

# DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

## Month ending April 30, 2019

### Activities

This month, I began a monthly Director's Chat open to all staff. Staff can ask about anything on their minds. This first one was held two days after the election, so the main topic was what happens next with the referendum.

Susan Conner, Melissa Gardner, and I conducted interviews with 3 **IT management** firms. The **selected firm, Current Technologies**, was approved by the board and has already begun working toward a July 1 transition date.

Persons in Charge received first aid training from the Palatine Fire Department. The trainer also covered how to administer injectable Narcan. We are looking into the possibility of having a Narcan dose on hand in case of emergency.

GCG, our **health insurance broker, presented next year's rates**. Vision and life insurance rates are staying flat, dental is going up about \$175, and health insurance is only going up 2.24%. We're very pleased about these small increases.

### External Meetings

- CCSD 15 District Advisory Committee, 4/9
- Annual Volunteer Luncheon, 4/22
- POC Board Meeting, 4/24
- Legislator Tours:
  - IL Senator Julie Morrison, Rand Branch, 4/23
  - U.S. Representative Sean Casten, Main, 4/25

### Upcoming Events

#### May 2019

May 22	Foundation Event, D'Vine Wine, 4-7pm
May 23	Policy Committee Meeting, Main Library, 9am
May 27	Library Closed for Memorial Day
May 29	Friends of the Library Appreciation Dinner, Main Library, 6pm

#### June 2019

June 12	StoryWalk Event, Hamilton Reservoir, 10am
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*Jeannie Dilger*

# STRATEGIC PLAN MONTHLY UPDATE



**1 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.**

Design feedback workshops have been scheduled for July 2019, to obtain feedback from patrons on use of Library space.

Administration identified furniture that needs replaced or reupholstered in this fiscal year.

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

Staff attended CCS meetings at neighboring Libraries to obtain information and feedback on possibly moving to consortium. The Library Board approved working toward joining the consortium. We've talked with RAILS about a grant to cover part of the migration costs.

## **1.3: The library is committed to quality patron interactions.**

Staff observed service desks at our Library as well as other neighboring libraries to gather data towards defining "exceptional experience." Staff conducted patron interviews for feedback and information toward defining "exceptional experience."

Library of Things added bicycle stands to the collection.



**2 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 high awareness of library services and programs.**

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

PMD Staff worked with HR to filter homebound volunteer applicants.

The EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Staff Committee met and they explored how they could assist the Engagement team meet this goal specifically when it comes to hiring diverse staff.

A new group was formed to collect data and information to identify and evaluate our bilingual community with the aim of expanding bilingual services.

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

ISD formed relationships with Harper College and attended two of their community networking groups. The first focused on a study Harper did about the Latinx population, and staff was able to better understand resources that are available and what services the library could offer. The Harper report will be shared with the committee collecting data on bilingual services. The second meeting at Harper was aimed at women in the community and services that community organizations provide to women. New relationships were formed at that meeting as well.

The new PMD school liaison sent out introductions to all of the elementary schools and scheduled classroom visits for the month of May.



***3 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.***

The Library Board approved a new IT managed services contract that will provide more on-site assistance while reducing overall costs to the Library.

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

An additional staff recognition program has been implemented. A “Bookmark of Appreciation” Board was designed and installed in the staff lounge for employees to recognize their peers for an achievement or “job well done!”

Our employee engagement survey was completed, and results were delivered to the Library Board. Administration and the Endurance Team have already found useful suggestions to implement.

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

Indoor air quality interviews have been completed with staff. The majority of those interviewed had no current concerns regarding indoor air quality. After receiving concerns, the Facilities Department has made slight adjustments in temperature in specific areas of the building to improve conditions for as many people as possible. The Facilities Department will continue to monitor building conditions and make mechanical system adjustments when possible.

Our new phone system was successfully installed with the assistance of the Technology Department. Staff training and webinars are currently being offered to employees.

