

Palatine Library employee selected as 2024 recipient of Illinois Library Association Crosman Memorial Award



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Submitted by Maridsa Choute, Palatine Public Library District

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Palatine Library is excited to announce that staff member Selicia Applegate has been named the recipient of the Illinois Library Association's 2024 Crosman Memorial Award for New Library Workers.

According to ILA, The Crosman Memorial Award for New Library Workers recognizes the achievements of library workers who are new or relatively new to the field and encourages continued involvement in the profession. This award was named in memory of Alex Crosman, director of the Peoria Public Library at the time of his death in 1986.

Applegate began working at the library in 2015, as a technology associate and was promoted to Makerspace coordinator in 2022, where she oversees The Workshop Lab. She has been instrumental in making The Workshop a thriving creative hub. Last February, Applegate organized and led the creation of an eight- by seven-foot freedom quilt made in the Workshop Lab with donated materials and equipment. This program ran in honor of Black History Month and culminated in an unveiling at the 360 Chicago's Juneteenth Celebration event in the Hancock Center.

"Nothing that I do here would be possible without the supportive staff in the Workshop. I truly love working here and interacting with the community on various projects, and I'm passionate about reaching all that can benefit from our services," Applegate said.



Applegate hosts a variety of programs in the Workshop Lab that welcome members to learn new technology and design skills along with connecting the community to local creators. She has supported her colleagues by creating training series on Workshop software and equipment, showcasing her adaptability and commitment to the library's mission.

"T'm so proud of her accomplishments and thankful for her innovation and dedication to the Workshop," said Susan Conner, assistant director of Palatine Library.

Applegate will be presented with the award at the 2024 Illinois Library Association Conference on Oct. 8, in Peoria.

The vision of Palatine Library District is to inspire connection, curiosity, and joy. The District serves approximately 90,000 residents predominantly within the communities of

### Family & kids events this week in North Cook County: July 21-27



By North Cook News

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Event: Toddler Storytime

### Informational session for Safe&Aware Youth Ambassadorship Program hosted at Palatine Library

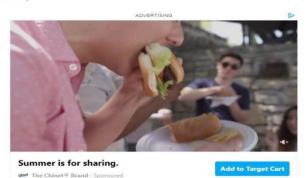


Safe&Aware's 2022 Youth Cohort. Courtesy of Shreya Rajesh

Submitted by Palatine Public Library

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The Palatine Public Library will be hosting an informational session at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, for local sixth- to tenth-graders interested in applying to the Safe&Aware Youth Ambassadorship Program. Safe&Aware is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for the safety of women and youth within the community.



Safe&Aware is now accepting applications for its ambassadorship program, which provides leadership training and service opportunities for selected middle and high school students. It's an opportunity for students to be leaders at their schools or community organizations, amplifying safety awareness and violence prevention across a broader audience, gaining service hours, and igniting a widespread movement of consciousness and positive change.

The informational session on July 28, at the library, will provide an overview of the Safe&Aware ambassadorship, including the application process, program components, and the benefits for participants. Representatives from the nonprofit will be on hand to answer questions and assist interested students and families.

The Safe&Aware ambassadorship is open to students in sixth through 10th grade. The program runs for one academic year and includes monthly training sessions, volunteer projects in the community and networking opportunities with other youth leaders.



### Family & kids events this week in North Cook County: July 14-20

Laura McGrath, Deputy Director, Administration, Skokie Public Library | Skokie Public Library

By North Cook News Jul 14, 2024

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Sunday, July 14

Event: 100 Days for \$100

Skokie Park District

All day

Event: Summer Concert: One Night Band

Skokie Park District

7-8:30 pm

Event: Pancake Breakfast in the Woods

Skokie Park District

8:30 am-12 pm

Event: Cardboard Boat Regatta

Eagle Park - Palatine Park District

10 am-12 pm

Event: Library Fun at the Farmer's Market

Skokie Public Library

10:30-11 am

Event: Art Through the Decades

### Palatine Public Library

12-4 pm Monday, July 15 Event: 100 Days for \$100 Skokie Park District All day Event: Culture & Conversation Arlington Heights Memorial Library 1-2 pm

Event: Booking with a Buddy: Session 1

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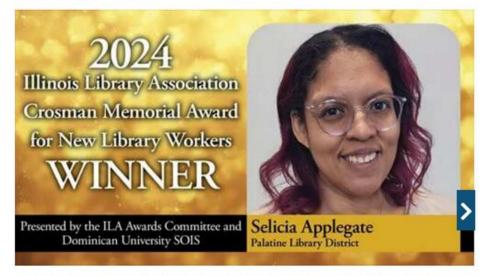
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Sunday, July 28
Event: 100 Days for \$100
Skokie Park District
All day
Event: Crafting for a Cause: Teen Summer Service
Skokie Public Library
1-2:30 pm
Event: Kindergarten 101
Skokie Public Library
1:30-3 pm
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Skokie Public Library
3:30-5 pm
Event: Summer Concert: Kaleidoscope Eyes
Skokie Park District
7-8:30 pm
Event: Introduction to Libby and Hoopla
Skokie Public Library
12:30-2 pm
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Event: 100 Days for \$100
Skokie Park District
All day
Event: Culture & Conversation
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
1-2 pm
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Skokie Public Library
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Event: Get Ready for Kindergarten
Palatine Public Library
2-3 pm

