

WILMETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Staff Lounge

The agenda has been posted on the WPL legal bulletin board.
It has been distributed to WPL staff members and to the President of the Friends of the Library.
The agenda and some attachments are available on the web and in a binder at the Reference Desk.
Attachments that require Board review and/or approval are not available for public view.

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Public Comment. Meeting attendees who wish to address the WPL Board of Trustees do so here.
- III. Presentation. Joan Fishman will discuss Friends activities during the past year. Attached is the Friends' Annual Report. **Attachment 1**
- IV. Approve August Meeting Minutes. **Attachment 2**
- V. Treasurer's Report.
 - A. Financial Reports for August. **Attachment 3**
 - B. Bills and Salaries for August. **Attachment 4**
- VI. Action Items.
 - A. Amount of Levy. Pages 1 – 3 of the PROPOSED Levy Ordinance No. 2017/18-186, An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Library Purposes for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The levy reflects a 2.5% decrease from last year's levy. Figures adjusted from those presented last month are in *italics*. **Attachment 5**
 - B. Patron Ban. **Attachment 6**
 - C. Staff Intranet Proposal. **Attachment 7**
 - D. Apple Computer Proposals. **Attachment 8**
 - E. Signage Proposals. Four signage proposals were discussed at the Facilities and Equipment Committee August 30 meeting. The committee eliminated 2 proposals. Attached are the proposals from ASI and Poblocki for trustee review. The committee recommends the Poblocki proposal for Board approval. **Attachment 9**
 - F. Landscape Design Proposals. Three landscape design proposals (Lakota, Teska, and Kimley-Horn) were discussed at the Facilities and Equipment Committee August 30 meeting. As a result of the discussion, the committee requested revised proposals from the three firms. The committee met again on September 18. The proposals discussed at the meeting are attached for review. The committee will make a recommendation for a landscape designer at the Board meeting. **Attachment 10**
- VII. Discussion Items.
 - A. WPL FY 2016-17 Annual Report. Trustees will be emailed a draft of the report for review. The final version will be presented at the October Board meeting. The final report will be promoted in the November/December *Off the Shelf* and will be available to patrons on line.
 - B. 2017 Legislative Breakfast. Trustees O'Laughlin and Johnson will summarize the September 8 event. All Wilmette county, state, and federal representatives were invited.
- VIII. Director's Report. Information regarding the strategic planning process is included here. **Attachment 11**
- IX. Committee Reports.
 - A. ILA Representative. ILA Newsletters September 8, August 30, August 24, August 17, and September 11 are attached. **Attachment 12**
 - B. Facilities and Equipment Committee. The committee met on August 30 and September 18.

X. Information Items

A. The B&AO for FY 2017-18 has been published. Attached is a copy of the Certificate of Publication from the *Wilmette Beacon* and a copy of the ordinance as published. **Attachment 13**

B. WPL began school-year Sunday hours (1:00 – 9:00) on September 10.

C. The WPL Group Art Show: Community opened on Friday, September 15 in the Auditorium. The show will run through October 30. This is a first in a series of ongoing, themed, community art shows. The series is designed to showcase more art from more artists. The shows will move away from the juried art format and will focus on themes that matter to Wilmette and the surrounding area.

D. Banned Book Week is September 24 – 30. Youth and Adult Services have displays of banned books. Celebrate your freedom to read by checking out these books.

E. September is Library Card Sign Up Month. Swap out your old card for a new one with a tag for your key chain at Circulation. The Circulation and Youth Services departments have been providing small gifts for patrons who renew or request new library cards during the month. At the French Market, staff members continue to promote WPL programs and to encourage attendees to sign up for library cards.

F. The Friends of the Library volunteer luncheon will be Friday, October 6 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm in the Auditorium. All trustees are invited to attend.

G. The ILA Annual Conference is October 10 – 12 at the Tinley Park Convention Center Visit www.ila.org.

H. In November, WPL will host the second local author book fair. More information and submission forms are available at www.wilmettelibrary.info/localauthors.

I. Cooperative Projects

1. On Monday, August 14 from 10:30 – 11:00, Heather and Keren presented stories and songs for families outside of the Wilmette Village Hall.

2. On Thursday, August 31 from 6:00pm - 8:30 pm, Alice Joseph attended an Open House – Parent Orientation at Marie Murphy School. Alice distributed copies of *Off the Shelf*, WPL brochures, bookmarks, pens, and library card holders and signed up Wilmette residents who needed library cards.

3. On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5 and 6 Keren, Alice, and Luciano visited McKenzie Elementary School to meet parents and kids from grades K-4. They issued about 30 new library cards, distributed Frisbees, pencils and other WPL freebies, and talked to about 150 parents.

4. On Thursday, September 7 from 6:30 pm – 8:40 pm, Alice Joseph attended a Parent and Teacher Open House at St. Joseph School. Alice promoted the WPL databases, e-books, programs, and signed up four parents for new library cards.

J. Communication. **Attachment 14**

XI. New Business / Old Business.

XII. Adjournment.

Annual Report 2016-2017



Affinity Konar, author of *Mischling*, at One Book, Everybody Reads Program funded by Friends of the Wilmette Public Library



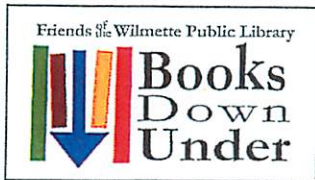
Ms. Konar discussed her spellbinding novel to an engaged audience at the 12th annual One Book, Everybody Reads program on May 7, 2017. Since 2006, Friends has funded this popular community-wide shared reading experience with a series of program events, culminating in a visit by the book's author.

Friends in 2016

Friends of the Wilmette Public Library remain committed to its mission of supporting and funding library programming. Funds are generated from memberships and sales of gently-used books at the Friend's bookstore, Books Down Under. Books Down Under, located in the library's lower level, is staffed by dedicated volunteers six days a week. Excess inventory from Books Down Under is often shared with communities in need. By being *bigger than just our community*, Friend's expands its local footprint and shares the love of reading with others including: A Just Harvest, Chicago Women in Prison, Cook County Corrections Facility, Hands of Peace, Kids' Korner at the Lake County Courthouse, Perspectives Charter School, Rotary Club of Wilmette, and Stand for Children, Illinois. A special 2016 program funded by Friend's included *Uniquely Chicago*, featuring expert-led discussions about neighborhoods, architecture, and local history. Additionally, the Children's Reading Club and Shakespeare Project of Chicago remain community favorites.

Friends Mission: Provide meaningful library opportunities for the community and support the Wilmette Public Library.

Thank You to All Our Friends: Board, Members, Donors, Volunteers, Booksellers, WPL Librarians, Staff and Trustees, and BDU Customers. Special thanks to Mid-Central Printing & Mailing in Wilmette.



Books Down Under, located in the lower level of the library, sells gently-used books and is staffed by dedicated volunteers. Book sales fund numerous library programs for all ages.

Friends of the Wilmette Public Library Children's Art Show, May 2017



Friends of the Wilmette Public Library Funded Programs:

Adult Reading Club
After the Fast Lane
Books for Babies
Children's Art Show
Children's Bookmark Contest
Children's Winter/Summer Reading Club
Genealogy Series

Greener Choices
One Book, Everybody Reads
Shakespeare Project of Chicago
Sunday Music Series
Youth Literary Magazine
Uniquely Chicago
Wilmette Rec Center Books & Spinner

Thanks to our Books Down Under Booksellers, Sorters and Shelves!

BDU volunteers attended a thank you luncheon in October and received a *Dunkin' Donuts* gift card in December.

BDU volunteers sold books at Wilmette Summerfest, Wilmette Community Garage Sale and Go Green Wilmette.

Friends By the Numbers in 2016:

Bookstore sales: \$27,000, Donations and Memberships: \$10,000;
Members and Donors: 141; Volunteers: 60; Bookstores in Wilmette: 1

Learn more about Friends at wilmettelibrary.info/friends



Friends of Wilmette Library

Wilmette Public Library
Notes on Financial Reports for August, 2017

Revenue Report

During August, WPL received \$1,399,493.57 in Real Estate Taxes, \$ 14,749.17 in General Fund interest and \$5,769.73 in Miscellaneous Income.

Expenditure Report

Total General Fund expenses at 15.13% of budget are below the two month rate of 16.67%.

Several accounts show expenses higher than the one month rate, but at this point in the Fiscal Year these overages are all due to timing of expenses.

Check Detail, August 1 - 31, 2017

The largest General Fund checks were written to Wellness Insurance Network (\$32,939.94), Computer View (\$9,846.00), Reaching Across Illinois Library System (\$7,500.00), Cooperative Computer Services (\$7,273.88), Baker Taylor (\$6,132.32), Brimar LED (\$5,227.80) and Chase Card Services (\$5,064.57).

The total amount in this report represents the expenses paid by check and does not include expenses paid by electronic transfer of funds, such as the bi-weekly payroll (08/04 for \$108,656.49 and 08/18 for \$107,374.41).

Certificate of Deposit Activity

Of the \$14,749.17 in General Fund interest received during August, \$14,209.77 was earned by the funds invested in the GF Certificates of Deposit.

Statement of Assets, Liabilities Fund Balances

During the Fiscal Year, Equity is composed of Beginning Fund Balances and Net Income for the year to date. After June 30, the net income for the prior year is combined with the Beginning Fund Balances to reflect the new Fund Balances.

This combining is not done until after the annual audit, and will be reflected in the October statements.

In the August 31, 2017 Statement, the Current Fund Balance represents the net income of \$1,322,206.03 for the Fiscal Year August 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. This number may change slightly after the September audit.

Wilmette Public Library
Statement of Assets, Liabilities Fund Balances
As of August 31, 2017

	August 31, 2017
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10001 · Deposit Account	3,563,210.86
10005 · Rutherford Trust Funds	174,000.02
10010 · Pvt Bk MM Account - GF	1,745.48
10100 · Operating Checking	294,286.33
10200 · Payroll Checking	10,302.60
10300 · HRA & FSA Checking	8,074.42
10500 · Wells Fargo - ProPay	3,705.60
10610 · B/E MMF	272,352.17
10710 · Endowment MMF	37,328.64
10810 · Illinois Funds	12,274.07
10900 · Fifth Third Securities	55,886.56
11000 · CD's General Fund Total	6,343,982.48
16000 · CD's B/E Fund Total	5,352,938.45
Total Checking/Savings	16,130,087.68
TOTAL ASSETS	16,130,087.68
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Beginning Fund Balances	13,030,084.84
39000 · Current Fund Balances	1,322,206.03
Net Income	1,777,797.05
Total Equity	16,130,087.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	16,130,087.92

Wilmette Public Library
Revenue Actual vs Budget
August 2017

	Current Month	July 2017- June 2018	FY 2017-18 Budget	\$ Over(Under) Budget	% of Budget
INCOME					
* 43010 · GF Interest	14,749.17	18,650.26	52,513.00	(33,862.74)	35.52%
44100 · Replacement Taxes	405.17	9,192.68	45,273.00	(36,080.32)	20.31%
44200 · Kenilworth	0.00	0.00	185,507.00	(185,507.00)	0.0%
45000 · Grants	0.00	0.00	21,031.00	(21,031.00)	0.0%
46100 · Fines	4,299.97	7,975.54	25,000.00	(17,024.46)	31.9%
46200 · Lost Materials	854.09	1,643.25	9,623.00	(7,979.75)	17.08%
46300 · Material Rental Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
46400 · Service Fees	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	0.0%
47000 · Miscellaneous Income	5,769.73	7,841.88	41,207.00	(33,365.12)	19.03%
47100 · Copier Receipts	1,071.02	1,854.82	11,487.00	(9,632.18)	16.15%
47200 · Room Rental	275.00	440.00	5,000.00	(4,560.00)	8.8%
48000 · Gifts/Donations	0.00	8,631.57	78,214.00	(69,582.43)	11.04%
INCOME SUB-TOTAL	27,424.15	56,230.00	474,905.00	(418,675.00)	11.84%
41010 · GF Taxes	1,399,493.57	2,437,630.60	5,314,203.00	(2,876,572.40)	45.87%
TOTAL INCOME	1,426,917.72	2,493,860.60	5,789,108.00	(3,295,247.40)	43.08%

* In order to compare with annual budget, figures include only GF Interest, not SS/IMRF, B/E or Endowment interest.

