



Minutes

1. Call to order

Committee Chairperson Tracy Boland called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Roll call

Trustees Bruce Jefferson, Maureen DeRosa, and Tracy Boland were present.

3. Introduction of visitors

Executive Director Melissa Gardner, Deputy Director Susan Conner, and Finance Manager Mary Myers were present.

4. Public comment

There was no public comment.

5. Review of FY 2024-2025 budget and appropriations

The Finance Committee reviewed staff suggestions regarding adjustments to be made to the working budget to meet the needs of the ordinance, which will be presented at the August board meeting.

6. Interfund transfers

The Finance Committee reviewed staff suggestions regarding transfers between library funds, including approximately \$346,000 to the IMRF fund to pay for the early retirement of two higher-earning employees.

7. Other business

There was no other business.

8. Date for next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be in November, to be determined.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.

Approved on: _____

Trustee

Trustee

Prepared by Tracy Boland

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IDENTIFICATION (1.1 - 1.31)

This section is information about the administrative entity. "Administrative Entity" is defined as the agency that is legally established under local or state law to provide public library service to the population of a local jurisdiction. The administrative entity may have a single outlet or it may have more than one outlet (an outlet is a location, whether a central library, branch or bookmobile). The majority of the information in this section is pre-filled. If information needs to be updated, enter the corrected information in the box provided on the next line of the survey.

1.1 ISL Control # [PLS 151, PLS 701]	30524
1.2 ISL Branch # [PLS 151, PLS 701]	00
1.3a FSCS ID [PLS 150, PLS 700]	IL0408
1.3b FSCS_SEQ [PLS 700]	002
1.4a Legal Name of Library [PLS 152]	Palatine Public Library District
1.4b If the library's name has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.4c Was this an official name change?	
1.5a Facility Street Address [PLS 153]	700 North North Court
1.5b If the facility's street address has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.5c Was this a physical location change?	
1.6a Facility City [PLS 154]	Palatine
1.6b If the facility's city has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.7a Facility Zip [PLS 155]	60067
1.7b If the facility's zip code has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.8a Mailing Address [PLS 157]	700 North North Court
1.8b If the facility's mailing address has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.9a Mailing City [PLS 158]	Palatine
1.9b If the facility's mailing city has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.10a Mailing Zip [PLS 159]	60067
1.10b If the facility's mailing zip code has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.11a Library Telephone Number [PLS 162]	8479073600
1.11b If the telephone number has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.12a Library FAX Number	8473585998
1.12b If the fax number has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.13 Website	http://www.palatinelibrary.org

Library Director's Information

Please enter the full name, title and e-mail address of the library director.

1.14 Name	Melissa Gardner
1.15 Title	Executive Director
1.16 Library Director's E-mail	mgardner@palatinelibrary.org

Library Information

Please provide the requested information about the library type.

1.17a Type of library	District
1.17b If the library type has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.18 Is the main library a combined public and school library?	No
1.19 Does your library contract with another library to RECEIVE ALL your library services?	No

Contract for Services

Please provide the full legal name(s) of the library(ies) with which your library contracts for service. If you need more than one line, a new one will appear once text has been entered in the first box.

Number of contracting libraries:	

Legal name of library you contract with:	
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Administrative Information

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(5), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(2)] to provide a statement as to any extensions of library service or any changes to the limits or boundaries of library service areas. Most of the information in this section will be pre-filled. If the information is incorrect, please enter the updated information in the box provided on the next line of the survey. If your library has had a population change, you must submit official verification to the Illinois State Library.

1.21a County in which the administrative entity is located [PLSC 161]	Cook
1.21b If the administrative entity's county has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.22a Did the administrative entity's legal service area boundaries change during the past year? [PLS 205]	No
1.22b IF YES, indicate the reason for the boundary change	
1.23a Population residing in tax base (Use the latest official federal census figure) [PLS 208]	89,395
1.23b If the population residing in the tax base has had a LEGAL change, then enter the updated answer here.	
1.23c Documentation of legal population change	
1.24 If the population has changed from the prior year's answer, then indicate the reason.	
1.25a This library is currently a member of what Illinois library system?	RAILS
1.25b If the library's system has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	

Federal Public Library Criteria

According to the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Public Library Survey, a public library is an entity that is established under state enabling laws or regulations to serve a community, district, or region, and that provides at least the following:

1. An organized collection of printed or other library materials, or a combination thereof;
2. Paid staff;
3. An established schedule in which services of the staff are available to the public;
4. The facilities necessary to support such a collection, staff, and schedule; and
5. Is supported in whole or in part with public funds.

1.26 Does this library have an organized collection of printed or other library materials, or a combination thereof?	Yes
1.27 Does this library have paid staff?	Yes
1.28 Does this library have an established schedule in which services of the staff are available to the public?	Yes
1.29 Does the library have the facilities necessary to support such a collection, staff, and schedule?	Yes
1.30 Is this library supported in whole or in part with public funds?	Yes
1.31 Does this public library meet ALL the criteria of the FSCS public library definition? [PLS 203]	Yes

SERVICE OUTLETS (2.1 - 2.16)

This section gathers information about the service outlets (centrals, branches, bookmobiles) of your library. Locations can only be added to this survey by State Library staff. If you have a branch or bookmobile and do not see its name listed in question 2.3a, please contact IPLAR@ilsos.gov so that it can be added.

2.1a Total number of bookmobiles [PLS 211 & PLS 712]	0
2.1b Total number of branch libraries [PLS 210]	2
2.2a Are any of the branch libraries a combined public and school library?	No
2.2b If YES, provide the name of the branch or branches in the box provided.	

