

**DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** President Wendee Greene called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** Members present: Trustee Ed Earl, Trustee Susan Eblen, Trustee David Humphreys, Trustee Art Jaros, Trustee Thomas Read, President Wendee Greene. Also present: Director Rick Ashton, Assistant Director for Support Services Sue O'Brien, Assistant Director for Public Services Bonnie Reid, Kids Room Manager Allyson Renell, Public Relations Manager Melissa Doornbos, Downers Grove residents Ed Pawlak, Lauren Stull, Violet Lalicon-Radwill
3. **Welcome to visitors.** President Greene welcomed visitors and thanked them for their interest in the work of the Library.
4. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. January 27, 2016, Regular Monthly Meeting. It was moved by Jaros and seconded by Earl THAT the Minutes of the January 27 meeting be approved as circulated. Roll Call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Humphreys, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.
5. **Financial Matters.**
 - a. January 2016 Financial Report. Ashton reported on the figures.
 - b. Approval of January 2016 Invoices. It was moved by Read and seconded by Eblen THAT January 2016 invoices totaling \$104,848.96 and January 2016 credit memos totaling \$366.66 be approved and January payrolls totaling \$210,171.80 be recognized. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Humphreys, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.
6. **Public Comment on Agenda items.** President Greene invited comment. There was none.
7. **Public comment on other Library business.** President Greene invited comment. Ashton invited Allyson Renell, Kids Room Manager who joined the staff in October 2015, to introduce herself. Ms. Renell expressed her appreciation for the STEM-related

initiatives of the Library. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to work at the Library.

8. Unfinished Business.

- a. Building projects. Report and recommendation from Shales McNutt Construction regarding contract awards for lighting projects and acoustical panel project. Requested action: approval of recommended contract awards (attached).

Ashton reported that the competitive bids for these contracts had come in well below initial estimates. He explained the availability of funding in the Library budget.

It was moved by Jaros and seconded by Humphreys THAT the recommended contracts be awarded. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Humphreys, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

- b. Proposed Purchasing Policy. Requested action: discussion.

The Board discussed the proposed Policy (attached). Jaros suggested several editorial changes which did not change the substance of the policy. After discussion, the Board directed staff to bring the proposed policy, including the suggested changes, before the Board for action at the March meeting.

- c. Report and recommendation from Library staff regarding proposed surveillance camera installation (attached). Requested action: Approval of recommendation.

The Board took action on two motions:

It was moved by Jaros and seconded by Eblen THAT the Board approve the staff recommendation (attached) not to spend Library funds for additional surveillance cameras. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Humphreys, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

It was moved by Read and seconded by Eblen THAT the Library take no further action on the proposed installation of surveillance cameras. Roll call: Ayes: Eblen, Humphreys, Read, Greene. Nays: Earl, Jaros. Abstentions: None.

- 9. Report of the Director.** Ashton presented his written report (attached).

10. Board Member comments and requests for information.

Read reported that he and Ashton had attended an Illinois Library Association legislative luncheon on February 12. Although the dozen state legislators who were

present expressed positive support for libraries, they were unable to indicate what budget-related or other actions might soon be forthcoming from the legislature.

Humphreys expressed his support for the World Languages Collection initiative mentioned in Ashton's report. He considered this an important added feature for both residents and visitors to Downers Grove.

Earl inquired concerning any schedule changes or added meetings. This included the Friends of the Library meeting scheduled for February 25 and the calendar of activity for the Director search. Ashton reported that there have been no changes.

Earl also reported on his visit to the Girls Who Code program being held weekly at the Library. He expressed great appreciation for the Library's strategic initiative in hosting the program in collaboration with the Girls Who Code organization. He was glad also to see the involvement of a teacher from Community School District 58, assisting with the program for the purpose of her own learning. He endorsed the Library's identification of an important community need and response to it.

Humphreys commented on the connections between technical skills and involvement with the arts, especially in music. He indicated his support for the Library's broad activity in both areas.

Greene invited members of the Board to a farewell dinner for Ashton, to be held at a location to be determined on March 9 at 6:00 p.m.