## PPLD STATISTICS 2018-19

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Fiscal YTD	Last Fiscal YTD	% Change
<b>CIRCULATION</b>															
MAIN	107,766	95,867	81,705	85,573	80,593	80,341	85,350	79,700	88,952	80,091	0	0	865,938	911,158	-5%
NHB	5,088	4,372	4,398	4,468	4,445	3,834	4,498	4,175	4,663	4,346	0	0	44,287	46,121	-4%
RAND	3,111	2,210	1,905	2,179	1,979	1,905	2,174	1,955	2,056	2,012	0	0	21,486	26,887	-20%
Juvenile Print	45,539	39,260	35,086	36,380	33,720	30,817	33,680	33,151	36,736	33,672	0	0	358,041	366,383	-2%
Juvenile Nonprint	8,240	6,665	5,472	5,756	6,355	6,096	5,916	5,235	6,504	5,547	0	0	61,786	25,066	146%
Teen	4,321	3,254	2,599	2,465	2,306	2,710	2,772	2,347	2,765	2,269	0	0	27,808	27,762	0%
Adult Print	28,343	25,919	22,179	23,145	20,937	21,523	23,811	22,274	24,201	22,530	0	0	234,862	245,847	-4%
Adult Nonprint	29,522	27,351	22,672	24,474	23,699	24,934	25,843	22,823	25,465	22,431	0	0	249,214	319,108	-22%
E-Resource	10,678	10,144	10,051	10,086	9,634	10,295	11,614	10,281	11,409	10,795	0	0	104,987	85,601	23%
Electronic Info Retrieval	1,507	2,101	2,215	1,475	1,921	1,575	1,259	1,750	2,218	1,849	0	0	17,870	22,117	-19%
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>128,150</b>	<b>114,694</b>	<b>100,274</b>	<b>103,781</b>	<b>98,572</b>	<b>97,950</b>	<b>104,895</b>	<b>97,861</b>	<b>109,298</b>	<b>99,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,054,568</b>	<b>1,091,884</b>	<b>-3%</b>

### DOOR COUNT

Main	38,524	36,003	29,668	34,858	31,962	30,259	30,324	29,941	33,644	31,335	0	0	326,518	347,221	-6%
NHB	2,906	2,812	2,384	3,147	3,050	2,464	2,682	2,746	2,892	2,876	0	0	27,959	28,941	-3%
RAND	3,851	3,270	2,691	3,600	3,146	2,906	2,777	2,791	3,205	2,948	0	0	31,185	32,279	-3%
<b>TOTAL DOOR COUNT</b>	<b>45,281</b>	<b>42,085</b>	<b>34,743</b>	<b>41,605</b>	<b>38,158</b>	<b>35,629</b>	<b>35,783</b>	<b>35,478</b>	<b>39,741</b>	<b>37,159</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>385,662</b>	<b>408,441</b>	<b>-6%</b>

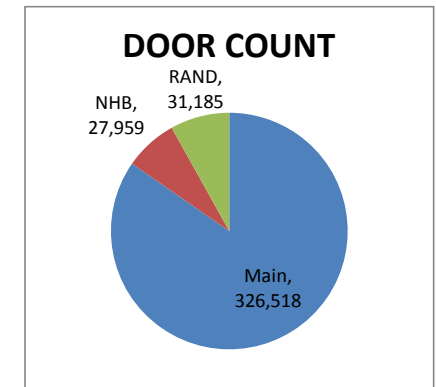
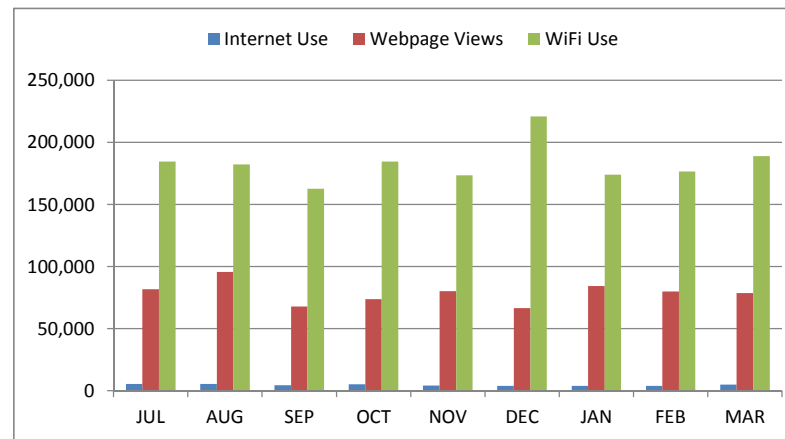
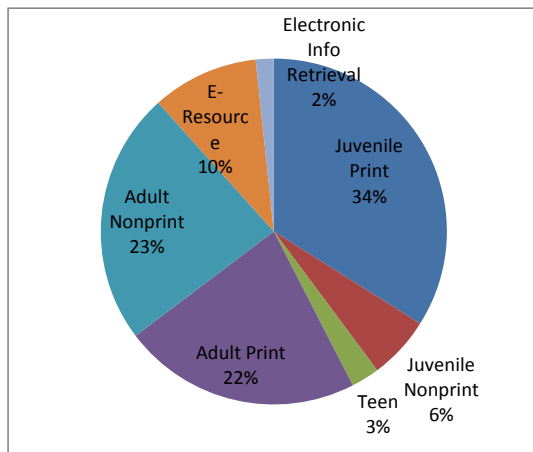
### INTERACTIONS

