



Executive Director's Report February 2025

With rapid-fire executive orders coming out of President Trump's office, staff and community organizations are working hard to understand and guide members on the transition. Susan and I attended several webinars on the changes, and we can confidently say that we can continue with our strategic plan. We have provided staff and members with additional information on immigration and LGBTQIA+ resources, and we continue to support the work of our partner organizations.

Our Winter Reading Challenge wrapped up this month, and we read 13,647 books, surpassing our goal of 12,000. Immediately after celebrating Winter Reading, we jumped into planning the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Level Up at Your Library and incorporates video and tabletop games which are popular with adults and kids.

Staff completed their goal-setting for the next calendar year, and the HR department has been busy planning our next Staff Development Day.

I'm working closely with the Communications department to prepare for their manager's paternity leave. They just wrapped up some big projects, including transitioning to a new ticketing system, using Trello to manage workflow better, and implementing Canva templates for staff. These technical changes improve workflows so they can best support the organization's growing communication needs.



Calendar



- POC Board and board social 1/23, 2/6
- Literacy Night with Winston Campus and Rotary 1/29
- Foundation 1/30
- Illinois Counties Legislative Update 1/31
- Rotary 2/4, 2/11
- Library Directors Bookclub 2/5
- HR Source Executive Order Implications 2/6
- Rotary Allocations Review 2/7
- Trello training 2/10

Rotary



As past president of the Palatine Rotary Club, I am responsible for the foundation this year. The Rotary Foundation is the group that allocates grants from the monies we raised at Oktoberfest. This month, we will have a celebration to honor all of the grant recipients. We are planning to give money to around 37 organizations. Rotary, Winston Campus PTA, and the Library hosted a literacy night. At this popular event, we registered families for library cards, read *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* in three different languages, and gave away free books. One of the school librarians said kids excitedly told her they used their new library card over the weekend.

Facilities Updates

The Board has set in motion a number of facilities projects, and I wanted to provide you with some updates on the status of those projects:

- **Plumbing Repair** is scheduled for February 28, after hours.
- **Nitrogen Generator** was installed and is being tested.
- **The majority of the new furniture** is set to be installed on February 20, the remaining will come in early March.
- **LiteZilla** delivery is expected in late March
- **Elevator** repairs are being finalized and equipment has been ordered. The work should begin in March.
- **Community Solar** has a possible contract in the works for us. This contract will be reviewed by the attorney and will come before the Board.



Nitrogen Generator will extend the life of the sprinkler system by helping prevent leaks.

New Employees

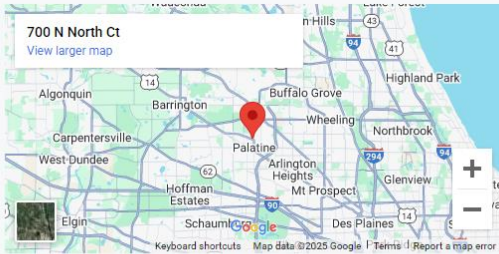


Jennifer Christensen was promoted to Collection Associate I.


Employee Milestones



Anna Golash celebrated her 10-year anniversary.



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Friends of Palatine Library Used Book Sale

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 9:30am-4:00pm

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Location

[Palatine Library](#)

700 N North Ct

Palatine, IL

[Directions](#)

Price

\$0.00 to \$5.00 \$5 admission on Friday night

Description

The Friends of Palatine Library Used Book Sale is back! From Friday, November 12 through Sunday, November 14, browse through a wide array of rare and gift quality books, DVDs, and CDs and LPs at heavily discounted prices. The collection of books includes several genres from fiction, biography, young adult, comic books, and more. This selection of materials also has a special collection of art books from artist and Palatine resident, Nancy Fortunato. Sale hours: Friday, November 12, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Friends' members – No charge; Non-members – \$5 Saturday, November 13, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Free admission Sunday, November 14, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m., Free admission; Bargain day. All items are half price!

All proceeds from the sale benefit Palatine Library District. The Friends have been an affiliate of the Library for over 70 years; their sales support the Library in their annual Summer and Winter Reading programs and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Join the Friends of Palatine Library! A single or family membership is only \$10 a year. A membership grants you free entry on Friday nights during Used Book Sales during the term of your membership. Interested in joining? Apply at palatinelibrary.org/friends.

For more information, call 847-907-3600, x149 or email friendsofthepalatinelibrary@gmail.com. The Friends of Palatine Library is a 501©(3) organization.

Rolling Meadows Tentatively OKs Annexations Near Palatine

January 16, 2025

The city of Rolling Meadows will grow a bit if several annexations pass final approval on Jan. 28.

Aldermen gave first reading approval to the annexations at the city council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The addresses of the newly annexed properties are 1736 S. Meacham Rd., 1036 and 1048 Plum Grove Rd., 1320 and 1384 Vermont Ave., 388 Emerson Rd., 59 Bryant Ave., and 2205 and 2301 Rohlwing Rd.

All the properties are either surrounded by Rolling Meadows or between the borders of Rolling Meadows and Palatine. They will all be disconnected from the Palatine Library District and the Inverness Fire Protection District and connected into the appropriate Rolling Meadows districts. They will also all be zoned R-1 residential for single family homes.

The annexed addresses will become part of the first ward except for the ones on Rohlwing Road which will become part of the city's second ward.

The city council on Jan. 14 also approved a lease agreement on first reading for the former fire station at 2455 Plum Grove Rd. The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) agreed to a 10-year lease with two 5-year options. The rent will be an annual payment of \$30,000 for the first year, \$45,000 for the second, \$60,000 for the third, and \$75,000 for the fourth. After that point, there will be an annual increase passed on the Consumer Price Index but it will always increase by an amount between 3% and 4%. In addition, NIPAS will waive all membership dues and assessments owed by the Rolling Meadows Police Dept. for the duration of the lease.

NIPAS was created in 1983 by 15 police departments to ensure effective police mutual aid in times of natural disasters. It now includes law enforcement agencies from more than 100 municipalities in five counties.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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The following family-friendly events are hosted by park districts, libraries, and history centers in the Journal & Topics coverage area. Register when requested. Email event details to lifestyles1@journal-topics.info.

DES PLAINES

Des Plaines Theatre
Are You Ready For It? A Taylor Experience
1476 Miner St.
5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5

A family-friendly show for Swifties of all ages. Performed by a professional singer who has opened for national touring artists. Purchase tickets.

ROSEMONT

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Illinois Bridal & Wedding Expo
5555 N. River Rd.
12:30 to 5 p.m. Jan. 4-5

Wedding professionals will lead you to a beautiful gown, a reception venue, invitations, photographer, music, a honeymoon destination, and more. Free passes now or pay at the door.

NILES

500 N. Dunton Ave.
6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27
Based on the popular book, "The Wild Robot" follows a robot named Roz who was stranded on an uninhabited island and the family she builds along the way. Drop in.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE

Elk Grove Village Public Library
Planet Circus - families with children
1001 Wellington, Maternowski Meeting Room
11 a.m. to noon or 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Friday, Dec. 27
The library welcomes Pocket Circus and its Planet Circus Show. It features acrobatics, juggling, magic, comedy, and audience participation.

PALATINE

Palatine Library District
Toddler Obstacle Course
700 N. North Court, Meeting Room 1
Multiple time slots Monday, Dec. 23
Registration starts Dec. 9 for a 30-minute time slot
Test your toddler (ages 1-2) with a variety of activities including balance stones, bean bag toss, and a crawl-through a tunnel.

WHEELING