



DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 2020

ACTIVITIES

Three bid packages were made available on August 10: construction, furniture, and moving. Mandatory pre-bid meetings were held on August 19 for contractors. Due to COVID-19, adjustments were made to allow for social distancing but ensure contractors all had equal access to the building. **Roughly 65 contractors and subcontractors attended one of two meetings.** Both were recorded and made available afterward for viewing. **Bids are due on September 3 at 2:00 p.m.** and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Our bond sale was completed on July 30, and proceeds were deposited in our account on August 20.

CCS migration continues on schedule. Staff are wrapping up training and preparing for migration weekend, September 4-8. If all goes as planned, we'll be **up and running on the Polaris software on September 9.** Members are being kept apprised of the changes via our website, eNewsletter, print newsletter, and social media.

Managers completed performance evaluations for all staff this month. Many staff have stepped up this year to create new online services and programs, learn virtual technologies, and respond to COVID-19. Others have worked hard on our renovation and catalog migration projects. All have had to adapt rapidly in a time of great change and uncertainty. **I'm proud of the work they've accomplished this year.** Eligible staff will receive merit increases on September 1.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS

All meetings were conducted virtually, except where noted.

- StoryWalk ribbon-cutting, Hamilton Reservoir, 8/5
- Public Library Construction Act Grant conference call, 8/12
- HE Chamber Women Engaged in Business, 8/17
- Renovation pre-bid meetings, Meeting Room 1, 8/19
- Foundation Board, 8/20
- POC Board Meeting, 8/21

Jeannie Dilger

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.*

| Goals | Themes | Actions | Committee Members | Start Date | # Days | End Date | Status |
|---|--------|--|------------------------------------|------------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| 1.1: The library has comfortable, flexible spaces that encourage use and connection. | | | | | | | |
| | | Interior renovation | | | | | |
| | | Reno: Planning phase | Renovation Team | 7/15/2019 | 360 | 7/9/2020 | complete |
| | | Reno: Bidding | Jeannie, Board | 7/10/2020 | 60 | 9/8/2020 | in progress |
| | | Reno: Construction | Jeannie, Mel, Gregg | 10/1/2020 | 480 | 1/24/2022 | not yet started |
| | | Make minor changes not dependent on the renovation | | | | | |
| | | Storage for Library of Things | Marcia, Jessica, Andrea | 12/1/2020 | 120 | 3/31/2021 | not yet started |
| | | Pop Pick display furniture, including space for DVDs | Mel, Jeannie | 1/1/2020 | 180 | 6/29/2020 | complete |
| | | Reupholster furniture to be reused | Jeannie | 5/1/2020 | 180 | 10/28/2020 | not yet started |
| 1.2: The library's collection is vibrant and convenient to access. | | | | | | | |
| | | ILS Migration | | | | | |
| | | ILS profiling | ILS Team, Rosalie | 12/10/2019 | 60 | 2/8/2020 | complete |
| | | ILS mapping | ILS Team, Rosalie | 5/1/2020 | 30 | 5/31/2020 | complete |
| | | ILS configuration (3rd party services) | Tech, Kristin, Mike | 6/1/2020 | 90 | 8/30/2020 | in progress |
| | | ILS data testing | ILS Team, Tech Servs, Art | 6/1/2020 | 90 | 8/30/2020 | complete |
| | | ILS staff training | ILS Team, Rosalie, | 6/1/2020 | 90 | 8/30/2020 | complete |
| | | big weed prior to migration/renovation | Lupe, Selectors, Brian | 1/1/2020 | 210 | 7/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | evaluate library app post-migration and explore options | Rolando | 9/7/2020 | 90 | 12/6/2020 | complete |
| | | Ease of Access | | | | | |
| | | Research and budget for Open+ to expand branch hours | Jeannie, Karen, Rosalie | 1/1/2020 | 120 | 4/30/2020 | delayed |
| | | Use Open Town Hall to survey patrons about add'l hours at Main | Jeannie, Andrea | 9/1/2020 | 90 | 11/30/2020 | in progress |
| | | Temporary signage during construction | Rosalie, Andrea | 9/15/2020 | 480 | 1/8/2022 | not yet started |
| | | Plan permanent signage for after construction | Rosalie, Andrea | 9/1/2020 | 180 | 2/28/2021 | in progress |
| | | Collection Analysis | | | | | |
| | | update collection plan | Selectors, Kristin/Violet | 9/1/2019 | 180 | 2/28/2020 | in progress |
| 1.3: The library is committed to quality patron interactions. | | | | | | | |
| | | Training for staff and patrons | | | | | |
| | | De-escalation training | Mel, Brian, Jennifer, Tracie, Tara | 3/1/2020 | 180 | 8/28/2020 | complete |
| | | Library Code of Conduct training | Mel, Shelby | 1/15/2020 | 180 | 7/13/2020 | not yet started |
| | | Add or improve services | | | | | |
| | | Expand # of notaries on staff | Mel, Christi, Joy | 6/1/2020 | 180 | 11/28/2020 | delayed |
| | | Begin process to be passport acceptance facility (apply, training) | Jeannie, Christi | 1/1/2020 | 270 | 9/27/2020 | delayed |
| | | Minimize disruption during renovation | Mel, Circ Assocs | 10/1/2020 | 480 | 1/24/2022 | not yet started |