11. New Business: Executive Session.

- a. Arrangements for executive management from April 1, 2016, until the appointment of the next Director. Requested action: Approval of a motion to go into executive session, as authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), for discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

It was moved by Humphreys and seconded by Earl THAT the Board recess the public session and convene in executive session for the stated purpose. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Humphreys, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

- b. The Board met in executive session beginning at 8:38 p.m. for the stated purpose. Roll Call in executive session. Members Present: Earl, Eblen, Humphreys, Jaros, Read, Greene. Also present: Director Ashton, Assistant Director Reid, Assistant Director O'Brien.

Discussion in executive session: The Board discussed the proposal from Sue O'Brien and Bonnie Reid to serve as Co-Interim Directors of the Library from April 1, 2016 until the next Director begins work.

- c. Reconvening of a public session. President Greene adjourned the executive session and re-convened the Board in public session at 9:24 p.m.
- d. Approval of any motions resulting from discussion in executive session. It was moved by Eblen and seconded by Earl THAT the Board accept the proposal from Bonnie Reid and Sue O'Brien to serve as Co-Interim Directors from April 1, 2016 until the time the new Director begins work. Roll call: Ayes: Earl, Eblen, Humphreys, Jaros, Read, Greene. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

12. **Adjournment.** President Greene adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



shalesmcnuttt CONSTRUCTION

February 18, 2016

Mr. Rick Ashton
Library Director
Downers Grove Public Library
1050 Curtiss Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Re: Downers Grove Public Library
Lighting & Acoustic Panel Revisions
Recommendation of Award

Dear Mr. Ashton,

Shales McNutt Construction received bid proposals on behalf of the library on Monday, February 15, 2016, for the following bid packages:

BP 09 - Acoustic Panel/Drywall
BP 026- Electrical/Lighting Systems

We have had an opportunity to review with the apparent low bidders their respective scopes of work and adherence to the contract documents. It is our recommendation to award the contracts for this package to the apparent low bidders: Just Rite Acoustics and Ron Jones Electric respectively.

It is our intent, with board approval, to provide a Notice to Proceed to the contractors noted on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and proceed into the construction phase of the project.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

David M. Hempel
Project Manager
Shales McNutt Construction

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**Downers Grove Public Library
Lighting Acoustic Panel Revisions**

February 18, 2016



Trade Item	
Acoustic Panels/Drywall	\$44,000.00
Electrical/Lighting	\$22,915.00
Window Coverings	By Owner
Subtotal	\$66,915.00
SMC Field/Office Administration (4 week duration-part time)	\$16,000.00
General Requirements/Project Cleanup (5% of Project Costs)	\$3,346.00
Construction contingency (5%)	\$3,346.00
Performance and Payment Bonds	Included in above Trade Items
O & P/Insurance (4.5%)	\$3,882.00
Subtotal	\$93,489.00
Pre-Construction	\$5,500.00
Architectural/Engineers Fees	\$7,500.00
Subtotal	\$106,489.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$106,489.00

**Lighting Acoustic Panel Revisions
Summary of Award Recommendations**

Bid Package	Recommended Contractor	Recommendation Amount
09 - Acoustic Panels/Drywall	Just Rite Acoustics, Elk Grove Village	\$ 44,000.00
026- Electrical	Ron Jones Electric, South Elgin	\$ 22,915.00
	Total Bids	\$ 66,915.00

**DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 28, 2015**

**AGENDA ITEM 9A
PROPOSED PURCHASING POLICY**

REQUESTED ACTION: DISCUSSION

1.7 FINANCIAL POLICY

1.7.7 Purchasing.

1.7.7.1 Policy. The Downers Grove Public Library, in support of its mission of service to the public, purchases goods and services from local, national, and international suppliers. To conduct this purchasing legally, economically, fairly, and efficiently, the Library adopts the provisions of this policy.

1.7.7.2 Legal Framework. The following statutes govern the Downers Grove Public Library's purchasing:

Illinois Local Library Act 75 ILCS 5

State Officials and Employees Ethics Act 5 ILCS 430

Governmental Joint Purchasing Act 30 ILCS 525

Prevailing Wage Act 820 ILCS 130

Local Government Prompt Payment Act 50 ILCS 505

Local Government Professional Services Selection Act 50 ILCS 510

Public Contract Fraud Act 30 ILCS 545

Public Construction Bond Act 30 ILCS 550

1.7.7.3 Board Responsibility. Library Board approval of the annual budget serves as authorization for spending within the boundaries of the operational plan supported by the budget. After formal adoption, the budget may be modified only with Board approval. In addition, Board approval will be required for all purchases conducted through formal competitive bidding and for any other purchase exceeding \$20,000.

