



McHenry Public Library District
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**McHenry Public Library District
Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting
Public Hearing on
The Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation
Ordinance**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016
7:00 p.m.
1st Floor Conference Room**

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathy Baderstadt, President

- II. ROLL CALL** – Monica Leccese, Secretary

- III. PUBLIC FORUM** - For purposes of discussing the FY2016-2017 Tentative Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (TBAO)

- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Tuesday, September 20, 2016
1st Floor Conference Room (immediately following public
hearing)**

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathy Baderstadt, President

- II. ROLL CALL** – Monica Leccese, Secretary

- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- IV. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

- VI. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING (Action)**
SECRETARY'S REPORT – Monica Leccese, Secretary
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 23, 2016

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bradley Schubert, Treasurer
Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through
August 31, 2016 and Bill Reports for Aug/Sept 2016
Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)
Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

- D. Gaudio request for reimbursement of tuition
- D. Gaudio upcoming courses to be taken

VIII. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Updates on Petersen Farm garden; Chautauqua, etc.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Process started to review Executive Director's performance/evaluation (Eval due end of November 2016)
2. Discussion/Approval of BAO, Ordinance 2016/2017-3 (**Board Action**)
3. Approval and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. (**Action**)

XII. ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF McHENRY)

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, is on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, 809 North Front Street, McHenry, Illinois and with the Secretary of the District, Monica Leccese, and the Library's Executive Director, James C. Scholtz, at 809 North Front Street, McHenry, Illinois, and will so remain on file until the final action thereon by the Board of Library Trustees.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BUILDING, 809 North Front Street, McHenry, Illinois, and that final action will be taken thereon by the Board of Library Trustees to be held immediately after said hearing at the time and place aforesaid.

Published by direction of the Board of Library Trustees of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2016

THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT,
McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS

BY: _____

Monica Leccese, Secretary
Board of Library Trustees
McHenry Public Library District

Publish: before August 16, 2016 (30 days before hearing, Sept. 20, 2016)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF McHENRY)

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
McHENRY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE No. 2016/2017 - 2

**TENTATIVE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
FOR THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 85, Section 801, et. seq., as amended, requires all Illinois Municipal Corporations as broadly defined therein, to adopt a combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, specifying the objects and purposes of expenditures; and the Illinois Public Library District Act, 75 ILCS 16/30-85, provides procedures for the passage of a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and a Tax Levy Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above and other appropriate statutes, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been prepared in tentative form at the designation of this Board, and has been made available for public inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon, and a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been held prior to final action hereon, and notice of said hearing to be published on or before August 16, 2016, being more than 30 days prior to said hearing, in a newspaper published within the district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Library Trustees of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHenry, McHenry County, Illinois, as follows:

Section One: The following budget containing a statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, an estimate of all cash receipts of said Library District to be received during such fiscal year from all sources, the estimated expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year and a statement of the estimated cash on hand at the end of such fiscal year be, and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget for said Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, and the same sum are hereby appropriated as necessary to defray the said expenses and liabilities of this Public Library District, for the objects and purposes and in the estimated amounts as indicated, for said fiscal year:

I. GENERAL FUND

A. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
1. Est. Cash on hand 5/27/16		\$ 566,910.00
2. Property tax revenues	\$3,180,652.28	\$ 3,180,652.28
3. Corporate Replacement Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
4. General Fund Interest	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5. Dividends	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6. Non-Resident Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
7. Fines and Fees	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
8. Collection Agency Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
9. Photocopier Income	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
10. Annexation Impact Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
12. Staff COBRA Payments	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
13. Program Fees/Misc. Fees	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
14. Meeting Room Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
15. Misc. Sales & Fees	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
16. Lost & Damaged Materials	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
17. Over/Short	\$ --	\$ 0.00
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$3,866,262.28	\$3,180,652.28

B. APPROPRIATIONS FOR ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

1. MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Adult Books	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
b. YPS Books	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
c. Professional Resources	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
d. Administrative Resources	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,400.00
e. Magazines/Newspapers	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
f. Adult AV Materials	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 62,000.00
g. YPS AV Materials	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
h. Video Games	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
i. eBook & eMagazine Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,500.00
j. Electronic Resources	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
k. Bank Service Charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
l. Library Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
m. Tech. Services Supplies	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 57,200.00
n. Bindery Services	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
o. Adult Programs/Supplies	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
p. Circulation Supplies	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
q. Summer Reading Club	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
r. YPS Programs/Supplies	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00
2. CONTRACTED SERVICES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Collection Agency	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
b. Computer, Office equipment & copier repairs/contracts	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
c. Vehicle Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
d. Misc. Contracted Servs.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
e. Finance/Late Fee Charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3. CATALOG & NETWORK	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. CCS & SIRSI Services	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
b. Network Expenses	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
c. OCLC Services	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Accounting, Payroll & Audit Services	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
b. Legal Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
c. Automation & Misc. Consultants	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
d. In-service Honorariums	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

5. PRINTING, PUBLICATIONS & POSTAGE	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Printing	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
b. Public Notices & Ads	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
c. Postage	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
d. Public Relations/Promotions	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

6. UTILITIES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Electricity	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
b. Gas	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
c. Telephone	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
d. T-1 & Other Telecom.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
e. Water & Sewer	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00

7. MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Janitorial Equipment, Supplies & Tools	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
b. Building & Auto Insurance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
c. Bonding & Officers' Liability	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
d. Building & Equipment Outsource	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
e. Hospitality	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
f. Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 700.00
g. Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

8. PERSONNEL EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Salaries	\$1,900,000.00	\$1,810,000.00
b. FICA	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
c. IMRF	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
d. Health/Life Insurance	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
e. Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
f. Memberships & Dues	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
g. Meetings & Travel	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00

9. CAPITAL EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Building & Equipment Supplies	\$ 0.00	----
b. Library Furnishings	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
c. Library Equipment	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
d. Small Equip. under \$250	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
e. Additional Capital Projects	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 320,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$ 4,044,650.00	\$ 4,626,450.00
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	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
TOTAL GEN. FUND REVENUES	\$,3,320,652.28	\$3,866,262.28
TOTAL GEN. FUND EXPENSES	\$ 4,044,650.00	\$4,626,450.00

10. Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$ -----	\$ 800,000.00
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$ 4,044,650.00	\$4,626,450.00
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II. GRANT and GIFT FUND

A.	ESTIMATED REVENUES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
1.	Est. Cash on Hand 5/27/2016	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 432,586.00
2.	Per Capita Grant cash on hand	\$ ----	\$ ----
3.	Grant/Gift Fund Interest	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
4.	General Fund Gifts	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
5.	Per Capita Grant (2014/2015)	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 84,893.43
6.	Misc. Grants	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
TOT. GRANT/GIFT REVENUES		\$ 835,000.00	\$ 589,979.43
B.	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
1.	Operating Fund Gifts	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 448,381.10
2.	FY 2016 Per Capita Grant	\$ 52,528.75	\$ 32,393.43
3.	Additional Fund Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5.	Misc. Grants	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
TOT. GRANT/GIFT EXPENSES		\$ 577,528.75	\$ 505,774.53
TOT. GRANT/GIFT REVENUES		\$ 835,000.00	\$ 589,979.43
TOT. GRANT/GIFT EXPENSES		\$ <u>577,528.75</u>	\$ <u>505,774.53</u>
	Subtotal cash on hand	\$ 257,471.25	\$ 84,204.90
	Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$ -----	\$ 0.00

III. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

A.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
	1. Est. Cash on hand 5/27/16	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 767,697.00
	2. Developer Fees	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
	3. Transfer from Other Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 800,000.00
	4. Reserve Fund Interest	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	5. Reserve Fund Gifts	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	6. Bond & Debt Certif. Sale	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	7. Misc. Income SR	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,850,000.00	\$ 1,637,697.00
B.	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
	1. Debt Service	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	2. Improvements not related to Expansion/renovation	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
	3. Expenditures Pursuant To Statutory Guidelines of the LIBRARY DISTRICT ACT, 75 ILCS 16/40-50	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
	TOTAL RESERVE FUND REVENUES	\$ 1,850,000.00	\$ 1,637,697.00
	TOTAL RESERVE FUND EXPENSES	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 400,000.00

Section Two: There is hereby appropriated from the taxes to be levied for the fiscal year and other sources of revenue:

I.	General Fund	\$ 3,866,262.28
II.	Grant/Gift Fund	\$ 589,979.43
III.	Special Reserve Fund	\$ <u>1,637,697.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 6,093,938.71

Section Three: There is hereby appropriated from the taxes to be levied for the fiscal year and other sources of income the sum of:

\$ 6,093,938.71

the same to be divided among the several corporate objects and purposes as herein above specified for said Library District purposes for the aforesaid fiscal year.

Section Four: All unexpended balances of proceeds received annually from Public Library District taxes not in excess of statutory limits may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund, heretofore established according to plans developed and adopted by this Library Board and said unexpended balances shall be accumulated in this fund for the purpose of erecting a new Public Library building, purchasing a site for the same, or building an addition thereto, or furnishing necessary equipment therefor, or acquiring electronic data storage and retrieval facilities.

Section Five: Except as otherwise provided by law, no further appropriations shall be made at any time within such fiscal year, provided that this Library Board may from time to time make transfers between the various items in any fund not affecting the total amount appropriated, or appropriations in excess of those authorized by the Budget in order to meet an immediate and unforeseen emergency by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Trustees present and voting, as provided by 75 ILCS 16/30-90 et. seq., and this Library Board may amend this Budget and Appropriation Ordinance from time to time by the same procedure as prescribed by Statute for the original adoption of a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance; provided, that nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit transfer between Funds required by law to be kept separate. Any remaining balances after the close of this fiscal year up to twenty percent (20%) of the appropriation shall be available until August 30th for the authorization of payment of obligations incurred prior to the close of the fiscal year, and until September 30th, for the payment of such obligations, and any remaining balances shall be available for the transfer to special reserve to be accumulated, as provided by 75 ILCS 16/40-50.

Section Six: A copy of this Ordinance in tentative form has been made available for public inspection at the Public Library for thirty (30) days and by publishing in a newspaper published within this Public Library District in substantially the following form:

Section Seven: This Ordinance is passed pursuant to statutory authority and the Illinois Public Library District Act, 75 ILCS 16/30-55, et. seq, 75 ILCS 16/30-85 et. seq.; and 75 ILCS 16/40-50 et. seq.; and the Illinois Revenue Code, 35 ILCS 205/157 et. seq., and other statutes hereunto appertaining.

Section Eight: This Library Board hereby certifies that all applicable provisions of 35 ILCS 215/1 as amended, ("The Illinois Truth-in-Taxation Statute") have been complied with.