| 2 Engagement: We work continuously with the community to increase our reach and expand our impact. <i>We are a valued community partner.</i> | | | | | | | |
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| Goals | Themes | Actions | Committee | Start Date | # Days | End Date | Status |
| 2.1: The community has high awareness of library services and programs. | | | | | | | |
| | Communicate about Changes | | | | | | |
| | | communicate with patrons and staff about renovation | Susan, Mel, Andrea | 8/1/2020 | 510 | 12/24/2021 | in progress |
| | | communicate with patrons and staff about migration | Rosalie, Lupe, Mel | 6/1/2020 | 120 | 9/29/2020 | in progress |
| | Implement Marketing Plan | | | | | | |
| | | Revitalize marketing efforts to promote library services and programs | | 1/1/2020 | 365 | 12/31/2020 | in progress |
| | | Survey impact of programs and services on visitors | Libby | 1/1/2020 | 120 | 4/30/2020 | delayed |
| | | Support outreach efforts with emphasis on quality | | 1/1/2020 | 365 | 12/31/2020 | delayed |
| | | Create standards for signage and produce signage that is clear and helpful | Rosalie, Comms | 1/1/2020 | 120 | 4/30/2020 | in progress |
| | | continue to communicate plans and timeline to the public about the renovation | Karen B, Mel | 1/1/2020 | 720 | 12/21/2021 | in progress |
| | | Promote both branch locations to increase awareness and usage | Karen B, Comms, Libby, Jennifer | 1/1/2020 | 365 | 12/31/2020 | not yet started |
| | Programming | | | | | | |
| | | re-imagine program comm and its goals | Mel, Jeannie, Gayle, Kaitlin | 3/1/2020 | 120 | 6/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2.2: The library interacts with its diverse community to discover and respond to current needs of all groups. | | | | | | | |
| | Bilingual Services | | | | | | |
| | | increase EDI activities/network groups | Mary, Carly, Glenda | 3/1/2020 | 180 | 8/28/2020 | in progress |
| | | identify current staff to increase bilingual skills | Lizette, Lupe, Mary, Tracie | 4/1/2020 | 180 | 9/28/2020 | not yet started |
| | | hire more staff (through turnover) to focus on bilingual community | Mary, Lizette | 1/1/2020 | 365 | 12/31/2020 | in progress |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2.3: The library creates and deepens meaningful partnerships with local organizations and businesses. | | | | | | | |
| | Overcome Transportation Barriers | | | | | | |
| | | Participate in community conversations about transportation | Mel | 2/1/2020 | 365 | 1/31/2021 | delayed |
| | Outreach | | | | | | |
| | | Define successful outreach and set goals | Lizette, Emily | 11/1/2019 | 180 | 4/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | Create library-wide community partner database | Rebecca | 3/1/2020 | 90 | 5/30/2020 | in progress |
| | | Maintain & deepen current partnerships w/commun orgs | Andrea | 1/1/2020 | 270 | 9/27/2020 | complete |
| | | Share and celebrate our work with commun orgs | Comms, Mel | 7/1/2020 | 180 | 12/28/2020 | not yet started |
| | Census 2020 | | | | | | |
| | | Host tables for census job recruiters | Rebecca | 12/3/2019 | 150 | 5/1/2020 | complete |
| | | Create guest passes | Tech | 12/3/2019 | 300 | 9/28/2020 | complete |
| | | Promote to patrons (bulletin boards, etc.) | Lizette, Mel | 12/3/2019 | 300 | 9/28/2020 | in progress |
| | | Training and info for staff | Lizette | 12/3/2019 | 300 | 9/28/2020 | complete |