1.7.7.4 Capital Expenditures. All purchases or contracts for capital expenditures (buildings, construction work on buildings, major equipment) in excess of \$20,000 shall be awarded through a formal, advertised, public bidding process as required by law, to the lowest responsible bidder, and shall require Board approval.

1.7.7.5 Staff Responsibility. The Director will approve or oversee all purchases or contracts between \$5,000 and \$20,000. These purchases or contracts may be made without competitive bid requirements, but will, whenever possible, be based on at least three documented price quotes. Purchases up to \$5,000 may be made by designated staff members with attention to lowest possible cost and highest possible quality, performance, and service capability.

1.7.7.6 Professional Services. Contracts for professional services, such as architecture, construction management, consulting, or legal services, may be awarded based on a formal or informal Request for Proposal and interview process.

1.7.7.7 Sole Source Purchases. Purchases and contracts up to \$20,000 may be awarded by the Director without competitive process, where the Director has determined that there is only one feasible source for the goods or services in question. These include utilities, library materials, proprietary software systems such as mechanical controls and fire alarm systems, or the unique expertise of a vendor. Sole source purchases exceeding \$20,000 require Board approval.

1.7.7.8 Emergencies. In a bona fide emergency, such as a condition that threatens the safety of the public or staff or the integrity of the Library's building or other major property, the Director may make purchases over \$20,000 per vendor to restore stability to the situation. Whenever possible, the Director will confer with the Board President when making such a purchase of goods or services. The Director will document for Board information the circumstances surrounding the emergency and the response.

1.7.7.9 Credit Cards. Library staff members may use Library credit cards when the staff members are making on-line purchases with a vendor who only accepts credit cards for payment, when invoicing and payment by check are not feasible, or where out-of-pocket expenses such as those associated with attendance at a professional conference are involved. Staff members will submit detailed documentation of all credit card expenditures. Monthly, administrative staff will audit all credit card expenditures and report them to the Board.

1.7.7.10. Enforcement. The Director, under the policy oversight of the Board, is responsible for enforcement of this policy.

Surveillance Cameras in the Public Computer Area

Rationale: We have cameras at both entrances to help us identify and capture pictures of patrons who have caused repeated or serious problems in the library. We can easily distribute the photo of a problem patron to all staff, so everyone knows what he/she looks like. Therefore, we know we are talking about the same person if that person causes problems in multiple departments.

The entrance cameras also occasionally provide information for a police investigation. Following the bomb-scare evacuation of the building late last year, Downers Grove police were able to review video files to look for any persons known to have conflicts with the police. From this review, the police identified at least one individual, whom they later interviewed, but did not detain, at the Library.

We added cameras in the windowless spaces of Media Lab to protect staff and patrons from accusations of harassment, to monitor a group's use of the room to make sure the group is using it properly, and to prevent theft of library equipment.

Purpose of Cameras: Violet Lalicon-Radwill would like the Library to add cameras to the computer area to catch people who stole from other people. Other uses: If there was an altercation between patrons, it would be recorded. Staff might also have the means to monitor patrons' computer and internet activity..

Staff Impact: Looking through the camera's data is a very laborious, time-intensive task. In addition, explaining the reason(s) for the cameras and reassuring patrons would take time, too. We would anticipate numerous complaints from regular computer users that would need to be addressed.

Cost: When we added the two cameras to the Media Lab, the complete cost was \$1985.00. To cover the complete computer area, we would most likely need four additional cameras, in comparison to the Media Lab's two cameras, doubling the cost. Also, to handle the additional cameras, a higher capacity surveillance camera data system would have to be added, replacing our current system, at a cost of around \$2,000 (around \$6000.00 total).

Policy implications: Would people feel comfortable using the library's computers? Would they feel that their privacy was being respected if they knew we were monitoring/taping the area? Probably not. While people should not be entering sensitive information into our computers, our computers may be the only access to the Internet that they have. Would it discourage patrons from using the library's computers? If we say we are putting cameras in the computer area to catch thieves (and we have had only a single claim that a theft occurred in the area) then we should put cameras throughout the library, since theft could occur anywhere in the building.

