6,953 people attended programming for our Summer Challenge.
The Summer Challenge helps keep kids’ minds engaged & stay focused to prevent the summer slide, a decline in reading ability & academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn’t in session.

2,988 food items were collected & donated to the food pantries at Our Lady of Peace & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel during our Food for Fines drive. During the same time, our Teen Advisory & Services Committee (TASC) collected 270 cold weather items for families in need.

120.84 lbs. of herbs & vegetables were grown in the Prairie Patch & given away to 218 community members, including families in need & local food pantries.

Through the weekly Math Lab program, 114 kids (grades 4–6) harvested, measured, & weighed the fresh produce.

We continued our partnership with The Gift of Carl Foundation to present opportunities for teens through Write-On & The Sound, plus we added four new music kits for all ages.

Our board game collection doubled to 45 games, so families & friends can gather & spend quality time together.

A knitting machine & 12 STEM kits were added to the WouldShop™ to inspire creativity & learning.

A donation from the Darien Lions Club added a video magnifier for people with low vision.

You can explore & try new things at the library.

New devices in Tech Takeout include diagnostic tools, iPods preloaded with Audible, smart home kits, & telescopes.

Thanks to the Lawrence Family, Bea’s Garden was established in the Prairie Patch, including an insect & sensory garden to teach families about nature.

Thanks to the Darien Woman’s Club, we added Braille & STEM kits & puzzles for families to check out.
Year in Review Highlights
Fiscal Year 2018–2019

LittleTown™ opened.
Donated by the Sadowski Family, this space encourages young minds to use their imaginations to play & explore.

Ten businesses & 97 teens attended the Young Adult & Teen Job Fair. We help connect employers & teens in finding their first jobs.

165 people attended job club meetings & programming. Our expert librarians can also help with job services.

1,055 programs were offered for kids, teens, & adults.

20,988 kids & teens attended programs to learn about everything from technology to art and reading and language.

A new auto database, Alldata, gives access from home to essential vehicle repair instructions, parts, costs, & labor time.

The Circulation team accepted 855 passports & performed 1,538 Notary Public services, making the library another one-stop-shop for the community.

Our digital collection features 645,235 items. We give you the library on demand using your smart devices with your library card.

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171 volunteers gave 4,742 hours of their time to the library.

837 adults attended 83 technology programs. We taught adults essential computer skills like how to use smart phones & apps to communicate with their families & how to be safe online in a complicated cyber world.

45,783 people used our computers.
Facts and Figures
Fiscal Year 2018–2019

Our collections
- 115,968 books
- 354,540 eBooks
- 25,294 DVDs & Blu-rays
- 14,736 streaming movies
- 8,897 music CDs
- 265,515 streaming music albums
- 7,807 audiobooks on CD
- 65,553 downloadable audiobooks
- 788 console games
- 45 board games
- 385 magazines/newspapers
- 81 eMagazines
- 63 online resource databases

Serving our community
- 671,280 items checked out
- 369,954 people visited IPPL
- 206,122 visits to ippl.info
- 80,697 questions answered
- 45,783 uses of IPPL computers
- 1,055 programs and classes offered
- 27,348 people attended programs & classes
- 1,592 items delivered to homebound cardholders

We also are a member of the SWAN online catalog, which provides access to more than 8 million titles.

Revenue: $3,813,659

Operating expenditures: $3,805,289

PERSONNEL: $2,793,853
MATERIALS: $477,265
BUILDING: $303,091
GENERAL OPERATIONS: $130,767
TECHNOLOGY: $100,313

PROPERTY TAXES: $3,562,098
FEES, FINES, GIFTS, GRANTS: $251,561

93.4%
6.6%

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