| 3 Endurance: We strive for sustainability in our practices, human and financial resources, and facilities. <i>We are a resilient organization.</i> | | | | | | | |
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| Goals | Themes | Actions | Committee | Start Date | # Days | End Date | Status |
| 3.1: The library is a trusted steward of resources. | | | | | | | |
| | | Monitor Finances | | | | | |
| | | Monitor TIFs and TIF distributions | Mel, Jeannie, Beth | 12/1/2019 | 180 | 5/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | Examine investment strategy | Jeannie, Fin Comm | 1/15/2020 | 60 | 3/15/2020 | complete |
| | | Issue bonds to finance renovation | Jeannie, Fin Comm | 1/15/2020 | 180 | 7/13/2020 | complete |
| | | Transparency | | | | | |
| | | Publish stats online | Kristin, Jeannie | 6/1/2019 | 270 | 2/26/2020 | in progress |
| | | Train appropriate staff to navigate OpenGov | Beth, Karla | 2/26/2020 | 90 | 5/26/2020 | delayed |
| | | Utilize OpenGov Stories and Town Hall | Kristin, Jeannie | 1/1/2020 | 270 | 9/27/2020 | in progress |
| | | Annual report in newsletter | Beth, Andrea, Jeannie | 7/1/2020 | 180 | 12/28/2020 | not yet started |
| | | Enrich and expand volunteer opportunities as a mutual support for the Library and the community. | | | | | |
| | | diversify volunteer pool (e.g. special needs, court-ordered) | HR | 4/1/2020 | 150 | 8/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | recruit volunteer greeters during renovation | Karla | 10/1/2020 | 90 | 12/30/2020 | not yet started |
| 3.2: The library is a preferred employer that values staff development and retention. | | | | | | | |
| | | Improve Employee Engagement at the library. | | | | | |
| | | Study workload in public service departments | Susan, Brian, Kathy, Rosalie, Jeannie, Mel | 10/15/2019 | 210 | 5/12/2020 | complete |
| | | Adjust staffing based on workload study and new interior floor plan | Susan, Brian, Kathy, Rosalie, Jeannie, Mel | 5/15/2020 | 90 | 8/13/2020 | not yet started |
| | | Tweak new performance evaluation form | Mel, Beth, Mary | 2/1/2020 | 90 | 5/1/2020 | complete |
| | | Offer more opportunities to join committees and project teams | Mgmt Team | 5/1/2020 | 120 | 8/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | Enhance staff recognition program | HR | 1/1/2020 | 90 | 3/31/2020 | complete |
| | | Spotlight milestone anniversaries | HR | 1/1/2020 | 90 | 3/31/2020 | complete |
| | | Competitive Salary/Benefits | | | | | |
| | | Examine possibility of family insurance | Jeannie, Mary | 4/1/2020 | 60 | 5/31/2020 | delayed |
| | | Evaluate work schedules with breaks including weekend shifts | Mel, Pub Servs Mgrs | 4/1/2020 | 90 | 6/30/2020 | delayed |
| | | Hire subs or consider "on call" staff. Budget & post positions | Mary, Mel, Mike | 3/1/2020 | 180 | 8/28/2020 | in progress |
| | | Staff Training | | | | | |
| | | implement collaborative classroom idea (changed to virtual training) | Mel, Mary | 3/1/2020 | 180 | 8/28/2020 | delayed |
| | | cross train staff to cover desks in other departments | Lizette, Susan, Lupe | 6/1/2020 | 120 | 9/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | Active shooter training | Mel, Mary | 12/1/2019 | 90 | 2/29/2020 | complete |