Section Nine: Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-165 this Library Board hereby determines that no surplus of funds is available for any debt, obligation, liability, operation, fund or account for any purpose, and accordingly the abatement and reduction of provisions of the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund Act are not applicable thereto.

Section Ten: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication, according to law, and any resolutions or ordinance in conflict therewith are hereby repealed; and should any part of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall affect only that part of this Act specifically covered thereby, and shall not affect any other provisions or part of this Act, but shall be severable therefrom.

PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS this 19th day of July, 2016 by a vote of:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

PRESENT:

ABSTAINING:

Approved: _____

Kathy Baderstadt, President
Board of Library Trustees
McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
McHenry County, McHenry, Illinois

Attest: _____

Monica Leccese, Secretary

MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEETING

Date: August 23, 2016

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Library Conference Room

Members Present: Margaret Carey, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, Bradley Schubert, and Jill Stone

Members Absent: Kathy Baderstadt

Also Present: James Scholtz, Executive Director
Bill Edminster, Assistant Director
Kathy Milfajt, Assistant Head of Technical Services

I. Call to Order:

Vice-President Grala called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Roll was called and a quorum was established. See # 1 on attached sheet.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None

V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors

The Board recognized Kathy Milfajt, Assistant Head of Technical Services.

VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting

Secretary's Report – Monica Leccese, Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 19, 2016

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, August 9, 2016

Treasurer's Report – Charles Reilly, Treasurer

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through

July 31, 2016 and Bill Reports for July/August 2016

Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)

Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

The Board reviewed the minutes and the financial statements and bills. Scholtz informed the Board that the library will no longer be participating in Illinois E-Pay due to new monthly service charges and difficulty in retrieving the library's money from the banks that handle the charge transactions when patrons make donations or payments.

Schubert moved and Stone seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 19, 2016, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole for August 9, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through July 31, 2016, the Bill Reports for July/August 2016, and payment of the bills. Motion passed 6-0. See # 2 on attached sheet.

VII. Communications

- From Fountaindale Public Library – Career Online High School Graduation Invitation
Edminster used the invitation to the Career Online High School graduation as a chance to inform the Board about the progress in implementing the program here at McHenry Public Library. Carey asked several questions to clarify how the program works.

VIII. Librarian's Report

The Board reviewed the Librarian's Report.

- Scholtz told the Board about two programs he had helped set up. One program is on Native American flute music and the other is a program series on Democracy, which also involves selling copies of the speaker's books.
- Scholtz informed the Board of his response to a patron who had asked that their third-grade child be included in a program for fifth to eighth graders.
- Scholtz told the Board that Jonathan Padilla, CCS's IT Systems Manager, had resigned to take another position.
- Monthly telephone charges will be going up because the library's provider no longer participates in a program that gives us a discount. Scholtz is investigating other telephone service providers to determine the cost and benefits of changing.
- Scholtz informed the Board that he had been approached by Henry Kenyon of the McHenry Historical Society to contribute to digitizing a historic Richmond newspaper that included coverage of McHenry. He expressed concern over who might host and what might happen to the digitized database if the host goes out of business.
- Scholtz told the Board that there is a new law that provides for two weeks of bereavement leave for the death of a child. The library's policy provides three days for the death of a family member so the library policy manual will be changed once we know the details.
- Scholtz is investigating a community garden at the library and a Chautauqua in McHenry.

Approval of the Illinois Public Library Annual Report 2015-2016

Edminster presented the Annual Report to the Board. He asked the Board to authorize him to electronically sign the report in place of the officers of the Board. Leccese moved and Reilly seconded a motion to authorize Edminster to provide a digital signature and to approve Illinois Public Library Annual Report 2015-2016. Motion passed 6-0. See # 3 on attached sheet.

IX. Executive Session

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 executive session minutes.

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

X. Old Business

1. Final discussion about the project to remodel the existing solar panel array and install a new array

Leccese made a motion to proceed with the solar array project, hiring Magitek Energy Solutions to retrofit the existing 10kWh system to work with a larger installed 20kWh total system using a low profile rooftop array. Since the motion originated and had been passed at a Committee of the Whole meeting, it did not require a second. Motion passed 6-0. See # 4 on attached sheet.

2. New information on sanitary sewer lift station

Scholtz reported that he received a reply from McHenry Alderman Vic Santi in response to requests to obtain an adequate connection to the McHenry sewer system. Scholtz met with Santi, but Santi will not support the library having the City put in sewer lines under Hwy. 31. The Board discussed options, since not having the sewer connection limits the library's ability to build a new library or to sell the northern part of the property.

3. RFID project –discuss scheduling visits to other libraries

Scholtz asked the Trustees to indicate days of the week during September and October when they would be available to visit nearby libraries that use RFID systems. Once dates have been settled on, he will contact library directors to arrange visits. Staff will visit libraries that are farther away.

XI. New Business

1. Discussion of the FY 2016/2017 Budget

Scholtz reported that the budget continues to advance. He said that the uncertainty regarding telephone charges as reported in the Librarian's report would need to be resolved before that budget line could be finalized. A concern he has is that VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phones, which have great benefits, could diminish our Internet bandwidth. He will investigate phone options and should be able to adjust the budget by the next Board meeting.

XII. Any and All Other Business Which May Properly Come Before the Board

None

XIII. Adjournment

Carey moved and Stone seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed 6-0. See # 5 on attached sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

Text for Motion Sheet

1. Roll Call
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 19, 2016, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole for August 9, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through July 31, 2016, the Bill Reports for July/August 2016, and payment of the bills.
3. Motion to authorize Edminster to provide a digital signature and to approve Illinois Public Library Annual Report 2015-2016.
4. Motion to proceed with the solar array project, hiring Magitek Energy Solutions to retrofit the existing 10kWh system to work with a larger installed 20kWh total system using a low profile rooftop array. (No second is required since the motion was passed at the August 9, 2016 Committee of the Whole).
5. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

DATE: August 23, 2016 Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.	Kathy Beaderstadt	Margaret Carey	Delphine Grala	Monica Leccese	Charles Reilly	Bradley Schubert	Jill Stone
1. Roll call	NP	P	P	P	P	P	P
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 19, 2016, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole for August 9, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through July 31, 2016, the Bill Reports for July/August 2016, and payment of the bills.	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	(M)Y	(S)Y
3. Motion to authorize Edminster to provide a digital signature and to approve Illinois Public Library Annual Report 2015-2016.	NP	Y	Y	(M)Y	(S)Y	Y	Y
4. Motion to proceed with the solar array project, hiring Magitek Energy Solutions to retrofit the existing 10kWh system to work with a larger installed 20kWh total system using a low profile rooftop array. (No second required)	NP	Y	Y	(M)Y	Y	Y	Y
5. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.	NP	(M)Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	(S)Y

A=Abstain, M=Motion, N=No, NP=Not Present, P=Present, S=Second, Y=Yes

MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2016

McHenry Public Library District
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2016

4:28 PM
09/16/2016
Cash Basis
Aug 31, 16

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1060 - First Midwest Bank-Money Market	
1060100 - MM - General - First Midwest	534,047.24
1060200 - MM - Spec Reserve-First Midwest	1,744,450.16
1060300 - MM - Grant & Gift-First Midwest	462,452.08
Total 1060 - First Midwest Bank-Money Market	<u>2,740,949.48</u>
1070100 - HSA/Building - First Midwest	373,924.02
1615100 - General Account - First Midwest	21,673.59
1625100 - Payroll Account - First Midwest	101,720.37
1635100 - Imprest Account - First Midwest	4,210.00
1045100 - PROPAY	5,250.81
1150100 - FirstMerit-MoneyMarket- 4/22/11	<u>200,099.40</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>3,447,827.67</u>
Other Current Assets	
1005100 - Petty Cash	800.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>800.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,448,627.67</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,448,627.67</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3010100 - Fund Balance - General	1,607,104.80
3010200 - Fund Balance - Special Reserve	1,744,332.86
3010300 - Fund Balance - Grants & Gifts	465,934.67
Net Income	<u>(368,744.66)</u>
Total Equity	<u>3,448,627.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,448,627.67</u>

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
 August 2016

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Income	
6010100 · Property Taxes	82,834.06
6030100 · Interest Income - General	48.80
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	61.46
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	16.31
6050100 · Fines	3,563.99
6055100 · Collection Fees	20.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	772.43
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	18.06
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	1,383.91
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	10.00
6130100 · Misc Income - General	143.00
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	318.21
6200100 · Over/Short	(5.66)
Total Income	89,184.57
Gross Profit	89,184.57
Expense	
8010100 · Adult Books	10,096.31
8020100 · Youth Books	3,112.72
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,066.39
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	229.99
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	240.49
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	440.34
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	3,261.19
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	652.71
8080100 · Video Games	781.73
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	161.82
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	1,390.00
8120100 · Library Supplies	786.67
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	1,780.17
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	356.09
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	31.92
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	1,213.06
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	125.30
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	904.00
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	5,902.00
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	806.00
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	1,086.79
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	300.00
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30
8540100 · Postage	195.67
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	455.45
8610100 · Electricity	3,071.46
8620100 · Gas	83.62
8630100 · Telephone	498.02
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	840.60
8640100 · Water & Sewer	1,808.97
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	1,696.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	4,016.37

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8760100 · Hospitality	490.97
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	9.79
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	14.25
8910100 · Salaries	195,218.12
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	14,651.85
8930100 · IMRF	21,241.71
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	21,947.91
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	444.99
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	689.30
Total Expense	<u>305,208.04</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(216,023.47)</u></u>

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Class
 July through August 2016

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	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	149,061.76	0.00	0.00	149,061.76
6030100 · Interest Income - General	100.46	0.00	0.00	100.46
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	0.00	117.30	0.00	117.30
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	0.00	0.00	30.19	30.19
6035100 · Dividends	95.16	0.00	0.00	95.16
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
6050100 · Fines	6,612.08	0.00	0.00	6,612.08
6055100 · Collection Fees	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	2,324.22	0.00	0.00	2,324.22
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	35.59	35.59
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	2,767.82	0.00	0.00	2,767.82
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	65.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
6130100 · Misc Income - General	286.15	0.00	0.00	286.15
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	625.96	0.00	0.00	625.96
6200100 · Over/Short	(9.55)	0.00	0.00	(9.55)
Total Income	162,034.06	117.30	65.78	162,217.14
Gross Profit	162,034.06	117.30	65.78	162,217.14
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	14,942.96	0.00	0.00	14,942.96
8020100 · Youth Books	4,018.32	0.00	0.00	4,018.32
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,201.39	0.00	0.00	4,201.39
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	229.99	0.00	0.00	229.99
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	268.06	0.00	0.00	268.06
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	3,484.64	3,484.64
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	5,504.22	0.00	0.00	5,504.22
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	1,413.14	0.00	0.00	1,413.14
8080100 · Video Games	781.73	0.00	0.00	781.73
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	369.06	0.00	0.00	369.06
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	6,241.68	0.00	0.00	6,241.68
8120100 · Library Supplies	944.27	0.00	0.00	944.27
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	2,223.48	0.00	0.00	2,223.48
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	3,616.09	0.00	0.00	3,616.09
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	31.92	0.00	0.00	31.92
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	0.00	0.00	24.08
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	2,121.36	0.00	0.00	2,121.36
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	170.05	0.00	0.00	170.05
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	10,903.74	0.00	0.00	10,903.74
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	11,804.00	0.00	0.00	11,804.00
8320100 · Network Expenses	5,708.84	0.00	0.00	5,708.84
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	1,612.00	0.00	0.00	1,612.00
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	1,800.03	0.00	0.00	1,800.03
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
8510100 · Printing	6,964.00	0.00	0.00	6,964.00
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30	0.00	0.00	107.30
8540100 · Postage	235.31	0.00	0.00	235.31
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,015.85	0.00	0.00	1,015.85