Ref/RA	13,746	13,103	11,340	12,779	11,290	12,140	11,789	10,955	12,360	-	-	-	109,502	110,946	-1%
Directional	2,102	1,593	1,281	1,760	1,780	1,675	1,619	1,642	1,963	-	-	-	15,415	17,245	-11%
Email	65	84	95	106	66	69	109	105	61	-	-	-	760	1,377	-45%

### COMPUTERS

Internet Use	5,389	5,461	4,475	5,122	4,176	3,819	3,962	3,974	4,885	0	0	0	41,263		
Webpage Views	81,705	95,661	67,783	73,866	80,262	66,456	84,309	79,895	78,621	0	0	0	708,558	766,224	-8%
WiFi Use	184,512	182,280	162,720	184,512	173,520	220,968	174,096	176,736	188,976	0	0	0	1,648,320	1,819,296	-9%

**TOTAL REGISTERED USE** 65,610 66,117 66,507 66,900 67,303 67,339 67,733 68,140 68,505 68,832 0 0



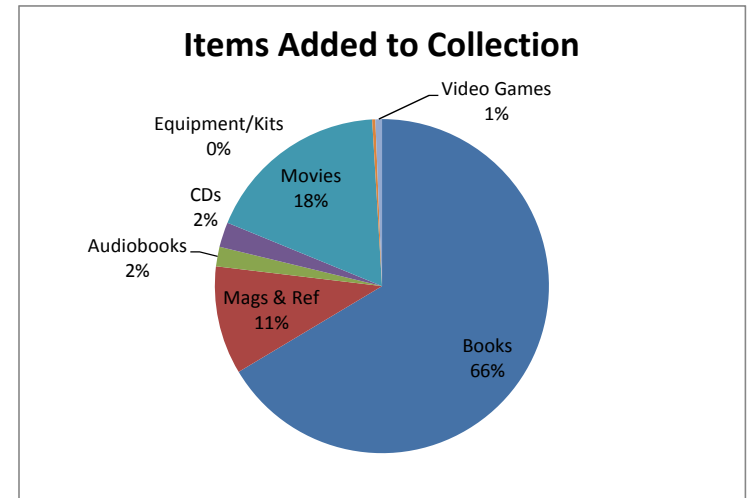
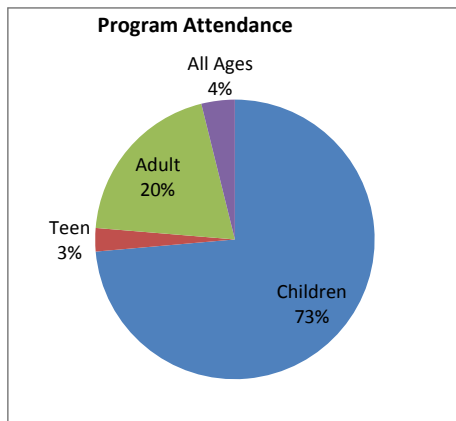
\*Effective 5/1/2018 Family audio visual now collected in Juvenile Non-Print, moved from Adult Non-Print

