

Overview of Lincolnwood Public Library District

Type of Library

The Lincolnwood library is a district library; the full name is “Lincolnwood Public Library District.” District boundaries are contiguous with the Village boundaries. Although its boundaries and service area are the same as those of the Village of Lincolnwood, the District is an autonomous unit of local government with a separately elected and independent Board of Trustees. Trustees are residents of the village and are elected for four-year terms.

History

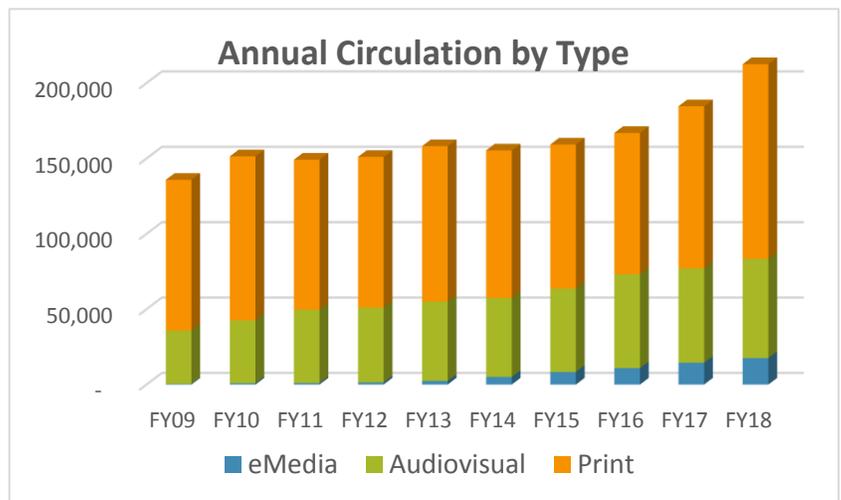
The Library District was established by public referendum in 1978, making it 38 years old. The library facility was built in 1980 and dedicated on February 28, 1981. In 2002, residents approved a referendum to increase the tax rate for library operations.

Current Library Trustees

Name	Trustee Term Ends
Kendra L. Beard (President)	2019
James E. Berger (Treasurer)	2019
Bertha F. Gimbel	2021
Christopher M. Martel (Vice President)	2019
Reuben George	2019
Linda Poulson (Secretary)	2021
Pamela Stavinoga	2021

Library Assets

- 40,000 books
- 12,000 audiovisual materials
 - Movies
 - Music CDs
 - Videogames
 - CD audiobooks
- 12 online research databases
- Hundreds of thousands of downloadable audio, e-books, movies, music, and magazines



Budget and Revenue

The library’s fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The FY2018 – 2019 revenues are about \$2.58M. Local property taxes account for 99% of the budget. The balance comes from grants, gifts, and income generated by fines, copy machines, and bank interest. Although overwhelmingly dependent on local property taxes for its fiscal well-being, the library is responsible for only a small percentage of residents’ annual property tax bills.

Residents with Library Cards

5,497 Lincolnwood residents hold active library cards as of August 2016.

Current Staffing

The Library Director is Su Reynders, hired in February 2012. The library employs 38 employees (14 full-time and 24 part-time).

Affiliations

The Library is a member of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS). It is also part of CCS (Cooperative Computer Services), a consortium of 25 public libraries that share a centralized computer system and an online catalog that provides convenient access to the combined library collections.

Vision Statement

A vision statement is a statement describing the clear and inspirational long-term desired change resulting from the library's work. Our vision statement is:

Empower, inspire, connect.

Mission Statement

A mission statement is a formal summary of the aims and values of a company, organization, or individual. Our mission statement is:

Foster lifelong learning and connect the community through our materials, space, events, and expertise.

Strategic Planning

The library kicked off a new strategic plan on July 1, 2018, and the plan runs through June 30, 2021. See the full plan here: <http://lincolnwoodlibrary.org/about/mission/>

Library Facility

The original library structure was constructed in 1980, and an addition was completed in 1997, increasing the size to 17,500 square feet. The library is open 70 hours per week. In 2008, the library completed a parking lot expansion project. In January 2017 the library completed a full interior renovation, including a new roof and HVAC system.