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
8610100 · Electricity	3,071.46	0.00	0.00	3,071.46
8620100 · Gas	83.62	0.00	0.00	83.62
8630100 · Telephone	999.07	0.00	0.00	999.07
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	1,176.10	0.00	0.00	1,176.10
8640100 · Water & Sewer	1,808.97	0.00	0.00	1,808.97
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	1,696.00	0.00	0.00	1,696.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	4,962.31	0.00	0.00	4,962.31
8760100 · Hospitality	(75.03)	0.00	0.00	(75.03)
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	9.79	0.00	0.00	9.79
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	0.00	0.00	63.73	63.73
8910100 · Salaries	321,443.41	0.00	0.00	321,443.41
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	24,183.15	0.00	0.00	24,183.15
8930100 · IMRF	35,176.57	0.00	0.00	35,176.57
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	47,010.71	0.00	0.00	47,010.71
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	559.99	0.00	0.00	559.99
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	688.22	0.00	0.00	688.22
9060100 · Library Furnishings	913.25	0.00	0.00	913.25
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	(4,447.03)	0.00	0.00	(4,447.03)
Total Expense	527,413.43	0.00	3,548.37	530,961.80
Net Income	(365,379.37)	117.30	(3,482.59)	(368,744.66)

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual
 July through August 2016

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 Cash Basis

	Jul - Aug 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	149,061.76	3,180,652.28	(3,031,590.52)	4.69%
6020200 · Developer Fees	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	100.46	5,000.00	(4,899.54)	2.01%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	117.30	3,000.00	(2,882.70)	3.91%
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	30.19	2,500.00	(2,469.81)	1.21%
6035100 · Dividends	95.16	500.00	(404.84)	19.03%
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	45.00	1,000.00	(955.00)	4.5%
6050100 · Fines	6,612.08	45,000.00	(38,387.92)	14.69%
6055100 · Collection Fees	60.00	1,000.00	(940.00)	6.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	2,324.22	17,000.00	(14,675.78)	13.67%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	35.59	20,000.00	(19,964.41)	0.18%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	2,767.82	12,000.00	(9,232.18)	23.07%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	0.00	4,200.00	(4,200.00)	0.0%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	65.00	1,000.00	(935.00)	6.5%
6130100 · Misc Income - General	286.15	25,000.00	(24,713.85)	1.15%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	625.96	6,000.00	(5,374.04)	10.43%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6200100 · Over/Short	(9.55)	0.00	(9.55)	100.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	162,217.14	4,311,745.71	(4,149,528.57)	3.76%
Gross Profit	162,217.14	4,311,745.71	(4,149,528.57)	3.76%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	14,942.96	85,000.00	(70,057.04)	17.58%
8020100 · Youth Books	4,018.32	59,000.00	(54,981.68)	6.81%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,201.39	1,500.00	2,701.39	280.09%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	229.99	6,400.00	(6,170.01)	3.59%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	268.06	15,000.00	(14,731.94)	1.79%
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	3,484.64	448,381.10	(444,896.46)	0.78%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	5,504.22	62,000.00	(56,495.78)	8.88%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	1,413.14	16,000.00	(14,586.86)	8.83%
8080100 · Video Games	781.73	15,000.00	(14,218.27)	5.21%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	369.06	55,500.00	(55,130.94)	0.67%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	6,241.68	80,000.00	(73,758.32)	7.8%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
8120100 · Library Supplies	944.27	10,000.00	(9,055.73)	9.44%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	2,223.48	57,200.00	(54,976.52)	3.89%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	3,616.09	22,000.00	(18,383.91)	16.44%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	31.92	26,000.00	(25,968.08)	0.12%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	7,000.00	(6,975.92)	0.34%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	2,121.36	21,500.00	(19,378.64)	9.87%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	170.05	1,500.00	(1,329.95)	11.34%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	10,903.74	59,000.00	(48,096.26)	18.48%

	Jul - Aug 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	11,804.00	80,000.00	(68,196.00)	14.76%
8320100 · Network Expenses	5,708.84	25,000.00	(19,291.16)	22.84%
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	1,612.00	8,000.00	(6,388.00)	20.15%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	1,800.03	28,000.00	(26,199.97)	6.43%
8420100 · Legal Services	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.0%
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	300.00	14,000.00	(13,700.00)	2.14%
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	600.00	1,000.00	(400.00)	60.0%
8510100 · Printing	6,964.00	36,000.00	(29,036.00)	19.34%
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30	3,000.00	(2,892.70)	3.58%
8540100 · Postage	235.31	18,000.00	(17,764.69)	1.31%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,015.85	10,000.00	(8,984.15)	10.16%
8610100 · Electricity	3,071.46	25,000.00	(21,928.54)	12.29%
8620100 · Gas	83.62	5,000.00	(4,916.38)	1.67%
8630100 · Telephone	999.07	12,000.00	(11,000.93)	8.33%
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	1,176.10	8,000.00	(6,823.90)	14.7%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	1,808.97	3,500.00	(1,691.03)	51.69%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	0.00	32,000.00	(32,000.00)	0.0%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	1,696.00	5,500.00	(3,804.00)	30.84%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	4,962.31	54,000.00	(49,037.69)	9.19%
8760100 · Hospitality	(75.03)	13,000.00	(13,075.03)	(0.58%)
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	9.79	700.00	(690.21)	1.4%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.0%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	63.73	0.00	63.73	100.0%
8910100 · Salaries	321,443.41	1,810,000.00	(1,488,556.59)	17.76%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	24,183.15	145,000.00	(120,816.85)	16.68%
8930100 · IMRF	35,176.57	180,000.00	(144,823.43)	19.54%
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	47,010.71	220,000.00	(172,989.29)	21.37%
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	0.00	9,000.00	(9,000.00)	0.0%
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	559.99	8,000.00	(7,440.01)	7.0%
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	688.22	14,000.00	(13,311.78)	4.92%
9030300 · Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
9050200 · Library District Act	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
9060100 · Library Furnishings	913.25	50,000.00	(49,086.75)	1.83%
9070100 · Library Equipment	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.0%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.0%
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	(4,447.03)	320,000.00	(324,447.03)	(1.39%)
Total Expense	530,961.80	4,481,724.53	(3,950,762.73)	11.85%
Net Income	(368,744.66)	(169,978.82)	(198,765.84)	216.94%

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

09/16/2016

July 1, 2016 - August 31, 2016 - General Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Aug 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	149,061.76	3,180,652.28	(3,031,590.52)	4.69%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	100.46	5,000.00	(4,899.54)	2.01%
6035100 · Dividends	95.16	500.00	(404.84)	19.03%
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	45.00	1,000.00	(955.00)	4.5%
6050100 · Fines	6,612.08	45,000.00	(38,387.92)	14.69%
6055100 · Collection Fees	60.00	1,000.00	(940.00)	6.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	2,324.22	17,000.00	(14,675.78)	13.67%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	2,767.82	12,000.00	(9,232.18)	23.07%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	0.00	4,200.00	(4,200.00)	0.0%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	65.00	1,000.00	(935.00)	6.5%
6130100 · Misc Income - General	286.15	25,000.00	(24,713.85)	1.15%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	625.96	6,000.00	(5,374.04)	10.43%
6200100 · Over/Short	(9.55)	0.00	(9.55)	100.0%
Total Income	162,034.06	3,299,352.28	(3,137,318.22)	4.91%
Gross Profit	162,034.06	3,299,352.28	(3,137,318.22)	4.91%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	14,942.96	85,000.00	(70,057.04)	17.58%
8020100 · Youth Books	4,018.32	59,000.00	(54,981.68)	6.81%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,201.39	1,500.00	2,701.39	280.09%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	229.99	6,400.00	(6,170.01)	3.59%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	268.06	15,000.00	(14,731.94)	1.79%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	5,504.22	62,000.00	(56,495.78)	8.88%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	1,413.14	16,000.00	(14,586.86)	8.83%
8080100 · Video Games	781.73	15,000.00	(14,218.27)	5.21%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	369.06	55,500.00	(55,130.94)	0.67%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	6,241.68	80,000.00	(73,758.32)	7.8%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
8120100 · Library Supplies	944.27	10,000.00	(9,055.73)	9.44%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	2,223.48	57,200.00	(54,976.52)	3.89%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	3,616.09	22,000.00	(18,383.91)	16.44%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	31.92	26,000.00	(25,968.08)	0.12%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	7,000.00	(6,975.92)	0.34%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	2,121.36	21,500.00	(19,378.64)	9.87%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	170.05	1,500.00	(1,329.95)	11.34%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	10,903.74	59,000.00	(48,096.26)	18.48%
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	11,804.00	80,000.00	(68,196.00)	14.76%
8320100 · Network Expenses	5,708.84	25,000.00	(19,291.16)	22.84%
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	1,612.00	8,000.00	(6,388.00)	20.15%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	1,800.03	28,000.00	(26,199.97)	6.43%
8420100 · Legal Services	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.0%
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	300.00	14,000.00	(13,700.00)	2.14%
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	600.00	1,000.00	(400.00)	60.0%
8510100 · Printing	6,964.00	36,000.00	(29,036.00)	19.34%

