629	12,922	151,101	137,038	10%
E-Resource	18,756	19,151	18,697	19,694	18,573	19,140	20,626	18,821	21,326	20,266	20,651	215,701	213,631	1%
Database Use	507	425	389	422	330	360	433	669	949	566	262	5,312	11,702	-55%
TOTAL	116,824	105,339	94,491	100,904	97,292	98,497	103,229	95,324	108,687	105,472	98,736	1,124,795	1,001,693	12%
<u>Reserves Filled:</u>														
MAIN	10,215	9,727	8,690	8,983	8,449	8,711	11,107	9,581	10,012	8,962	7,932	102,369	135,147	-24%
NHB	852	693	849	802	731	643	0	0	217	696	626	6,109	7,174	-15%
RRB	99	99	74	50	61	13	2	0	5	38	39	480	1,333	-64%
TOTAL	11,166	10,519	9,613	9,835	9,241	9,367	11,109	9,581	10,234	9,696	8,597	108,958	143,654	-24%

PROGRAMS 2020-21

Last Fiscal														
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Fiscal YTD	Year Total	% Change
PROGRAMS														
# Programs														
Children	21	13	37	65	32	33	22	28	28	38	49	366	162	126%
Teen	3	3	2	3	5	3	4	3	4	8	4	42	53	-21%
Adult	17	22	28	30	25	16	22	31	33	37	30	291	258	13%
All Ages	4	7	0	2	3	7	4	8	13	11	2	61	17	259%
Attendance														
Children	578	284	811	2,061	719	682	325	71	988	1,205	1,501	9,225	3,725	148%
Teen	26	35	30	27	97	34	45	0	34	307	182	817	801	2%
Adult	390	353	495	527	418	229	306	410	515	2,997	495	7,135	6,077	17%
All Ages	270	4,232	0	382	153	83	7	33	160	200	150	5,670	1,253	353%
PASSIVE PROGRAMS														
# Programs														
Children	22	15	18	17	12	19	19	11	20	21	14	188	244	-23%
Teen	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	15	25	-40%
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100%
All Ages	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	9	-56%
Attendance														
Children	855	588	555	871	790	1,180	1,081	1,339	1,657	1,659	1,796	12,371	6,144	101%
Teen	10	40	0	0	82	169	129	42	17	40	48	577	856	-33%
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	-100%
All Ages	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,844	62	0	462	0	2,368	5,023	-53%
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	68	61	84	117	79	80	75	84	99	119	100	967	770	26%
TOTAL PROG ATTEND	2,129	5,532	1,891	3,868	2,259	2,377	3,737	1,957	3,371	6,870	4,172	38,163	23,912	60%
AVERAGE ATTEND/PROG	31.3	90.7	22.5	33.1	28.6	29.7	49.8	23.3	34.1	57.7	41.7	39.5	31.1	27%

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
2018-19	4,392	3,564	2,669	4,755	2,892	3,331	2,860	2,932	3,463	4,099	5,713	5,603	46,273
2019-20	3,660	3,116	2,917	7,874	4,651	3,321	4,873	2,942	1,093	1,379	1,858	912	38,596
2020-21	1,122	4,339	1,012	1,817	1,560	1,713	2,942	1,300	2,465	1,705	2,374	1,563	23,912
2021-22	2,129	5,532	1,891	3,868	2,259	2,377	3,737	1,957	3,371	6,870	4,172		38,163



STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

June 2022

Experience

We strive to ensure that individuals have exceptional interactions with the library and are connected with resources and services that increase their quality of life. We exceed expectations.

1.1: The library has comfortable, flexible spaces that encourage use and connection.

- Management Team met with space audit professional to give and receive feedback on initial impressions. A written report will follow.

1.2: The library's collection is vibrant and convenient to access.

- Emily Patti is compiling a spreadsheet of potential additions to the YTS kits.
- Re-cataloging and re-labeling of Board Books is complete. Picture book front labels project is 90% complete. Addition of series information to fiction is about 30% complete. Over 2000 items with faded labels have been reprocessed with fade-proof labels.
- The Hot collection was moved closer to the main entrance and several other minor collection shifts were made to improve findability. We may make more adjustments after discussing the results of the space audit.
- Investigate making promotional material, library card applications, and other pieces available in languages other than English: Andrea Lublink has gotten quotes from professional translation services.
- Staff continue to add diverse titles and track the progress quarterly. January-March, there were 134 new titles with the BIPOC Author tag added to the collection. For March-May, that number jumped to 281.

1.3: The library is committed to quality member interactions.

- Many adult services staff now are notaries. We no longer require an appointment to have a document notarized.
- Quarterly program for adults at each branch will begin in the fall. We have set up a book discussion at North Hoffman that will meet once per newsletter. We're still working on programming for Rand.