Service Outlet Name

Location	2.3a Branch or Bookmobile Legal Name [PLS 702]	2.3b If the outlet's legal name has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	2.3c Was this an official name change?
NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH	NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH		
PALATINE P.L.D.	PALATINE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT		
RAND ROAD BRANCH	Rand Road Branch		

ISL Control Number

Location	2.4 ISL Control # [PLS 701]	2.5 ISL Branch # [PLS 701]
NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH	30524	3052401
PALATINE P.L.D.	30524	3052400

RAND ROAD BRANCH	30524	3052402
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Street Address

Location	2.6a Street Address [PLS 703]	2.6b If the outlet's street address has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	2.6c Was this a physical location change?
NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH	3600 LEXINGTON DRIVE		
PALATINE P.L.D.	700 NORTH NORTH COURT		
RAND ROAD BRANCH	1585 RAND ROAD		

Address

Location	2.7a City [PLS 704]	2.7b If the outlet's city has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	2.8a Zip Code [PLS 705]	2.8b If the outlet's zip code has changed, then enter the updated answer here.
NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH	HOFFMAN ESTATES		60192	
PALATINE P.L.D.	PALATINE		60067	
RAND ROAD BRANCH	PALATINE		60074	

County & Phone

Location	2.9a County [PLS 707]	2.9b If the outlet's county has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	2.10a Telephone [PLS 708]	2.10b If the outlet's phone number has changed, then enter the updated answer here.
NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH	Cook		8479340220	
PALATINE P.L.D.	Cook		8479073600	
RAND ROAD BRANCH	Cook		8472021194	

Square Feet

Location	2.11a Square Footage of Outlet [PLS 711]	2.11b If the facility's square footage has changed, then enter the updated answer here.	2.11c Indicate the reason for the change/variance in square footage for this annual report as compared to the previous annual report.
NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH	1,248		
PALATINE P.L.D.	96,000		
RAND ROAD BRANCH	1,230		

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Hours and Attendance

Location	2.12 Total public service hours PER YEAR for this service outlet [PLS 713]	2.13 Total number of weeks, during the fiscal year, this service outlet was open for service to the public [PLS 714]	2.14 Total annual attendance/visits in the outlet
NORTH HOFFMAN BRANCH	2,213	52	20,257
PALATINE P.L.D.	3,515	52	348,451
RAND ROAD BRANCH	2,159	52	18,803

ANNUAL REPORT DATA (3.1 - 3.7)

Please enter the time period covered by this annual report and the name and contact information for the person preparing the report. The report period should cover the time from the end of the previous IPLAR through the end of your most current fiscal year. If your library switched to a new fiscal year during the latest period, this may mean that your report needs to cover more or less than a twelve (12) month period.

3.1 Fiscal Year Start Date (mm/dd/year) [PLS 206]	07/01/2024
3.2 Fiscal Year End Date (mm/dd/year) [PLS 207]	06/30/2025
3.3 Number of months in this fiscal year	12
3.4 Name of person preparing this annual report	Sarah Kacimi
3.5 Telephone Number of Person Preparing Report	847-907-3600
3.6 FAX Number	847-358-5998
3.7 E-Mail Address	skacimi@palatinelibrary.org

REFERENDA (4.1 - 4.7)

Please enter information regarding any referenda the library was involved in during the fiscal year report period. A referendum requires a question be

submitted to the voters at an election held under the general election law. Examples are: bond issue, district establishment, tax increase.

4.1a Was your library involved in a referendum during the fiscal year reporting period?	No
4.1b How many referenda was your library involved in?	

Referendum 1

4.2 Referendum Type	4.3 If Other, what was the referendum type?	4.4 Referendum Date (mm/dd/year)	4.5 Passed or Failed?	4.6 Effective Date (mm/dd/year)	4.7 Referendum ballot language documentation

Referendum 2

4.2 Referendum Type	4.3 If Other, what was the referendum type?	4.4 Referendum Date (mm/dd/year)	4.5 Passed or Failed?	4.6 Effective Date (mm/dd/year)	4.7 Referendum ballot language documentation

Referendum 3

4.2 Referendum Type	4.3 If Other, what was the referendum type?	4.4 Referendum Date (mm/dd/year)	4.5 Passed or Failed?	4.6 Effective Date (mm/dd/year)	4.7 Referendum ballot language documentation

Referendum 4

4.2 Referendum Type	4.3 If Other, what was the referendum type?	4.4 Referendum Date (mm/dd/year)	4.5 Passed or Failed?	4.6 Effective Date (mm/dd/year)	4.7 Referendum ballot language documentation

Referendum 5

4.2 Referendum Type	4.3 If Other, what was the referendum type?	4.4 Referendum Date (mm/dd/year)	4.5 Passed or Failed?	4.6 Effective Date (mm/dd/year)	4.7 Referendum ballot language documentation

CURRENT LIBRARY BOARD (5.1 - 5.13)

Please report the number of board seats and the number of vacancies. Be sure to provide current board member information; including name, position, telephone number, e-mail address, home address, and term expiration date. If there are vacancies, please explain.

All personal identifying information is FOIA exempt and will NOT be released to the public. The only information that the Illinois State Library will release upon request is the board member name, trustee position and term expiration date.

Report the most current information available.

5.1 Total number of board seats	7
5.2 Total number of vacant board seats	0
5.2b Please explain	
5.3 This public library board of trustees attests that the current board is legally established, organized, and the terms of office for library trustees are all unexpired.	Yes
5.4 IF NO, please explain	

First Member

5.5 Name	Joanne Ha
5.6 Trustee Position	Other
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	05/2029
5.8 Telephone Number	
5.9 E-mail Address	jha@palatinelibrary.org
5.10 Home Address	
5.11 City	Hoffman Estates
5.12 State	IL

5.13 Zip Code	60192
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Second member

5.5 Name	Renee True
5.6 Trustee Position	Other
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	05/2027
5.8 Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
5.9 E-mail Address	rtrue@palatinelibrary.org
5.10 Home Address	[REDACTED]
5.11 City	Palatine
5.12 State	IL
5.13 Zip Code	60067

Third member

5.5 Name	Barbara Sherry
5.6 Trustee Position	Secretary
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	05/2029
5.8 Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
5.9 E-mail Address	bsherry@palatinelibrary.org
5.10 Home Address	[REDACTED]
5.11 City	Palatine
5.12 State	IL
5.13 Zip Code	60074

Fourth member

5.5 Name	Jeffrey Westhoff
5.6 Trustee Position	Vice-President
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	05/2029
5.8 Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
5.9 E-mail Address	jwesthoff@palatinelibrary.org
5.10 Home Address	[REDACTED]
5.11 City	Palatine
5.12 State	IL
5.13 Zip Code	60074

Fifth member

5.5 Name	Tracy Boland
5.6 Trustee Position	Other
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	05/2027
5.8 Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
5.9 E-mail Address	tboland@palatinelibrary.org
5.10 Home Address	[REDACTED]
5.11 City	Palatine
5.12 State	IL
5.13 Zip Code	60067

Sixth member

5.5 Name	Debby Brauer
5.6 Trustee Position	President
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	05/2029
5.8 Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
5.9 E-mail Address	dbrauer@palatinelibrary.org
5.10 Home Address	[REDACTED]
5.11 City	Palatine