	Jul - Aug 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30	3,000.00	(2,892.70)	3.58%
8540100 · Postage	235.31	18,000.00	(17,764.69)	1.31%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,015.85	10,000.00	(8,984.15)	10.16%
8610100 · Electricity	3,071.46	25,000.00	(21,928.54)	12.29%
8620100 · Gas	83.62	5,000.00	(4,916.38)	1.67%
8630100 · Telephone	999.07	12,000.00	(11,000.93)	8.33%
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	1,176.10	8,000.00	(6,823.90)	14.7%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	1,808.97	3,500.00	(1,691.03)	51.69%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	0.00	32,000.00	(32,000.00)	0.0%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	1,696.00	5,500.00	(3,804.00)	30.84%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	4,962.31	54,000.00	(49,037.69)	9.19%
8760100 · Hospitality	(75.03)	13,000.00	(13,075.03)	(0.58%)
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	9.79	700.00	(690.21)	1.4%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.0%
8910100 · Salaries	321,443.41	1,810,000.00	(1,488,556.59)	17.76%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	24,183.15	145,000.00	(120,816.85)	16.68%
8930100 · IMRF	35,176.57	180,000.00	(144,823.43)	19.54%
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	47,010.71	220,000.00	(172,989.29)	21.37%
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	0.00	9,000.00	(9,000.00)	0.0%
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	559.99	8,000.00	(7,440.01)	7.0%
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	688.22	14,000.00	(13,311.78)	4.92%
9060100 · Library Furnishings	913.25	50,000.00	(49,086.75)	1.83%
9070100 · Library Equipment	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.0%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.0%
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	(4,447.03)	320,000.00	(324,447.03)	(1.39%)
Total Expense	527,413.43	3,825,950.00	(3,298,536.57)	13.79%
Net Income	(365,379.37)	(526,597.72)	161,218.35	69.39%

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

09/16/2016

July 1, 2016 - August 31, 2016 -Special Reserve Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Aug 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6020200 · Developer Fees	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	117.30	3,000.00	(2,882.70)	3.91%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	117.30	855,000.00	(854,882.70)	0.01%
Gross Profit	117.30	855,000.00	(854,882.70)	0.01%
Expense				
9050200 · Library District Act	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
Net Income	117.30	705,000.00	(704,882.70)	0.02%

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

09/16/2016

July 1, 2016 - August 31, 2016 - Grant and Gift Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Aug 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6030300 - Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	30.19	2,500.00	(2,469.81)	1.21%
6070300 - General Fund Gifts	35.59	20,000.00	(19,964.41)	0.18%
6170300 - Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6210300 - Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	65.78	157,393.43	(157,327.65)	0.04%
Gross Profit	65.78	157,393.43	(157,327.65)	0.04%
Expense				
8040300 - Operating Fund Gifts	3,484.64	448,381.10	(444,896.46)	0.78%
8800300 - Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 - Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	63.73	0.00	63.73	100.0%
9030300 - Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	3,548.37	505,774.53	(502,226.16)	0.7%
Net Income	(3,482.59)	(348,381.10)	344,898.51	1.0%

**McHenry Public Library District
 INTERIM CHECKS ISSUED - August 2016
 (NOT INCLUDED ON BILL REPORT)**

Account - Money Market

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
	(no checks written on this account)				
	subtotal for account	\$ -			

Account - General Fund

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
Comcast	T-1 & other Telecommunications	\$ 505.10	8635-100	08/11/16	EFT
	subtotal for account	\$ 505.10			

Account - HSA/Building

First Midwest Bank	employee contributions HSA	\$ 693.94	8940-100	08/04/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employer contributions HSA	\$ 646.24	8940-100	08/04/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employee contributions HSA	\$ 693.94	8940-100	08/23/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employer contributions HSA	\$ 646.24	8940-100	08/23/16	EFT
	subtotal for account	\$ 2,680.36			

Account - Payroll

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
	subtotal for account	\$ -			

Account - Imprest

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
Golden Age Cinemas, LLC	Public Relations/Promotions	\$ 360.00	8550-100	08/18/16	1128
	subtotal for account	\$ 360.00			

GRAND TOTAL CHECKS ISSUED \$ 3,545.46

BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER					
August 2016					
STAFF	VENDOR	DATE	Amount	LINE	
Edminster	Rockford Map Publishers	7/16	\$ 163.50	8010-100	
Edminster	Rockford Map Publishers	7/18	\$ (11.55)	8010-100	\$ 151.95
Scholtz	Amazon Com	7/9	\$ 34.39	8025-100	\$ 34.39
Gunness	Simpleinout	7/12	\$ 29.99	8028-100	
Gunness	The Management Assoc	7/13	\$ 200.00	8028-100	\$ 229.99
Gunness	Shaw Suburban Media	7/11	\$ 48.09	8030-100	
Gunness	Sun Times Circ	8/4	\$ 192.40	8030-100	\$ 240.49
Jakacki	Walmart	7/17	\$ 26.04	8040-300	
Jakacki	Five Below	7/17	\$ 67.00	8040-300	
Raleigh	The Home Depot	7/14	\$ 10.16	8040-300	
Raleigh	Jimano's Pizzeria	7/21	\$ 22.36	8040-300	
Raleigh	Fox Lake Theatre	7/30	\$ 50.00	8040-300	\$ 175.56
Edminster	Dollar Tree com	8/3	\$ 174.54	8120-100	\$ 174.54
Strain	Hobby Lobby	7/15	\$ 56.09	8140-100	\$ 56.09
Jakacki	Party City	7/11	\$ 11.95	8150-100	
Jakacki	Michaels	7/17	\$ 64.78	8150-100	
Jakacki	Ed's Rentals and Sales	7/21	\$ 9.00	8150-100	
Jakacki	Jewel	7/23	\$ 19.55	8150-100	
Jakacki	Target	7/29	\$ 21.70	8150-100	
Jakacki	Dollar Tree	7/29	\$ 24.00	8150-100	
Jakacki	WM Supercenter	7/29	\$ 100.14	8150-100	
Jakacki	WM Supercenter	7/31	\$ 60.15	8150-100	
Jakacki	WM Supercenter	8/4	\$ 8.48	8150-100	
Jakacki	Michaels	8/7	\$ 14.78	8150-100	
Jakacki	Target	8/7	\$ 7.28	8150-100	\$ 341.81
Gunness	USPS Postage	7/12	\$ 100.00	8540-100	
Harding	The UPS Store	7/27	\$ 91.66	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	7/20	\$ 14.70	8540-100	\$ 206.36
Gunness	Positive Promotions	7/20	\$ (50.00)	8550-100	
Lambert	Positive Promotions	7/11	\$ 145.45	8550-100	\$ 95.45
Harding	Birchwood Equipment LLC	7/8	\$ 27.75	8740-100	
Harding	Birchwood Equipment LLC	7/8	\$ 156.12	8740-100	
Harding	IMSI Designs	7/13	\$ 369.99	8740-100	
Harding	Adams Steel Service	7/18	\$ 336.66	8740-100	
Harding	GW Berkheimer	7/22	\$ 121.59	8740-100	
Harding	BP McHenry	8/1	\$ 19.00	8740-100	
Lambert	USPS	7/14	\$ 15.34	8740-100	
Lambert	USPS	7/28	\$ 12.86	8740-100	
Lambert	USPS	8/4	\$ 10.84	8740-100	\$ 1,070.15
Lambert	Hallmark Business Connect	7/13	\$ 275.00	8760-100	
Lambert	Jewel	7/18	\$ 38.96	8760-100	
Lambert	Jewel	8/1	\$ 20.98	8760-100	
Strain	Target	7/28	\$ 100.00	8760-100	\$ 434.94

BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER					
August 2016					
STAFF	VENDOR	DATE	Amount	LINE	
Edminster	Amazon Prime Membership	7/28	\$ 10.99	8960-100	
Gunness	The Management Assoc	7/13	\$ 250.00	8960-100	
Jakacki	Amazon Prime Membership	7/8	\$ 99.00	8960-100	\$ 359.99
Gunness	OPC McHenry College	7/14	\$ 69.00	8970-100	\$ 69.00
BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER			\$ 3,640.71	TOTAL	\$ 3,640.71
P O BOX 31021					
TAMPA, FL 33631-3021					

BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER					
September 2016					
STAFF	VENDOR	DATE	Amount	LINE	
Lambert	4Imprint	8/17	\$ 452.83	8150-100	\$ 452.83
Gunness	SimpleInOut	8/12	\$ 29.99	8028-100	\$ 29.99
Gunness	Shaw Suburban Media	8/11	\$ 48.09	8030-100	\$ 48.09
Amstadt	SP Leadership	8/30	\$ 249.00	8145-100	\$ 249.00
Edminster	Dollar Tree	9/3	\$ 12.00	8150-100	
Jakacki	Oriental Trading	8/11	\$ 146.90	8150-100	
Jakacki	S&S Worldwide	8/10	\$ 147.98	8150-100	
Jakacki	S&S Worldwide	8/17	\$ 23.98	8150-100	
Jakacki	Walmart	8/20	\$ (17.36)	8150-100	
Jakacki	APL Itunes	8/22	\$ 5.30	8150-100	
Jakacki	Hobby-Lobby	8/23	\$ 18.17	8150-100	
Jakacki	Menards	8/26	\$ 17.20	8150-100	
Jakacki	Menards	9/3	\$ 13.95	8150-100	
Raleigh	Walmart	8/10	\$ 33.74	8150-100	
Raleigh	Gamestop	8/13	\$ 25.00	8150-100	
Raleigh	Jimano's Pizza	8/19	\$ 27.73	8150-100	\$ 454.59
Lambert	USPS	8/9	\$ 18.28	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	8/18	\$ 10.84	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	8/23	\$ 9.92	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	8/26	\$ 27.13	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	8/31	\$ 10.84	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	9/2	\$ 13.32	8540-100	\$ 90.33
Lambert	4Imprint	8/18	\$ 282.97	8550-100	
Lambert	4Imprint	9/2	\$ 728.77	8550-100	\$ 1,011.74
Harding	Proliphix	8/16	\$ 100.00	8740-100	
Harding	BP McHenry	8/23	\$ 19.01	8740-100	\$ 119.01
Gunness	Costco	8/19	\$ 75.79	8760-100	
Jakacki	DD/BR	8/30	\$ 19.34	8760-100	
Lambert	Culvers of Crystal Lake	8/10	\$ 15.00	8760-100	
Lambert	Amazon.com	8/10	\$ 25.00	8760-100	
Lambert	Starbucks store	8/10	\$ 15.00	8760-100	
Lambert	Barnes & Noble	8/10	\$ 15.00	8760-100	
Lambert	Fast Eddie's Car Wash	8/10	\$ 15.00	8760-100	
Lambert	Jewel	8/12	\$ 21.47	8760-100	
Raleigh	Walmart	8/15	\$ 40.17	8760-100	\$ 241.77
Edminster	AmazonPrime Membership	8/8	\$ 10.99	8960-100	
Gunness	Costco	8/16	\$ 110.00	8960-100	
Raleigh	American Library Assoc.	8/31	\$ 247.00	8960-100	\$ 367.99
Jakacki	Panera Bread	8/25	\$ 37.52	8970-100	
Lambert	McHenry Area Chamber	8/29	\$ 56.00	8970-100	
Raleigh	Portillos Hot Dogs	8/16	\$ 43.89	8970-100	
Raleigh	EB Rass Engaging Teen	8/31	\$ 15.00	8970-100	\$ 152.41
BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER			\$ 3,217.75	TOTAL	\$ 3,217.75
P O BOX 31021					
TAMPA, FL 33631-3021					

McHenry Public Library

Board of Trustees

809 N Front St.

McHenry, Ill 60050

September 13, 2016

Dear Members of the Board and James Scholtz

This fall I am taking LIS 511 Collection Development & Management working towards obtaining a MLIS and the University of Southern Mississippi. I have already completed 10 hours towards my degree.