** In order to compare with annual budget, figures include only GF taxes, not SS/IMRF, Audit, or Liability taxes.

Wilmette Public Library
Expenditure Actual vs. Budget
August 2017

EXPENSE	Current Month	July 2017 - June 2018	FY 2017-18 Budget	\$ Over(Under) Budget	% of Budget
50100 · Books	20,475.14	34,790.87	264,500.00	(229,709.13)	13.15%
50200 · Continuations	3,587.60	11,747.01	52,000.00	(40,252.99)	22.69%
50250 · Library of Things	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	0.00%
50300 · Audio Visual Materials	9,493.14	14,869.17	118,000.00	(103,130.83)	12.60%
50400 · Periodicals	2,211.97	2,682.80	70,000.00	(67,317.20)	3.83%
50500 · Electronic Resources	36,721.27	87,547.60	463,000.00	(375,452.40)	18.91%
50700 · Programming	2,261.92	3,119.15	45,000.00	(41,880.85)	6.93%
50810 · ILL Expense	179.94	275.41	1,500.00	(1,224.59)	18.36%
52000 · Newsletter	0.00	7,500.00	47,000.00	(39,500.00)	15.96%
53000 · Promotion	2,425.63	2,425.63	15,000.00	(12,574.37)	16.17%
54000 · Grant Expense	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00%
56000 · Rutherford Trust Expense	450.00	575.00	9,000.00	(8,425.00)	6.39%
58500 · Friends Purchases	7,401.30	10,797.22	45,000.00	(34,202.78)	23.99%
61000 · Personnel	298,903.40	499,925.63	3,118,541.00	(2,618,615.37)	16.03%
62000 · Professional Memberships	0.00	425.00	7,000.00	(6,575.00)	6.07%
63000 · Registrations	260.00	260.00	10,000.00	(9,740.00)	2.60%
64000 · Travel/Mileage	650.53	2,016.87	35,000.00	(32,983.13)	5.76%
65000 · Staff Development	54.43	691.58	40,000.00	(39,308.42)	1.73%
66000 · Insurance - Employee	34,452.64	70,333.43	523,028.00	(452,694.57)	13.45%
67000 · Reimbursable Employee Insurance	2,431.34	5,081.49	22,000.00	(16,918.51)	23.10%
70100 · Accounting/ PR, Bank, Cr Cd fees	678.78	3,891.17	12,000.00	(8,108.83)	32.43%
70200 · Professional Fees	936.25	1,606.46	32,500.00	(30,893.54)	4.94%
70310 · Library Supplies	2,832.51	9,239.21	40,000.00	(30,760.79)	23.10%
70320 · Office Supplies	3,596.11	4,052.51	30,000.00	(25,947.49)	13.51%
70400 · Copiers	4,246.45	4,527.49	28,000.00	(23,472.51)	16.17%
70500 · Printing	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)	0.00%
70600 · Postage/Shipping	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	(14,000.00)	0.00%
70700 · Telephone	779.74	1,553.00	15,000.00	(13,447.00)	10.35%
74100 · Equipment/Furnishings/Computers	13,693.86	29,631.95	125,000.00	(95,368.05)	23.71%
74150 · Equipment/Computer Maintenance	0.00	3,204.00	90,000.00	(86,796.00)	3.56%
75000 · Insurance - Property/Casualty	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.00%
76100 · Building Improvement	195.63	195.63	20,000.00	(19,804.37)	0.98%
76200 · Building Supplies	8,251.48	11,253.87	25,000.00	(13,746.13)	45.02%
76300 · Building Maintenance	2,691.31	3,804.76	85,995.00	(82,190.24)	4.42%
76350 · Building Maint Contracts	7,232.00	14,305.00	100,000.00	(85,695.00)	14.31%
76400 · Grounds Maintenance	3,004.68	4,782.36	48,750.00	(43,967.64)	9.81%
76450 · Parking Lot Rent	2,850.00	2,850.00	12,000.00	(9,150.00)	23.75%
76800 · Utilities	2,119.35	2,359.47	24,000.00	(21,640.53)	9.83%
77000 · Sales & Use Tax Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00%
78000 · Kenilworth Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	475,048.40	852,320.74	5,633,914.00	(4,781,593.26)	15.13%
92000 · SS/IMRF Fund	40,237.29	72,542.72	480,000.00	(407,457.28)	15.11%
93000 · Audit Expense	1,400.00	1,400.00	9,500.00	(8,100.00)	14.74%
94000 · Liability Fund	1,326.09	1,598.21	55,500.00	(53,901.79)	2.88%
96000 · B/E Special Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
97000 · Endowment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	42,963.38	75,540.93	545,000.00	(469,459.07)	13.86%
TOTAL GENERAL & SPECIAL RESERVE	518,011.78	927,861.67	6,178,914.00	(5,251,052.33)	15.02%

All CDs Sorted by Maturity Date
August 31, 2017

<i>Purchase Date</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Bank</i>	<i>CD</i>	<i>CD #</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<u>General Fund</u>						
August 18, 2016	October 18, 2017	5/3 Great Southern	GF 8	39120VRS5	0.75%	250,000.00
November 3, 2015	November 13, 2017	5th/3rd Discover BK	GF 4	254672WR5	1.15%	250,000.00
February 2, 2016	February 2, 2018	No Shore Bank	GF 3	3804991322	0.65%	508,898.12
September 19, 2016	March 19, 2018	No Shore Bank	GF 9	3804889432	0.55%	519,810.50
May 5, 2016	May 4, 2018	5th/3rd Investors	GF 6	46176PFA8	1.00%	250,000.00
May 10, 2016	May 10, 2018	5th/3rd Merrick Bk	GF 7	59013JNX3	1.00%	250,000.00
August 24, 2016	August 24, 2018	5/3 HSBC Bk USA	GF 15	40434YBG1	1.10%	250,000.00
August 25, 2016	August 27, 2018	5/3 Ally Bk Midvale	GF 19	02006LK69	1.10%	250,000.00
September 14, 2016	September 14, 2018	5/3 Wells Fargo Bk	GF 21	949763AY2	1.15%	250,000.00
September 28, 2016	September 28, 2018	5/3 Capital One NA	GF 23	14042RCE9	1.15%	250,000.00
September 2, 2016	October 2, 2018	5/3 First Farmers Bk	GF 20	320165HSS	1.05%	250,000.00
November 18, 2016	November 19, 2018	5th/3rd Nationwide Bk	GF 13	63861NAA3	1.10%	250,000.00
November 21, 2016	November 21, 2018	5th/3rd Franklin Syn	GF 14	35471TCR1	1.10%	250,000.00
February 1, 2017	February 1, 2019	Private Bank	GF 12	6920313/1	0.75%	512,726.37
April 15, 2017	April 15, 2019	No Shore Bank	GF 1	340182997	1.45%	517,453.08
May 13, 2017	May 13, 2019	Private Bank	GF 11	6832170	1.45%	516,679.72
July 29, 2017	July 29, 2019	No Shore Bank	GF 17	2733	1.55%	518,414.69
August 23, 2017	August 23, 2019	5/3 Goldman Sachs Bk	GF 10	38148PDN5	1.70%	250,000.00
August 24, 2017	August 26, 2019	5/3 Morgan Stanley Bk	GF 16	61747MYJ4	1.70%	250,000.00
<i>Total GF</i>				<i>Weighted Avg Yield</i>	1.11%	6,343,982.48
<u>B/E Fund</u>						
October 15, 2015	October 15, 2017	Private Bank	BE 6	96545	0.75%	522,037.74
November 3, 2015	November 6, 2017	5th/3rd Firstbank PR	BE 4	33767ARJ2	1.10%	250,000.00
February 4, 2016	February 2, 2018	5th 3rd BMO Harris	BE13	05581WCM5	1.20%	250,000.00
February 14, 2016	February 20, 2018	5th 3rd Key Bank NA	BE 7	79306SWE26	1.15%	250,000.00
May 12, 2016	May 12, 2018	Private Bank	BE 10	134430	0.70%	546,379.08
June 30, 2016	June 30, 2018	No Shore Bank	BE 15	3804025908	0.65%	521,824.14
August 16, 2016	August 16, 2018	5/3 JP Morgan Chase	BE 5	48126XAM7	1.10%	250,000.00
September 28, 2016	September 28, 2018	5/3 Customers Bk	BE 11	23204HEJ3	1.15%	250,000.00
October 31, 2016	October 31, 2018	5th 3rd Comenity Cap	BE21	20033ASV9	1.20%	148,000.00

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November 4, 2016	November 2, 2018	5th 3rd Everbank	BE 20	299760V98	1.15%	250,000.00
January 8, 2017	January 8, 2019	Private Bank	BE 8	6956404	0.75%	523,906.32
January 8, 2017	January 8, 2019	Private Bank	BE 16	6939573	0.75%	368,290.57
February 6, 2017	February 15, 2019	5th 3rd Captial One USA	BE 9	140420W48	1.55%	200,000.00
March 19, 2017	March 19, 2019	No Shore Bank	BE 3	64886	1.45%	522,500.60
August 3, 2017	August 9, 2019	5th 3rd Santander	BE 14	80280JLG4	1.70%	250,000.00
August 22, 2017	August 22, 2019	5/3 American Expr Cent.	BE 2	02587DW61	1.70%	250,000.00
<i>Total B/E Individual CDs</i>				<i>Weighted Avg Yield</i>	<i>1.04%</i>	<i>5,352,938.45</i>
TOTAL CD's				Weighted Avg Yield	1.08%	11,696,920.93

Wilmette Public Library Director's Report
September 19, 2017




Professional Development & Staff

Stephen Koebel is being promoted to Manager of Digital Services. In his new role, he will continue to administer the web site, develop our digital collections, and enhance our virtual services. Digital Services combines our virtual presence with our physical presence in offering digital learning opportunities and innovative high-tech patron spaces for collaboration, digital creation, and critical thinking. He will design a new model for our tech class curriculum and lab environment, provide technology outreach, and help our community get more creative with maker/digital studios. We will soon be hiring Stephen's replacement who has an expertise in teen services.

We are adding another full time Youth Services Librarian with skills in early childhood learning and outreach and a Programming Specialist in Community Services. Barbara Griffiths will be moving to a part time schedule starting in January, so she will continue her financial role but we will be hiring an HR specialist in 2018.

For Learn While You Earn, we hosted Skokie Librarians here to discuss their Equity and Inclusion initiative for staff awareness, and conducted a Person in Charge session outlining security and building issues.

Financial & Legal



We completed our FY17-18 IPLAR report. We submitted the final FY17-18 B&A ordinances for WPL and KPL. Our insurance broker, John Alberts from Nimble Financial, has merged with the firm True North. I have asked both our current insurance broker and LIRA to come to the October Board meeting to present their proposals for liability insurance contracts. The auditors will finish their assessments in September and will write their final report in October. We are close to completing the Management Association salary grade scale project.

Facilities & Furnishings


We have received 4 proposals from interior signage companies and 3 proposals for landscaping. KI furniture will replace the desks in technical services, and the new AV shelving units have been ordered. I met with our interior architect to discuss space planning and furniture needs for the lower level and first floor areas. I met with FQC to discuss our capital needs assessment study.

With our new Communico calendar system, we will soon have self-service study room reservations, and we are simplifying the rules: all study rooms are treated the same, 2 hours max per day with 30 minute increments, and patrons can reserve up to 2 hours in advance from an iPad station.

We are planning a garage sale on Saturday, November 4, to allow the public the opportunity to purchase surplus furniture and equipment that has been in storage areas.

Programs & Collections

The summer reading clubs far exceeded our expectations, and was the biggest year ever! For youth, we had 1,816 kids, beating our prior high of 1,758 in 2013. We had a record number of finishers: 1,012 (878 last year). For adults, 484 received packets (407 last year) and teens had 201 participants, compared to 89 last year.



The eclipse viewing party was filled with energy and enthusiasm from over 300 patrons of all ages. We are refreshing the annual art show by theming it, welcoming a broader range of artists, and making it multi-generational. We are planning bilingual storytimes, and Saturday playtimes with the Imagination Playground.

The CCS catalog migration to "Polaris" is on track, and we have an in-house migration team to assist with

training, communication, and collection/data clean-up issues during this important project.

Technology & Digital Services

I met with copier vendors to discuss upgrading and networking our equipment (so patrons can scan/fax), but we'll continue with our current contract for now. We are re-working our computer class curriculum offerings.

Community Relations & Marketing

September's library card campaign is in full swing, and many of our patrons are delighted with the colorful new key fob cards. We went to the schools to promote library cards. Keren and I co-presented a tandem storytime on the Village Green, and I met with the Village Manager to discuss partnership opportunities.

Strategic Planning

We hosted Harry Christiansen as our strategic planning consultant, and he facilitated an initial "setting expectations" meeting. We had our first meeting with the strategic planning team, in order to formulate next steps. We are calling this process: "Shaping our Future: Wilmette Public Library." Once the engagement team is trained, they will go to various agencies and meetings to conduct "Community Conversations: What's on your mind, Wilmette?" sessions based upon the Harwood aspirations model.

