Year in Review
FY 2017–2018

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS
• Earth Flag earned from School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE)
• Resolution of Commendation received from the DuPage County Board for dedication to protecting the environment

FOSTERING LIFELONG LEARNING
• ProCitizen database added to help those preparing for the United States Citizenship Test
• Write-On Teen Literary Festival, sponsored by The Gift of Carl Foundation, received 60+ submissions for the Cool Compositions Contest
• WouldShop™ renovated to provide creative space for ages 8–18 to design, tinker, build, and make
• LittleShop™ created to give children age 7 and under a hands-on learning space
• 2017 Summer Challenges offered for all ages
• 2017 Kids & Teens Summer Challenge statistics:
  • Print to the library’s printer from anywhere at print.ippl.info
  • ExSTEMaganza: Reaction Contraptions brought 85 participants together to build a large-scale Rube Goldberg-like structure
  • LEGO Robotics Challenge saw 55 kids face off in sumo tug-o-war challenges
  • Minecraft Mini-Con taught 73 kids and teens about Minecraft servers, mods, and more
  • Tech Takeout collection expanded to include cable alternatives kits, virtual reality equipment, and Intuos drawing tablet
  • Digital microfilm/fiche scanner added to scan and save 16mm and 35mm microfilm and microfiche cards

PROVIDING POPULAR MATERIALS & PROGRAMS
• Harry Potter Fest attended by 760 wizards of all ages
• Fiber Fest introduced 370 people to knitting, spinning, dyeing, and more
• IPPL PopCon enjoyed by 190 fans of all ages
• Sewing machines made available for checkout
• Collaboration Station™ established featuring rotating activities for adults
• Hot Picks DVD collection provides popular movies with no waiting period
• Board game collection created for checkout and enjoyment

ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY
• The Sound, sponsored by The Gift of Carl Foundation, showcased local teen musical talent
• Peace Mural Project invited the community to share hopes and dreams for peace
• National Vegetarian Museum Traveling Exhibition promoted benefits of veganism and vegetarianism
• Biz Connection introduced to assist local small businesses
• Community garden partnership with Good Worx Sunny Patch Project grew fresh produce for local at-risk families
• Provided materials to 153 area book club discussion groups

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY
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FOR DONATIONS
• The IPPL Foundation & Friends ($21,894.63)
• The Sadowski Family ($20,904.43)
• The Estate of Marion E. Weston ($8,966.74)
• The Darien Woman’s Club ($1,650)

TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS
• Burr Ridge Village Center
• Countryside Bank
• Darien Dragons 4-H Club
• Darien Garden Club
• Darien Park District
• The Gift of Carl Foundation
• Good Worx
• Gower School District 62
• Literacy DuPage
• SCORE

And thank you to the 374 volunteers who donated 4,700 hours of their time.
Facts and Figures*

WE OWN:
- 127,260 books
- 323,474 eBooks
- 25,105 DVDs and Blu-rays
- 14,564 streaming movies
- 8,946 music CDs
- 265,515 streaming music albums
- 7,055 audiobooks on CD
- 477 Playaway audiobooks
- 72,945 downloadable audiobooks
- 767 console games
- 22 board games

SUBSCRIPTIONS:
- 400 magazines/newspapers
- 81 eMagazines
- 63 online resource databases

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

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY:
- 644,477 items checked out
- 408,373 people visited IPPL
- 269,037 visits to ippl.info
- 93,363 questions answered
- 54,043 uses of IPPL computers
- 1,548 programs and classes offered
- 29,806 people attended programs and classes
- 1,810 items delivered to homebound cardholders

OPERATING EXPENDITURES $3,691,490
- Personnel $2,734,355
- Materials $476,375
- Building $246,000
- General Operations $134,275
- Technology $100,485

REVENUE $3,691,504
- Property Taxes $3,472,004
- Grants, gifts, interest, fines, fees, misc. $219,500

* unaudited figures

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