I am applying to you to continue the tuition reimbursement for the class. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely

Diane Gaudio

McHenry Public Library
Board of Trustees
809 North Front Street
McHenry, IL 60050
September 12, 2016

Dear Members of the Board and James Scholtz,

I am happy to announce that I received a B in my LIS Public Libraries course. In this course, I learned about the mission of the public library, how to identify the diverse populations in our community and how best to serve them all. For example, in our community our library provides services to the homeless population. Our public services department has developed a brochure specifically for patrons in need of social, mental or basic living needs with addresses and contact phone numbers. Our library as well as others in our area provide computer access, internet connections and phone access as most of these patrons don't have computers or phones to contact organizations or their families. Through my class I learned about additional services that other libraries have provided such as showers, washing machines and bus tokens to those in need.

Thank you for helping me with your generosity by providing the tuition reimbursement program. I am now enrolled in my fifth course towards completing my library degree.

Sincerely,



Diane B. Gaudio

McHenry Public Library District

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

August 2016

Administration

- B. Edminster received training on Gale Cengage Career Online High School, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30.
- B. Edminster, L. Jakacki, P. Strain, K. Lambert, and Z. Terrill met with the Recorded Books representative to discuss the Zinio renewal and new products from Recorded Books, 8/31.
- B. Edminster led the Classic Book Discussion of *The Iceman Cometh* by Eugene O'Neill, 9/19.
- J. Scholtz receiving bids on telephone service (RingCentral, Comcast, MegaPath, Vonage and local company In-Sync).
- J. Scholtz attended IL Comptroller's mtg (Rockford) 9/7.
- Admin. working on annual audit FY15/16 – August-September
- Solar array approved by board (Aug) – J. Scholtz working with vendor and city to establish installation timetable and permits.
- Scholtz working on digitization project for Richmond Gazette – could mean funding for digitization of *PlainDealer* (already available on NewsBank/Newspapers.com)

Adult Services

- Added 3 new Outreach patrons to our 83 patrons. One patron also signed up to have materials checked out for her and picked up by a family member. L. Mann
- I received a call from a patron who wanted to know where he could find the least expensive prescriptions for his dog. T. O'Toole
- Senior Services requested an information library visit in October. L. Mann
- Patron was looking for a local LARPing (live action role playing) group. Found one in Crystal Lake. L. Mann
- Historical Society loaned the library a display on telephones. This display will run the month of August. L. Mann
- Magnifying machines have been cataloged & are now available for an extended check out to MPLD cardholders. L. Mann
- Delivered and taught patron how to use Magnifying Machine. Z. Terrill
- Delivered paperback books to Senior Services for the community paperback exchange. Also dropped off library created informational booklets *MPLD Senior Services & Resources* and *Community Connections for Seniors*. L. Mann
- Attended training for Blue Cloud Analytics L. Mann, P. Strain, Z. Terrill, C. Myers
- Attended Reaching Forward Meeting. Z. Terrill
- Attended Community Wiki Meeting: T. Hillary
- Started MPLD Staff Picks Fridays on the library's Facebook page. Every other Friday I will interview a staff member about what they are reading and share it with the community. J. Scholtz is my first Staff Picks. B. Edminster will be the mid-August pick. L. Mann
- Staff is using Blue Cloud Analytics to derive shelf lists for weeding. It is much easier and more intuitive to use than Director's Station.

Building Services

- C. P worked on relining parking lot (yellow lines) – great work!!
- J. Scholtz/D. Harding employed In-Sync to trouble-shoot emergency phone line in Lift (9/6). Also In-Sync will be looking to bid out internal telephone service.

Circulation

- S. Willis reports total of 191 expired holds pulled
- The month of August we had A. Howell, K. Meagher, and J. Stevens join the staff.
- B. Niepsuj gave a bin-packing tutorial during staff in service.
- Circ staff spent the better part of August training new staff, and recovering from Summer Reading.

Human Resources

- One (1) new employee was hired in Circulation in August (front desk position).
- Received 2016 Library Survey from the Management Association – a survey of compensation and benefits for library personnel. Will use as a reference to review benefit offerings and evaluate salaries as needed.
- We have begun to evaluate our pending recruitment process for a Circulation Manager and actions to be taken prior to receipt of the employee's final day at MPLD.
- Milestone Service Anniversaries:
 - Angel Nicholls reached 10 years of service
 - Gwen Doolan reached 20 years of service
- Salary Increase Information: Data is pulled from 3 months (vs. monthly) to maintain confidentiality and also provide meaningful numbers.
 - Average Salary increase for the Last Calendar Quarter – 1.96%
 - Average Salary Increase for the (rolling) Last 3-months – 1.98%
 - This average calculation is missing data from one employee whose salary increase has not yet been submitted.
- Have worked with the supervisor of two (2) employees to prepare written performance improvement plans.
- Conducted an investigation on an issue of high complexity which involved consultation with the Management Association. Resolution implemented.
- Addressed an employee issue of high complexity which involved consultation with the Management Association. Resolution implemented and will be on-going.
- In-Service Meeting on 8/12/16 was attended by approx. 81% of all staff. Informative topic of acknowledging those with mental health issues was well received.
- Attended the Management Association's Roundtable Discussion for HR in Palatine.
- Attended RAILS seminar on "Managing Change" in Deerfield.
- Participated in webinars on the following topics:
 - Onboarding/New Employee Orientation
 - Aging Workforce
 - FLSA Changes

Public Relations

- Met with rep from Chamber Guide to purchase ad in upcoming guide. Designed ad with text and submitted for publishing.
- Participated in an Events Calendar webinar showcasing improvements in their new SignUp and Rooms modules. Shared with Public Services.
- Participated in Career Online High School webinar with Bill; focused on marketing efforts. Began creating promotional materials for this program.
- Participated in meeting with B. Schwarting from Recorded Books re: new products and enhancements to Zinio Digital Magazines product.
- Promoted upcoming programs and events through various media.
- Updated website and social media.
- Attended Management Team meeting, staff In-Service and Sunshine Committee meeting.

Technical Services

- K. Walker continued creating on-order records, checking new material, processing magazines, and hosted and moderated the monthly D&D program. He also continued removing old faded spine labels and attaching new spine labels.
- D. Lavin continued cataloging books, cataloging magazines, creating bookplates, and spine labels. She also prepared and submitted the annual EBSCO magazine order. Ordered CompuType labels and ink.
- K. Meadows continued processing new books, mending damaged books, checking materials out review, and changing items to regular circulation from new status. She also continued removing old faded spine labels and attaching new spine labels.
- P. Radic continued processing new AV materials and mending damaged AV containers.
- K. Milfajit continued cataloging AV and genealogy, importing bibliographic records from OCLC, and adding original bibliographic records to OCLC. She also hosted and moderated the contemporary book group discussion of Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell. Attended CCS catalogers meetings and SCRAP meetings. Prepared presentation of fiction cataloging for September cataloger's workshop. Completed Skillsoft Microsoft Windows 10 online course. Was named CCS Star in CCS newsletter for excellent work with new phone system.
- K. Kimbrel continued cataloging new books and importing records from OCLC. Also made new spine labels to replace faded spine labels. Ordered supplies for Technical Services department. Re-cataloged item records that were no longer correct.

Technology

- Our Public Computers were used for August was 3653 patrons (AR 2584, YP 963, Distance Learning 35, Express Internet 48, Overdrive 1, and Literacy 26 & Genealogy 21) used the Public workstations 2,243 hours & 32 minutes (134,606 minutes).
- 17,128 items were checked out by 1,470 patrons at the Three (3) book self-check units in 31 days we were open this month.
- We Had 1023 unique Patrons accessed our Wi-Fi users during August.
- MPLit installed a new Antivirus update that supports windows 10 on 27 Adult and 12 Youth computers this month.
- MPLit Updated All Public workstations (OS, FireFox, Chrome, Flash, Libre Office, Java, CutePDF & Adobe DC) were updated in August.
- Silhouette studio was installed on all 13 training Laptops for our YPS vinyl cutting class.
- This month MPLit closed 135 Helpdesk tickets

Youth Services

- Youth Services' Dept. finished up the Summer Lunch program on 8/19/16. Our August attendance for the program was Summer Lunch: 246 lunches served and 336 patrons in attendance (253 kids and 83 adults).
- Youth Services attended training for the CACFP After-School Snack program in August. The 90 minute training session covers IL Health Department Safe Food Handling and the Northern IL Food Bank's procedures. A big change this program year is that all our count sheets will be completed and submitted via an app. The After-School Snack program begins in the library on Sept. 9, 2016.
- Spanish Interactions: 97 –Adult, 21-teen, 126-children
- J. Velasquez hosted Back to School Bingo ¡en español! And patrons enjoyed playing different games of Back to School Bingo en español, looking for *tijeras* (scissors), *crayones* (crayons), *la manzana* (apple) and more for a bag of great school supplies. They were happy with the selection of folders and were appreciative! A few 'Little Ones' entering pre-K and head start won and all were exposed to new school vocabulary!
- C. Bergan hosted the first meeting of the CryptoClub teaching tweens about codes and ciphers. Caitlin attended training from the University of Illinois in July to become a facilitator of this program. They tweens had to craft a basic code in order to find their nametag and the program went on from there. The tweens loved the program even though the codes frustrated them at times, but they worked through them.
- A mom in Together Time told M. Dineen how great it was that the library was offering this program. She watches her 6 year old nephew and has a 2 year old so she was happy to find something to bring them both to. The Together Time program is a set up more as a play group for parents and children rather than a structured storytime. This gives the kids and the parents more chances for social interaction with each other.
- G. Doolan hosted the "Drive In Storytime" program this August. The kids decorated boxes for cars with help from their parents and then everyone watched two short movies. Parents left saying "One of the best programs ever" and "Do this again."
- R. Raleigh's TAG (Teen Advisory Group) hosted the first program they planned for other teens. They held a Wii Super Smash Tournament on a weekend in August and it was a popular event. The TAG members planned how the tournament would run, helped set-up the equipment, and ran the event
- While M. Cairo was sitting at the desk a few weeks ago, a mom and her 2 ½ old son came to ask a question. The boy looked at her with a straight face and asked "pangolin book". You can imagine her response! She had no idea what a pangolin even was! Mom went on to explain that her son was fascinated with these mammals from seeing one on a National Geographic show. "He eats, drinks and is now obsessed with pangolins, PLEASE have a book on them"! M. Cairo is happy to say that we do have a book on pangolins appropriately titled, "What on Earth is a Pangolin?" by Edward Ricciuti.
- J. Drinka presented "Fools Puppets Unleashed" which was a big hit. The kids first were treated to a puppet show written and performed by Joe. The kids created their own puppets and were given the chance to introduce and present their original creations. More patrons attended than registered for the program.
- L. Jakacki prepared and chaired the biannual NSDC meeting at the end of August. This included preparing the agenda, collecting financial information, providing statistical information regarding ordering, circulation and holds for the consortium. At the meeting, we discussed better ways to use our budget based on who is using the collection, how to address the growing demands of holds and better ways to market our eMaterials.
- The YS Department's School Liaisons (R. Raleigh, C. Bergan, M. Cairo, J. Velasquez and G. Doolan) were busy this month getting ready for the new school year. They updated the Teacher Services brochures, sent letters to principals and school librarians, visited Preschool directors; prepare materials for the Choice Menu conference and more. Something new this year is a video created by C. Bergan and featuring C. Bergan, M. Cairo and J. Velasquez highlighting the Teacher Checkout Service available to D15 and D156 teachers. You can check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5cGoobrDi4>.