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| 3.3: The library's systems and facilities are resilient, modern, and efficient. | | | | | | | |
| | | Maintain and improve the Library's three locations, including buildings and maintenance systems. | | | | | |
| | | Repair concrete in underground parking garage | Gregg | 7/1/2020 | 120 | 10/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | Revise emergency manual | Mel, Mary, Karla | 5/1/2020 | 90 | 7/30/2020 | delayed |
| | | Train staff on healthy hygiene practices to reduce sick time | Wellness Committee, HR | 3/1/2020 | 90 | 5/30/2020 | complete |
| | | Examine emergency communication practices, consider app | 1 Tech staff member? | 9/1/2020 | 30 | 10/1/2020 | not yet started |
| | | Regularly review, replace, and upgrade technology systems in order to meet the needs of patrons and staff. | | | | | |
| | | Incorporate Office 365 into workflows | Susan, Shawn, Rolando | 3/1/2020 | 180 | 8/28/2020 | complete |
| | | Investigate hearing loop update for Meeting Room 1 | 1 Tech Support Spec, Susan | 2/1/2020 | 60 | 4/1/2020 | delayed |
| | | Network review & revamping | Mike, CTC | 1/1/2020 | 360 | 12/26/2020 | in progress |
| | | New WiFi | Mike, Susan, CTC | 12/1/2019 | 90 | 2/29/2020 | in progress |
| | | Investigate data backup systems | Mike | 7/1/2020 | 90 | 9/29/2020 | complete |
| | | Simple Scan Station | Mike, Shawn | 1/1/2020 | 90 | 3/31/2020 | in progress |
| | | New Intranet | Rolando, Amy, Kiel | 1/1/2020 | 120 | 4/30/2020 | complete |
| | | New Firewall | Susan, Mike, CTC | 9/1/2020 | 120 | 12/30/2020 | in progress |
| | | New Security Cameras | Susan, Mike, Gregg? | 3/1/2020 | 120 | 6/29/2020 | delayed |

Year-to-Year Comparison

| Category | 2017-18 | % Change3 | 2018-19 | % Change2 | 2019-20 | % Change4 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| HOURS & VISITORS | | | | | | |
| Hours | | | | | | |
| NHB | 2,336 | 0% | 2,328 | 0% | 1,640 | -30% |
| MAIN | 3,536 | 0% | 3,524 | 0% | 2,459 | -30% |
| RRB | 2,180 | -3% | 2,173 | 0% | 1,532 | -29% |
| Total | 8,052 | -1% | 8,025 | 0% | 5,631 | -30% |
| Visits | | | | | | |
| NHB | 34,860 | 0% | 33,865 | -3% | 22,706 | -33% |
| MAIN | 425,124 | -2% | 397,790 | -6% | 253,561 | -36% |
| RRB | 40,049 | -3% | 37,987 | -5% | 26,457 | -30% |
| Total | 500,033 | -2% | 469,642 | -6% | 302,724 | -36% |
| ROOM USE | | | | | | |
| Meeting Rooms | 946 | 2% | 699 | -26% | 456 | -35% |
| Study Rooms | 8,410 | 6% | 10,310 | 23% | 7,178 | -30% |
| PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE | | | | | | |
| Programs | | | | | | |
| Children's | 778 | 13% | 954 | 23% | 635 | -33% |
| Young Adult | 78 | 42% | 61 | -22% | 61 | 0% |
| Other | 399 | 4% | 439 | 10% | 379 | -14% |
| Total | 1,255 | 11% | 1,454 | 16% | 1,075 | -26% |
| Attendance | | | | | | |
| Children's | 31,801 | 26% | 29,700 | -7% | 22,280 | -25% |
| Young Adult | 3,734 | 68% | 1,049 | -72% | 2,149 | 105% |
| Other | 11,009 | 1% | 8,301 | -25% | 14,167 | 71% |
| Total | 46,544 | 21% | 39,050 | -16% | 38,596 | -1% |
| USERS | | | | | | |
| Residents | 63,767 | 8% | 57,996 | -9% | 60,591 | 4% |
| Non-Residents | 158 | -14% | 144 | -9% | 160 | 11% |
| Total | 63,925 | 8% | 58,140 | -9% | 60,751 | 4% |
| CIRCULATION | | | | | | |
| Adult | 759,615 | -6% | 581,255 | -23% | 453,045 | -22% |
| Young Adult | 43,086 | -4% | 34,640 | -20% | 29,020 | -16% |
| Children's | 494,981 | 0% | 509,450 | 3% | 446,221 | -12% |
| Total | 1,297,682 | -4% | 1,125,345 | -13% | 928,286 | -18% |
| REFERENCE | | | | | | |
| Questions | 140,224 | 7% | 148,998 | 6% | 101,678 | -32% |
| 1on1 Assistance | 66 | 0% | 48 | -27% | 60 | 25% |
| COMPUTERS | | | | | | |
| PC Use | 66,653 | -5% | 62,996 | -5% | 29,811 | -53% |
| WiFi Use | 2,193,168 | 4% | 2,230,176 | 2% | 1,590,582 | -29% |