Customer and public opinion: There would be a great deal of concern by computer users for their privacy. People would feel we were monitoring their Internet use. They could claim we are tracking their user ids and passwords, bank information, etc. If an account was breached, would they blame library staff? Would it make the library seem less welcoming/safe if it looked like we felt the need to put additional cameras in the open/public areas of the library? We're sure some people (who don't use the computers) would think cameras in the area would be a good idea, so we could make sure people don't access sexually explicit material on the computers.

Recommendation: Should we spend a fair amount of money for additional cameras when we've only had one recent alleged theft? We think not. We think the answer to the theft question is that as in any public building/area, patrons need to keep their valuables with them. It astonishes us when we see a plugged in laptop on a table with no one in sight!

Sue O'Brien
Dale Galiniak
February 9, 2016

**DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

- a. Web Site changes. Library staff continue the effort to make the web site most effective for the public. The most recent step in this process has been the introduction of drop-down menus throughout the site. Many web site users find this design feature helpful in searching a site. Functioning of this feature on phones and other mobile devices has required some additional technical work, with details being resolved.
- b. Friends of the Library Gift. The Downers Grove Friends of the Library have agreed to make a \$6000 gift to the Library in 2016. This gift will provide \$2000 for sponsorship of the summer reading program, \$2000 for purchase of early childhood enrichment materials for the Kids Room, and \$2000 for part of the cost of purchase and installation of large-format monitors in Study Room 1 and Conference Room B. All three of these projects will enhance the Library's services to the community. Many thanks to the Friends.
- c. 3D Printer emissions concerns. Please see the attached memorandum. Library staff will monitor and respond to any developments in this area.
- d. World Language Collection. Please see the attached memorandum.
- e. Recent Library Statistics. Overall activity levels continue to increase.
- f. Recent Media Coverage. See attached.

DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

NOTES ON 3D PRINTER EMISSIONS

On February 3, 2016, the Blue Sky Innovation department of the Chicago Tribune posted on line an article, "3D printer study drills down on potentially harmful emissions," by Ally Marotti. The article can be found at

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/bluesky/originals/ct-3d-printer-emissions-health-risks-bsi-20160203-story.html>

The newspaper posting is based on a scientific journal article and interviews with several scientists, academics, and bureaucrats. It does not reach any particular conclusions, except to confirm that 3D printers emit various levels of ultrafine particles. Some of the individuals quoted in the newspaper suggest a degree of concern that exceeds the findings or conclusions of the journal article.

The journal article: Brent Stephens, Parham Azimi, Zeineb El Orch, Tiffanie Ramos, "Ultrafine particle emissions from desktop 3D printers," Atmospheric Environment, 79 (November 2013), 334-339. It can be found at

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1352231013005086>

DGPL staff have read the portions of the article that are accessible to lay readers. From that reading, the following observations emerge:

1. The scientific study, a very limited, preliminary investigation, is much less definitive than the newspaper report. The authors acknowledge several methodological defects.
2. The study tested five 3D printers and 9 different printing materials in an unventilated office space of about 45 cubic meters (a medium-sized office similar to those occupied by DGPL Assistant Directors). It determined that all the printers tested emit varying levels of ultrafine particles, varying widely by the type of printing materials used. DGPL uses two of the tested materials in its 3D printers. About 90% of the use is of Polyactic Acid (PLA), a biodegradable corn-based plastic that prints at a lower temperature. About 10% is Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS), the plastic used in Lego blocks. When used on an industrial scale at high temperatures, these materials are typically handled in an industrial ventilation system.

3. Emission rates were described as follows: “For comparison, our estimate of the total UFP emission rate for a single PLA-based 3D printer... was similar to that reported during cooking with an electric frying pan.... The same 3D printer utilizing a higher temperature ABS feedstock had an emission rate estimate.... similar to that reported during grilling food on gas or electric stoves at low power.... but approximately an order of magnitude lower than gas or electric stoves operating at high power.... [numerical descriptions of levels omitted]. Regardless, the desktop 3d printers measured herein can all be classified as ‘high emitters’ with UFP emission rates greater than 10^{10} particles per min...” (337-338)

4. Conclusions: “These results suggest caution should be used when operating some commercially available 3D printers in unvented or inadequately filtered indoor environments. Additionally, more controlled experiments should be conducted to more fundamentally evaluate aerosol emissions from a wider range of desktop 3D printers and feedstocks.” (339)

Library staff have determined that Underwriters Laboratories has begun additional studies at Georgia Tech and Emory University. Presumably these will be larger and more rigorous than the study reported here. Staff will maintain awareness of further developments and respond appropriately. Meanwhile, it does not appear that there is any imminent threat to members of the staff or members of the public.