5.12 State	IL
5.13 Zip Code	60074

Seventh member

5.5 Name	Maureen DeRosa
5.6 Trustee Position	Treasurer
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	05/2027
5.8 Telephone Number	
5.9 E-mail Address	mderosa@palatinelibrary.org
5.10 Home Address	
5.11 City	Palatine
5.12 State	IL
5.13 Zip Code	60067

Eighth member

5.5 Name	
5.6 Trustee Position	
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	
5.8 Telephone Number	
5.9 E-mail Address	
5.10 Home Address	
5.11 City	
5.12 State	
5.13 Zip Code	

Ninth member

5.5 Name	
5.6 Trustee Position	
5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)	
5.8 Telephone Number	
5.9 E-mail Address	
5.10 Home Address	
5.11 City	
5.12 State	
5.13 Zip Code	

FACILITY/FACILITIES (6.1-6.3b)

Please provide the requested information about the library's facilities.

6.1 Total Number of Meeting Rooms	4
6.2 Total number of times meeting room(s) used by the public during the fiscal year	503
6.3 Total Number of Study Rooms	14
6.3b Total number of times study room(s) used by the public during the fiscal year	13,885

Capital Needs Assessment

Public Act 96-0037, the Public Library Construction Act, requires the Illinois Secretary of State to file a comprehensive assessment report of the capital needs of all Illinois public libraries to the General Assembly every two years. In an effort to compile this data, please fill in the requested information below. If you have any questions about this section, please contact Mark Shaffer (217-524-4901 or mshaffer@ilsos.gov) at the Illinois State Library.

Age of Facility

Please indicate the number of buildings in each category below.

	5 years or less	6-10 years	11-25 years	26-50 years	51-100 years	100+ years
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Number of Facilities				3		
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Type of Work Needed

Please provide estimates of the costs for the type of work needed. If you do not have branch locations, the "Other Facilities" columns should be pre-populated with zeros. If not, please enter zeros to complete the section.

	Headquarters - Number of Buildings	Headquarters - Estimate \$	Other Facilities - Number of Buildings	Other Facilities - Estimate \$
General repair/remodeling	1	\$3,100,000		
Structural repairs (walls, foundations, etc.)				
Roof repair/replacement				
Heating/ventilation/air conditioning				
Electrical systems other than alarms				
Plumbing systems				
Egress systems (doors, stairs, etc.)	1	\$29,000		
Fire protection (detectors, alarms, etc.)	1	\$3,300		
Asbestos abatement				
Security measures			2	\$1,800
Energy conservation				
Repair of sidewalks, curbing, parking areas				
Accessibility measures				
Technology upgrading				
New building construction (construction of a new facility)				
Building additions (adding square feet to existing facility)				

Type of Work in Progress

Please provide estimates of the costs for the type of work currently in progress. If you do not have branch locations, the "Other Facilities" columns should be pre-populated with zeros. If not, please enter zeros to complete the section.

	Headquarters - Number of Buildings	Headquarters - Estimate \$	Other Facilities - Number of Buildings	Other Facilities - Estimate \$
General repair/remodeling	1	\$66,000		
Structural repairs (walls, foundations, etc.)	1	\$16,000		
Roof repair/replacement	1	\$1,745		
Heating/ventilation/air conditioning				
Electrical systems other than alarms				
Plumbing systems				
Egress systems (doors, stairs, etc.)				
Fire protection (detectors, alarms, etc.)				
Asbestos abatement				
Security measures	1	\$5,000		
Energy conservation				
Repair of sidewalks, curbing, parking areas				
Accessibility measures				
Technology upgrading				
New building construction (construction of a new facility)				
Building additions (adding square feet to existing facility)				

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (7.1 - 7.13)

The below sections request information regarding property, fiscal accumulations and outstanding liabilities. These sections are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10, 75 ILCS 16/30-65] to be included in the annual report. Please provide the requested information in each section.

Property

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(4), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(3)] to provide a statement as to property acquired through legacy, purchase, gift or otherwise. Please provide this information in the section below.

7.1 What is the estimated current fair market value for the library's real estate (land and buildings including garages, sheds, etc.)?	\$56,104,650
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7.2 During the last fiscal year, did the library acquire any real and/or personal property?	No
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IF YES, how much of the property was acquired through the following options? (Enter dollar amount for each option 7.3-7.6 that applies)

7.3 Purchase	
7.4 Legacy	
7.5 Gift	
7.6 Other	
7.7 Provide a general description of the property acquired.	

Fiscal Accumulations

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(7), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(4)] to provide a statement as to the amount of any fiscal accumulations and the reasons for the accumulations. Please provide this information in the section below.

7.8 Does your library have fiscal accumulations (reserve funds, outstanding fund balances, etc.)?	Yes
7.9 IF YES, then provide a statement that details the dollar amount(s) and the reason(s) for the fiscal accumulations.	As of 06/30/2025, the Corporate Fund balance was \$12,560,044. The planned accumulation of reserves is to cover approximately 6 months of expenses should there be a delay in tax receipts. This will also cover a renovation planned for FY 2026 for \$3 million. The IMRF Fund Balance was \$667,442 and is to cover any expenses that exceed budget due to unexpected increases for new hires or an increase in % that the Library pays. The Special Reserve Fund was \$3,879,194 and is to be used for planned and unplanned capital improvements and repairs to library facilities. The total of all other funds is \$842,815 and is to cover approximately 6 months of expenses should there be a delay in tax receipts. The total of all fund balances should be sufficient to sustain operations for 12 months should tax receipts be delayed.

Liabilities

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(8), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(5)] to provide a statement as to any outstanding liabilities, including for bonds still outstanding. Please provide this information in the section below.

7.10 Does your library have any outstanding liabilities including bonds, judgments, settlements, etc.?	Yes
7.11 IF YES, what is the total amount of the outstanding liabilities?	\$3,445,000
7.12 IF YES, then prepare a statement that identifies each outstanding liability and its specific dollar amount.	One outstanding liability, which is a bond with a balance of \$3,445,000.

OPERATING RECEIPTS BY SOURCE (8.1 - 8.21)

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(1)(9), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(6)] to provide an itemized statement of operating receipts. "Operating receipts" are the monies received and utilized during the library's fiscal year to support the provision of ongoing, day-to-day library services. Only include funds received during the report period. If the library was awarded a grant, but only received part of the funds during the report period, report only the portion of the grant received, not the whole amount of the grant.