Statistics and Highlights Narrative

Legend – ABk – Adult Books; JBk – Children’s Books; PBk – Paperback Books; AudBk – Audio books; JAudBk – Children’s Audio books; ILL – Interlibrary loan; Vid/DVD – Videos/DVDs; JVid/DVD – Children’s Videos/DVDs; Oth - Other

The TS Dept. added x1628 items (-186%) and withdrew 2432 (+39%) compared with August 2016. Staff also mended 1424 items (-22%) and processed 1582 new items (-21%). Overall circulation decreased by (-1%) from the previous year/month and we were open 2 more days (29). All areas except AAud and Vid/DVD decreased in Circulation. Holds increased (+13% but renewal decreased (-4%). Patron traffic increased by +10% (16,750 but the video count ave. was only 15,094.

Also our eMagazine/Zinio was at (-24%) with digital downloads (+1%, 2228), Zinio and Hoopla were at (-24% and +24% respectively. Internet use (Adult +8 and youth +15%) but overall, use declined by -4%). Our study room use increased by (+17%) but meeting room use declined (-16%). Programs for all age groups were up – (adult +38%; child +11%; teen +50%).

UpComing Events and Projects

- Set-up staff/board visits to area libraries and RFID libraries (Aug/Sept)
- B. Brandais movie poster display 9/17
- Possibly arrange solar array project/paperwork (Aug/Oct)
- J. Scholtz helps with 2 programs – Democracy and Native American Flute Music (Oct.)
- Help select new ILS vendor (CCS?) and help select new CCS Director
- Lift station project (discovery)
- Exploration of various community projects (supply garden/Chautauqua, etc.)
- Continue with Docuware scanning of documents

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Date: February 16, 2016

Time: 8:07 p.m.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room

Members Present: Kathy Baderstadt, Margaret Carey, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, and Bradley Schubert

Members Absent: Charles Reilly and Jill Stone

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No action was taken during Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

Text for Motion Sheet

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Time: 7:17 p.m.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room

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Members Absent: None

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF McHENRY)

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
McHENRY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE No. 2016/2017 - 3

**COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
FOR THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 85, Section 801, et. seq., as amended, requires all Illinois Municipal Corporations as broadly defined therein, to adopt a combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, specifying the objects and purposes of expenditures; and the Illinois Public Library District Act, 75 ILCS 16/30-85, provides procedures for the passage of a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and a Tax Levy Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above and other appropriate statutes, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been prepared in tentative form at the designation of this Board, and has been made available for public inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon, and a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been held prior to final action hereon, and notice of said hearing to be published on/before August 19, 2016, being more than 30 days prior to said hearing, in a newspaper published within the district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Library Trustees of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHenry, McHenry County, Illinois, as follows:

Section One: The following budget containing a statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, an estimate of all cash receipts of said Library District to be received during such fiscal year from all sources, the estimated expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year and a statement of the estimated cash on hand at the end of such fiscal year be, and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget for said Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, and the same sum are hereby appropriated as necessary to defray the said expenses and liabilities of this Public Library District, for the objects and purposes and in the estimated amounts as indicated, for said fiscal year:

I. GENERAL FUND

A.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
	1. Est. Cash on hand 7/11/16		\$ 1,565,129.00
	2. Property tax revenues	\$ 3,180,652.28	\$ 3,180,652.28
	3. Corporate Replacement Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	4. General Fund Interest	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	5. Dividends	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
	6. Non-Resident Fees/Enhanced Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	7. Fines and Fees	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
	8. Collection Agency Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	9. Photocopier/Fax Income	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
	10. Annexation Impact Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	11. Staff COBRA Payments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
	12. Program Fees/Misc. Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,200.00
	13. Meeting Room Fees	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
	14. Misc. Sales & Fees	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	15. Lost & Damaged Materials	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	16. Over/Short	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$ 3,320,652.28	\$ 4,885,781.28

B. APPROPRIATIONS FOR ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

1. MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Adult Books	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
b. Youth Books	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
c. Professional Resources	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
d. Administrative Resources	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,400.00
e. Magazines/Newspapers	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
f. Adult AV Materials	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 62,000.00
g. Youth AV Materials	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
h. Video Games	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
i. eBook & eMagazine Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,500.00
j. Electronic Resources	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
k. Bank Service Charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
l. Library Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
m. Tech. Services Supplies	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 57,200.00
n. Bindery	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
o. Adult Programs/Supplies	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
p. Circulation Supplies	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
q. Summer Reading Club	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
r. Youth Programs/Supplies	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00
2. CONTRACTED SERVICES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Collection Agency	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
b. Computer, Office equipment & copier repairs/contracts	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
c. Misc. Contracted Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
d. Finance/Late Fee Charges	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3. CATALOG & NETWORK	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. CCS & SIRSI Services	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
b. Network Expenses	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
c. OCLC Services	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Accounting, Payroll and Audit Services	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
b. Legal Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
c. Automation & Misc. Consultants	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
d. In-service Honorariums	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5. PRINTING, PUBLICATIONS & POSTAGE	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Printing Services	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
b. Public Notices & Ads	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
c. Postage	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
d. Public Relations/Promotions	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
6. UTILITIES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET

a. Electricity	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
b. Gas	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
c. Telephone	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
d. T-1 & Other Telecom.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
e. Water & Sewer	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00

7. MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Janitorial Equipment, Supplies & Tools	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
b. Building & Auto Insurance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
c. Bonding & Officers' Liability	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
d. Building & Equipment Outsource	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
e. Hospitality	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
f. Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 700.00
g. Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

8. PERSONNEL EXPENSES

	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Salaries	\$1,870,000.00	\$1,810,000.00
b. FICA	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
c. IMRF	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
d. Health/Life Insurance	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 260,000.00
e. Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
f. Memberships & Dues	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
g. Meetings & Travel	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00

9. CAPITAL EXPENSES

	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
a. Building & Equipment Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
b. Library Furnishings	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
c. Library Equipment	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
d. Small Equip. under \$250	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
e. Additional Capital Projects	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 320,000.00

10. DEBT SERVICE

a. Recovery Zone Bond Principal	\$ -----	\$ -----
b. Recovery Zone Bond Interest	\$ -----	\$ -----
c. Debt Service	\$ -----	\$ -----

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES \$4,050,650.00 \$ 4,050,650.00

11. Transfer to Reserve Fund \$ ----- \$ 800,000.00

	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
TOTAL GEN. FUND REVENUES	\$4,885,781.28	\$3,314,352.28
TOTAL GEN. FUND EXPENSES	\$4,028,650.00	\$4,636,950.00

II. GRANT and GIFT FUND

A.	ESTIMATED REVENUES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
1.	Est. Cash on Hand 7/1/16	\$ 483,000.00	\$ 482,237.00
2.	Per Capita Grant cash on hand	\$ ----	\$ ----
3.	Grant/Gift Fund Interest	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
4.	General Fund Gifts	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
5.	Per Capita Grant	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 84,893.43
6.	Misc. Grants	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	TOT. GRANT/GIFT REVENUES	\$ 665,000.00	\$ 639,630.43
B.	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
1.	Operating Fund Gifts	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 448,381.10
2.	FY2015/16 Per Capita Grant	\$ 52,528.75	\$ 32,393.43
3.	Additional Fund Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5.	Misc. Grants	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	TOT. GRANT/GIFT EXPENSES	\$ 577,528.75	\$ 505,774.53
11.	Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$ -----	\$ 0.00
	TOT. GRANT/GIFT REVENUES	\$ 665,000.00	\$ 639,630.43
	TOT. GRANT/GIFT EXPENSES	\$ <u>577,528.75</u>	\$ <u>505,774.53</u>
	Subtotal cash on hand	\$ 87,471.25	\$ 133,855.90

III. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

A. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
1. Est. Cash on hand 7/1/15	\$ 1,721,585.00	\$1,721,585.00
2. Developer Fees	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
3 Reserve Fund Interest	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5. Reserve Fund Gifts	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
6. Bond & Debt Sale	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
7. Transfers from Other Funds	\$ -----	\$ 800,000.00
8. Misc. Income SR	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1, 871,585.00	\$2,576,585.00
B. ESTIMATED EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	BUDGET
1. Debt service	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2. Improvements not related to Expansion/renovation	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
3. Expenditures Pursuant To Statutory Guidelines of the LIBRARY DISTRICT ACT, 75 ILCS 16/40-50	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
TOTAL RESERVE FUND REVENUES	\$ 1, 871,585.00	\$ 2,576,585.00
TOTAL RESERVE FUND EXPENSES	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 150,000.00

Section Two: There is hereby appropriated from the taxes to be levied for the fiscal year and other sources of revenue:

I. General Fund	\$ 4,885,781.28
II. Grant/Gift Fund	\$ 665,000.00
III. Special Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 1,871,585.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,422,366.28

Section Three: There is hereby appropriated from the taxes to be levied for the fiscal year and other sources of income the sum of:

\$ 7,442,366.28

the same to be divided among the several corporate objects and purposes as herein above specified for said Library District purposes for the aforesaid fiscal year.

Section Four: All unexpended balances of proceeds received annually from Public Library District taxes not in excess of statutory limits may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund, heretofore established according to plans developed and adopted by this Library Board and said unexpended balances shall be accumulated in this fund for the purpose of erecting a new Public Library building, purchasing a site for the same, or building an addition thereto, or furnishing necessary equipment therefor, or acquiring electronic data storage and retrieval facilities.