Recent Meetings & Events

- 8/22 Meeting with Village Manager
- 8/24 Strategic Planning Kickoff
- 9/8 Legislative breakfast
- 9/13 Director's meetup
- 9/18 Board facilities committee

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 9/19 WPL Board meeting
- 9/20-9/21 WPL Audit
- 9/25 Strategic Planning Team meeting with Harry, 1-4 pm
- 9/26 Strategic Engagement Team training with Harry, 9 am-3 pm
- 9/27 CCS Governing meeting
- 9/28 KPL Board
- 10/6 Friends of the Library volunteer luncheon
- 10/10-10/12 ILA Conference (10/12 Trustee Day)
- 10/17 Board
- 10/24-10/27 Strategic Planning focus groups with Harry
- 10/26 KPL Board

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McCammond-Watts

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Director of Wilmette Public Library

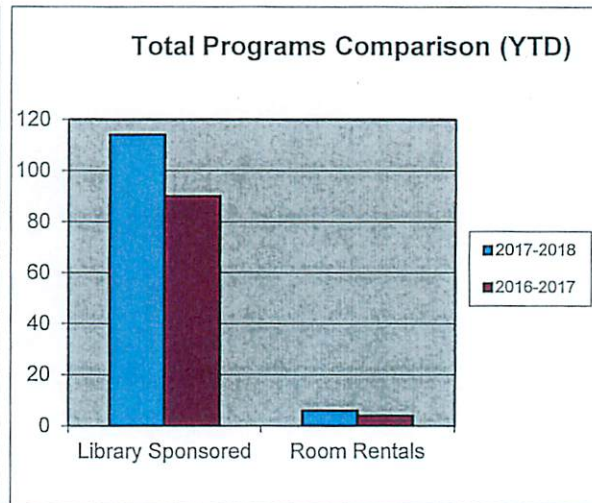
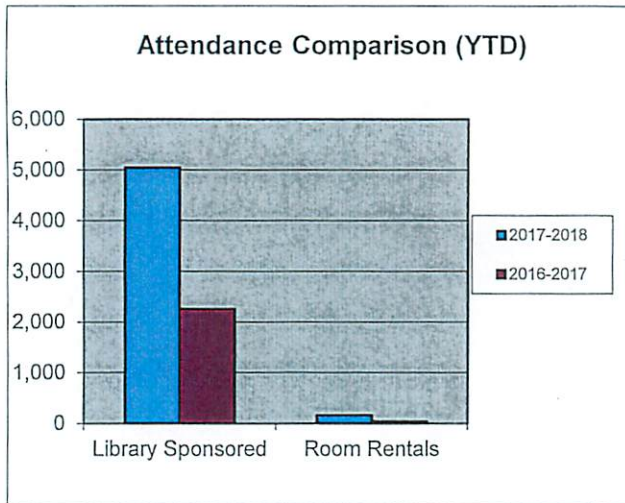
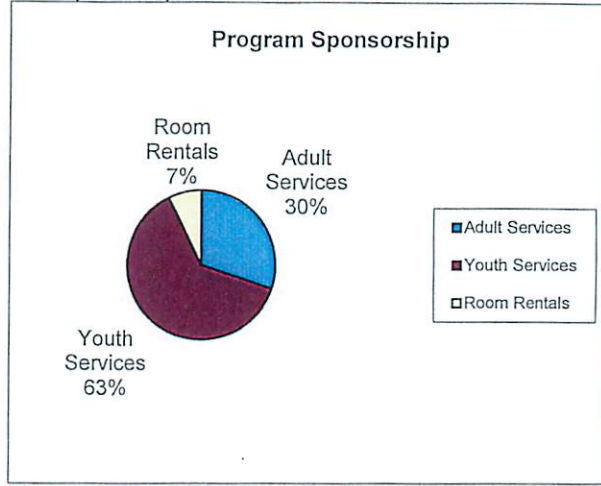
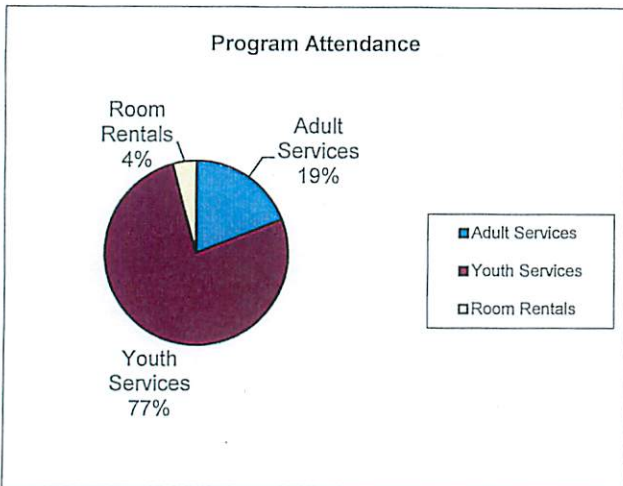
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August 2017						
Resources	August Added	August WD	2017-2018 Added	2017-2018 WD	2017-2018 Net	Total Collection
Book Volumes						
Adult Fiction	527	520	1095	684	411	49,850
Adult Non-Fiction	386	628	734	1589	-855	89,155
Adult Large Print	72	140	125	629	-504	7,186
Adult Literacy	0	0	1	0	1	330
Adult Subtotal	985	1288	1955	2902	-947	146,521
Youth Fiction	434	1018	912	1135	-223	37,183
Youth Non-Fiction	186	75	527	113	414	32,075
Youth Subtotal	620	1093	1439	1248	191	69,258
Total Book Volumes	1605	2381	3394	4150	-756	215,779
Audio						
Adult Phono Records	0	0	0	0	0	1,647
Adult Books on CD	64	341	161	371	-210	8,000
Adult CDs	44	12	80	33	47	18,114
Adult Playaways	7	2	16	4	12	1,241
Adult Subtotal	115	355	257	408	-151	29,002
Youth Books on CD	15	0	17	0	17	1,960
Youth CDs	11	4	12	13	-1	875
Youth Playaways	0	1	1	4	-3	694
Youth Audio Kits	1	0	2	1	1	344
Youth Subtotal	27	5	32	18	14	3,873
Total Audio	142	360	289	426	-137	32,875
Video						
Adult Feature DVDs	119	61	208	110	98	8,454
Adult Non-Feature DVDs	67	19	99	47	52	6,338
Adult Subtotal	186	80	307	157	150	14,792
Youth Feature DVDs	57	31	99	64	35	1,700
Youth Non-Feature DVD	30	18	940	27	913	4,723
Video Games	6	0	33	2	31	639
Youth Subtotal	93	49	1072	93	979	7,062
Total Video	279	129	1379	250	1129	21,854
Other						
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	52
Microfilm	0	0	0	0	0	3,532
Total Other	0	0	0	0	0	3,584
Total Collection	2026	2870	5062	4826	236	274,092

Resources	August 2017	August 2016	+/- Month	Total 17-18	Total 16-17	+/- Year
Printed Material						
Adult Fiction	11,731	12,102	-371	25,395	24,407	988
Adult Non-Fiction	9,377	9,266	111	18,634	18,072	562
Adult Large Print	1,135	1,137	-2	2,184	2,235	-51
Adult Literacy Kits	14	18	-4	38	58	-20
Adult Subtotal	22,257	22,523	-266	46,251	44,772	1,479
Youth Fiction	18,635	17,661	974	34,013	35,236	-1,223
Youth Non-fiction	4,420	3,859	561	10,842	8,013	2,829
Youth Subtotal	23,055	21,520	1,535	44,855	43,249	1,606
Periodicals	542	561	-19	1,103	1,202	-99
Total Printed Material	45,854	44,604	1,250	92,209	89,223	2,986
Audio						
Adult Phono Records	10	4	6	34	5	29
Adult Books on CD	2,171	2,333	-162	4,063	4,346	-283
Adult CD's	2,198	2,635	-437	4,340	5,325	-985
Adult Playaways	462	525	-63	915	1,008	-93
Adult Subtotal	4,841	5,497	-656	9,352	10,684	-1,332
Youth Books on CD	292	333	-41	629	616	13
Youth CD's	322	358	-36	692	718	-26
Youth Playaways	313	258	55	678	536	142
Youth Audio Kits	288	365	-77	532	595	-63
Youth Subtotal	1,215	1,314	-99	2,531	2,465	66
Total Audio	6,056	6,811	-755	11,883	13,149	-1,266
Video						
Adult Non-Feature Videos	0	0	0	0	2	-2
Adult Feature DVD's	6,018	5,472	546	12,092	11,490	602
Adult Non-Feature DVD's	2,107	2,246	-139	4,181	4,539	-358
Adult CD-ROM's	1	0	1	2	0	2
Equipment	31	33	-2	53	67	-14
Adult Subtotal	8,157	7,751	406	16,328	16,098	230
Youth Feature DVD's	2,092	2,061	31	4,061	4,240	-179
Youth Non-Feature DVD's	1,062	1,343	-281	2,063	2,630	-567
Youth CD-ROM's	1	0	1	1	0	1
Youth Video Games	449	400	49	844	856	-12
Youth Subtotal	3,604	3,804	-200	6,969	7,726	-757
Total Video	11,761	11,555	206	23,297	23,824	-527
Grand Total	63,671	62,970	701	127,389	126,196	1,193

Activity	August 2017	August 2016	+/- Month	Total 17-18	Total 16-17	+/- Year
New Registrations						
Resident	198	210	-12	367	418	-51
Non-Resident	0	10	-10	0	10	-10
Kenilworth	7	9	-2	13	17	-4
WPL issued RBP	10		10	16	10	6
Total	215	229	-14	396	455	-59
Gate Count	31,865	29,471	2,394	61,662	59,522	2,140

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	August 2017		August 2016		+/- People	2017-2018		2016-2017		+/- People
	# Prog.	People	# Prog.	People		# Prog.	People	# Prog.	People	
LIBRARY SPONSORED										
Adult Services	25	767	26	501	266	25	767	26	501	266
Youth Services	24	2,545	11	259	2,286	52	3,093	40	667	2,426
ALL Library Programs	49	3,312	37	760	2,552	114	5,044	90	2,259	2,785
Room Rentals	6	166	4	44	122	6	166	4	44	122
ALL PROGRAMS	55	3,478	41	804	2,674	55	3,478	41	804	2,674



Electronic services to Patrons August 2016 vs August 2017			
	Aug-16	Aug-17	Difference
GENERAL REFERENCE			
Ask Art	1	0	-1
Children's Literature	90	18	-72
Culture Grams	6	3	-3
Encyclopedia Britannica	31	30	-1
Facts On File#	83	58	-25
First Search	184	157	-27
Gale Databases (ex. InfoTrac)*	139	18	-121
Legal Forms	0	28	28
Novelist	81	85	4
PebbleGo	18	8	-10
Reference USA^	724	357	-367
World Book Reference Center	6	4	-2
PERIODICALS			
Chicago Tribune	116	80	-36
Chicago Tribune-Historical	259	170	-89
Consumer Reports	91	63	-28
Consumers' Checkbook	53	4	-49
InfoTrac	25	20	-5
Lexis Nexis	6	35	29
Morningstar	63	49	-14
New York Times	69	124	55
New York Times-Historical	26	22	-4
Newspapers.com	0	384	384
Press Display Around the World	36	164	128
Proquest-Discovery	39	44	5
S&P NetAdvantage	170	42	-128
Weiss Ratings	16	1	-15
Zinio	425	433	8
GENEALOGY			
Ancestry Plus	1,022	755	-267
Heritage Quest	260	593	333
HOMEWORK/STUDY			
Brainfuse	4	38	34
Gale Courses	1	2	1
Lynda (courses)	51	61	10
Mango Languages	131	81	-50
Mosio - Chat/Text reference help	42	46	4
Muzzy Languages	22	2	-20
Niche Academy	340	157	-183
WPL Email Reference	8	5	-3

Wilmette Public Library Strategic Planning

Meeting Notes for Set Expectations

Date/Time

August 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location

Wilmette Public Library
1242 Wilmette Avenue
Wilmette, IL 60091

Purpose

To set the stage for the strategic planning process. This is mostly information sharing to align our mutual expectations sprinkled with a few decisions.

Participants

- Trustees
- Leadership Team
- Director
- Friends
- Library Staff

Road Map (Handout)

Roles and Responsibilities

Project Lead - Heather

- Planning team chair/coordinator
- Works closely with Harry
- Involved in all aspects of the project

Planning Team

- Makes key planning decisions
- Upgrades vision and mission statements, as needed
- Selects strategic planning conference participants
- Attends strategic planning conference
- Upgrades draft and final version of strategic plan
- Logistics Coordinator:
 - Coordinates meeting facilities--planning meetings, conference, focus groups
 - Provides conference support materials and desired refreshments
 - Prints and provides handouts for 2-day conference

Engagement Team

- Conducts and documents community engagement sessions
- Gathers input from library non-users

Strategic Planners - 15 to 25 (Attend 2-day conference, 5 work hours per day)

- Complete pre-conference homework assignment
- Make meaning of information and data generated at conference
- Recommend improvements to vision and mission
- Frame the strategic direction for library--focus areas, goals, and objectives
- Provide feedback on draft plan

Library Community and Staff

- Community - external view
 - Provides input for community aspirations
- Staff and Trustees - internal view
 - Provides input for library operations and functions
 - Provides feedback on draft plan

Harry

- Accountable to Heather and trustees
- Guides all aspects of planning process
- Facilitates planning meetings, focus groups, and 2-day conference
- Documents results of all meetings
- Trains engagement team
- Writes community needs assessment report
- Writes strategic plan

Planning Team Membership

For Library Your Size

- Ideal is 5-8
- More is OK; however, planning meetings may take longer
- Consider - 1 Director, 2/3 Leadership Team, 2/3 Trustees, 1 Friends of Library

Library Task - Decide on planning team membership and inform Harry

Library Background

Harry Has from Heather or Website

- Trustees and Key Staff
- Organization Chart
- Budget
- Newsletter

Send to Harry

- Current Strategic Plan
- Mission and Vision Statements
- Statistics/demographics on library usage
- Articles by John Jacoby
- Selected comments and results from last strategic plan survey
- Village long-term expectations/documents/plans
- Central business district master plan
- Chamber of Commerce plans

Library Task - Provide additional background documents to Harry

Project Name or Title

What name or title should we use for this project?