Exclude revenue for major capital expenditures, contributions to endowments, revenue passed through to another agency, funds unspent in previous fiscal years (e.g. carryover), and tax anticipation warrants.

NOTE: Round answers to the nearest whole dollar.

Local Government

This includes all local government funds designated by the community, district, or region and available for expenditure by the public library. For example, include receipts from: local property taxes (library taxes), impact fees (IL Highway Code), the Mobile Home Local Services Tax Act. Do not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any gifts and donations, library fines, fees, or grants. Do not include state, federal, and other funds passed through local government for library use. Report these funds with state government revenue or federal government revenue, as appropriate.

8.1 Local government [PLS 300] (includes all local government funds designated by the community, district, or region and available for expenditure by the public library, except capital income from bond sales which must be reported in 12.1a only)	\$10,496,438
8.1a Is this library's annual tax levy/fiscal appropriation subject to tax caps [the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, 35 ILCS 200/18-185, et seq.]?	Yes

8.1b Local government funds for the ensuing or upcoming/current fiscal year (includes all local government funds designated by the community, district, or region and available for expenditure by the public library, except capital income from bond sales.)	\$0
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State Government

These are all funds distributed to public libraries by state government for expenditure by the public libraries, except for federal money distributed by the state. This includes funds from such sources as penal fines, license fees, and mineral rights.

Note: If operating revenue from consolidated taxes is the result of state legislation, the revenue should be reported under state revenue (even though the revenue may be from multiple sources).

If you are not sure if funds you received through the State of Illinois are federal or state funds, please contact IPLAR@ilsos.gov or the Library Development Group at 217-524-8836.

8.2 Per capita grant	\$132,752
8.3 Equalization aid grant	\$0
8.4 Personal property replacement tax	\$94,242
8.5 Other State Government funds received	\$0
8.6 If Other, please specify	-1 Not Applicable
8.7 Total State Government Funds (8.2 + 8.3 + 8.4 + 8.5) [PLS 301]	\$226,994

Federal Government

This includes all federal government funds distributed to public libraries for expenditure by the public libraries, including federal money distributed by the State of Illinois (e.g., LSTA grants paid directly to your library).

If you are unsure if the funds you received through the State of Illinois were federal or state funds, please contact IPLAR@ilsos.gov or the Library Development Group at 217-524-8836.

8.8 LSTA funds received	\$0
8.9 E-Rate funds received	\$0
8.10 Other federal funds received	\$0
8.11 If Other, please specify	-1 Not Applicable
8.12 Total Federal Government Funds (8.8 + 8.9 + 8.10) [PLS 302]	\$0

Other Income

This is all operating revenue other than that reported under local, state, and federal funds. Include, for example, monetary gifts and donations received in the current year, interest, library fines, fees for library services, or grants. Do not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any non-monetary gifts and donations.

8.13 Monetary Gifts and Donations	\$54,598
8.14 Other receipts intended to be used for operating expenditures	\$0
8.15 TOTAL all other receipts (8.13 + 8.14) [PLS 303]	\$54,598
8.16 Other non-capital receipts placed in reserve funds	\$0

Total Operating Receipts

8.17 TOTAL receipts (8.1 + 8.7 + 8.12 + 8.15) [PLS 304]	\$10,778,030
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Safeguarding of Library Funds

This section requests information to verify that libraries meet the statutory required minimum level of insurance for library funds [75 ILCS 5/4-9 and 75 ILCS 16/30-45(e)]. According to these statutes, "the library shall provide the Illinois State Library a copy of the library's certificate of insurance at the time the library's annual report is filed."

For municipalities of less than 500,000 population, 75 ILCS 5/4-9 requires that the bond be "...not less than 10% of the total funds received by the library in the last fiscal year..." or the insurance policy or other insurance instrument's coverage "...shall be in an amount at least equal to 50% of the average amount of the library's operating fund from the prior 3 fiscal years."

For public library districts, 75 ILCS 16/30-45(e) requires that the bond be "...based upon a minimum of 10% of the total funds received by the district in the last previous fiscal year..." or the insurance policy or other insurance instrument's coverage "... shall be in an amount at least equal to 10% of the average amount of the district's operating fund from the prior 3 fiscal years."

8.18a The library safeguards its funds using which option?	Insurance Policy/Instrument
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8.18b Proof of Certificate of Insurance for Library Funds	2024-2025 Confirmation of Coverage (1).pdf
8.19 What is the coverage amount of either the surety bond OR the insurance policy/insurance instrument?	\$5,000,000
8.20 Is the amount of the surety bond, insurance policy or other insurance instrument in compliance with library law?	Yes
8.21 The designated custodian of the library's funds is:	Library Treasurer

OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY (9.1 - 11.2)

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(2), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(6)] to provide an itemized statement as to how operating revenues have been expended during the fiscal year report period. "Operating expenditures" are the current and recurrent costs necessary to support the provision of library services.

Include: Significant costs, especially benefits and salaries, that are paid by other taxing agencies (government agencies with the authority to levy tax) "on behalf of" the library may be included if the information is available to the reporting agency. Only such funds that are supported by expenditure documents (such as invoices, contracts, payroll records, etc.) at the point of disbursement should be included.

Exclude: Do not report the value of free items, estimated costs, and capital expenditures.

NOTE: Round answers to the nearest whole dollar.

STAFF EXPENDITURES (9.1-9.3)

This section gathers information on staff benefits and salaries. If the information is available, include benefits and salaries for staff that are paid by other taxing agencies (government agencies with the authority to levy tax) "on behalf of" the library.

NOTE: Round answers to the nearest whole dollar.

9.1 Salaries and wages for all library staff [PLS 350]	\$4,553,344
9.2a Fringe benefits, for all library staff, paid for from either the library's or the municipal corporate authority's appropriation [PLS 351]	\$1,549,729
9.2b If this library answered question 9.2a as zero, please select an explanation from the drop-down box.	
9.3 Total Staff Expenditures (9.1 + 9.2) [PLS 352]	\$6,103,073

COLLECTION EXPENDITURES (10.1 - 10.4)

Include expenditures for all materials in all formats (e.g., print, microform, electronic) whether purchased, leased or licensed. Exclude charges or fees for interlibrary loans and expenditures for document delivery.

NOTE: Round answers to the nearest whole dollar.