Section Five: Except as otherwise provided by law, no further appropriations shall be made at any time within such fiscal year, provided that this Library Board may from time to time make transfers between the various items in any fund not affecting the total amount appropriated, or appropriations in excess of those authorized by the Budget in order to meet an immediate and unforeseen emergency by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Trustees present and voting, as provided by 75 ILCS 16/30-90 et. seq., and this Library Board may amend this Budget and Appropriation Ordinance from time to time by the same procedure as prescribed by Statute for the original adoption of a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance; provided, that nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit transfer between Funds required by law to be kept separate. Any remaining balances after the close of this fiscal year up to twenty percent (20%) of the appropriation shall be available until August 30th for the authorization of payment of obligations incurred prior to the close of the fiscal year, and until September 30th, for the payment of such obligations, and any remaining balances shall be available for the transfer to special reserve to be accumulated, as provided by 75 ILCS 16/40-50.

Section Six: A copy of this Ordinance in tentative form has been made available for public inspection at the Public Library for thirty (30) days and by publishing in a newspaper published within this Public Library District in substantially the following form:

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF McHENRY)

**THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, is on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, 809 North Front Street, McHenry, Illinois and with the Secretary of the District, Monica Leccese, and the Library's Executive Director, James C. Scholtz, at 809 North Front Street, McHenry, Illinois, and will so remain on file until the final action thereon by the Board of Library Trustees.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BUILDING, 809 North Front Street, McHenry, Illinois, and that final action will be taken thereon by the Board of Library Trustees to be held immediately after said hearing at the time and place aforesaid.

Published by direction of the Board of Library Trustees of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS.

DATED this 20th day of September 2016

THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT,
McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS

BY: _____

Monica Leccese, Secretary
Board of Library Trustees
McHenry Public Library District

Publish/Post: August 15-23, 2016

Section Seven: This Ordinance is passed pursuant to statutory authority and the Illinois Public Library District Act, 75 ILCS 16/30-55, et. seq, 75 ILCS 16/30-85 et. seq.; and 75 ILCS 16/40-50 et. seq.; and the Illinois Revenue Code, 35 ILCS 205/157 et. seq., and other statutes hereunto appertaining.

Section Eight: This Library Board hereby certifies that all applicable provisions of 35 ILCS 215/1 as amended, ("The Illinois Truth-in-Taxation Statute") have been complied with.

Section Nine: Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-165 this Library Board hereby determines that no surplus of funds is available for any debt, obligation, liability, operation, fund or account for any purpose, and accordingly the abatement and reduction of provisions of the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund Act are not applicable thereto.

Section Ten: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication, according to law, and any resolutions or ordinance in conflict therewith are hereby repealed; and should any part of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall affect only that part of this Act specifically covered thereby, and shall not affect any other provisions or part of this Act, but shall be severable therefrom.

PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees of the McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, McHENRY COUNTY, McHENRY, ILLINOIS this 20th day of September 2016, by a vote of:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

PRESENT:

ABSTAINING:

Approved: _____

Kathy Baderstadt, President
Board of Library Trustees
McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
McHenry County, McHenry, Illinois

Attest: _____

Monica Leccese, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF McHENRY)

CERTIFICATE

I, MONICA LECCESE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2017-3, COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE McHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance which was presented in a public hearing on September 20, 2016 and passed, and recorded by said Library Board at their additional Library Board meeting on September 20th, 2016.

**Monica Leccese, Secretary
McHenry Public Library District
Board of Library Trustees**

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of September 2016.

Reuben William Edminster, Notary Public

(seal)

My commission expires: _____

FINAL BUDGET FY 2016/17

9/20/2016

FY 2016-2017 OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2015-16 operating budget	FY2016-17	FY2016-17 Appropriation	FY2016-17 Levy
GENERAL FUND REVENUES				
estimated CASH ON HAND (7/1/2016)	\$ 1,565,129.00		\$1,565,129.00	
6010-100 PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 3,180,645.36	\$ 3,180,652.28	\$3,180,652.28	\$3,180,652.28
6020-100 CORPORATE REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
6030-100 GENERAL FUND INTEREST	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$7,000.00	
6035-100 DIVIDENDS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00	
6040-100 NONRESIDENT & ENHANCED FEE CARDS	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
6050-100 FINES AND FEES	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$55,000.00	
6055-100 COLLECTION AGENCY FEES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
6060-100 PHOTOCOPIER & FAX INCOME	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$18,000.00	
6090-100 ANNEXATION IMPACT FEES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$2,000.00	
6105-100 STAFF COBRA/INSURANCE PAYMENTS	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$15,000.00	
6110-100 PROGRAM FEES /MISC. FEES	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$6,000.00	
6120-100 MEETING ROOM FEES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$2,500.00	
6130-100 MISC. sales (disks, T-shirts)	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
6150-100 LOST & DAMAGED MATERIALS	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
6200-100 OVER/SHORT	\$ -	\$ -	\$500.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 4,886,974.36	\$ 3,314,352.28	\$ 4,885,781.28	\$ 3,180,652.28

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

		FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
MATERIALS and SUPPLIES		operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
8010-100	ADULT BOOKS	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$60,000.00
8020-100	YOUTH BOOKS	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$64,000.00	\$35,000.00
8025-100	PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
8028-100	ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,000.00
8030-100	MAGAZINES and NEWSPAPERS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
8050-100	ADULT AV MATERIALS	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$35,000.00
8060-100	YOUTH AV MATERIALS	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$35,000.00
8080-100	VIDEO GAMES	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
8090-100	eBOOK & eMAGAZINE SERVICES	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$60,000.00	\$14,500.00
8095-100	ELECTRONIC RESOURCES	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$30,000.00
8110-100	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
8120-100	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
8130-100	TECH SERVICES SUPPLIES	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 57,200.00	\$58,000.00	\$25,000.00
8135-100	BINDERY	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	\$1,000.00
8140-100	ADULT PROGRAMS & SUPPLIES	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$15,750.00
8145-100	CIRCULATION SUPPLIES	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00
8147-100	SUMMER READING CLUB	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00
8150-100	YOUTH PROGRAMS & SUPPLIES	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 478,150.00	\$ 527,750.00	\$ 574,150.00	\$ 301,750.00

		FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
CONTRACTED SERVICES		operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
8215-100	COLLECTION AGENCY	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
8245-100	Computer/OFC EQP/Copier Repairs & Contracts	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$20,000.00
8250-100	VEHICLE EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00
8260-100	MISC. CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
8270-100	FINANCE/LATE FEE CHARGES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 21,500.00

		FY2015-16			
CATALOG and NETWORK EXPENSES		operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
8310-100	CCS & SIRSI EXPENSES	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$75,000.00
8320-100	NETWORK EXPENSES	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00
8330-100	OCLC SERVICES (cataloging)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL CATALOG and NETWORK EXPENSES	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 120,000.00

		FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
8410-100	ACCOUNTING, PAYROLL & AUDIT SERVICES	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$25,000.00
8420-100	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
8430-100	AUTOMATION & MISC. CONSULTANTS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00
8440-100	IN SERVICE HONORARIUMS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 45,000.00

		FY2014-15	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
	PRINTING, PUBLICATIONS & POSTAGE	operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
8510-100	PRINTING SERVICES	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00
8530-100	PUBLIC NOTICES & ADS (legal...not display ads)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
8540-100	POSTAGE	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00
8550-100	PUBLIC RELATIONS/PROMOTIONS	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL PRINTING, PUB. & POSTAGE	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 65,000.00

		FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
	UTILITIES	operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
8610-100	ELECTRIC	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$55,000.00
8620-100	GAS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00
8630-100	TELEPHONE	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$9,500.00
8635-100	T-1 and OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
8640-100	WATER & SEWER	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$4,000.00
	TOTAL UTILITIES	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 86,000.00

	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
	operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES				
8710-100 JANITORIAL EQUIP, SUPPLIES & TOOLS	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00
8720-100 BUILDING & AUTO INSURANCE	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00
8730-100 BONDING & OFFICERS LIABILITY	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$12,000.00
8740-100 BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$75,000.00
8760-100 HOSPITALITY(incl. vending machine)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$7,000.00
8770-100 INTERLIBRARY LOAN FEES & LOSSES	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
8795-100 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOT. MISCEL. OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 88,700.00	\$ 109,200.00	\$ 125,500.00	\$ 129,000.00

	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
	operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
PERSONNEL EXPENSES				
8910-100 SALARIES	\$ 1,730,000.00	\$ 1,810,000.00	\$1,870,000.00	\$1,819,402.28
8920-100 FICA	\$ 163,000.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$145,000.00
8930-100 IMRF	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$180,000.00
8940-100 HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$257,500.00
8950-100 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
8960-100 MEMBERSHIPS & DUES	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00
8970-100 MEETINGS & TRAVEL	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$ 2,351,500.00	\$ 2,426,000.00	\$ 2,520,500.00	\$ 2,403,902.28

	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
	operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
CAPITAL EXPENSES				
9040-100 BUILDING & EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES (In house)	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00
9060-100 LIBRARY FURNISHINGS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00
9070-100 LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$2,500.00
9080-100 SMALL EQUIPMENT UNDER \$250	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00
9090-100 ADTL. CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 320,000.00	\$320,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ 592,000.00	\$ 435,000.00	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 8,500.00

	FY2015-16 operating budget	FY2016-17	FY2016-17 Appropriation	FY2016-17 Levy
9100-100 TRANSFER TO RESERVE FUND	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 800,000.00		\$0.00
TOTAL TRANSFER TO RESERVE FUND	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 800,000.00		\$0.00

	FY2015-16 operating budget	FY2016-17	FY2016-17 Appropriation	FY2016-17 Levy
DEBT SERVICE				
9115-100 RECOVERY ZONE BOND PRINCIPAL	\$ -	\$ -		\$0.00
9120-100 RECOVERY ZONE BOND INTEREST	\$ -	\$ -		\$0.00
9095-100 DEBT SERVICE - GF	\$ -	\$ -		\$0.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -		\$0.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES \$ 4,385,850.00 \$ 4,636,950.00 \$ 4,028,650.00 \$ 3,180,652.28

	FY2015-16 operating budget	FY2016-17	FY2016-17 Appropriation	FY2016-17 Levy
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 4,886,974.36	\$ 3,314,352.28	\$ 4,885,781.28	\$ 3,180,652.28
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$ 4,385,850.00	\$ 4,636,950.00	\$ 4,028,650.00	\$ 3,180,652.28
estimated year end fund balance	\$ 501,124.36	\$ (1,322,597.72)		