This name will be used on documents/handouts--see top of agenda

Examples

- Wilmette Public Library Strategic Planning
- Moving Forward Together: Wilmette Public Library
- WPL: Shaping Our Future

Library Task - Decide on strategic planning project name and inform Harry

Strategic Plan Time Frame

What time frame will this plan cover?

Month year to month year

Library Task - Decide time frame for strategic plan and inform Harry

Harwood Aspirations Model

Assessment of Library's Current State

- External View: From customers via community aspirations (will also gather library non-user views)
- Internal View: From library staff and trustees via focus groups

Overview of Harwood Aspirations Model (Handout)

Expected Results (10 sessions with 25 people per session = 250 people)

- List of aspirations, challenges, and new conditions or changes for each session
- 50 summary stories (1 aspiration per table group x 5 table groups x 10 sessions)
- Following is an example:

Aspiration

The homeless in our community have housing and food to eat

Challenges

- *Homeless aggressively panhandle at the corner of Wilmette and Ridge*
- *Lack of local community social services for homeless*
- *Removing homeless tent city from Lovelace Park*

New Conditions (Changes)

- *Village leaders accepting ownership for helping homeless*
- *Getting churches to take a central role or partner with village*
- *Business commitment to hiring and training homeless*

Summary Story

We want a caring community where homeless residents have housing and food. Homeless are perceived as a nuisance that impacts on our "small town" character. We need to take ownership for the homeless and organize resources to improve their quality of life.

Confirm Harwood Model Will Work

- Will these results help us to chart the library's strategic direction--focus areas, goals, and objectives? **Yes, with a tweak to process**

Guidance to Harry

- **At end of engagement session ask participants, How might WPL contribute to this aspiration?**
- **At end of session, include means for participants to self-document desire to be kept informed about planning process via email**

Community Engagement Team

Purpose

- Conducts and documents a series of 2-hour community engagement sessions to determine community aspirations
- Gathers input from library non-users

Guiding Principles for the Training

- Follow Harwood Aspirations Model
- Scalable for 20 to 30 participants per session
- Participants feel that their voices were heard
- Simple process to facilitate and to document

Engagement Team Training

Up to six-hours of interactive training to:

- Prepare team(s) to conduct and document 2-hour community engagement sessions
- Prepare team(s) to gather input from library non-users

Requirements of Engagement Team

- Engage about 200 to 300 community members by facilitating groups of 20-30 people organized as 5 table groups to gather their aspirations for the villages of Wilmette and Kenilworth
- Manage invitation process (**who** does this, **how** is it done, **when** is it done)
- Coordinate logistics--session location(s), times/dates, materials, flip-charts, etc.
- Considerations for engagement session locations:
 - Is this about the library or about the community?
 - Does the customer come to the library (our territory) or does library go to the customer (neutral territory)?
 - \$\$\$ - library space versus neutral space
- Record part of session on flip charts and all results in laptop/computer
- With Heather's approval, send session results to Harry

Training Location Requirements

Location setup for engagement team training is same as for engagement team sessions with residents (See Harwood Aspiration Model-Summary)

Library Task - Decide Engagement Team training location and inform Harry

Guidance to Harry

- Send Heather facilitator qualifications soonest

Team Organization

One core team of 2/3 people conducts all sessions

or

Multiple teams of 2/3 people conduct multiple sessions

or

Other?

Library Task - Decide engagement team membership and inform Harry

Name of Community Engagement Sessions

- What we call this communicates what it is about
- We need a name that is positive, enticing, causes people to want to participant

Other	Community	Engagement	Session	Other
	Public	Listening	Forum	
	Citizen	Planning	Meeting	
	Village	Aspirations	Summit	
		Learning		

Library Task - Decide name for engagement sessions and inform Harry

Library Non-Users

- Most difficult group to identify and get feedback
- 90% household 68% residents with library card

Purpose - What do we really want to know from library non-users?

- What needs to be different for you to use the library?
- Why do you not use the library?
- How do you satisfy your information needs?
- What are your reading habits?

How do we identify and engage library non-users - Options?

1. Identify 15-20 non-users via staff and trustee personal contacts and invite to a non-user community engagement session (different agenda than library users)
2. Identify non-users at public gathering places such as shopping centers, recreation facilities, community events, movie-theater entrances, etc. Each qualified non-user (resides within library service area and does not have library card) receives a \$5-10 gift card for answering a few questions
3. Through announcements via library website, library newsletter, local newspaper, partner websites, provide link to e-survey (SurveyMonkey) - risk is unable to verify that respondent is library non-user
4. Combination of above
5. Other ideas?

Library Task - Decide how to identify and gather input from library non-users and inform Harry

Documentation for Non-Users

Harry will develop template once Library decides how to identify and engage

Library Staff Focus Groups

Purpose

- Learn internal perspective of library functions and operations
- Results included in Community Needs Assessment Report

Example Schedule

	Trustees	Leadership Tm	Staff I	Staff II	Other
Represents	Governance	Daily Mgmt	Service Delivery	Service Delivery	
Number	7	8	15-25	15-25	
Time/Date	1.5 hours	1.5 hours	2 hours	2 hours	
Location	Library	Library	Library	Library	
Refreshments	As Desired	As Desired	As Desired	As Desired	

Scheduling Notes

- During the 4-day focus-group visit, Harry:
 - Conducts focus groups
 - Observes first Community Engagement Session
 - Conduct 3-hour Planning Team Meeting II
- Harry needs 1.5 hours between focus group sessions for wrap up and prep
- Schedule access to meeting space 30 minutes before and after session start
- Director attends either Trustees or Leadership Team or neither - let's discuss

Library Task - Be thinking about focus group schedule; we'll decide at Planning Team Meeting I

Communications

What is the best way to share information between and among Harry, Director, planning team, trustees, engagement team, and library staff?

Guidance to Harry

- Harry sends all information to Heather
- Heather distributes information to appropriate groups

Homework

- Planning team usually has some homework before planning team meetings
- Homework is provided in advance with agenda
- Allows planners to make thoughtful contributions during meetings

Select Dates/Time

For Sure - **DECISION SOONEST**

- Two consecutive days
 - Planning Team Meeting I - 4 hours
 - Engagement Team Training - 6 hours
- Harry open: Sep 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28

Tentative - **DECISION SOONEST**

- Four consecutive days
 - First Engagement Session - 2 hours
 - Library Focus Groups - 2/3 days
 - Planning Team Meeting II - 3 hours
- Harry open: Sep [25, 26, 27, 28]; Oct [16, 17, 18, 19, 20]; [23, 24, 25, 26, 27]; [30, 31, Nov 1, 2, 3]; Nov [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
- Note: Nov 7-Election Day; Nov 10-Veterans Day (Harry can work these dates)

Be Thinking About

- Strategic Planning Conference (2 days, 5 work hours each day, weekend OK)
- Draft Strategic Plan Meeting (3 hours - prefer morning)
- Finalize Plan Meeting (2 hours - prefer morning)

Attachments

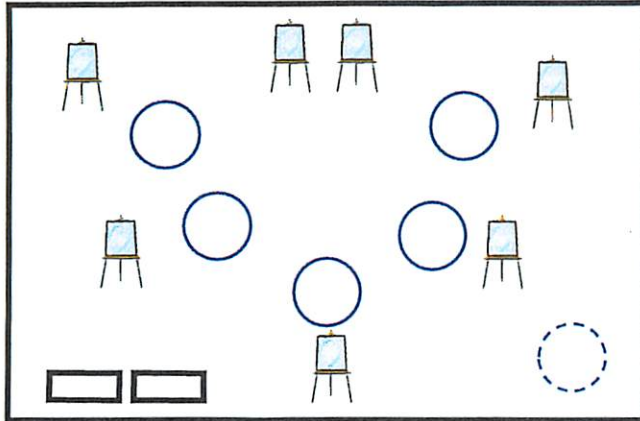
1. Road Map v.24Apr2017
2. Harwood Aspirations Model - Summary

Actions Forward (As of: Aug 24)

Date Due	Who	What	Status
Aug 25	Harry	Send "Set Expectations" meeting notes and updated Roadmap to Heather	
Aug 28	Harry	Send Heather facilitator qualities for engagement sessions	
Soonest	Library	Decide on planning team membership and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Provide additional background documents to Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide on strategic planning project name and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide time frame (month, year to month, year) for strategic plan and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide Engagement Team training location and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide engagement team membership and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide name for engagement sessions and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide how to identify and gather input from library non-users and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide dates for (2 consecutive days) and inform Harry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Team Meeting I • Engagement Team Training Confirm dates for (4 consecutive days) and inform Harry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Engagement Session • Library Focus Groups • Planning Team Meeting II 	
Pln Mtg I	Pln Tm	Decide focus group schedule	
TBD	Harry	Send agenda and related handouts for Planning Meeting I to Harry	
TBD	Harry	Send agenda and related handouts for Engagement Team Training to Heather	

Wilmette Public Library Strategic Planning

Harwood Aspirations Model – Summary (As of: 24Aug2017)



Setup for Community Engagement

- 5 tables, plus spare
- 4 to 6 chairs per table
- 7 flip-chart easels
- Markers and tape
- Name badges & Post-It notes
- Pre-made wall charts
- Laptop and flash drive
- Refreshments
- 2 library staff

Agenda (2 Hours)

- Set the Stage
- Aspirations
- Challenges
- New Conditions
- Summary Stories
- Closing
- Adjourn



Set the Stage - Welcome, introductions, purpose, and etiquette,

Aspirations - Record responses to question 1 on a flip chart, identify 3-6 patterns/themes to become key aspirations, assign key aspirations to table groups

Challenges - Record responses to question 2 on a flip chart, share with whole group

New Conditions (Changes) - Record responses to question 3 on a flip chart, share with whole group

Summary Stories - Analyze and develop a summary story for each key aspiration

-We want a community where _____ (*aspiration*).

-However, we face _____ (*key challenges*).

-To reach our aspirations, we need to _____ (*key new conditions*).

Closing - Connect potential role of Library to achieving Aspirations

Adjourn - Thank all for their help

Wilmette Public Library Strategic Planning Road Map

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Phase

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II

III

Task

Community Needs Assessment

Develop Strategic Plan

Publish Strategic Plan

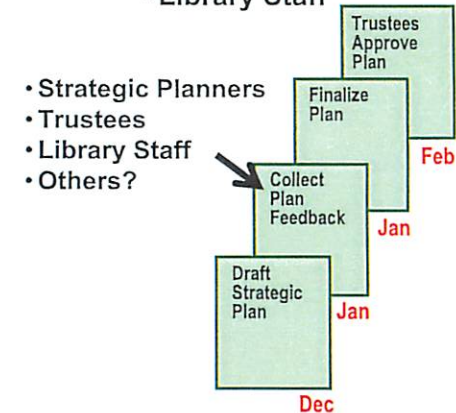
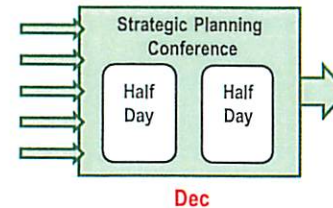
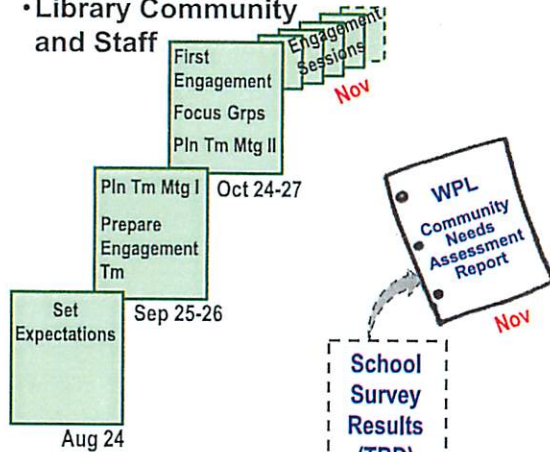
People

- Planning Team
- Engagement Team
- Library Community and Staff

- Planning Team
- 15-25 Strategic Planners (Includes Planning Team)

- Planning Team
- Trustees
- Library Staff

Process



Results

- Community Needs Assessment Report
- Draft Mission & Vision

- Library Community Needs Assessment Conclusions
- Mission & Vision
- Strategic Focus Areas
- Goals and Objectives

- Draft Strategic Plan
- Report on Plan Feedback
- Final Strategic Plan

Roles



- Planning Decisions
- ID Conference Participants
- Finalizes Plan

- Collects Village Aspirations

- Develop Conclusions About Assessment
- Chart Strategic Direction

- Input for Aspirations
- Input for Library Operations/Functions

Outcome

A strategic plan that provides a blueprint to achieve WPL's desired future.