10.1 Printed Materials (books, newspapers, etc.) [PLS 353]	\$320,059
10.2 Electronic Content Expenditures (e-books, databases, etc.) [PLS 354]	\$479,171
10.3a Other Physical Materials Expenditures [PLS 355]	\$130,723
10.3b Please list the types of materials purchased in 10.3a	CD's, DVD's, Video Games, Library of Things items
10.4 TOTAL Collection Expenditures (10.1 + 10.2 + 10.3) [PLS 356]	\$929,953

OTHER OPERATING EXPENDITURES (11.1 - 11.2)

This includes all expenditures other than those reported for Staff Expenditures and Collection Expenditures. Exclude purchases of major fixed assets, which should be reported in capital expenditures (12.7).

NOTE: Round answers to the nearest whole dollar.

11.1 All other operating expenditures not included above (supplies, utilities, legal fees, etc.) [PLS 357]	\$1,800,380
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11.2 TOTAL operating expenditures (9.3 + 10.4 + 11.1) [PLS 358]	\$8,833,406
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CAPITAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES (12.1 - 12.7)

This section gathers information on capital revenue and expenditures. Provide information for funds received and spent during the fiscal year report period only. If the library was awarded a grant, but only received part of the funds during the report period, report only the amount of the funds received, not the entire grant award.

Capital Revenue

Include funds received during the fiscal year report period for: site acquisitions; new building(s); additions to or renovations of existing buildings; furnishings, equipment, and initial collections for new buildings, building additions, or building renovations; computer hardware and software used to support library operations, to link to networks, or to run information products; new vehicles; or other one-time major projects.

Exclude revenue for: replacement and/or repair of existing furnishings and equipment, regular purchase of library materials, investments for capital appreciation, income passed through to another agency (e.g., fines), and funds unspent in previous fiscal year (e.g., carryover).

NOTE: Round answers to the nearest whole dollar.

12.1a Local Government: Capital Income from Bond Sales	\$0
12.1b Local Government: Other	\$0
12.1c Total Local Government (12.1a + 12.1b) [PLS 400]	\$0
12.2 State Government [PLS 401]	\$0
12.3 Federal Government [PLS 402]	\$0
12.4 Other Capital Revenue [PLS 403]	\$0
12.5 If Other, please specify	-1 Not Applicable
12.6 Total Capital Revenue (12.1c + 12.2 + 12.3 + 12.4) [PLS 404]	\$0

Capital Expenditures

Include funds expended during the fiscal year report period for: site acquisitions; new building(s); additions to or renovations of existing buildings; furnishings, equipment, and initial collections for new buildings, building additions, or building renovations; computer hardware and software used to support library operations, to link to networks, or to run information products; new vehicles; or other one-time major projects.

Exclude expenditures for: replacement and/or repair of existing furnishings and equipment, regular purchase of library materials, investments for capital appreciation, income passed through to another agency (e.g., fines), and funds unspent in previous fiscal year (e.g., carryover).

NOTE: Round answers to the nearest whole dollar.

12.7 Total Capital Expenditures [PLSC 405]	\$775,156
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PERSONNEL (13.1 - 13.46)

Include all positions funded in the library's budget whether those positions are filled or not. Report position figures as of the last day of the fiscal year. Include only paid employees. Do NOT include volunteers.

Report personnel in the appropriate categories based on the type of library work being performed rather than on an employee's educational qualifications.

The FTE (full-time equivalent/employee) calculator utilizes the IMLS/PLSC national standard for a full-time work week as 40 hours per week. Illinois libraries should report each staff member's hours per week based on the number of hours worked. If your library considers 35-39+ hours per week as a full-time work week, then report using those figures. DO NOT inflate the hours your library considers as a full-time work week in order to force the resulting calculation to equal 1 FTE. For national comparison purposes, your library must report the total hours per week based on your local standard. For example, for an Illinois library that considers 37.5 hours per week as a full-time work week, the FTE calculation reported nationally will be .9375 or .94 rather than 1.00.

Group A

This category includes all LIBRARIANS with MASTER'S DEGREES from an American Library Association (ALA) ACCREDITED program of Library and Information Studies. Another row will automatically appear once data is entered in the current row.

Summary	17	17	83.2400042.20000	37.5000037.50000
	13.1 Position Title	13.2 Primary Work Area	13.3 Hourly Rate	13.4 Total Hours/Week
	Executive Director	Library Director	\$83.24	37.50
	Youth and Teen Services Assistant Manager	Children's Services	\$42.20	37.50
	Lead Cataloger	Collection Development Acquisitions	\$31.48	37.50

	Branch Assistant Manager	Other Type of Librarian	\$33.95	37.50
	Youth and Teen Services Manager	Children\'s Services	\$46.15	37.50
	Librarian	Adult Services	\$38.81	37.50
	Collection Services Manager	Collection Development Acquisitions	\$46.82	37.50
	Community Services Director	Other Type of Librarian	\$60.66	37.50
	Adult Services Manager	Adult Services	\$44.36	37.50
	Deputy Director	Assistant Library Director	\$64.73	37.50
	Librarian	Children\'s Services	\$38.81	37.50
	Technology Manager	Automation/Technology/Systems	\$53.76	37.50
	Branch Manager	Other Type of Librarian	\$45.36	37.50
	Adult Services Assistant Manager	Adult Services	\$35.92	37.50
	Librarian	Children\'s Services	\$36.47	37.50
	Librarian	Children\'s Services	\$34.20	37.50
	Librarian	Children\'s Services	\$34.20	37.50

Group A Total

13.5 Total Group A: FTE ALA-MLS (13.4 / 40) [PLS 250]

15.94

Group A hidden group hours

Group B

This category includes other librarians. Include employees with the TITLE of LIBRARIAN who either have other types of library education (non-American Library Association (ALA) accredited library degrees; undergraduate library science majors or minors) OR do paid work that usually requires professional training and skill in the theoretical or scientific aspects of library work, or both, as distinct from its mechanical or clerical aspects. Another row will automatically appear once data is entered in the current row.