2-3 pm

## Neighbors in the News: Palatine Library employee receives prestigious award



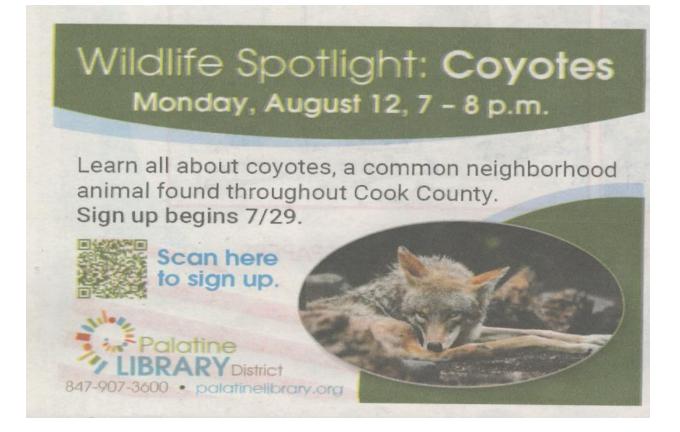
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# Palatine Public Library District Board of Library Trustees announces vacancy

Posted August 13, 2024 9:13 am Submitted by Palatine Library District

**Palatine Public Library District** Board of **Library** Trustees announced a vacancy at its regular board meeting on July 16, 2024. The Board will fill this vacancy by appointment. The appointed trustee will serve until the new board is seated in May 2025, following the consolidated election on April 1, 2025.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of Hal Snyder due to personal reasons. The board is grateful for Snyder's nine years of dedicated service to the **library** community.

The board of trustees is currently interviewing candidates to fill this vacancy along with the vacancy created by Bhumika Puklin, who announced her resignation at the June 2024 board meeting.

The new trustees will be appointed and sworn in at the next regular board meeting on Aug. 20, 2024.

For further information about the **library** trustees, please call executive director Melissa Gardner at (847) 907-3600 or email <u>director@palatinelibrary.org</u>



## Executive Director's Report August 2024

July kicked off with the Hometown Fest parade. For the first time, our float won "Best Overall." Our communications department worked extra hard this year on the decorations and the overall 100thanniversary theme, and they did it while down a manager. I appreciate all that they did to make this happen. A big thank you to the teen volunteers, staff who marched in the parade, and the anniversary committee who are still working hard to plan our September mini golf celebration.

Two former staff members came back this month to join our Management Team: Lupe Colin joined as our new Rand Road Branch Manager and Kiel Cross as the Communications Manager. We are excited to have them back with fresh ideas and have been busy training them.

Library database users will be happy to learn that they can now access more of our databases easily from home thanks to an authentication overlay called EZproxy that was implemented this month.

Every summer our departments utilize teen volunteers to help run the Summer Reading Program. This year, 54 teens helped departments with projects such as parade decorating, shelving books, prepping crafts, and assisting with programs.



## Calendar

- Rotary 7/9, 7/23,
- POC (Partners for our Community) intro meeting 7/9, 7/16
- Palatine Chamber 7/16
- Leading Through Crisis Training 7/18
- Foundation Meeting 7/18
- District 211 Superintendent Search Committee 8/8
- Palatine Park District POC and Clayson House rep. 8/12
- Engberg Anderson 8/12

## Community Resource Center and Partners for our Communities

Partners for Our Communities (POC) "leverages the services of over 30 partnering organizations" to "meet the needs of the underresourced families." They do this in four locations. Our Rand Road Branch is in POC's main facility, the Community Resource Center (CRC). Rand Branch Manager Lupe Colin and I met with CRC and POC staff to introduce ourselves in our new roles and discuss ways to strengthen our work together.

The spaces we use for programs are leased by other agencies that allow us to borrow them when they are not in use. Because of this, we will be limited in the future on how much we can increase programming at this location.

We offer Extended Access at this location when CRC staff are in the building for other programs or agencies. The Extended Access hours are dependent on CRC staffing.

Lupe will attend CRC meetings, and I serve on the POC board. We hope to also add a staff member to the POC Young Professionals Board.

### **New Employees**



Lupe Colin joined Member Services as Rand Road Branch Manager

Marisol joined Youth and Teen Services as a sub Kiel Cross joined as Communications Manager

## Employee Milestones



Jennifer Sobel celebrated her 10-year work anniversary. Tracie Padal celebrated her 25-year work anniversary.



## **Staff You Should Know**

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Rick has been a security guard at the Library since 2021. In addition to ensuring that everyone in the building is safe, our security guards help with room setup and are called upon by staff for all sorts of assistance. They all are willing to help whether it is rescuing a turtle or setting up a storyroom. You don't have to take my word for it, see what his coworkers have to say about him.

> "You are kind people for saving the turtle in the garage."

"Thank you so much for going above and beyond."

"Thanks for clearing out the van after the parade and helping us prepare for the fire inspection."

Thanks for clearing out the storyroom.. so fast! It was very much appreciated by everyone!"