August 18, 2020

Goebbels' Propaganda Machine — The Rise to Power of Adolf Hitler: Virtually at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Palatine Public Library. Join Historian Jim Gibbons as he presents Joseph Goebbels' propaganda machine by discussing Goebbels' and Hitler's methods, madness and relentless drive to promote Nazi causes. Free. Visit www.palatinelibrary.org.

ESL Conversation Club: Virtually from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Palatine Library. Practice your English conversational skills virtually with friendly library volunteers. Basic conversation skills recommended. Call (847)

August 25, 2020

ESL Conversation Club: Virtually from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Palatine Library. Practice your English conversational skills virtually with friendly Palatine Library volunteers. Basic conversation skills recommended. For information, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit palatinelibrary.org.

Palatine library drops fines, joins forces with other libraries

 [dailyherald.com/news/20200901/palatine-library-drops-fines-joins-forces-with-other-libraries](https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20200901/palatine-library-drops-fines-joins-forces-with-other-libraries)

September 1, 2020



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Patrons of the Palatine Public Library District will no longer have to pay fines and will have access to a catalog of 5 million items shared across more than two dozen libraries starting Sept. 9.

Palatine is joining the Cooperative Computer Services consortium of 28 libraries in the north suburbs, including Algonquin, Evanston, Grayslake, Prospect Heights and more. Palatine is the largest among them, spokeswoman Andrea Lublink said.

"Several of our staff have worked at other libraries that belonged to a consortium and expressed how great it was to have more access to materials from different libraries," Lublink said. "Moving to CCS is a good decision for our community."

Patrons will be able to request, pick up and return items at any library within the consortium. They also will have easy access to services from their mobile devices with a choice of notifications by email, phone and text message.

The research into whether to join a consortium started about a year ago, Lublink said. Reaching Across Illinois Library System awarded the Palatine library a \$45,965 grant to help offset one-time costs associated with joining the consortium.

The library warned that ahead of the transition, some services will not be available Friday to Tuesday including accessing accounts and placing holds and renewals. Checked out items will not be due during this time.

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Also starting Sept. 9, items checked out at Palatine library district locations that are returned late will not accrue overdue fines, although patrons will be billed for lost or damaged items.

Many libraries within the consortium are fine-free, so it made sense to do the same, Lublink said.

"The revenue from overdue fines was not very significant to our budget and we knew we could continue to offer the same level of service without those funds," she said. "We do realize that some members that have larger fines are not able to continue to use their library cards and access all our services. By eliminating fines, we remove those barriers that may prevent people from coming back."

The library district includes the main library, 700 N. North Court in Palatine, and branches at 3600 Lexington Drive in Hoffman Estates and 1585 Rand Road in Palatine. The district serves about 90,000 residents. Visit palatinelibrary.org for more information.

Palatine teen earns Congressional Award for volunteerism

 [dailyherald.com/entlife/20200903/palatine-teen-earns-congressional-award-for-volunteerism](https://www.dailyherald.com/entlife/20200903/palatine-teen-earns-congressional-award-for-volunteerism)

September 3, 2020



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For 16-year-old Caitlin Wilson, the Palatine Public Library is her "happy place," so it's no wonder that's where she chose to spend most of her volunteering to earn a bronze Congressional Award.