Summary	27	27	27	20.8300037.50000	20.0000037.50000
	13.6 Position Title	13.7 Primary Work Area	13.8 Education Level	13.9 Hourly Rate	13.10 Total Hours/Week
	Branch Library Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$20.83	20.00
	Human Resources Manager	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$37.50	37.50
	Library Associate II	Children\'s Services	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$24.41	37.50
	Branch Library Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$21.64	15.00
	Library Associate III	Adult Services	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$24.06	37.50
	Library Associate II	Adult Services	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$20.18	25.00
	Community Engagement Coordinator	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$29.77	37.50
	Finance Manager	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$56.85	37.50
	Member Services Assistant Librarian	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$18.01	15.00
		Adult Services	Bachelor's Degree: No library science	\$28.40	37.50
	Library Associate II	Adult Services	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$26.79	25.00
	Branch Library Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$26.43	20.00
	Library Associate II	Children\'s Services	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$27.33	37.50
	Branch Library Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$28.53	25.00
	Branch Library Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$28.53	37.50
	Library Associate II	Children\'s Services	Master's Degree (non-ALA program)	\$27.85	20.00
	Library Associate II	Adult Services	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$28.53	25.00
	Library Associate II	Adult Services	Master's Degree (non-ALA program)	\$28.53	25.00
	Library Associate II	Children\'s Services	Bachelor's Degree: No library science	\$22.48	37.50
	Library Associate II	Adult Services	Bachelor's Degree: No library science	\$21.24	37.50
	Human Resources Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Bachelor's Degree: No library science	\$26.05	25.00
	Administrative Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Less than a Bachelor's degree	\$28.46	37.50
	Branch Library Associate	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$22.42	15.00
	Member Services Manager	Other Type of Librarian	Bachelor's Degree: major or minor in library science	\$52.80	37.50
	Communications Manager	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$49.04	37.50
	Copy Cataloger	Collection Development Acquisitions	Bachelor's Degree: major or minor in library science	\$27.49	37.50

Workshop Specialist	Other Type of Librarian	Master's Degree: Not in library science	\$27.16	37.50
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Group B Total

13.11 Total Group B: FTE Other Librarians (13.10/40)	20.44
13.12 Total FTE Librarians (13.5 + 13.11] [PLS 251]	36.38

Group C

This category includes full-time and part-time professional staff without the title of librarian and administrative support specialists (personnel director, business manager, public relations, other non-library specialists), information technology professionals (IT director, webmaster) and other technical and clerical employees.

13.13 Total hours worked in a typical week by all Group C employees	1,062.50
13.14 Minimum hourly rate actually paid	\$17.61
13.15 Maximum hourly rate actually paid	\$45.65
13.16 Total FTE Group C employees (13.13 / 40)	26.56

Group D

This category includes full-time and part-time pages or shelveers.

13.17 Total hours worked in a typical week by all Group D employees	267.50
13.18 Minimum hourly rate actually paid	\$15.10
13.19 Maximum hourly rate actually paid	\$22.65
13.20 Total FTE Group D employees (13.17 / 40)	6.69

Group E

This category includes full-time and part-time building maintenance, security or plant operation employees.

13.21 Total hours worked in a typical week by all Group E employees	190.00
13.22 Minimum hourly rate actually paid	\$21.94
13.23 Maximum hourly rate actually paid	\$52.80
13.24 Total FTE Group E employees (13.21 / 40)	4.75
13.25 Total FTE Other Paid Employees from Groups C, D, and E (13.16 + 13.20 + 13.24) [PLS 252]	38.00
13.26 Total FTE Paid Employees (13.12 + 13.25) [PLS 253]	74.38

Librarian Vacancies

Include only those budgeted librarian positions vacant on the last day of this fiscal year for which there was an active search while the position remained vacant. Another row will automatically appear once data is entered in the current row.

Summary							
	13.27 Position Title	13.28 Primary Work Area	13.29 Education Level	13.30 Total Hours/Week	13.31 Number of Weeks Vacant during report period.	13.32 Annual Salary Range Minimum	13.33 Annual Salary Range Maximum

Newly Created Librarian Positions

Include any newly created librarian positions which were created during the fiscal year reporting period. Another row will automatically appear once data is entered in the current row.

Summary						
	13.34 Position Title	13.35 Primary Work Area	13.36 Education Level	13.37 Total Hours/Week	13.38 Current Status: Filled or Unfilled	13.39 Date Filled (mm/year, if applicable)

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Eliminated Librarian Positions

An eliminated librarian position is one that was budgeted for during the previous fiscal year period but was not in the budget for the current report period. Another row will automatically appear once data is entered in the current row.

Summary							
	13.40 Position Title	13.41 Primary Work Area	13.42 Education Level	13.43 Total Hours/Week	13.44 Date Eliminated (mm/year)	13.45 Last Annual Salary Paid	13.46 Reason Eliminated

LIBRARY VISITS (14.1 - 14.1a)

This section collects information on the number of library visits. This is prefilled, based on the answer from Section 2.14.

14.1 Total annual visits/attendance in the library [PLS 501]	387,511
14.1a Library Visits Reporting Method [PLS 501a]	Annual Count

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & ATTENDANCE (15.1 - 15.38)

Synchronous Programs:

A program is any planned event which introduces the group attending to any of the broad range of library services or activities or which directly provides information to participants. Programs may cover use of the library, library services, or library tours. Programs may also provide cultural, recreational, or educational information, often designed to meet a specific social need. Examples of these types of programs include film showings; lectures; story hours; literacy, English as a second language, citizenship classes; and book discussions.

Count all programs, whether held on- or off-site, or held virtually as a group that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the library. Exclude programs sponsored by other groups that use library facilities. If programs are offered as a series, count each program in the series. For example, a film series offered once a week for eight weeks should be counted as eight programs. Exclude library activities delivered on a one-to-one basis, rather than to a group, such as one-to-one literacy tutoring, services to homebound, resume writing assistance, homework assistance, and mentoring activities.

Note: For more information, please refer to the Counting Opinions login screen for links to: "Guidance for Programs: Live Virtual and Recorded", "How to Count Programs and Activities", and "Virtual Programming Guidelines".

Self-Directed Activities:

A self-directed activity is any planned event for which the patron can participate on their own (instead of at a designated time with a group). Registration is not required. A staff member may monitor the activity, but may or may not directly interact with the participants. Examples of these types of events include drop-in craft sessions, take and make kits, library scavenger hunts (when not done as part of a group), etc.

Count all self-directed activities, whether held on- or off-site, that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the library. Exclude activities sponsored by other groups that use library facilities. If activities are offered as a series, count each activity in the series.

Note: For more information, please refer to the Counting Opinions login screen for links to: "Guidance for Programs: Live Virtual and Recorded", "How to Count Programs and Activities", and "Virtual Programming Guidelines".