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<b><u>PROGRAMS</u></b>															
<b><u># Programs</u></b>															
Children	73	48	60	92	56	58	55	69	85	0	0	0	596		
Teen	3	2	4	8	4	5	6	5	7	0	0	0	44		
Adult	35	29	32	42	32	20	33	36	36	0	0	0	295		
All Ages	5	5	0	3	5	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	27		
<b><u>Attendance</u></b>															
Children	2383	2,483	1,565	3,550	1,726	1,958	1,801	1,846	2,268	0	0	0	19,580		
Teen	24	23	59	123	49	140	122	41	141	0	0	0	722		
Adult	686	506	562	741	549	312	454	711	748	0	0	0	5,269		
All Ages	212	119	0	29	122	354	84	65	45	0	0	0	1,030		
<b><u>PASSIVE PROGRAMS</u></b>															
<b><u># Programs</u></b>															
Children	18	12	9	8	6	6	12	9	8	0	0	0	88		
Teen	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Adult	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	6		
All Ages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b><u>Attendance</u></b>															
Children	1087	433	483	219	359	233	369	239	231	0	0	0	3,653		
Teen	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	250		
Adult	0	0	0	93	87	84	30	30	30	0	0	0	354		
All Ages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,057</b>		
<b>TOTAL PROG ATTEND</b>	<b>4,526</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>2,996</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>3,053</b>	<b>3,601</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,915</b>		


### **COLLECTIONS**

Database Titles	262,273	262,856	263,377	262,625	260,238	259,032	257,759
All Items (Print, AV & Mags)	277,572	276,606	276,845	275,400	273,640	270,141	266,332



April 9, 2019

## Crime readers book discussion April 10 at Palatine Public Library District

 [dailyherald.com/news/20190409/crime-readers-book-discussion-april-10-at-palatine-public-library-district](http://dailyherald.com/news/20190409/crime-readers-book-discussion-april-10-at-palatine-public-library-district)

April 9, 2019

Palatine Public Library District's crime readers book discussion this month will feature "The Gods of Gotham" by Lyndsay Faye.

The discussion is set for 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 10.

The book goes back to 1845, when Irish immigrant Timothy Wilde joins the newly formed New York Police Department and investigates an infanticide. Copies are available at the main library at 700 N. North Court. To sign up for the free program, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

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• **Book discussion:** 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Join to discuss "Educated: a Memoir" by Tara Westover. Free. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167.

### Monday 15

#### • Facebook Basics:

1:30-3 p.m. Monday, April 15, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. This class covers the basics of Facebook, including how people use it to keep in touch with friends and family. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

• **Book Discussion:** 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Join to discuss "Salt Houses" by Hala Alyan. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).


### April 11, 2019

**Addiction and Mental Health:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Palatine Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Gain a better understanding of the common stigmas associated with addiction, plus learn about helpful community resources with Nicholas Zajak, from Amita Health/Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Group Practice. Free.

**April 12, 2019**

## 'Salt Houses' featured for Palatine book discussion

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 [dailyherald.com/news/20190412/salt-houses-featured-for-palatine-book-discussion](http://dailyherald.com/news/20190412/salt-houses-featured-for-palatine-book-discussion)

April 12, 2019

Palatine Public Library will host an adult book discussion on "Salt Houses" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 15. Written by Hala Alyan, the book's character, Salma, foresees blessings and troubles in the lives of her daughter and grandchildren. Salma endures hardships stemming from the Six-Day War of 1967 in Palestine before rebuilding their lives in Kuwait, until the family is scattered again when Saddam Hussein's Iraqi regime invades. Copies of the book are available at the library at 700 N. North Court. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org). There is no cost to attend.

April 13, 2019

## The facts and theories of the Palatine wreck at Ashaway Library

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KELLY SULLIVAN

April 13, 2019

### Contributing Writer

RICHMOND – When the merchant ship Princess Augusta sailed out of Rotterdam, South Holland in 1738, the 340 German and Palatine emigrants aboard were undoubtedly looking forward to new beginnings in America. They had no idea they were fated to become victims in one of history's most mysterious tales.

The ship was bound for Philadelphia, spending months fighting its way through snowstorms, heavy winds and rough seas. The terrible conditions slowed the journey and heightened their suffering. Frostbite set in. Supplies of food and water ran out. Passengers grew sick, frozen and desperate. More than half of those who boarded the ship died en route of starvation, illness, dehydration or the freezing conditions.

On Dec. 27, a horrific snowstorm blew in, blinding all attempts to maneuver the vessel in its charted direction. As violent waves smashed against the ship, it veered off course and wrecked against the northern tip of Block Island, 12 miles from the Rhode Island coast.