Engagement

We work continuously with the community to increase our reach and expand our impact. We are a valued community partner.

2.1: The community has a high awareness of library services and programs.

- Library displays are up and running. The South Entry kiosk is installed, and the touch screen is almost ready. We should have some training next week for Comms staff, then it will be available.

2.2: The library interacts with its diverse community to discover and respond to current needs of all groups.

- Pronouns and languages spoken were added to the staff intranet, and staff were provided instructions for how to update their pronouns and languages.
- YTS delivered 140 activity kits to kids in the ECDEC / FIND Organization (POC).
- YTS promoted the Summer Reading Program to 25 classrooms, reaching 764 students.
- Beth has recently begun the process of starting a RAILS networking group for social workers in Illinois libraries. She currently has 14 interested individuals and meetings are starting next month
- Xiang collaborated with Palatine Bike Club for May's Bike Month display, which provided brochures and other materials. Ralph, the contact at the Bike Club, wrote an article for the Daily Herald that was published on May 5 and mentions the library.
- Lizette and Beth attended Harper College's Community Information Exchange with about 40 other community organizations.
- Anna met with Reyna Espinoza from Harper College Adult Engagement program. They tour the library and shared information on the programs the library offers ESL learners. She was very interested in ESL Read Together.

2.3: The library creates and deepens meaningful partnerships with local organizations and businesses.

- We are reviewing how the Cards for Kids legislation that just passed will affect the library handling cards for out-of-the-district students and recommending policy changes to the board.
- This month, Beth attended meetings for Rotary of Palatine, the Palatine Jaycee's, Journey's Young Professionals Board, and United Palatine Coalition's partner meeting.
- Since May 16th, Beth has been offering referral services to members of our community partners through the United Palatine Coalition. She's already had several drop-ins and appointments with members utilizing this service.

Endurance

We strive for sustainability in our practices, human and financial resources, and facilities. We are a resilient organization.

3.1: The library is a trusted steward of resources.

- Investment portfolio is now reported to the board every quarter.
- Financial plan to be reported to the board at the June board meeting.
- Completed capital maintenance plan was received from Engberg Anderson.
- Fieldwork for the building and contents appraisal is complete. Report to be issued by 6/30/22.

3.2: The library is a preferred employer that values staff development and retention.

- Culture statement has been officially adopted and shared with staff. A new committee will be formed to implement the values.
- Recruitment bonus plan has been implemented.

3.3: The library's systems and facilities are resilient, modern, and efficient.

- 19 heat pumps were replaced in the last two months.
- Staff have been trained on the new camera system and procedures have been created.

Sign up for Palatine Library's reading program

[dh dailyherald.com/submitted/20220520/sign-up-for-palatine-librarys-reading-program](https://dailyherald.com/submitted/20220520/sign-up-for-palatine-librarys-reading-program)

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Youth and Teen Services Manager Kathy Burns shows off the Summer Reading Program Grand Prize T-shirt. Courtesy of Palatine Public Library

Submitted by Andrea Lublink, Palatine Public Library District

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After signing up, visit the Main Library to get a scratch-off card for your chance to win a prize. The scratch-off card has coupons and discounts from all around town, courtesy of sponsors Cousins Subs, Culvers, Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers, Grow Music Academy, Hoffman Estates Park District, Lou Malnati's, My FlavorIt! Place, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Papa Johns, Palatine Park District, Photos Hot Dogs, Raising Canes, and Salon Lorrene.

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Palatine Library celebrates with Pride with programs

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Submitted by Palatine Public Library District

May 27, 2022

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As an organization that values diversity and supports community connections, the library hopes that these Pride month activities foster a welcoming atmosphere of learning and understanding.

The month kicks off Wednesday, June 1, with the Show Your Pride Kit, which is full of surprises and teaches kids about Pride and its history through various crafts and activities. Children of all ages can drop by the Elementary Space all day for their own Show Your Pride Kit.

Older library members can join on Tuesdays, June 7 and 14, from 4-6 p.m. in The Workshop Lab for an afternoon of embroidery by creating Pride Patches on the new embroidery machines.

Celebrate different groups within the LGBTQIA+ community and create patches to take home and sew on backpacks or clothes. Signup for this activity begins Tuesday, May 31, and is open to all members ages 11 and older.

Educate yourself on topics related to the transgender identity with a virtual discussion presented by award-winning consultant and speaker Nikk Cochran Selik. During Transgender 101 on Tuesday, June 14 from 7-8:15 p.m., Selik talks about key concepts and terminology on the transgender identity.

