

# Annual Report

## 2013–14

### It's been an exciting year!

Not only did IPPL celebrate its **25th anniversary**, but the library made the **final bond payment on its building**. In addition, IPPL appointed several new board members: Don Damon, Beena Deshmukh, Julia Lacayo, Diane Ruscitti, and Dorothy Schardt.

A summary of significant achievements, new services, and special programs and events.

## Thank You!

- To the Friends of IPPL for donating \$9,800.
- To the IPPL Foundation for donating \$2,935.
- To the community for donating \$7,390
- To the Rotary Club of Darien for donating \$1,465.
- To the Darien Woman's Club for donating \$1,450.
- To the Darien Lions Club for donating \$500.
- To the 221 volunteers who donated 5,344 hours.
- To the voters who made us third in *West Suburban Living's* 18th Annual Best of the West voting for Best Public Library.

## Providing Popular Materials and Programs

- 3D printing came to IPPL—166 projects were printed in the first two months!
- A Makerspace and Digital Media Lab were created in Kids & Teens.
- Tech Talk discussions were initiated to share technology trends and tips.
- The Big Read celebrated its 10th year of programming in partnership with other local libraries.
- Books and Movies Just For You, our online recommendation service, was launched.
- A Free Comic Book Day event was hosted for the first time, in which we gave away 225 comics to attendees.

## Fostering Life-Long Learning

- Junction programming was created to encourage patrons to learn, create, and share.
- Intergenerational programs Memory Drive and Pages for All Ages were offered in partnership with the Rotary Club of Darien.
- The My First Library Card program was designed to encourage library membership for children.
- Little U classes were initiated to encourage early literacy.
- KRoT (Kids Reading on Tuesdays) and FRISK (Friday Interactive Storytime for Kids) programming was originated to encourage reading by mid-kids.
- The DIY Teens and Hacker's Coalition programming for teens was developed to encourage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education.

### Did you know?

Amazon.com shoppers can now donate to IPPL through Fundinco.org! Visit [fundinco.org/indianprairie](http://fundinco.org/indianprairie).

## Enhancing the Community

- Local artist Jenn Weinschenker painted on location in the library; the work will be donated to IPPL.
- IPPL participated in the 3rd annual World Book Night, giving away books throughout the community.
- A Citizenship Corner containing resources was created through a state grant.
- The local history collection added microfilm from the Darien *Progress* newspapers spanning 1971–2000.
- Our Oral History Project was initiated with interviews of long-time residents.

## Enriching Lives Through Technology

- Hoopla service for streaming movies and music was provided.
- Roku devices for streaming movies were offered for checkout.
- The eReadIllinois Axis 360 e-book collection with more than 10,000 titles was added.
- New databases were added, including Legal Forms, NovelList Select, and S&P NetAdvantage.
- Kindles pre-loaded with e-books were provided for checkout by adults.
- Nook Colors pre-loaded with books and games were available for checkout by mid-kids.
- iPads for adult use in the library were loaded with ESL apps and access to Zinio magazines.
- iPads and Macbook Pro laptops were purchased for teen use.
- Interactive touch-screen computers were installed in the Family Center.

# Facts and Figures\*

## We own:

- 144,692 books
- 25,261 e-books
- 21,769 DVDs
- 4,138 streaming movies
- 11,345 music CDs
- 132,144 streaming music albums
- 6,130 audiobooks
- 4,950 downloadable audiobooks
- 463 console games

## We also have:

- 391 magazine/newspaper subscriptions
- 84 e-magazine subscriptions
- 65 online resource databases

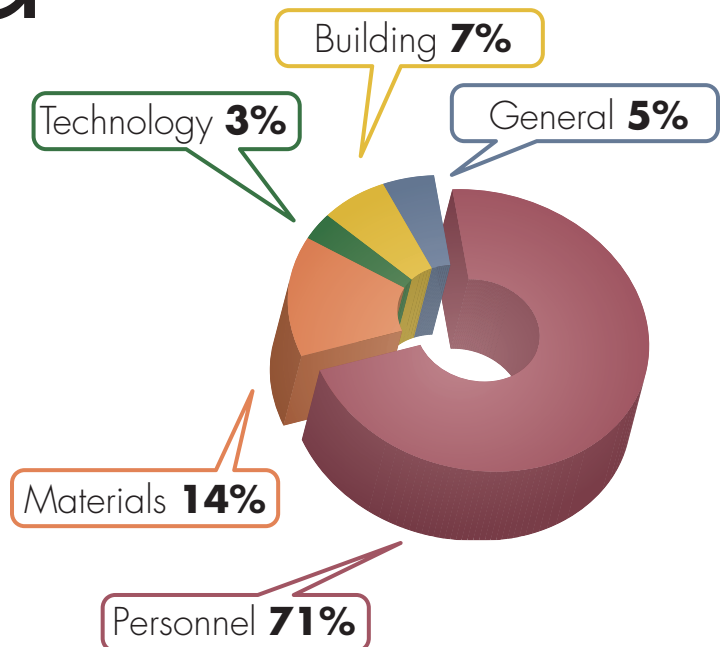
We are also a member of SWAN online catalog, which provides access to more than one million titles.

## Serving our community:

- 466,022 people visited the library
- 855,033 items circulated
- 103,511 visits to [ippl.info](http://ippl.info)
- 98,252 questions answered
- 74,445 uses of IPPL computers
- 730 programs and classes offered
- 18,668 people attended programs and classes

## Saving you money:

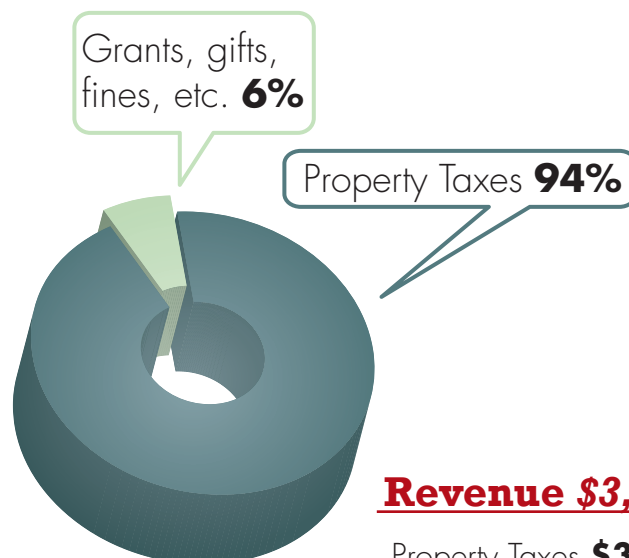
Our 24,231 cardholders checked out 859,439 items, which represents a savings of \$638 to each cardholder.



## Operating Expenditures \$3,414,503

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| Personnel          | <b>\$2,435,646</b> | ● |
| Materials          | <b>\$474,667</b>   | ● |
| Building           | <b>\$225,516</b>   | ● |
| General Operations | <b>\$166,104</b>   | ● |
| Technology         | <b>\$112,570</b>   | ● |

## Bond Repayment \$461,597



## Revenue \$3,756,409

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|---|--------------------|---|
| Property Taxes                              | <b>\$3,513,150</b> | ● |
| Grants, gifts, interest, fines, fees, misc. | <b>\$243,259</b>   | ● |

\*unaudited figures