Over the years, when the ship has been spoken of, it has taken on the name of the "Palatine" due to the ethnicity of those who had been aboard her. And the theories of what transpired that winter night at sea are still argued over, although all seem to include murders being committed before the ship is set afire to destroy evidence.

But the story doesn't end with the mystery of how the Palatine met its demise. Throughout the centuries that have followed, hundreds of people have sworn to have looked out toward Block Island and seen the hazy image of a ship in flames. The legend has become known as the Palatine Light.

Author Jill Farinelli has taken the facts and the theories, the history and the scientific explanations and woven them together in her book "The Palatine Wreck: The Legend of the New England Ghost Ship" to provide a complete analysis of the 18th-century sea tragedy.

She will be presenting a lecture on the book at Ashaway Free Library, located at 15 Knight Street in Ashaway, on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m.


For those interested in local history, ghost stories or tales of the sea, the eerie legend of the Palatine has it all. Have some people actually been lucky enough to witness the mystical replay of a crime that occurred 371 years ago? Or is there a simple explanation to a mystery that has plagued historians for centuries?

The lecture is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Those with questions may call the library at 377-2770.



April 16, 2019

## Cholesterol, blood screening event at Palatine library May 1

 [dailyherald.com/news/20190416/cholesterol-blood-screening-event-at-palatine-library-may-1](http://dailyherald.com/news/20190416/cholesterol-blood-screening-event-at-palatine-library-may-1)

April 16, 2019

### News

Daily Herald report

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The Palatine Public Library will host a cholesterol and blood pressure screening event for adults from 3 to 7 p.m. May 1.

Officials said AMITA Health registered nurses will handle the free screenings at the main library, 700 N. North Court in Palatine.

Consultation on improving negative results will be provided. To sign up, call (855) 692-6482 or visit [amitahealth.org](http://amitahealth.org).

**Great Book Discussion:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Discuss "Imperfect Ideal: Utopian and Dystopian Visions." Some copies are available for checkout with your library card. Join the group anytime; new members welcome. Copies are available now for \$25 at the second-floor Reference Desk. For details, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 166.

**Ukulele Storytime:** 6:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. It's an all-music storytime. Sing along with favorite children's tunes and enjoy books set to music. For ages 5 and younger. Call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

April 17, 2019

### **Board Game Night**

• 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Try board games from the Library of Things or bring your own. Snacks provided. For ages 12 and older. Call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

# Palatine Distributes TIF Surpluses, Shores Up Pensions

By IGOR STUDENKOV

Special to the Journal

Two weeks after approving surpluses for two out of its four Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, Palatine approved surpluses for a third.

During Monday's (April 15) village council meeting, councilmen unanimously approved declaring surplus for the Rand Corridor TIF, sending a total of \$941,890 back to taxing districts.

The village plans to use its portion to reduce funding shortfalls for fire and police pensions.

Village Manager Reid Ottesen described the surplus declaration as a way to give back to the taxing bodies that supported Palatine's redevelopment efforts.

When a TIF district is created, the amount of property tax revenue the taxing bodies collect is "frozen." When tax revenue goes up, the new revenue that would normally go to those taxing bodies is instead deposited in a TIF fund. A TIF district normally runs for 23 years, though the municipalities can request an extension or end the TIF early.

Like other municipalities, every year, Palatine has a right to send the money that hasn't been committed to any projects or debt repayment

obligations back to the taxing bodies. Palatine has a great deal of flexibility when it comes to deciding exactly how much surplus it would declare, and whether to declare a surplus at all.

Palatine currently maintains four TIFs, down from five after the Dundee Road TIF expired this year. During its April 1 meeting, the village council declared surplus in the Dundee Road TIF and Rand-Dundee Road TIF, the latter of which is expiring next year.

During Monday's meeting, the village declared surplus for one of the newer TIFs -- the Rand Corridor TIF -- which was established in 2003. This means that the money will most likely continue to be collected until 2026.

As the name suggests, the TIF includes significant portions of Rand Road northeast and southeast of the intersection of Rand and Dundee roads.

According to staff, the original plan was to have the village council declare surpluses for all three TIFs during the same meeting, but the village delayed it because they wanted to make sure they got the numbers right.