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Sign Up For Palatine Library's Summer Reading Free Access

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May 25, 2022



Author Cynthia Clampitt speaks to members of the Daughters of the American Revolution about her book "Destination Heartland: A Guide to Discovering the Midwest's Remarkable Past," at the Palatine Library on May 5, 2022.

Stacey Wescott

CHICAGO — Cynthia Clampitt thinks well of the Midwest region. So much so that "Destination Heartland: A Guide to Discovering the Midwest's Remarkable Past," is the food and travel writer's third book focused on the region.

The Pittsburgh native who grew up in the Chicagoland area has traveled to 37 countries on six continents while following her love for the "history of everything."

"The Midwest is remarkable," Clampitt said. "For my previous two books, the one on corn ("Midwest Maize") and the one on pigs ("Pigs, Pork, and Heartland Hogs"), I drove around a lot and met people. My first driving trip for the corn book, I came home, called my mom and said, 'America still exists.' It's so American in the Midwest — leave the keys in the car; people know who you are."

"I remember being at a restaurant in Chicago and a waitress said she just moved here from New York," Clampitt said. "I asked, 'How are you liking it?' She said, 'The people are too friendly; that scares me.' It's very much indicative of the reality: The Midwest tends to be cheerful and outgoing and welcoming. It's not that you don't ever find those people in the other regions, but it's more characteristic here."

Clampitt hits all 12 Midwest states in the new book — Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin — letting her curiosity point readers to the lesser traveled paths within. Readers are treated to history such as the Barkers of Michigan City, Indiana, who bought a one-third interest in the town's first railcar factory and subsequently developed a style of mass production that would be adopted and refined by Henry Ford. The 38-room Barker Mansion still stands with 90% of its original furnishings.

Readers learn about the Arabia Steamboat Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. On Sept. 5, 1856, the steamboat hit a partially submerged tree while traveling along the Missouri River, piercing the hull. The boat sank, taking with it all the merchandise for the town of Logan, Nebraska, forcing the town to shutter because of the accident. When the boat was excavated in 1988-89, the foods from the ship were perfectly preserved, including carbonated Champagne. Clampitt regales readers with a recipe for pickled ham, an Amana Colonies (Iowa) appetizer. The Ronneburg Restaurant gave her permission to share their recipe.

"Any place I go, I look for something," Clampitt said. "I found places while I was researching the two previous books ... things like the monument to corn in Columbus, Ohio. After a few fun things, you start looking for more fun things."

Among the findings: "A speaking engagement in Keokuk, Iowa, gained me the fact that this is the geode capital of the world, while a gig in Burlington, Iowa, turned up Snake Alley, built in 1894, and said to be the crookedest street in the country."

"I'm amazed at how many people will go places and go, 'I didn't see anything. There's nothing to do here,'" Clampitt said. "There's always something. I've been to a lot of museums and I still was completely blown away by the Arabia Museum; it's just one of those, 'I had no idea there was this much stuff.'"

Clampitt said the surprises she discovered during road trips led her to write the book. She would dive into oases and collect mountains of brochures to mine for information. But it was when she started going to more remote places that she found more surprises.

She said the audience for the book is anybody who loves travel but is worried about traveling overseas, or anyone who doesn't have an idea how cool the Midwest region is.

In the "Locating More History" chapter, she encourages readers to be surprised by the gems in their own counties and towns.

"You actually have to start looking before you find it," Clampitt said. "If you drive into a state, the very first rest stop you'll see will probably have 100 maps and 20 books and posters. (These locales) want to be found — start looking."

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Palatine Library's Summer Reading Program



Starting Wednesday, June 1, sign up for Palatine Library's Summer Reading Program: Adventure Awaits!

Valid District cardholders can sign up by visiting our website or any Library location. Complete your reading requirements and get a free T-shirt or tote bag, generously funded by the Friends of Palatine Library.

Join us at the Main Library for an adventurous Summer Reading Kick-Off Party for all ages on Saturday, June 4, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Celebrate with family bingo, spray tattoos, crafts, and a special reptile and amphibian show.

Tickets for the reptile show are available now for valid District cardholders only. For more information, please call (847) 907-3600 or visit the Palatine Library [website](#).



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June 7, 2022

F.H. PASCHEN NEWSLETTER



National General Contractor, Construction Manager and Design-Builder

Palatine Public Library

F.H. Paschen finished renovations at The Palatine Public Library to enhance the overall experience and inspire more creativity for patrons. The first floor upgrades included an improved lobby and café, a new elementary learning space, an early literacy area, sensory/nursing room, an upgraded teen area, as well as a makerspace area full of new technology and other resources that benefit entrepreneurs, artists, and crafters of all ages. The second floor renovations consisted of relocating the adult section for a calmer atmosphere, adding quiet reading rooms, study rooms, board rooms, and three digitally equipped meeting rooms.