Rick Ashton <rashton@dglibrary.org>

Information about the new World Language Collection

1 message

Nicole Wilhelms <nwilhelms@dglibrary.org>

Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 10:26 AM

To: All Staff <staff@dglibrary.org>

Dear Staff,

The Library was recently mentioned (copied below) in the Sound Off section of the Downers Grove Suburban Life Newspaper.

Entire text: "I am disgusted that my tax dollars are being used to stock Spanish-language books at the Downers Grove library. English is the language of America, and if you live here, learn it. If things are presented in a foreign language, it will only encourage them to never learn English. No foreign language books, just CDs to learn English."

So that we are all informed, here are the details about this new collection.

The World Language Collection includes materials in Spanish, Chinese, and Polish. This collection is a response to numerous requests at the Ask Us Desk from customers for materials written in other languages. The purpose of this collection is to provide materials being asked for by our customers and to support the curriculum at the local schools.

- Most of these requests are for materials in Spanish. Some of these requests are from students in District 99 schools who are taking Spanish and are required to read books in Spanish. 40% of students at Downers Grove South take Spanish and 39% of students at Downers Grove North take Spanish.
- We receive requests from college students seeking to practice their Spanish reading skills.
- We regularly receive requests from adult customers who are native Spanish speakers or fluent in Spanish as a second language.
- We have also received requests for materials in languages other than Spanish, specifically for items in Polish and Chinese. Having a collection of books in Polish and Chinese will allow the library to provide materials being asked for by customers.

The Children's Department has had a collection of materials in other languages, including Spanish, for years. Creating the collection for teens and adults simply means we are expanding our world language services to include teens and adults.

In 2016, we will spend \$5,250 to purchase titles in Spanish, Polish, and Chinese. This is 2.25% of our \$233,000 budget for adult and teen print books.

Thank you,
Nicole Wilhelms
Adult & Teen Services Manager
Downers Grove Public Library
630-960-1200 ext. 244
nwilhelms@dglibrary.org

What I'm Reading: **Consider the Lobster** by David Foster Wallace
Spark Joy by Marie Kondo

	JAN 16	%	JAN 15	%	JAN 14	%
Circulation						
Checkouts						
Selfchecks	49,146	77%	48,453	77%	40,968	64%
Staff desk	14,389	23%	14,705	23%	22,802	36%
Total checkouts	63,535		63,158		63,770	
Renewals						
Selfchecks	1,405		800		290	
Staff desk (incl. phone)	2,549		3,389		3,211	
Patron online renewals	10,322		7,235		5,128	
Total renewals	14,276		11,424		8,629	
Total item checkout and renew	77,811		74,582		72,399	
Ebooks-Overdrive	4,247		4,133		3,672	
Ebooks-3M	2,758		860		858	
Emagazines-Zinio	643		750		1,062	
Hoopla	525					
Total Circulation	85,984		80,325		77,991	
Reference Questions (Info Desk)	173		157			
Reserves Processed						
Received from ILL	7,923		6,809		7,746	
ILL sent	4,490		5,690		5,827	
OCLC requests processed	661		750		847	
Gate Count						
North	28,872		27,268		20,874	
South	14,148		13,016		11,636	
Total	43,020		40,284		32,510	
Registrations						
New resident library Cards	192		216		161	
New fee cards	8		9		16	

Current borrowers	31,129	29,586	29,220
Active fee cards	136	141	156

REVENUE:	Cash	Online Payment	Credit Cards at Desk	Credit Cards at Selfchecks	Total
4410 Sale of Materials	\$955.35		\$60.00		\$1,015.35
4502 Charges for Services	\$22,384.49		\$181.50		\$22,565.99
4509 Fees for Non-Residents	\$280.00		\$840.00		\$1,120.00
4571 Meeting Room	\$320.00		\$140.00		\$460.00
4581 Fines	\$2,602.59	\$1,059.30	\$1,578.85	\$2,792.76	\$8,033.50
4590 Cost Recovered for Svcs.	\$262.03	\$215.00	\$703.00	\$165.00	\$1,345.03
4820 Contributions, Operating	\$125.00				\$125.00
	\$26,929.46	\$1,274.30	\$3,503.35	\$2,957.76	\$34,664.87