The village will get back \$114,350. As with its share of the surpluses from the two older TIFs, it plans to use it all to reduce public

safety pensions debt. This was part of a 10-year plan that would use the combination of TIF funding, reserves and paying off debt early to reduce the pension liabilities. Altogether, the village is putting \$263,260 into public safety pensions from TIF surpluses.

As for the other taxing bodies, School District 15 will get \$331,170 while Township High School District 211 will get \$267,400. Palatine Park District will get \$60,090, while

Palatine Library District \$25,240. Harper College will get \$38,900, while Palatine Township will get \$13,090; \$51,050 will go to Cook County. The remaining \$40,600 will go to unspecified "other agencies."

Looking at the comprehensive list of all taxing bodies within Palatine village limits and ruling out the ones that don't fall within the borders of two TIFs specifically, that includes Palatine Township Road District, Forest Preserves

District of Cook County, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Northwest Mosquito Abatement District.


Councilmen asked Ottesen how many other Northwest suburbs declared TIF surpluses. He responded that, while Palatine wasn't unique, it was "in the forefront of doing it."

"This is a way of giving back to the taxing bodies that supported us in our redevelopment," Ottesen added.

April 23, 2019

**ESL Conversation Club:** 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Practice your English conversational skills with friendly volunteers over tea and coffee. Basic conversation skills recommended. Drop in. For information, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167 or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

# School districts getting biggest chunks of Palatine's surplus from special taxing zone

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April 23, 2019

This Panera Bread Co. at Rand and Dundee roads in Palatine was built in a tax increment financing district designed to spur development. Strong development cited in three special taxing zones in the vicinity of Rand and Dundee roads led village council members this month to agree to distribute nearly \$2.2 million in surplus funds. Courtesy of Eve Metheny, 2017

Palatine is continuing a tradition of providing a cash infusion to local school districts and other government agencies serving village residents.

Strong development in three special taxing zones near Rand and Dundee roads led to the village council in separate meetings this month to agree to distribute nearly \$2.2 million in surplus funds. Palatine Township Elementary District 15 and Palatine-Schaumburg Township High School District 211 will receive the biggest shares.

Like other towns, Palatine has tax increment financing districts designed to spur development. In a TIF district, property taxes paid to local governments -- such as schools and park districts -- are frozen at existing levels, and taxes beyond that are diverted to a fund controlled by the village for economic development purposes, such as infrastructure upgrades.

Cook County officials said a town can declare a surplus at any time over the life of a TIF district, which typically lasts 23 years. Village Manager Reid Ottesen said Palatine is "fairly unique" in directing surplus funds not needed for the intended uses to the other governments.

"I think it's a way of giving back to the other taxing bodies who have been supporting us in our economic development for 20 years," Ottesen said.

From 2010 to 2018, documents show, Palatine distributed \$6.84 million to District 15 and \$5.54 million to District 211. The top five recipients are rounded out by the village at \$2.34 million, Palatine Park District at \$1.25 million and Harper College at \$803,340.

As in past years, districts 15 and 211 will receive the biggest checks in 2019 because they account for nearly two-thirds of a property owner's tax bill. The village will send the money to the Cook County treasurer's office for distribution to the schools and other taxing agencies.

Palatine figures show District 15 will receive \$766,710. District 15 Superintendent Scott Thompson said Tuesday the money will go into the capital project fund that has a \$7.4 million budget for expenses in the current school year.

"The district is grateful for the excellent administration of Rand-Dundee TIF and the declaration of a cash surplus," Thompson said.


District 211 will receive \$620,170, followed by the village at \$263,260, the park district at \$139,760 and Cook County at \$116,560. Also getting a cut for this year will be Harper, the Palatine Public Library District, Palatine Township and other governments.

Officials said the amount allocated to village government will go toward additional contributions to public safety pension plans.

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## Big Trucks Free Family Event Returns to Palatine

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April 26, 2019

Palatine Park District presents Big Trucks, a free community event, on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Family Aquatic Center Parking Lot, located at 340 East Palatine Road, Palatine. Parking will be available in the Community Center Parking Lot located at 250 East Wood Street, Palatine.