Actions Forward (As of: 08Sep2017)

Date Due	Who	What	Status
Soonest	Library	Decide on planning team membership and inform Harry	DONE
Soonest	Library	Provide additional background documents to Harry	DONE
Soonest	Library	Decide on strategic planning project name and inform Harry	DONE
Soonest	Library	Decide time frame (month, year to month, year) for strategic plan and inform Harry	DONE
Soonest	Library	Decide Engagement Team training location and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide engagement team membership and inform Harry	Working
Soonest	Library	Decide name for engagement sessions and inform Harry	DONE
Soonest	Library	Decide how to identify and gather input from library non-users and inform Harry	
Soonest	Library	Decide dates for (2 consecutive days) and inform Harry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Team Meeting I • Engagement Team Training 	DONE
Soonest	Library	Confirm dates for (4 consecutive days) and inform Harry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Engagement Session • Library Focus Groups • Planning Team Meeting II 	DONE
Sep 18	Harry	Send agenda and related handouts for Planning Meeting I to Heather	
Sep 18	Harry	Send agenda and related handouts for Engagement Team Training to Heather	
Sep 25	Planning Tm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Planning Team Meeting I • Decide focus group schedule 	
Sep 26	Engage Tm	Attend Engagement Team Training	
Sep 29	Harry	Send notes and related documents for Planning Team Meeting I to Heather	
Oct 16	Harry	Send agenda and related handouts for Planning Meeting II to Heather	
Oct 24-27?	Harry	Facilitate focus groups	
Oct 24-27?	Planning Tm	Conduct Planning Team Meeting II	
Oct 24-27?	Engage Tm & Harry	Conduct After Action Review for first Community Conversation	

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Early Bird Extended to September 15

Need more time to submit your ILA Annual Conference registration? The early bird deadline has been extended to Friday, September 15. Libraries that need to pay by check can take advantage of the early bird rate by registering online and selecting "check" as the payment method. If you have questions or want to register a group, please contact Tina Koleva at tina@ila.org.

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- More than 120 programs, presented by more than 250 speakers
- Ten hours of exhibits, featuring 110 library product and services companies
- Free Food -- including exhibits buffet lunches on October 11 and 12, an ice cream social, a donut break, and coffee every morning and afternoon
- Learning something new or deepen your knowledge on a topic
- Winning fabulous prizes in the exhibits Passport to Prizes raffle
- Free parking at the Tinley Park Convention Center, with all conference events on one floor
- Celebrating your colleagues by registering for the Awards Luncheon on October 10
- Enjoying dinner, drinks, and an evening with friends on the Tinley Park Pub Stroll
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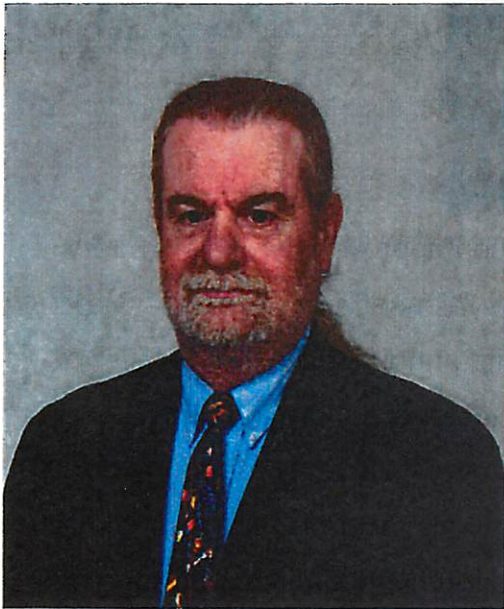
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Reservation Deadline: September 30

Attorney Phil Lenzini Named Illinois Library Luminary



Phil Lenzini is an attorney at law based in Peoria and represents more than 200 public libraries throughout the state of Illinois. A longtime champion of libraries and the services they provide, Lenzini is a regular presenter at programs held by the Illinois State Library and at Illinois Library Association annual conferences. In addition, he participates in dozens of continuing education events for various library clients and library systems. Among his many activities, he drafts policies and legal commentary for the Administrative Ready Reference page on the Illinois Secretary of State's website. As an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Lenzini serves the state and his library clients as a member of the local government law committee. Through that committee, he lobbies members of the Illinois General Assembly on areas of interest to libraries and other municipal entities, especially with respect to unintended budgetary consequences of proposed legislation. Lenzini received his B.A degree from Southern Illinois University (SIU) in 1972 and his J.D. in the charter class of SIU's School of Law in 1976. Inducted Thursday 17 August,

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Illinois ESSA Plan Approved



On August 30, the U.S. Department of Education approved the Illinois Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan. In a press release from the Illinois State Board of Education, Superintendent Tony Smith announced, “The Illinois ESSA Plan gives us the opportunity to foster collaboration and partnerships in order to build educators’ and leaders’ capacity for improved student outcomes. ESSA is about knowing students, schools, and districts better, so we can provide better support.” The approved plan incorporates the robust and ongoing stakeholder and practitioner feedback gathered through more than 3,500 online comments and 100 in-person forums and meetings. View the approved plan on the ISBE website at: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ESSA.aspx>.

IEEE Science Kits for Public Libraries

The Chicago Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Science Kits for Public Libraries (SKPL) grant project is offering up to \$2,000 per library in funding. The grant is focused on the creation of circulating math and science kit collections and intended for primary and secondary education students (K-12).



Applications will be accepted from public

libraries until **November 15, 2017** from libraries in the following counties:

Bureau, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry, and Putnam in their entirety; Cook County (except townships of Bloom, Bremen, Rich, Thornton) and Will County (except townships of Crete, Monee, Washington, Will). To apply, **download** the guidelines and application form; send completed forms to Michal Gawlik (michalg@ieee.org) by **November 15, 2017**.



Youth Services Forum Art Institute Field Trip

There's still time to register for the YSF Art Institute Field Trip on Thursday September 14, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$40, with lunch on your own. A limited number of slots are available, so [register today!](#)

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[Danville Area Community College Dedicates Carnegie Library](#)

[Information Literacy Lost: Most CPS Schools No Longer Have Librarians](#)

[Downers Grove Public Library Trustee Removed After Reported Comments on Homosexuality](#)

[Downtown Bloomington Task Force Eyes Joint Library-Transit 'Catalyst' Project](#)

[Lombard Library Board President: New Building Should Be In Downtown](#)

[Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Hopes to Achieve a Guinness World](#)

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Advocacy Committee meeting

October 2, 1:00-2:00 p.m., locations to be determined.

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Governor Signs ILA's Three Bills

ILA introduced three bills this year and all passed both chambers in the Illinois General Assembly successfully. The Governor recently signed all three:

- **House Bill 373**, Public Act 100-0245. This legislation amends the Illinois Local Library Act to permit a library board of trustees to submit the accurate tax levy amount required to fund its upcoming fiscal year no less than sixty days prior to when the tax levy must be certified under the Property Tax Code.
- **House Bill 547**, Public Act 100-0338. This legislation raises the bid advertisement dollar amount for library construction, remodeling, repairing, or building improvements from \$20,000 to \$25,000; and
- **Senate Bill 2068**, Public Act 100-0462. This legislation allows library boards to authorize specific, non-binding advisory questions to be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election in the city, village,

incorporated town, or township in which the public library is located.

Round Lake Says "THANKS!"

"YOU did it! Thank you to everyone who helped replenish collections at school libraries in the Round Lake Area School District, following heavy rains and damage in July of this year. The Round Lake Area Library and school district just reached all book donation goals because of the generosity of hundreds of residents, libraries, school districts, churches, scout groups, and other organizations. We are now at a point we will redistribute extra donations during a community give-back day in September," reports the Round Lake Area Public Library District.

Pam Van Kirk Latest Luminary

Pam Van Kirk's library career started with typing catalog cards at the Western Illinois Library System when she was sixteen years old. She was encouraged to attend graduate school for library science after college graduation. In 2010, she retired as director of the Galesburg Public Library following a long career in school and public libraries, and served as president of the Illinois Library Association in 2012-2013. Van Kirk believed that a library should be relevant to all potential users, and worked tirelessly to make the Galesburg Public Library highly visible with the assistance of a hardworking staff, supportive board, and appreciative customers. Whether she appeared as "Lizzie," the library mascot; choreographed a book cart drill team; coordinated P.I.G. (sixty decorated life-sized Pigs In Galesburg); or led cheers as an elf at the holiday parade, she made sure that residents knew about library services and programming. Van Kirk was a member of the Galesburg Area Chamber of



Commerce, served on the board of the Downtown Galesburg Business Association, and participated on numerous committees. She served on the board of directors for the Illinois Center for the Book and the Alliance Library System, presenting and participating in regional and statewide library conferences, workshops, and events. Honors include being named Administrator of the Year by the Alliance Library System and a Paul Harris Fellow for her contributions to Galesburg. Van Kirk always wanted libraries to be vibrant, welcoming places. She was often the loudest person in the library and sometimes had to be quieted by customers or students. A mentor to many librarians throughout central Illinois and an advocate for collaboration, her cheerful attitude and can-do spirit have left a positive mark on the Illinois library community.

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[Libraries Track One-On-One Time With Patrons](#)

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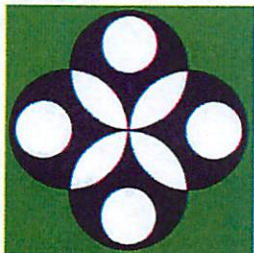
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Dee Brennan Latest Illinois Library Luminary



Deirdre Brennan has been an enthusiastic and tireless advocate for resource sharing and multitype library cooperation throughout her career. She consistently works to remove barriers to bring as many participants to the resource-sharing table as possible, no matter what their library type, size, or financial capability. Her underlying philosophy is that we are “stronger together.” At the start of her career in Massachusetts, Brennan worked to increase statewide library funding and to reorganize three public library systems into six multitype systems. Upon coming to Illinois, she served as executive director of Oak Park Public Library and led that

library to receive *Library Journal's* highly coveted five-star designation and a 97

percent approval rating from residents. As chair of the Illinois Library Association's (ILA) Public Policy Committee, Brennan wrote a grant that led to the groundbreaking Future of Illinois Library Cooperation project, which she co-chaired. As executive director of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) since 2013, she initiated grants to help libraries join shared catalogs and for libraries of different types to collaborate on innovative projects. She led efforts to change Illinois administrative rules to include continuing education and consulting as core system services. She initiated the outsourcing of delivery to improve service and helped bring affordable access to e-resources to all Illinois residents. Brennan consistently looks for ways to share RAILS services with libraries throughout Illinois. She has reinvented system services while maintaining a healthy financial reserve. In 2016, she received ILA's 2016 Hugh C. Atkinson award to honor her resource sharing efforts. Inducted Thursday, 15 June 2017.



Early Bird Deadline is September 11

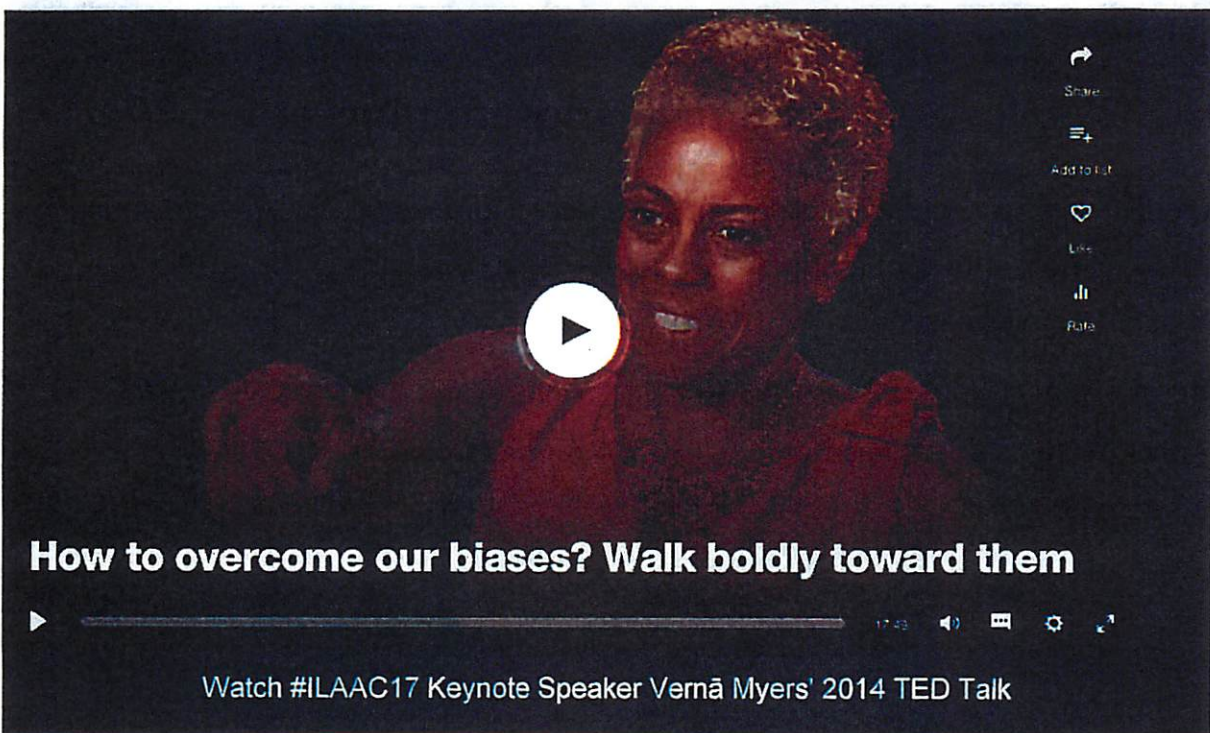
Register Early and Save!