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2015													
Teen Desk													
Reference	140	155	233	205	190	148	168	179	81	110	100	122	1,831
Readers' Advisory	11	7	10	12	6	14	22	16	7	6	5	9	125
Ask Us Desk													
Reference	4,287	3,966	4,710	4,416	4,039	4,813	5,015	4,665	4,056	4,645	4,328	4,036	52,976
Readers' Advisory	82	91	107	77	84	113	174	133	102	105	189 [1]	77	1,334
IM	22	8	24	19	19	13	15	12	22	15	17	11	197
Total	4,542	4,227	5,084	4,729	4,338	5,101	5,394	5,005	4,268	4,881	4,639	4,255	56,463
Teen Central Use													
Study	650	310	440	391	435	388	334	383	547	654	781	522	5,835
Gaming	114	81	141	157	164	264	351	406	205	120	138	111	2,252
Maker	8	n/a	-										
Database Statistics													
Sessions	14,855	5,378	4,993	6,619	18,746	24,866	4,319	4,497	4,661	6,332	8,424	6,880	110,570
Searches	7,826	8,946	9,686	13,030	7,037	8,563	8,966	7,153	8,989	12,414	10,797	6,657	110,064
eMediaLibrary													
ebooks	3,297	3,053	3,192	2,777	3,002	3,181	3,441	3,174	3,007	2,831	2,772	2,817	36,544
eaudiobooks	836	718	834	719	758	771	950	957	982	943	843	823	10,134
Total	4,133	3,771	4,026	3,496	3,760	3,952	4,391	4,131	3,989	3,774	3,615	3,640	46,678
3M Cloud Library													
Zinio	750	656	797	633	667	568	595	720	693	541	493	576	7,689
Pamphlet File													
Added	0	0	8	7	0	0	12	6	0	5	4	0	42
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoopla													
TV & Movie				120	167	169	145	104	109	135	116	132	
Music CDs				113	137	93	109	70	71	78	71	105	
Audiobooks				40	66	67	79	92	69	117	93	101	
Books & Comics				n/a	n/a	51	52	41	35	54	50	81	

Total				273	370	380	385	307	284	384	330	419	3,132
Book Discussions													
Fiction	n/a	10	14	10	16	13	8	17	6	4	11	n/a	109
Nonfiction	n/a	6	7	14	10	7	n/a	5	3	6	5	n/a	63
Homebound													
Number of Patrons	12	13	11	10	10	11	13	15	14	19	15	15	158
Number of Items	96	87	82	82	73	78	84	65	50	90	71	52	910

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Congrats to library

Congratulations and happy 125th birthday to the Downers Grove Public Library, an institution that has served not just the community of Downers Grove but the western suburbs very well over these years, not just with programming for all ages [but also] with materials and the good service and great surroundings that all libraries should have. Other libraries in the area, particularly the Woodridge Public Library, should take note and try to play catch up with the Downers Grove library. ... Hopefully they will be around for another 125 years.

Books in Spanish

I am disgusted that my tax dollars are being used to stock Spanish-language books at the Downers Grove library. English is the language of America, and if you live here, learn it. If things are presented in a foreign language, it will only encourage them to never learn English. No foreign language books, just CDs to learn English.

Raises for some

Downers Grove library staff gets 3.5 percent raise in 2016. The Downers Grove village manager and village attorney get raises for 2015 and 2016. People on public pensions get a 3 percent cost-of-living raise every year, no matter what. Public employees get a raise every year under their contracts. Seniors on Social Security get no cost-of-living increase for 2016 but will get a raise in their property tax bill. Sounds fair to me.



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HEATHER CHARLES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A 1911 limited edition "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde was returned to the Chicago Public Library during a 2012 amnesty program, 78 years after it was taken out.

Got overdue books?