This entertaining family event allows children of all ages the opportunity to see big trucks and vehicles up close, and they will even be able to sit in the driver's seat in some of the trucks. This year's event will once again include goody bags for the first 750 children, a free prize raffle, a craft area provided by Lakeshore Learning, outdoor inflatables provided by The Playground Games. Concessions will be available.

Groups currently scheduled to showcase their vehicles may include: Groot Waste & Recycling, Palatine Police Department, Community Consolidated School District 15, Village of Palatine Public Works Department, Palatine Fire Department, Hillside Towing, Prairie Material, Palatine Township, Jewel-Osco, MBL Recycling, Palatine Emergency Management Agency, Matusek Enterprises, Advanced Tree Service, United States Marine Corps, and Palatine Park District.

A variety of businesses and organizations have made this event possible through their partnership with Palatine Park District including presenting sponsor Andigo Credit Union, and several gold sponsors including ABC Plumbing Heating Cooling & Electric, Eric Esch State Farm, Palatine Bank & Trust, Palatine Public Library District, The Daily Herald, CD One Price Cleaners, and The Playground Games.


For more information, contact Karen Rude, Palatine Park District Preschool/Tots Coordinator, at 847-496-6239 or [krude@palatineparks.org](mailto:krude@palatineparks.org).

The mission of Palatine Park District is to provide a variety of safe, enjoyable and affordable parks, programs and recreational facilities that will enhance the quality of life by promoting good health and well-being for all residents and visitors while being fiscally responsible stewards of community assets and tax dollars.

**April 27, 2019**

## Palatine library hosting evening with German historian

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April 27, 2019

Palatine Public Library District will present an adult program called "Silent Heroes: Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany."

Running from 7 to 8 p.m., the free evening will feature German historian Anette Isaacs with a look at the relatively unknown and sometimes forgotten heroes who often gave their lives in order to fight against the Nazi regime. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org). The library is at 700 N. North Court.

**April 29, 2019**

### **Palatine library program:**


Palatine Public Library District will present a program called "Silent Heroes: Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany" from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 2. The free evening will feature German historian Anette Isaacs with a look at the relatively unknown and sometimes forgotten heroes who often gave their lives in order to fight against the Nazi regime. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org). The library is at 700 N. North Court.

**Rachel Carson — Silent Spring and the Environmental Movement:** 7 p.m. Monday, April 29, Palatine Library, 700 N. North

Court, Palatine. Actress and historian Leslie Goddard portrays environmental writer and marine biologist Rachel Carson in celebration of Earth month. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [www.palatinelibrary.org](http://www.palatinelibrary.org).

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## Palatine library hosting board game night May 16

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The Palatine Public Library District will host a board game night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

Participants may try board games from the "library of things" or bring their own. Snacks will be provided for the drop-in evening that'll be geared for those 12 and older.

For more information, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](https://www.palatinelibrary.org). The library is at 700 N. North Court.

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## Dist. 15 Board Remains Open To Full-Day Kindergarten

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Palatine Elementary School Dist. 15 board members Wednesday, May 8 directed Supt. Scott Thompson to move forward with a plan that would add a new school to the northeast part of Palatine, resulting in full-day kindergarten services throughout the district.

Thompson told the board that if the district were to create a school in vacant retail space at Park Place Shopping Center, it would cost the district, to start, approximately \$17.85 million. However, additional costs would be likely and there are several funding options the district could choose from to offset those expenses.

The new 80,000 sq. ft. school, which could open as early as August 2021, would serve between 750-800 students in grades K-6. It would contain 30-32 classrooms and may serve as a community school, meaning other social services could be provided after school hours including a partnership with the Palatine Public Library District.

A two-acre play field would be constructed next to the school.

According to Thompson, 22 percent of the district's student population lives in that area where there is no school today.

The district is looking to take over the former Whole Foods and adjacent space up to the Goodwill store for the school. The former T.J. Maxx store would be demolished to create the playground.

The district would purchase the property for \$4.1 million. Constructing the school is estimated at an additional \$13.75 million bringing the total to \$17.85 million. Thompson said the district would be required to install a storm shelter that could increase the overall cost.

For the time being, the district is looking at leasing the space from the construction company while work is being completed. Because of that, the district anticipates spending over \$262,000 on real estate taxes. However, once the district takes ownership, it would be exempted from paying property taxes.