The 2017 ILA Annual Conference is just two months away! [Register Online](#) by Monday, September 11, and save!

The conference opens with keynote speaker Vernā Myers, who is on a personal mission to disrupt the status quo—and she knows how to: she's lived it. Myers rose out of Baltimore's working class to become a Harvard-trained lawyer, entrepreneur, author, and cultural innovator. Her dynamic, laugh-out-loud speeches inspire audiences to go further—to move beyond leveling the playing field to create a new field altogether—and empower people of all backgrounds to contribute at their

highest levels. For the last two decades, Vernā and her team of consultants have helped eradicate barriers of race, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation at elite international law firms, Wall Street powerhouses, and the 10,000-member Fire Department of New York City, with the aim of establishing a new, more productive, and just status quo. Check out her TED Talk below for a preview of her work.

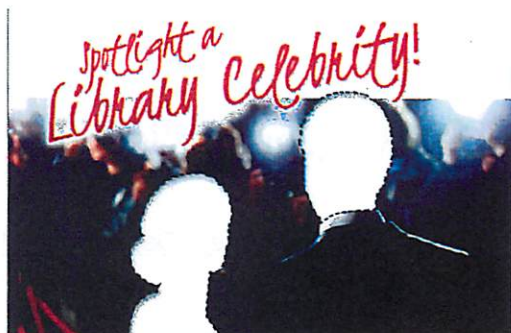
Myers is just one of the more than 250 presenters at this year's conference. [Check out the full list of #ILAAC17 programs and events.](#)



Celebrate Illinois library stars!

Join your colleagues for the 2017 ILA Awards Ceremony Luncheon on October 10th during the Annual Conference in Tinley Park. Luncheon registration is \$30. Early Bird deadline is fast

approaching. This special ticketed event requires pre-registration and tickets will not be available for purchase on site. [Click here to register!](#)





IACRL@ILA -- Academic Programming at #ILAAC17

The Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL) is sponsoring [IACRL@ILA](#)—a track of programming for academic librarians at the 2017 ILA Annual Conference.

IACRL@ILA will take the place of an IACRL Conference in 2018. A similar track of programming will be offered at the 2018 ILA Annual Conference. Offering this programming at the ILA Annual Conference is more cost-effective while providing opportunities for collaboration across library types.

[Click here download the complete IACRL@ILA program schedule.](#) These programs are open to all conference attendees and academic librarians are free to attend programs outside the IACRL@ILA track.

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ILA Executive Director Search Now Open

ILA's Executive Director Bob Doyle is retiring after 20 years of service. The association seeks a mission-driven executive leader with strong programmatic, interpersonal, and management skills. The new executive director will hold a deep commitment to the library profession's foundation and ethics, and bring experience in a membership association governed by volunteers. Strong candidates will have progressive experience leading a complex, statewide, or multisite nonprofit or association with a significant advocacy component. The successful candidate will continue existing and build new external financial partnerships, grow membership, practice geographical outreach and, as a partner to the Executive Board, lead the association into the future. The executive director will be a goal-oriented, accomplished leader who is passionate and committed to the value of public libraries as well as the diverse offerings of academic, school and special libraries. S/he is visionary, with the

ability to develop strong external partnerships. Familiarity with the types of mission-focused programs and services offered by ILA is important, and a familiarity with issues of importance to the members who make up the ILA is essential.

Specific Requirements Include:

- **Commitment to ILA's mission:** including experiences with managing a diverse body of members and potential members.
- A minimum of 7 years of progressive experience in leadership and management, with documented ability to manage staff and lead teams and bring cross-cultural competencies.
- Proven ability to build strong external relationships with a variety of volunteers, public leadership, partner organizations and other stakeholders.
- Association leadership experience in an institutional-based membership association is preferred.
- Track record in financial management, stewardship, and developing strategies to successfully increase revenue, including experience in managing an effective philanthropic program.
- Proven success in building strong and productive work teams with a focus on mentoring and nurturing staff development.
- Experience in a state-wide or multi-geographic organization where the leader must be “present” at various meetings and events.
- Strong analytic and strategic-thinking skills, with demonstrated ability to create, implement and monitor complex plans, and translate those plans into goals and concrete strategies.
- An understanding of both traditional and emerging trends in how libraries serve their communities is preferred.
- Career track record that shows stability with an organization and capacity to develop and nurture relationships culminating in overall success.
- Library leadership experience is preferred.

- BA/BS degree required; MLS, MBA or related advanced degree(s) strongly preferred.

This position offers a competitive salary with strong benefits. All inquiries will be held in strict confidence.

Illinois Library Association is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, disability, marital status, veteran status, or any other occupationally irrelevant criteria. **Candidates must complete the online application at and thereon submit their cover letter and resume.**

To assure confidential tracking of all applicants, **no applications will be accepted via email. ALL INQUIRIES WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.** This search is being managed by Heather Eddy, President and CEO, and Laura Weinman, Senior Consultant, of Alford Executive Search. Questions may be addressed to: lweinman@alfordexecutivesearch.com. **Alford Executive Search**, a division of Kistner Eddy Executive Services (KEES), is a retained search firm that builds transformative teams and leaders in the nonprofit and public sectors.

ILA Comments to the FCC on Net Neutrality

The Illinois Library Association represents not only its 3,000+ members, but the millions who depend on academic, public, school, and special libraries. Our mission is to “enhance learning and ensure access to information for all,” and further that “this access is essential for an open democratic society, an informed electorate, and the advancement of knowledge for all people.” Changing the rules that have already been thoughtfully debated and carefully constructed to preserve this essential access to Internet access runs counter to the very reason libraries were created in the first place. In 2015, the FCC

moved to keep the Internet an open environment that provided a level playing field, i.e., so-called net neutrality. There is no compelling reason to change these rules to allow privileged access to a few. We understand that the FCC has already received millions of comments on this subject from individuals and organizations and ask that you add our voice to those asking for the preservation of net neutrality.

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[Frustration Builds Over Stalled Lombard Library Plan](#)

[La Grange Library Renovation To Begin Late Fall](#)

[Attendance Up After Renovations at Pekin Public Library](#)

Upcoming events

- Saturday, August 19, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

[Trustee Forum Meeting](#)

Fox River Valley Public Library District, 555 Barrington Avenue, East
Dundee, IL 60018

- August 20, 2017

Deadline for October issue of the ILA Reporter

- Monday, August 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Public Policy Committee meeting

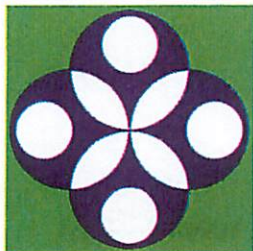
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Diversity Survey Responses Sought

The ILA Diversity Task Force wants to hear about the experiences of Illinois library workers from traditionally underrepresented groups in the field. Survey responses will be collected and examined to provide recommendations to ILA for the pursuit of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Illinois library community. Please complete the [survey](#) by Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

Keith Michael Fiels Named Illinois Library Luminary



Keith Michael Fiels served as executive director of the 55,000-member American Library Association (ALA) headquartered in Chicago, from 2002 to 2017. Prior to coming to ALA, he served as director of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Under his leadership, ALA established a new Office for Library Advocacy that provided expanded support for state and local advocacy efforts around the country, including *The Libraries Transform* public awareness campaign, which now involves 6,000 libraries. A new ALA Center for the Future of Libraries

promotes innovation and creativity in libraries, ALA's professional publishing and professional development programs have grown dramatically, as well as outreach to library trustee and Friends groups. Most recently, ALA fought back an attempt by the new administration to eliminate all federal funding for libraries. In Massachusetts, he worked with the state legislature to secure over \$500 million in state funds for public library reconstruction and to provide universal access to shared online systems and the collective resources of thousands of Massachusetts libraries. Fiels has also served as president of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), as the founding director of a library consortium in New Jersey, and as a library development consultant for the New York and New Jersey state libraries. Over the course of his 48-year career, he has worked as a public librarian, a school librarian, and as an independent library consultant. He is co-author of a number of books on planning and technology, and has spoken about libraries at hundreds of conferences, workshops, and other public events. Inducted Thursday, 17 August 2017.

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Ordinance No. 201718-183

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ORDINANCE NO. 201718-183
COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, ILCS, Chap. 50, Sec. 330/1, et seq.,
as amended, requires all Illinois Municipal corporations to adopt a combined annual
budget and appropriation ordinance specifying the objects and purposes of expendi-
tures; and the Illinois Public Library District Act, ILCS, Chap. 75, Secs. 16/35-5 and
16/30-85, provides procedures for the passage of a budget and appropriation ordi-
nance and a tax levy ordinance; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the above and other statutes, an ordinance has been prepared
in tentative form and made available for public inspection at least thirty (30) days
prior to the adoption thereof, and a public hearing on said budget and appropriation
ordinance has been held prior to final action hereon, and notice of said hearing was
published at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing in a newspaper published
within the District;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Library Trustees of the
Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:
Section 1. The following budget containing an estimate of all receipts of said Library
District, and of the expenditures therefrom, be and the same hereby is adopted as the
budget for said District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30,
2018, and the same sums are hereby appropriated as necessary to defray said ex-
penses and liabilities of the Library District, for the objects and purposes indicated
for the said fiscal year.
FUND BALANCES, estimated July 1, 2017
General Fund Balance 7,633,244
Municipal Retirement & Social Security 455,106
Audit 7,547
Liability Insurance 28,625
Wilmette Public Library Endowment Fund 37,300
B/E Special Reserve Fund 4,461,619
12,623,441
ESTIMATE OF REVENUE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED DURING FISCAL
YEAR
1. Tax Income-Current Levy Receipts* 5,747,103
2. Fines, Gifts, Non-Resident Fees, Other Income 474,904
TOTAL ESTIMATE OF REVENUE 6,222,007
* Item 1 is based totally on levy, as filed. Amount indicated may not be fully col-
lected.
ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES
I. PATRON MATERIALS/SERVICES - GENERAL FUND
A. Books/Continuations 316,500
B. Library of Things 8,000
C. Audio Visual Materials 118,000
D. Periodicals 70,000
E. Electronic Resources 340,000
F. Computer Software 15,000
G. Electronic Service Providers 108,000
H. Programming 45,000
I. Interlibrary Loan 1,500
J. Newsletter 47,000
K. Promotion 15,000
L. Grant 1,000
M. Rutherford Trust 9,000
N. Friends Purchases 45,000
II. PERSONNEL - GENERAL FUND
A. Librarian Salaries 1,503,528
B. Non-Librarian Salaries 1,424,273
C. Custodial Salaries 190,740
D. Professional Memberships 7,000
E. Continuing Education Registration 10,000
F. Travel/Mileage 35,000
G. Staff Development 40,000
H. Employee Health Insurance 545,028
III. OPERATION - GENERAL FUND
A. Fees (p/r, bank, credit card) 12,000
B. Professional Fees 32,500
C. Library Supplies 40,000
D. Office Supplies 30,000
E. Copiers 28,000
F. Printing 12,000
G. Postage/Shipping 14,000
H. Telephone 15,000
I. Equipment/Furnishings/Computers 125,000
J. Equipment/Computer/Security System Maintenance 90,000
K. Property/Casualty Insurance 25,000
L. Building/Grounds Improvement 20,000
M. Building Supplies 25,000
N. Building Maintenance 85,995
O. Building Maintenance Contracts 100,000
P. Grounds Maintenance 48,750
Q. Parking Lot Rent 12,000
R. Utilities 24,000
S. Sales and Use Tax 100
TOTAL ESTIMATE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 5,633,914
IV. CONTINGENCY - GENERAL FUND 400,000
V. TRANSFER TO B/E SPECIAL RESERVE FUND FROM GENERAL FUND
Specific fund for library site, building, equipment
accumulated according to ordinance pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/40 - 50 900,000
VI. B/E SPECIAL RESERVE FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
A. Building Improvement 1,500,000

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B. Fixed Equipment	500,000
C. Building Repair	500,000
D. Hardscape	3,500,000
	6,000,000

VII - SPECIAL FUNDS LEVIABLE IN ADDITION TO GENERAL FUND

A. Municipal Retirement - Social Security pursuant to 40 ILCS 577 - 171	
1. Municipal Retirement	268,000
2. Social Security	200,000

B. Audit Expense pursuant to 50 ILCS 310/9	9,263
C. Liability Insurance, including Workman's Compensation and Employment Insurance pursuant to 245 ILCS 10/9 - 107/9	43,875

TOTAL FUNDS LEVIABLE IN ADDITION TO GENERAL FUND 521,138
 AGGREGATE TOTAL APPROPRIATED 13,455,052

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the taxes to be levied for the fiscal year and other sources of income the sum of THIRTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS

among the several corporate objects and purposes herein above specified for said District purposes for the Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Section 3. All unexpended balances of proceeds received annually from public library taxes not in excess of statutory limits may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund, heretofore established according to ILCS, Chap. 75, Sec. 16/40-50, pursuant to plans developed and adopted by this Board, and said unexpended balances shall be accumulated in this fund for the purpose of erecting or purchasing a new library building, purchasing a site for the same, or building an addition thereto, or furnishing necessary equipment therefor.