Chicago Public Library waiving late fees until Feb. 18; last amnesty brought in more than 101,000 items

By NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

For the first time in more than three years, the Chicago Public Library is offering amnesty to those who owe book fines.

Through Feb. 18, you can return your overdue library materials and all late fees will be waived.

"What we learned in the last fine amnesty was sort of astonishing," said library Commissioner Brian Bannon.

"We welcomed home so many library materials; it was pretty extraordinary. But the part we hadn't anticipated was the number of patrons we welcomed back. During the last fine amnesty, which was three weeks, 40,000 library patrons re-upped their library card, which is sort of unprecedented for us."

The library wants more of those unreturned items and more opportunities to reconnect with patrons, Bannon said.

During the last amnesty

program, in 2012, the library reported receiving 101,301 overdue items, valued at approximately \$2 million, and waived \$641,820 worth of fines. The late materials ranged from items only a few weeks overdue to one book that had been due since 1934.

That last item was a limited edition of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde, which had been overdue for 78 years.

The library caps late fees at \$10, but if a fine of 20 cents a day had been enforced, the "Dorian Gray" borrower would have accrued \$5,694 in late fees.

The amnesty program, titled "Welcome Home," will include humorous "Wanted" posters in libraries, and videos featuring local librarians making pleas for overdue materials.

"They've done these really funny videos in multiple languages; we have one in Spanish, one in Chinese," Bannon said.

The library will be releasing the videos one at a

time on social media.

The amnesty program is the first part of a larger public awareness campaign called "Home of the Curious," created by the Chicago Public Library's pro bono partner, advertising agency FCB Chicago, and sponsored by the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

"Welcome Home" will include banners outside library locations as well as on public transportation, the city's digital billboard network, the library's social media and various other places around the city.

Library employees say one of the best parts of the last amnesty program was the great stories of long-overdue books that came out of it. Bannon doubts the libraries will receive a book that's been overdue for more than 78 years, but he's not ruling it out.

"You never know what you'll get back," he says.

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Spanish books OK

I don't see a problem with Spanish-language books at the Downers Grove Public Library. For one thing, it would give students from Downers Grove North and Downers Grove South who are studying Spanish an opportunity to read books beyond the standard school texts. I know a number of immigrants who, while fluent in English, never pass up an opportunity to read books and magazines in their native languages, including French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish and Spanish.



Spread of Spanish

Now that the Downers Grove library is stocking Spanish-language books, will all the signs and printed informational items be changed to bilingual? Also, will the library staff be required to take Spanish-language classes to better serve those that don't speak English?

Teen photography on display at Downers Grove Public Library

DOWNERS GROVE – The Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St., is showcasing the photography of local teens through Feb. 29, with a reception from 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 28. For information, call 630-960-1200 or visit www.dglibrary.org.

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February 24, 2016

To the Library Board of Trustees:

We would like to propose that the Library Board name Bonnie Reid and Sue O'Brien as Co-Interim Directors to serve from April 1, 2016 until the time the new Director begins work.

We have each worked as an Assistant Director at the Downers Grove Public Library for the past 3.5 years. We have served as in-charge of the Library in Rick's absence, supervised Department Managers, solved problems, and maintained the building. We have experience responding to public comments and speaking at Library Board meetings. We have background knowledge of the Library's services, policies, procedures, and working with Department Managers. We would be able to keep the Library running smoothly between Directors.

During the interim period, we would continue with our regular duties, including supervising the Department Managers who already report to us, but we would also perform Library Director tasks such as:

We would jointly be responsible for

- Responding to media and public inquiries
- Preparing the Board agenda
- Participating in Board meetings
- Answering Board questions
- Beginning planning process for 2017 budget
- Writing articles for Discoveries

Sue would be responsible for

- Supervising the Executive Assistant
- Overseeing the Administrative Office
- Overseeing the lighting and sound panels construction projects
- Acting as designated FOIA officer

Bonnie would be responsible for

- Supervising the Public Relations Manager
- Acting as Open Meetings Act authority
- Coordinating Foundation business
- Overseeing budget matters such as nonresident Library card price
- Completing per capita spending

For performing these additional duties, we request an increase in salary of \$1,500 per month per person for the interim period. Neither of us intends to apply for the Library Director position. We would be happy to discuss this proposal further with the Library Board.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Reid and Sue O'Brien