In Thompson's financial projections, he estimates the district would need to spend \$2.1 million on furniture and equipment for the new school and \$125,000 for playground amenities, totaling an additional \$2.48 million in the first year and raising the total to around \$20.34 million.

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Thompson suggested board members approve life safety bonds for between \$4.1-\$5.1 million and sell a vacant 40-acre tract of land on Ela Road in Inverness that was meant for a school years ago, but never came to fruition. He believes the district could sell that land for \$4 million.

If the district sold that land for the asking price and took out bonds, the district could reduce the initial cost for the new school by \$8.1-\$9.1 million, bringing the remaining balance down to between \$11.2 and \$12.2 million, which the district could use reserve funds to pay.

Financial projections show that if the district used reserves to pay the remaining balance to construct the school, by the 2021-22 school year the district would see its reserves drop from \$59.6 million or 36.3% of total expenditures, to \$46.3 million or 28.2% of total expenditures. The following year, reserves are estimated to total \$49.7 million, or 29.9% of total expenditures.

Board policy is to keep around 30% of total expenditures on hand, while the state believes 25% is sufficient. Thompson pointed out estimated reserve balances would remain healthy even after using funds to pay for the new school.

Once the school is up and running, annual costs would be associated with its operation. According to Thompson, it would cost the district \$1.27 million annually due to new personnel, utilities and supplies. That amount would increase every year based on salary increases for teachers at the school.

With the new school up and running, space would be freed up at other schools to accommodate full-day kindergarten throughout the district to a tune of \$1.3 million annually, resulting in new annual costs of around \$2.6 million.

With Palatine expected to retire several Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts in the next 2-8 years, the district anticipates \$4.23 million to be returned to Dist. 15 annually from the village by 2027-28, which can be used to pay for ongoing expenses to operate the new school and full-day kindergarten.

Based on annual costs to run the school and the district receiving new tax revenue in the coming years, the district anticipates the school and full-day kindergarten to run a deficit for the next several years, but eventually operate at a surplus within the next 10 years.

Thompson said the district is saving a lot of money by utilizing an existing building instead of constructing anew.

"This would get us full-day kindergarten, which is of high value and the school would be situated close to many of our kids," he said. "There is a lot reward and opportunities associated with some of the risk."



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If the new school comes to fruition, the district would be able to offer full-day kindergarten for 1,100-1,200 students district-wide, according to Thompson.


Thompson said this would enhance the entire community while placing students closest to their home school while keeping busing costs down.

With the board giving Thompson direction to continue moving forward, at the next board meeting on June 12 Thompson plans to provide the board with a preliminary look at what new district boundaries would look like, if the new school was built in addition to a proposal to issue the life safety bonds.

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### Milaap celebrates opening of Kartarpur Corridor

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**SURENDA ULLAL**

**CHICAGO:** The Punjabi Academy of Chicago, Navraaz Kaur Productions (NKPI) and Pakistan Heritage and Cultural Association (PHACA) celebrated the opening of the Kartarpur Corridor with a Global Punjabi Milaap at Palatine Public Library.

During the course of celebration, tributes were paid to Jagindar Singh Ramdev who lost all his family members except his mother during the partition of India and Pakistan.

Thakar Singh Basati welcomed the audience and invited Dr Hal Schneider, who is a trustee of Palatine Library Board. He informed the audience about the services Palatine Library offers, including about 50 Punjabi books.

Sajid Chaudhry, co-host of Global Punjabi Milaap from Pakistan side and Chairman of PHACA, told the audience that Global Punjabi Milaap was started in 2003 to bring together people of Punjab who migrated in 1947 and live out of India and Pakistan so that they can share memories of their childhood.

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Stating that the division of India and Pakistan was politically motivated, Chaudhry said that Punjabi people have not lost love and respect for each other even though they suffered most for the division.

Navraaz Kaur Basati, President of NKPI, addressed the audience with a couplet of Punjabi songs "Tere bina raanjna ve heer".

Sardar Gurcharan Singh Banwait and Javed Bhatti were the guests of honor at the event.

Bhatti said if the Berlin Wall can collapse under people pressure, so can boundary lines between India and Pakistan.

Banwait said he has been going to Pakistan and noticed that gurdwaras were totally neglected.