Section 4. Except as otherwise provided by law, no further appropriations shall be made at any other time within such fiscal year provided that this Board may from time to time make transfers between the various items in any Fund, or appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate and unforeseen emergency, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the trustees, as provided by ILCS, Chap. 75, Sec. 16/30-90, et seq. and this Board may amend this budget and appropriation ordinance, from time to time by the same procedure as prescribed by statute for the original adoption of a budget and appropriation ordinance, provided that nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit transfer between Funds required by law to be kept separate. Any remaining balances after the close of the fiscal year shall be available until August 30th for the authorization of the payment of obligations incurred prior to the close of the fiscal year, and until September 30th for the payment of such obligations or for the transfer of unexpended balances thereof to be accumulated, as provided by ILCS, Chap. 75, Sec. 16/30-90.

Section 5. A copy of this ordinance in tentative form has been available for public inspection at the Library for thirty (30) days, and notice of said hearing has been given by posting for thirty (30) days, and by publication in a newspaper published within this District in substantially the following form:

THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE
 WILMETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 Public notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed annual budget and appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 at the following place and time: Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois, at 7:15 p.m., on the 18th day of July, 2017. The said ordinance shall be available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior thereto at said Library during regular library hours. Dated this 16th day of May, 2017.

Section 6. This ordinance is passed pursuant to statutory authority and the Illinois Public Library District Act, ILCS, Chap. 75, Sec. 16/35-5, et seq., and Sec. 16/40-50; and the Illinois Revenue Code, ILCS, Chap. 35, Sec. 205/17, et seq., and other statutes pertaining thereto.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law, and any resolutions or ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed; and should any part of this ordinance be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall affect only that part of this act specifically covered thereby, and shall not affect any other provision or parts of this act, which shall be severable therefrom.

PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, on the 18th day of July, 2017 by vote of:

AYES: McDonald, O'Laughlin, Rodgers, Wolf

NAYS: Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: George, Barshis

APPROVED: Kathleen O'Laughlin, President, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois

ATTEST: Stuart Wolf, Secretary pro-tem, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois

SECRETARY CERTIFICATE

I, Stuart Wolf, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected, qualified, and acting Secretary pro-tem and as such keeper of the books and records of The Board of Library Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois; and

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above attached ORDINANCE NO. 2017/18-183 COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance which was presented, passed, and recorded by said Board at their meeting, on July 18, 2017 by a vote of:

AYES: McDonald, O'Laughlin, Rodgers, Wolf

NAYS: Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Barshis, George

DATED this 18th day of July, 2017

Stuart Wolf, Secretary or Secretary pro-tem, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois

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Chike Erokwu
Secretary, Board of Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., the Land Use Committee of the Village of Wilmette, sitting as a Special Zoning Committee, will conduct a public hearing in the Village Board Conference Room of Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois, when the matters listed below will be considered:
2017-SZC-02 Review of the April 1, 2014 Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map
Review the zoning ordinance and zoning map and recommend technical amendments as necessary.
Trustee Steven Leonard, Chairman
Trustee Kathy Dodd
Trustee Dan Sullivan
(Constituting the Land Use Committee and Special Zoning Committee of the Village of Wilmette, Illinois)
If you are a person with a disability and need special accommodations to participate in and/or attend a Village of Wilmette public meeting, please notify the Village Manager's Office at (847) 853-7510 (TDD# (847) 853-7634) as soon as possible.
Published this 24th day of August, 2017 in the Wilmette Beacon.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the above and other statutes, an ordinance has been prepared in tentative form and made available for public inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to the adoption thereof, and a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance has been held prior to final action hereon, and notice of said hearing was published at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing in a newspaper published within the District;
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FUND BALANCES, estimated July 1, 2017

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	4,461,619
	12,623,441

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2. Fines, Gifts, Non-Resident Fees, Other Income	474,904
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F. Travel/Mileage	40,000
G. Staff Development	545,028
H. Employee Health Insurance	
III. OPERATION - GENERAL FUND	12,000
A. Fees (p/r, bank, credit card)	32,500
B. Professional Fees	40,000
C. Library Supplies	30,000
D. Office Supplies	28,000
E. Copiers	12,000
F. Printing	14,000
G. Postage/Shipping	15,000
H. Telephone	125,000
I. Equipment/Furnishings/Computers	90,000
J. Equipment/Computer/Security System Maintenance	25,000
K. Property/Casualty Insurance	20,000
L. Building/Grounds Improvement	25,000
M. Building Supplies	85,995
N. Building Maintenance	100,000
O. Building Maintenance Contracts	48,750
P. Grounds Maintenance	12,000
Q. Parking Lot Rent	24,000
R. Utilities	100
S. Sales and Use Tax	5,633,914
TOTAL ESTIMATE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	400,000.00
IV. CONTINGENCY - GENERAL FUND	
V. TRANSFER TO B/E SPECIAL RESERVE FUND FROM GENERAL FUND	
Specific fund for library site, building, equipment accumulated according to ordinance pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/40 - 50	900,000
VI. B/E SPECIAL RESERVE FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,500,000
A. Building Improvement	

B. Fixed Equipment 500,000
C. Building Repair 3,500,000
D. Hardscape 6,000,000

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A. Municipal Retirement-Social Security pursuant to 40 ILCS 5/7 - 171 268,000
1. Municipal Retirement 200,000
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C. Liability Insurance, including Workman's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance pursuant to 745 ILCS 10/9 - 107 521,138
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AGGREGATE TOTAL APPROPRIATED

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/s/Jan Barshis, Secretary

Section 6. This ordinance is passed pursuant to statutory authority and the Illinois Public Library District Act, ILCS, Chap. 75, Sec. 16/35-5, et seq., and Sec. 16/40-50; and the Illinois Revenue Code, ILCS, Chap. 35, Sec. 205/157, et seq., and other statutes appertaining thereto.

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PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, on the 18th day of July, 2017 by vote of:
AYES: McDonald, O'Laughlin, Rodgers, Wolf
NAYS: Johnson

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: George, Barshis
APPROVED: /s/ Kathleen O'Laughlin, President, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois
ATTEST: /s/Stuart Wolf, Secretary pro-tem, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois

SERIAL CERTIFICATE
I, Stuart Wolf, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected, qualified, and serving Secretary pro-tem and as such keeper of the books and records of The Board of Library Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois; and

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above attached ORDINANCE NO. 2017/18-183 COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance which was presented, passed, and recorded by said Board at their meeting, on July 18, 2017 by a vote of:
AYES: McDonald, O'Laughlin, Rodgers, Wolf
NAYS: Johnson
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Barshis, George

DATED this 18th day of July, 2017
/s/ Stuart Wolf, Secretary or Secretary pro-tem, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmette Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois

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Wilmette Life

Wilmette Public Library officials hope a new strategic plan will help them set goals and reach out to community members who can say what they want the library to provide, library officials said this month.

Library Director Heather McCammond-Watts said that a report from Alabama-based Christiansen Consulting should be complete in three to four months. That will allow the strategic plan to be ready by the end of 2017 and ready to implement next year, she said.

"It will guide us in a lot of our future decisions on things like space planning, which is intimately tied into the plan, with our collections, even things like landscaping and signage," McCammond-Watts said.

The library's board chose consultant Harry Christiansen because it felt he could provide them with a fresh perspective on library needs, she said.

"They also liked his approach, because he's very data-driven, very attuned to assessing community needs, and adept at facilitating community conversations," she said. "And for us, that's the crux of this plan."

After Christiansen meets with staff, staff members will be trained to meet with community groups such as PTOs, Rotary clubs and other governments, like Wilmette's Park District, she said.

"We want to talk to our current users, but we also want to get the whole community involved, including those people who haven't been to the library in a while, or who are new to the community," McCammond-Watts said.

Using that information,

and board members to develop longer-term goals, she said.

Sarah Beth Brown, who heads the library's community services department, said Aug. 10, "This really is us saying, 'What do you want us to be doing for you?'"

The library is already reaching out to residents, adult services department head Betty Giorgi said.

"I think we're discovering that there is a way to reach some folks that don't normally come into the library," she said. "Things like 'DIY' projects, and projects that encourage social interaction."

Among the new or continuing initiatives coming up in the library's fall schedule:

■ A "Solar Eclipse Day" on Aug. 21 between noon and 3 p.m. The library will present the NASA live stream of that day's total solar eclipse in the auditorium, and will provide refreshments, according to the library's website. The library also has a limited number of glasses to allow participants to safely view the partial solar eclipse happening in the Chicago area, Giorgi said. A connected event will take place Aug. 24 in the auditorium, when the Axiom Brass orchestral quintet presents "Celestial Suite," a multimedia show about space, with music, she said.

■ A history series on World War II that will include book discussions and presentations throughout October and November. Giorgi said the library's history-focused programs continue to be popular with patrons.

■ The library's "Maker" programs, which focus on creative do-it-yourself projects for children and adults.



KEVIN TANAKA/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Lyric Opera soprano Kimberly Jones performs at the Wilmette Public Library Aug. 13. The library, which offers cultural and other programs for adults and children, hopes to have a new strategic plan ready to go by 2018.

The projects have included silk-screening, crafting and computer game creation. Brown said "maker" classes have run for about a year on Sundays and Mondays, while a newer program, "Maker After Dark," for adults, began this June and will continue in the fall. Among the planned projects publicized on the library website is a Sept. 22 "Maker After Dark" event that teaches participants how to create a candle in a jar, then provides them with a complimentary glass of wine and a jazz concert.

"We want (regular patrons and new visitors) to feel excited when they come to the library," Brown said of patrons. "Whether that's finding the hot n



The audience applauds Lyric Opera soprano Kimberly Jones during her performance at the Wilmette Public Library, on Aug. 13. Library officials are in the process of creating a new strategic plan for the institution.

book on the new books shelf, or finding a good work space, or discovering our great programming."

To learn more about Wilmette Public Library programming, see www.wilmette.lib.il.us/.

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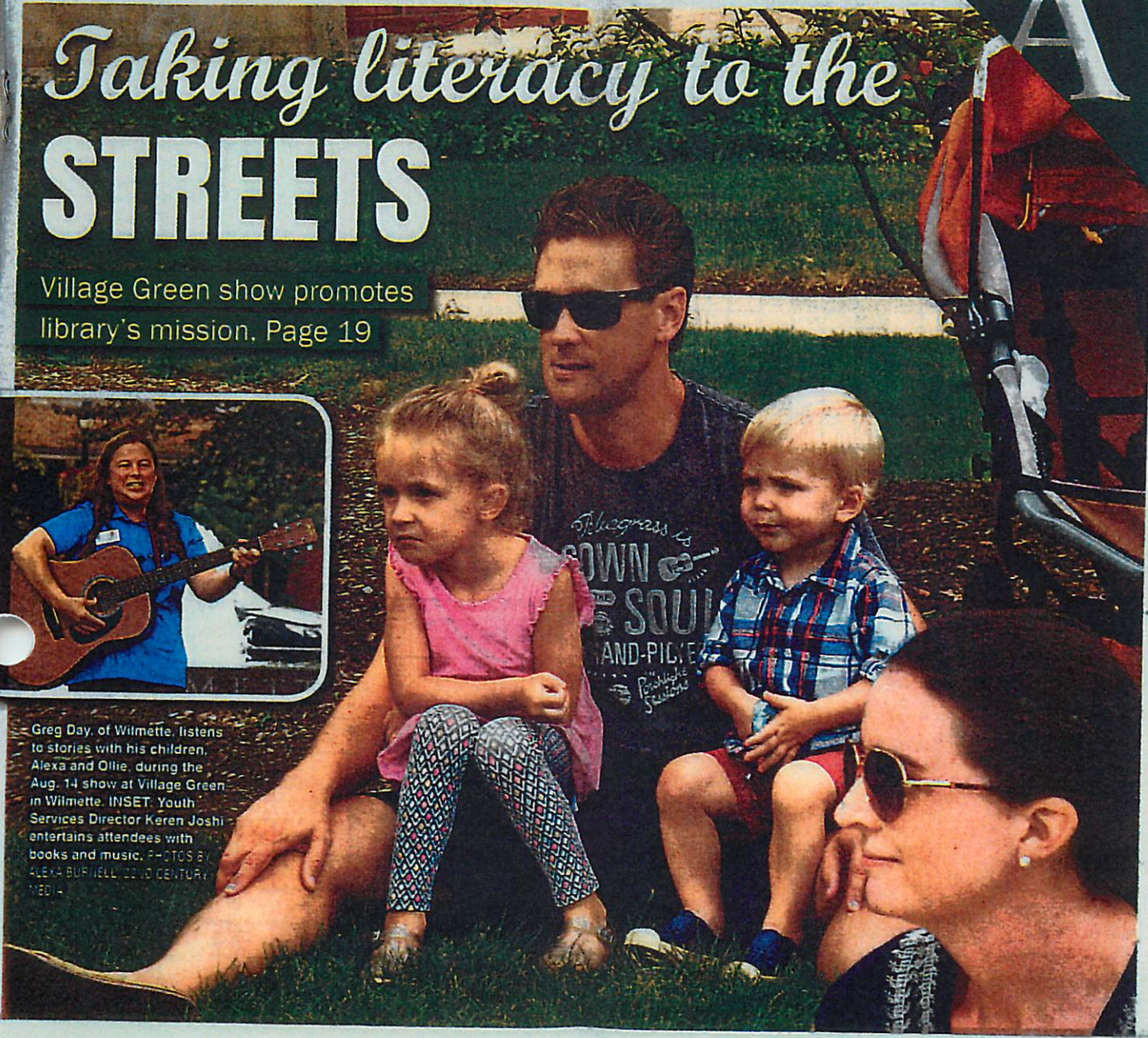
Lake Bluff's Luke's revels in local relationships. Page 21


Taking literacy to the STREETS

Village Green show promotes library's mission. Page 19



Greg Day, of Wilmette, listens to stories with his children, Alexa and Ollie, during the Aug. 14 show at Village Green in Wilmette. INSET: Youth Services Director Keren Joshi entertains attendees with books and music. PHOTOS BY ALEXA BURNELL, 22ND CENTURY MEDIA



 COVER STORY

Story hour partners village and library in Wilmette

ALEXA BURNELL
Freelance Reporter

Local children nestled onto the Village Green on Aug. 14, listening to good stories while enjoying the thriving downtown business district, thanks to a joint effort between the Village and Wilmette Public Library.