"I walk in and I immediately get excited," said Caitlin, a junior at Palatine High School. "I've been there so often, and I know the place so well, it's like a second home."

Caitlin started volunteering at the library in the seventh grade and has been serving on the library's teen advisory board since she was a freshman.



To earn the Congressional Award, she completed 111.25 hours of volunteer service -- more than the 100 required -- mostly at the library, but also for Palatine Township's Apple Tree campaign, which collects school supplies for underprivileged students.

U.S. Rep. Sean Casten presented Caitlin the award last week at the library. Melissa Gardner, the library's assistant director for public services, said she's been impressed with Caitlin's work ethic and positive attitude.

"We are lucky to have you," Gardner told Caitlin.

Library associate Kaitlin Mathers said staff members have "nothing but good things to say" about Caitlin's contributions. "She is very involved, and is the first person to offer her services when we need extra help," Mathers said.

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The Congressional Award program is voluntary, nonpartisan and noncompetitive; young people can register when they are 13½ years old and must complete their volunteering hours by their 24th birthday.

Caitlin said she's been going to the library with her parents pretty much since she was born. She vividly remembers signing up for the summer reading program as a first-grader and being excited about the opportunity to win prizes simply for reading books, she said.

These days, she reads a bit of everything, including romance, sci-fi and fantasy. A love for reading runs in her family: her parents met at a now-closed bookstore in Palatine.

Caitlin said she wants to study computer science, and already has visited several colleges.

Renovation of Palatine library could start next month

 [dailyherald.com/news/20200904/renovation-of-palatine-library-could-start-next-month](https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20200904/renovation-of-palatine-library-could-start-next-month)

September 4, 2020



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If a bid award takes place smoothly, renovation work at the Palatine Public Library -- including a new "makerspace," more study rooms and a teen space -- is expected to start sometime in October and last 16 months.

"We know that the construction process itself will cause a little bit of dust and noise and inconvenience to patrons and staff," Library Executive Director Jeannie Dilger said. "But we feel really confident that the final plan is something that is going to meet those needs that we heard from people."

The library received 17 bids by closing Thursday for the renovation work, ranging from \$2.9 million to \$4.2 million plus a range of additional costs for technology, lobby finishes and more; five bids for the moving of collections; and seven bids for furniture, documents show. The library board is expected to discuss bid awards with a recommendation from the architects on Sept. 15, Dilger said.



The district budgeted about \$6.8 million for the renovation work at its three locations, expecting that about \$6 million would go to the main library, Dilger said.

The renovation project came out of the library's 2018 strategic plan that took into account feedback from the community, Dilger said. Library district voters approved in April 2019 a property tax levy increase amounting to an estimated \$1.8 million in additional yearly revenues.

The money will fund three areas of work, Dilger said: the renovation work, first at the main library and later at the two branches; \$5.8 million in upgrades to HVAC and energy-efficient lighting, much of which will be incorporated in the renovation; and service improvements such as more community outreach.

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Makerspaces are spaces dedicated to hands-on creativity and learning that many suburban libraries have been adding. The Palatine library makerspace will be 1,500 square feet and will include the technology of the current digital media center plus things like 3D printers, sewing machines and more, along with classroom space for classes and presentations, Dilger said.

The renovation also will feature 15 study rooms, up from the current eight, including one-person small rooms; a larger "quiet reading" room on the north side of the building overlooking a pond; a glass-enclosed teen space with video gaming, tables and booths; and a "learning and discovery" area for elementary age students. The cafe on the second floor will move to the first floor.

The district hopes to use some grant money for the renovation, including a yet-to-be-determined sum under the Public Library Construction Act and \$100,000 designated by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for the makerspace, Dilger said.

The library branches are in rented spaces, one at Willow Recreation Center in Hoffman Estates, part of the Hoffman Estates Park District, and one at Partners for Our Communities community resource center in Palatine. The renovation at the branches will consist of furniture, carpeting, lighting and painting, Dilger said. The Hoffman Estates Park District has applied for a state grant for a building project that would give the library a larger space, she said.