	15.1 Synchronous Programs (All Group Programs by Age)	15.2 Attendance	15.3 Self Directed Activities	15.4 Self Directed Activity Participants
Children (0-5)	243	12,275	57	3,348
Children (6-11)	46	754	6	67
Young Adults (12-18)	42	697	19	131
Adults (19 and older)	362	6,278	50	2,880
General Interest	33	4,370	19	16,305
Total	726	24,374	151	22,731

Onsite, Offsite and Virtual (All Group Programs by Type)

	15.29 Program Sessions	15.30 Program Attendance
Synchronous In-Person Onsite Program Sessions	754	26,606
Synchronous In-Person Offsite Program Sessions	97	6,403
Synchronous Virtual Program Sessions	105	1,543

Total	956	34,552
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Asynchronous Virtual Presentations (Subset of Self-Directed Activities)

15.37 Total Number of Asynchronous (Virtual) Program Presentations [PLS 620]	0
15.38 Total Views of Asynchronous (Virtual) Program Presentations [PLS 630]	0

REGISTERED USERS (16.1 - 16.4)

This section collects information about the number of resident and non-resident library users. A registered user is a library user who has applied for and received an identification number or card from the public library that has established conditions under which the user may borrow library materials and gain access to other library resources.

Note: Files should have been purged within the past three (3) years.

16.1 Total Number of Unexpired Resident Cards	37,993
16.2a Total Number of Unexpired Non-resident Cards	291
16.2a (1) Of the total in 16.2a, how many Cards for Kids Act cards were issued?	224
16.2a (2) Of the total in 16.2a, how many Disabled Veterans cards were issued?	4
16.2b What was the total amount of the fees collected from the sale of non-resident cards during the past fiscal year?	\$9,746.00
16.3 Total Number of Registered Users (16.1 + 16.2a) [PLS 503]	38,284
16.4 Is your library's registered user/patron file purged a minimum of one time every three years?	Yes
16.5 Does the library charge overdue fines to any users when they fail to return physical print materials by the date due? [PLS 504]	No
16.6 Did your library board adopt a policy to waive the non-resident fee for persons under the age of 18?	Yes

RESOURCES OWNED (17.1 - 17.25)

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(3), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(6)] to provide a statement as to the number and character of items in the library's collection available for use as of the last day of the fiscal year report period.

This section of the survey collects data on selected types of materials. It does not cover all materials (i.e., microforms, loose sheet music, maps, and pictures) for which expenditures are reported under Print Materials Expenditures, Electronic Materials Expenditures, and Other Material Expenditures. Under this category report only items the library has acquired as part of the collection and cataloged, whether purchased, lease, licensed, or donated as gifts that have been purchased, leased or licensed by the library, a consortium, the state library, a donor or other person or entity. Included items must only be accessible with a valid library card or at a physical library location; inclusion in the catalog is not required. Do not include items freely available without monetary exchange. Do not include items that are permanently retained by the patron; count only items that have a set circulation period where it is available for their use.

17.1 Print Materials [PLS 450]	155,850
17.2 Current Print Serial Subscriptions	191
17.3 Total Print Materials (17.1+17.2)	156,041
17.4 Audio Recordings: Physical Units Held at end of the fiscal year [PLS 452]	7,569
17.5 DVDs/Videos: Physical Units Held at end of the fiscal year [PLS 454]	25,306
17.6 Other Circulating Physical Items [PLS 462]	797
17.7 Total Physical Items in Collection [PLS 461]	189,522

Electronic Materials and Collections

This section asks how the library obtains electronic materials, research databases and online learning platforms. Please answer yes or no to the following questions.

17.8 Did your library provide access to e-Books purchased solely by the library? Answer yes or no. [PLS 525]	Yes
17.9 Did your library provide access to e-Books purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level? Answer yes or no. [PLS 526]	Yes
17.10 Did your library provide access to e-Books provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? This is prefilled. [PLS 527]	No
17.11 Did your library provide access to e-Serials purchased solely by the library? Answer yes or no. [PLS 528]	Yes
17.12 Did your library provide access to e-Serials purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level? Answer yes or no. [PLS 529]	Yes
17.13 Did your library provide access to e-Serials provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? This is prefilled. [PLS 530]	No
17.14 Did your library provide access to e-Audio purchased solely by the library? Answer yes or no. [PLS 531]	Yes
17.15 Did your library provide access to e-Audio purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level? Answer yes or no. [PLS 532]	Yes

17.16 Did your library provide access to e-Audio provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? This is prefilled. [PLS 533]	No
17.17 Did your library provide access to e-Video purchased solely by the library? Answer yes or no. [PLS 534]	Yes
17.18 Did your library provide access to e-Video purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level? Answer yes or no. [PLS 535]	No
17.19 Did your library provide access to e-Video provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? This is prefilled. [PLS 536]	No
17.20 Did your library provide access to research databases purchased solely by the library? Answer yes or no. [PLS 537]	Yes
17.21 Did your library provide access to research databases purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level? Answer yes or no. [PLS 538]	No
17.22 Did your library provide access to research databases provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to the administrative entity? This is prefilled. [PLS 539]	Yes
17.23 Did your library provide access to online learning platforms purchased solely by the library? Answer yes or no. [PLS 540]	Yes
17.24 Did your library provide access to online learning platforms purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level? Answer yes or no. [PLS 541]	No
17.25 Did your library provide access to online learning platforms provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? This is prefilled. [PLS 542]	Yes

USE OF RESOURCES (18.1 - 18.19)

Libraries are required by statute [75 ILCS 5/4-10(3), 75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(6)] to provide a statement as to the number and character of items circulated by the library. Report for the library's entire fiscal year.

18.1 Circulation of Adult Physical Material	400,253
18.2 Circulation of Young Adult Physical Material	34,917
18.3 Circulation of Children's Physical Material [PLS 549]	556,195
18.4 Total number of physical materials loaned (18.1 + 18.2 + 18.3)	991,365

Report circulation, including renewals, by the material types below.