Youth Services Director Keren Joshi and Library Executive Director Heather McCammond-Watts welcomed families, ready to entertain. The comical duo read, sang and acted, putting a smile on the faces of the young audience. McCammond-Watts said the unique story hour was part of the Library's overall mission to take literacy to the streets.

"We hope to create healthy partnerships with the community and today was a great first step in promoting our message," McCammond-Watts said. "We have a lot of new ideas and it was so nice to work with the Village, particularly Assistant Village Manager Michael Braiman, who was very supportive."

Braiman said the Village was in full support of the story hour, as it complimented their goal of bringing more families to the business district.

"The Village has made a concerted effort to increase customer traffic to downtown businesses during non-peak times. Over the past several years, the Village has installed year-round tree lighting, floral hanging baskets, initiated a Summer Concert Series



Wilmette Library Director Heather McCammond-Watts (left) and Youth Services Director Keren Joshi ham it up at the first story hour co-sponsored by the Village and Wilmette Public Library on Aug. 14 in Wilmette. ALEXA BURNELL/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

on Tuesday nights, and now has partnered with the Wilmette Library to host the a storytime," Braiman said. "The event was a great success and we hope to continue our partnership with the Library to offer more events and bring more visitors to our downtown."

At the start of the story hour, Joshi welcomed families before strumming her guitar and singing in front of the picturesque fountain.

Soon, she encouraged little ones to dance and move about, offering a variety of props that kept toddlers and preschoolers completely engaged.

Wilmette's Ellie Hotchkiss brought her two children, Patrick, 2 and Maeve, 3, dancing along with her kids in a new environment.

"We love the library's story hours and it is so nice to be outdoors, right in the Village, enjoying some good stories. It's something new," she said.

Erin Irvy recently moved to Wilmette with her three children, appreciating the opportunity to meet other families and have a little fun in their new neighborhood.

McCammond-Watts said the enthusiastic reaction from the crowd was just what she hoped for.

"Our tagline at the library is 'we like to grow communities.' We hope that story hours such as this one promotes literacy throughout the town and allow families to make new friends, while enjoying good books at new locations within their hometown," McCammond-Watts said.

In addition, McCammond-Watts said events geared towards children are a win-win for everyone, business owners included.

She encouraged residents to stay tuned to new community-based programming for both adults and children coming this fall.

WILMETTE LIBRARY BOARD

Tax levy ordinance discussion tabled again

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Freelance Reporter

The Wilmette Library Board put a bookmark in its tax levy ordinance discussion, tabling the matter to be voted on at a future meeting.

The library's tax levy ordinance for fiscal year 2017-18, which began July 1, came before the board at its July meeting. The board voted to table the discussion until the Tuesday, Aug. 15 meeting, during which they voted to table the discussion again as the library's audit process continues.

"This is a draft and will continue to be so. ... It will change again," Library Director Heather McCammond-Watts said of the tax levy ordinance proposal. "Because there's still a lot that we don't know based upon the audit."

She added the board should consider the current tax levy ordinance proposal as a draft and continue the discussion at the October meeting.

"That's when we'll have a more clear idea of the final levy number that

ROUND IT UP

A brief recap of Library Board action on Aug. 15

- The library received \$8,631.57 in gifts and donations in July.
- McCammond-Watts said there has been an increase in summer reading program participation "across the board from all ages."
- The library board's first meeting with its new strategic planning consultant, Harry Christiansen of Christiansen Consulting, LLC, is scheduled for Aug. 24.

makes the most sense after the audit," she said.

With audit results expected to be ready sometime in September, the board will have a better idea of the levy picture.

"By October, we should have a much sharper image of what the audit shows and we can evaluate the levy amount consistent with the intent of the board to reduce the levy," Treasurer Ron Rodgers said.

The board previously approved a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance in May. Adopting a tax levy ordinance is the next step.

"It's consistent with what the board decided in May for us to, once we have the audit, to adjust the levy amount to meet our objective of operating in the fiscal year this levy

addresses at close to what we expect to spend," Rodgers said. "The budget and appropriation ordinance provides permission to spend, but we don't spend that amount."

"In all the years that I've been on this board, we have always attempted to have the budget include money for things that might have to be addressed but that we don't address unless we absolutely need to. We've never spent the full amount that's in the budget. The levy amount can be adjusted in October or even in November."

For the previous fiscal year — which began July 1, 2016, and ended June 30, 2017 — the board approved a tax levy amounting to \$5,894,465.

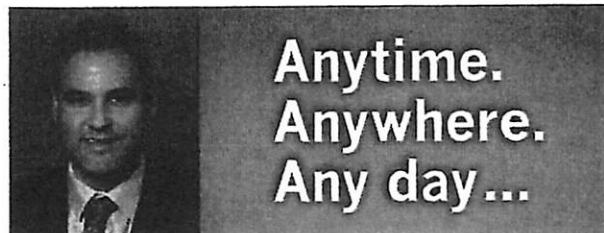
The levy ordinance has to be adopted by the board's November meeting in time to be filed by the Cook County Clerk tax levy deadline, which is on or before the final Tuesday in December.

Art show gets fresh coat of paint

The annual art show at the library is being "refreshed" this fall, McCammond-Watts said.

The art show will feature a new theme every quarter, she said, and is open to all ages.

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Tina Nelson, mother of Grant Nelson, speaks to the crowd at Runner's Edge Monday, Aug. 14, in Wilmette. ALEXA BURNELL/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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 COVER STORY

Nelson family works to ensure safety of Uber drivers

Walk/run planned in son's honor

ALEXA BURNELL
Freelance Reporter

The Nelson family, of Wilmette, has suffered unimaginable pain due to the tragic and untimely death of their son, Grant, who died over the Memorial Day weekend while working as an Uber rideshare driver.

Despite their grief, however, they stand committed to stamping out the stigma associated with mental illness, while advocating for the safety of rideshare drivers everywhere.

The Nelson family gathered with friends at the Runner's Edge Monday,

Aug. 14 in Wilmette's Plaza Del Lago to promote the upcoming National Alliance on Mental Illness of Cook County North Suburban Walk/Run. The event is scheduled for Sept. 24 at Clark Street Beach in Evanston.

Grant Nelson, 34, a graduate of New Trier High School, was fatally attacked in May in Lincolnwood.

He picked up a rider, Elisa Wasni, 16, in the early morning hours of May 30 a few blocks from a Walmart in Skokie and, minutes into the ride, near the corner of Touhy and Lincoln avenues in Lincolnwood, Wasni allegedly began stabbing him. He eventually succumbed to his injuries.



The Nelson family listens to speakers at the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Cook County event on Aug. 15 at Runner's Edge in Wilmette. ALEXA BURNELL/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

Tina Nelson, Grant's mother, has been involved with NAMI since 1998, when she first sought help for one of her own family members. The support, compassion, education

and friendship she found at NAMI motivated her to not only become a board member, but a facilitator of programs as well.

"There is hope for those afflicted with mental ill-

ness," she said. "With support and education, families can heal and cope. It's what we at NAMI do — teach families that there is no shame in needing help and that they are not alone."

NAMI's free programs exist from donations and fundraising campaigns such as the annual Walk/Run, among others. This year, the event is dedicated to Grant, and the Nelsons have two important missions they are setting out to accomplish.

"We have a dual purpose this year," said Alex Nelson, Grant's sister. "We want to raise awareness about the services NAMI offers families, and we also want to ensure the safety of other rideshare drivers by

protecting themselves with a safety partition."

The Nelsons have partnered with the National Rideshare Council and a rideshare safety partition company located in Chicago. The partition, designed by a father on the south side whose own daughters work as Uber/Lyft drivers, will be on display at the Sept. 24 event, and is part of a memorial program the Nelsons have established in Grant's honor, Don't Take your Safety for Granted.

During the Walk/Run kickoff celebration, Tina Nelson addressed the crowd.

"It is my wish for all rideshare drivers to be safe," she said. "The parti-

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“ This note is to let you know how much your *support*, professionalism and knowledge of the area has meant to us in our transition into the area. Throughout the process, you became a *trusted friend* and someone the whole family is comfortable with and pleased to know. -Stacey, Winnetka. ”

POLICE REPORTS

'Water Works' employee wanted after home theft

A resident of the 900 block of Manor Avenue in Wilmette reported to police that upon arriving home from a walk between 3-3:10 p.m. Aug. 10 a male subject exited from a van that had just pulled into her driveway and identified himself as an employee of the "Wilmette Water Works."

He stated that due to the area construction a water main had ruptured and he needed to "check her water for contamination." After leading her through the interior and around the exterior of the house while she turned on various faucets, the subject departed the premises.

Shortly thereafter she discovered that \$500 in cash, \$2,000 in traveler's checks and a credit card were missing from a second floor filing cabinet. She also stated that it ap-

peared that some items in the bedroom were out of place. She described the individual as approximately 30-40 years old, dark complexion, 5-foot-7 with an average build.

WILMETTE
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- While on a routine patrol, an officer noticed the street name signs missing from the poles at the southeast corner of the intersection at Kenilworth Avenue and Dartmouth Lane at 6:15 a.m. Aug. 13.

- A man reported his locked gray Trek mountain bike, valued at \$200, was stolen between Aug. 11-13 at the CTA stop, 349 Linden Ave.

KENILWORTH
Aug. 16

- An irate customer, de-

scribed as a Hispanic female, 5-foot-6, in her 40s with long hair, damaged a display case inside Beat Street, 521 Park Drive, at 3:10 p.m. Aug. 16 in Kenilworth. The attack caused \$112 worth of damage to designer magnet cases. The offender left prior to police arrival and witnesses were unable to identify her. The incident is under investigation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Wilmette Beacon Police Reports are compiled from official reports found on file at the Wilmette and Kenilworth police headquarters. They are ordered by the date the incident was reported. Individuals named in these reports are considered innocent of all charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

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tion is easy to install and can keep drivers from unnecessary harm. We need to make this happen."

NAMI's Board President, Patricia Rodbro, has worked with Tina Nelson at NAMI CCNS for the past 15 years. She was not surprised that her good friend has already sprung into action with hopes of helping others.

"It has only been a short time since Tina lost her son, but she told us that if her involvement meant others could be helped, then she would jump back into her role," Rodbro said. "She's even taken the race to a whole new level this year by promoting the need for stricter safety standards for rideshare drivers and

users. [Tina] is truly an amazing person and has inspired and helped so many over the years."

Melinda Duestar, a NAMI member, joined the organization when her daughter was diagnosed in college.

"I walked away from my first meeting with tears in my eyes, grateful for the support," Duestar said. "I soon bonded with other families going through similar difficulties and my whole family is better for having NAMI to see us through.

These walks are about educating our communities, letting families know there are resources, and highlighting the importance of stamping out the stigma that still surrounds mental illness. I am also here tonight to support a member of the NAMI family, the Nelsons, who have faced

more than most."

On July 11, Wasni entered a not guilty plea to multiple counts of first-degree murder, aggravated vehicular hijacking and aggravated battery.

Wasni was denied bail and is in custody at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center in Chicago.

The next court date for this case is 9:30 a.m. Sept. 29 in Skokie for status.

For more information or to support the Grant Nelson Legacy Team for NAMI Walks, visit www.namiwalks.org. To learn more about the Don't Take your Safety for Granted Memorial Program" and rideshare safety partition campaign, visit donttakeyoursafetyforgranted.com/.



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