The Palatine Public Library District serves about 90,000 residents in Palatine plus parts of Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Arlington Heights and Rolling Meadows.

How Showing Your Palatine Library Card In September Can Lead To Savings

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Palatine Public Library's main branch.

Palatine Library District and partnering community businesses are offering cardholders the Show Your Card and Save program.

From Sept. 1-30, participating businesses offer savings, discounts and “freebies” to those who show their Palatine Library card. Savings from local establishments include automotive, educational, financial, fitness and recreation, food and drink, health and beauty, and shopping. Visit palatinelibrary.org/showyourcard for a list of participating local businesses.

Not only does the library card bring discounts around town, but also provides access to downloadable movies and music, eBooks, educational and business research tools online, and more. Take advantage of virtual programs, online storytime snippets and take-and-make home activities for children.

To get a library card, bring one photo ID showing proof of residency within the district boundaries. Children under age 14 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian, when applying for a card. Apply for a 90-day card online. Visit palatinelibrary.org/library-cards for

more information.

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August 3, 2020

Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Palatine Public Library, 700 North North Court, Palatine, IL, 60067

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August 3, 2020

Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Palatine Public Library, 700 North North Court, Palatine, IL, 60067

From home, create fun abstract art on fabric and then frame with some embroidery hoops virtually with Palatine Library. **Sign up begins 8/3. Valid District cardholders only. All supplies provided.** For more information, call 847-358-5881, x167 or visit palatinelibrary.org.



August 21, 2020

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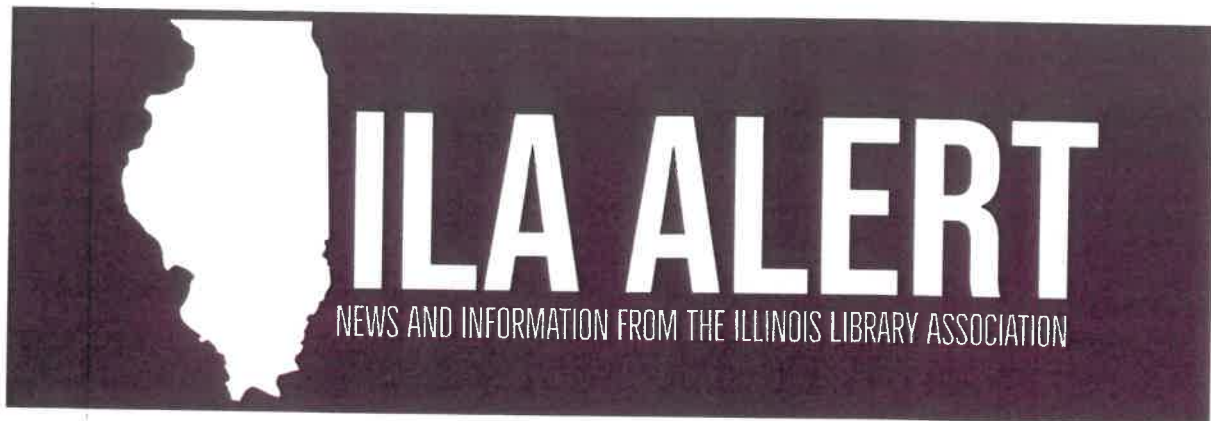
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- **Tinley Park Library Introduces Free Live Tutoring With Brainfuse**
- **Now virtual, English conversation program 'has really blossomed'**
- **'One Book, One Oak Lawn' Tackles Racism**
- **Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District Announces New Director**
- **Joliet Public Library eliminates overdue fines on most materials**
- **Princeton Public Library extending quarantine timeframe**
- **Northbrook Library Extends Quarantine For Returned Materials**
- **Library Cards Empower Students And Fuel Academic Success**
- **Schaumburg Library now offers Scholastic Teachables**
- **Library District Remains Closed**
- **North Riverside Library's hours set to expand**
- **'Exit West': A Novel on Migration, Announced as 2020 One Book, One Chicago**
- **2020 Finalists for Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project Announced**