18.5 Books- Physical	801,362
18.6 Videos/DVDs- Physical	114,507
18.7 Audios (include music)- Physical	23,563
18.8 Magazines/Periodicals- Physical	12,396
18.9 Other Items- Physical [PLS 561]	34,231
18.10 Physical Item Circulation (18.5-18.9) [PLS 553]	986,059
18.11 Did your library offer automatic renewal for any physical materials during the reporting period? [PLS 505]	Yes
18.12 e-Book Circulation [PLS 545]	144,470
18.13 e-Serial Circulation [PLS 546]	45,934
18.14 e-Audio Circulation [PLS 547]	120,086
18.15 e-Video Circulation [PLS 548]	24,905
18.16 Use of Electronic Materials [PLS 552]	335,395
18.17 Total Circulation of Materials [PLS 550]	1,321,454
18.18 Interlibrary Loans Provided TO Other Libraries [PLS 575]	44,227
18.19 Interlibrary Loans Received FROM Other Libraries [PLS 576]	65,729

PATRON SERVICES (19.1-19.2)

This section gathers information on services the library provides to its patrons. Please fill in the information requested.

Reference Transactions

Reference Transactions are information consultations in which library staff recommend, interpret, evaluate, and/or use information resources to help others to meet particular information needs.

A reference transaction includes information and referral service as well as unscheduled individual instruction and assistance in using information sources (including web sites and computer-assisted instruction). Count Readers Advisory questions as reference transactions.

NOTE: It is essential that libraries do not include directional transactions in the report of reference transactions. Directional transactions include giving instruction for locating staff, library users, or physical features within the library. Examples of directional transactions include, "Where is the reference librarian? Where is Susan Smith? Where is the rest room? Where are the 600s? Can you help me make a photocopy?"

If an annual count is not available, then select a typical week and multiply by 52 to estimate the annual count.

19.1 Total Annual Reference Transactions [PLS 502]	148,704
19.1a Reference Transactions Reporting Method [PLS 502a]	Annual Count

One-on-One Tutorials

One-on-one tutorials are when a staff member spends a considerable amount of time tutoring or teaching a patron on a specific subject. Note that these are different from programs, which are put on for a group, and reference transactions, which are limited to information consultations (see definition above).

19.2 Total Annual One-on-One Tutorials	2,251
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AUTOMATION (20.1 - 20.5)

This section is collecting information about automation technology in your library. Please provide the requested information below.

20.1 Total number of ALL computers in the library	250
20.2 Total number of PUBLIC USE (Internet and non-Internet accessible) computers in the library	120
20.3 Is your library's catalog automated?	Yes
20.4 Is your library's catalog accessible via the web?	Yes
20.5 Does your library have a telecommunications messaging device for the hearing impaired?	Yes

INTERNET (21.1 - 21.9)

This section collects information about internet services in the library facility. Please provide the requested information below.

21.1 Does your library have Internet access?	Yes
21.2a What is the maximum speed of your library's Internet connection? (Select one)	Other (specify)
21.2b If Other, please specify	500 Mbps
21.3 What is the monthly cost of the library's internet access?	\$2,130
21.4 Number of Internet Computers Available for Public Use [PLS 650]	95
21.5 Number of Uses (Sessions) of Public Internet Computers Per Year [PLS 651]	36,474
21.5a Reporting Method for Number of Uses of Public Internet Computers Per Year [PLS 651a]	Annual Count
21.6 Wireless Sessions Per Year [PLS 652]	494,045
21.6a Reporting Method for Wireless Sessions [PLS 652a]	Annual Count
21.7 Does your library utilize Internet filters on some or all of the public access computers?	Yes
21.8 Does your library provide instruction (workshops, classes) to patrons on the use of the Internet?	Yes

E-RATE (22.1 - 22.3)

E-Rate is the commonly used name for the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, which is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The program provides discounts to assist schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

22.1 Did your library apply directly for E-rate discounts for the fiscal year?	No
22.2a If YES, did your library apply for Category 1, Category 2 or both?	
22.2b IF YES, what is the dollar amount that your library was awarded for the fiscal year report period?	
22.3 If NO, why did your library NOT participate in the E-rate program?	-1Not Applicable

STAFF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING (23.1 - 23.3)

This section focuses on staff development and training. Please provide the requested information below.

23.1 How much money did your library spend on staff development and training this fiscal year? (Round answer to the nearest whole dollar.)	\$50,107
23.2 Does the above amount include travel expenses?	Yes
23.3 How many hours of training did employees receive this year?	1,977.00

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS (24.1-24.3)

Please use this section to provide further information about your library and/or comments or suggestions for changes to the IPLAR process. We will use the comments you supply to better represent your data to the Public Library Survey and to help improve future versions of the IPLAR.

24.1 Are there any other factors that may have affected your library's annual report data of which you would like to make us aware?	-1No Comments
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24.2 Are there any unique programs or services your library provided during the report period of which you would like to make us aware?	-1No Comments
24.3 Please provide any comments, suggestions or concerns about the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR).	-1No Comments

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT SECRETARY'S AUDIT (25.1-25.5) DISTRICT LIBRARIES ONLY

Public Library Districts are required by statute [75 ILCS 16/30-65(a)(1),(c)(d)] to submit the Public Library District Secretary's Audit.

NOTE: If there ARE any errors or discrepancies, please list and explain fully.

NOTE: Only DISTRICT libraries need to complete this Section, all other libraries should select "Not Applicable" for all questions in this section.

25.1 Were the secretary's records found to be complete and accurate?	No
25.2 If NO, please list and explain any errors or discrepancies.	There was one discrepancy that was corrected prior to approving the IPLAR report.
25.3 First board member completing the audit	Debby Brauer
25.4 Second board member completing the audit	Joanne Ha
25.5 Date the Secretary's Audit was completed	07/18/2025

IPLAR CERTIFICATION

Please have the library director, board president and board secretary type their names in the boxes provided to certify that they agree with the following statement:

This Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) is being filed in accordance with 75 ILCS 5/4-10 (municipal libraries) or 75 ILCS 16/30-65 (public library districts). The undersigned authorized agents for this public library: (1) accept and acknowledge that the appended IPLAR is essentially accurate and correct; (2) transmit the appended IPLAR for review and any subsequent resolution; and, (3) agree that the electronic IPLAR copy submitted to the Illinois State Library shall serve as the official file copy.

	Electronic Signature	Date
Library Director	Melissa Gardner	
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In 2025, we will celebrate inclusivity and belonging for patrons and library workers alike with the ILA Conference theme: **You Belong Here.**

Belonging happens when you are not just included - but when you are valued. When a person feels that they belong, they feel loved, seen, prioritized, celebrated, placed at the center, made space for. We will explore how libraries foster belonging within our spaces; how libraries build strong relationships with diverse communities and address their unique needs; how we as library workers hold space for each other within our profession; and examine how belonging fits in with diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility efforts within libraries.