GRANT & GIFT FUND

	FY2015-16 operating budget	FY2016-17	FY2016-17 Appropriation	FY2016-17 Levy
GRANT & GIFT FUND REVENUES				
est. CASH ON HAND 7/1/2016	\$ 482,237.00	\$ 482,237.00	\$483,000.00	
6030-300 GRANT /GIFT FUND INTEREST	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$5,000.00	
6070-300 GENERAL FUND GIFTS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$40,000.00	
6170-300 PER CAPITA GRANT-any revenues received FY 2015-16	\$ 52,528.75	\$ 84,893.43	\$87,000.00	
6210-300 MISC. GRANTS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
TOTAL GRANT & GIFT REVENUES	\$ 607,265.75	\$ 639,630.43	\$ 665,000.00	

	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY 2015-16	FY 2015-16
	operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
GRANT & GIFT FUND EXPENSES				
8040-300 OPERATING FUND GIFTS	\$ 432,521.30	\$ 448,381.10	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
8800-300 2016-17 per capita grant	\$ 52,528.75	\$ 32,393.43	\$52,528.75	\$0.00
8800-311 Adult Materials				
8800-312 Adult Books—Nonfiction				
8800-313 Adult Books—Reference				
8800-317 Adult Audio				
8800-318 Adult Video				
8800-321 Youth Materials				
8800-322 Youth Books—Nonfiction				
8800-323 Youth Books—Reference				
8800-324 Youth Books—Picture				
8800-325 Youth Books—Reader				
8800-326 Youth Audio				
8800-327 Youth Video				
8800-331 Staff Software				
8800-332 Public Software				
8800-333 Computer Equipment				
8800-341 Other Equipment				
8800-342 Additional Expenses (personnel)				
9200-300 ADDITIONAL EXPENSES			\$0.00	\$0.00
9030-300 MISC. GRANTS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL GRANT FUND EXPENSES	\$ 535,050.05	\$ 505,774.53	\$ 577,528.75	\$ -
9100-300 TRANSFER TO RESERVE FUND		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GRANT FUND REVENUES	\$ 607,265.75	\$ 639,630.43	\$ 665,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL GRANT FUND EXPENSES	\$ 535,050.05	\$ 505,774.53	\$ 577,528.75	\$ -
est. year end fund balance	\$ 72,215.70	\$ 133,855.90	\$ 87,471.25	

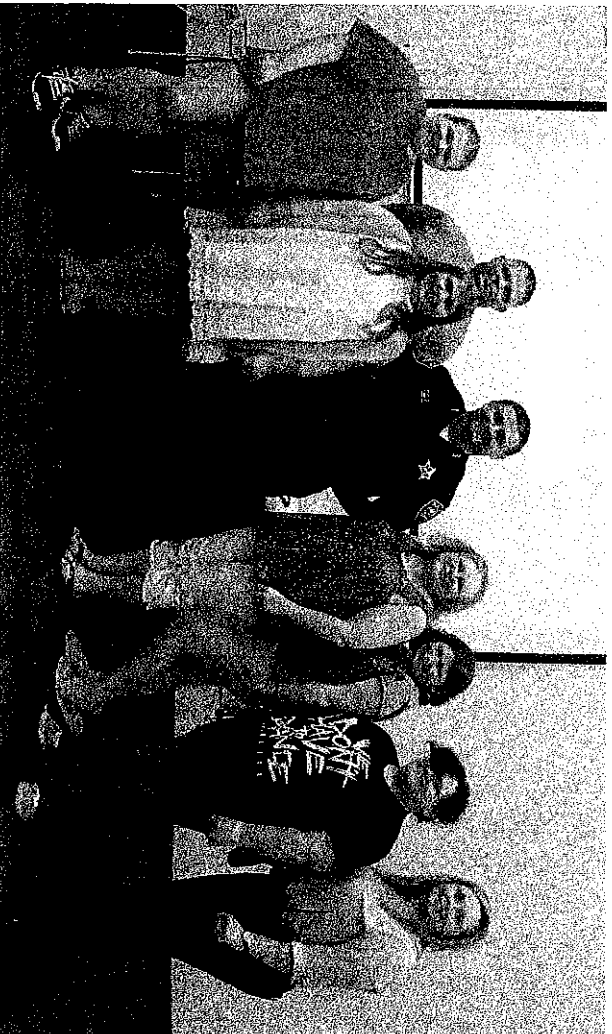
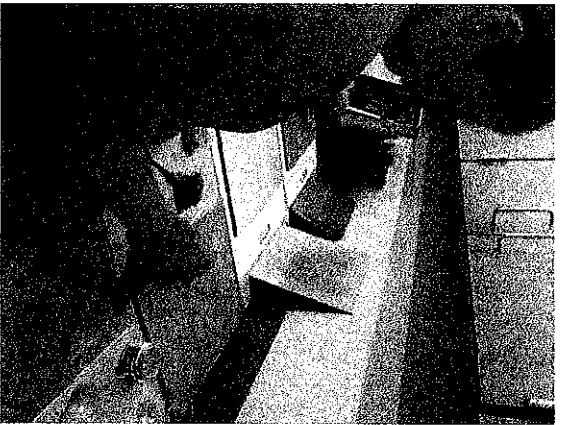
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

		FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND REVENUES		operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
	Est. Cash on Hand (7/1/2016)	\$ 363,809.00	\$ 1,721,585.00	\$1,721,585.00	
6020-200	DEVELOPER FEES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$50,000.00	
6030-200	RESERVE FUND INTEREST	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$50,000.00	
6070-200	RESERVE FUND GIFTS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$50,000.00	
6080-200	BOND & DEBT CERTIFICATE SALE	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
6090-200	TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS (9100-100)	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$0.00	
6130-200	MISC. INCOME SR	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
	TOTAL RESERVE FUND REVENUES	\$ 971,309.00	\$ 2,576,585.00	\$ 1,871,585.00	
RESERVE FUND EXPENSES		FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17
		operating budget		Appropriation	Levy
9040-200	Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00
9050-200	Improv.& equip. not directly related to building plan misc. capital improvements		\$ 100,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00
9050-200	expenditures pursuant to statutory guidelines of the Lib. Dist. Act 75 ILCS 16/40-50 (Special reserve fund)	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
	Total Reserve Fund Expenses	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	

RESERVE FUND REVENUES	\$	971,309.00	\$	2,576,585.00	\$	1,871,585.00	
RESERVE FUND EXPENSES	\$	400,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$	300,000.00	
est. year end fund balance	\$	571,309.00	\$	2,426,585.00			
TOTAL REVENUES							
General Fund	\$	4,886,974.36	\$	3,314,352.28		\$4,885,781.28	
Grant/Gift Fund	\$	607,265.75	\$	639,630.43		\$665,000.00	
Special Reserve Fund	\$	971,309.00	\$	2,576,585.00		\$1,871,585.00	
 GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	 \$	 6,465,549.11	 \$	 6,530,567.71	 \$	 7,422,366.28	 \$0.00

		FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2016-17	FY2016-17			
TOTAL EXPENSES		operating budget		Appropriation	Levy			
General Fund	\$	4,385,850.00	\$	4,636,950.00	\$4,028,650.00	\$3,180,652.28		
Grant/Gift Fund	\$	535,050.05	\$	505,774.53	\$577,528.75	\$0.00		
Special Reserve Fund	\$	400,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00		
 GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	 \$	 5,320,900.05	 \$	 5,292,724.53	 \$	 4,906,178.75	 \$	 3,180,652.28
 GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUND REVENUES	 \$	 6,465,549.11	 \$	 6,530,567.71	 \$	 7,422,366.28		
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUND EXPENSES	\$	5,320,900.05	\$	5,292,724.53	\$	4,906,178.75		
estimated year end combined fund balance	\$	1,144,649.06	\$	1,237,843.18	\$	2,516,187.53		

McHenry's CSI. With Police Chief Jones and the help of his detectives, our teens were able to spend an evening learning and exploring the field of Forensic Science.



Coffee with the
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NORTHWEST HERALD

McHenry Library brings back free snack program for students

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McHENRY – The McHenry Public Library has been approved to host a free after-school snack program throughout the entire school year for students 18 and under.

The free snack program, sponsored by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, started Sept. 6 and will go through May 25, 2017. The program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m in the library's meeting room.

“The Northern Illinois Food Bank will provide the food and set the menu, and it's usually things like milk, graham crackers, Goldfish crackers and apple juice that will be offered,” youth services manager Lesley Jakacki said.

Along with free complimentary snacks, library staff members also will provide students with enrichment activities, such as puzzles or word games, for them to work on during the program.

The snack program is similar to the free summer lunch program that the McHenry Public Library is also a part of. Jakacki said the library first tested hosting the snack program toward the end of the 2015-16 school year, and this will be the first time the program will take place during the entire school year.

“It's great to be able to give nutritional assistance to those that need it,” Jakacki said. “And any student, even those not in the area, can come because we don't check residency.”

Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult per library policy.

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McHenry Public Library

My favorite season is right around the corner! Autumn is the perfect



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time to snuggle up in a big comfy sweater and enjoy a good book. I know I will be outside enjoying the crisp air while sipping my cup of coffee with book in hand. We have been busy at MPLD! Your library is busting with back to school activities and programs for all ages. This season we are featuring the following events: a computer basics course, meditation classes, a history of Chicago candies, various musical events, an antique appraisals' presentation*, and so much! Registration is required so give us a call or come on in! All of us at the McHenry Public Library wish you and yours a magical fall season.
Happy reading! *A MLPD library card is required for these programs. - Laurie

Our seniors kicked it up on the dance floor as Edizon Dayao performed.



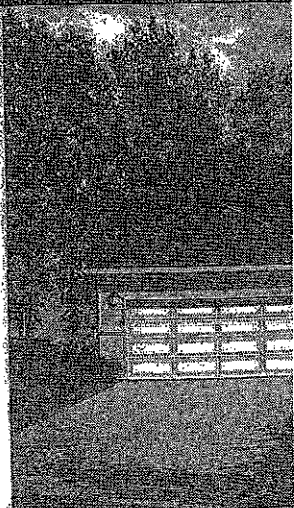
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LITERARY EVENTS

To have an event listed in this calendar, fill out the form at PlanItNorthwest.com or email calendar@nwherald.com.

BABYTIME 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from birth to 17 months old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15496>.

BIRTH TO 5 STORYTIME, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 12 and 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from birth to age 5 years, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15494>.

CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 12, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "Kitchen Confidential" by Anthony Bourdain. Copies are available at the checkout desk. No registration needed. For ages 18 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mphbr@mchenrylibrary.org.

TODDLERTIME 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children from age 18-35 months, accompanied by a parent or an adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15490>.

3- AND 4-YEAR-OLD STORYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126

Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children ages 3 and 4 years old. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15502>.

BFG PROGRAM 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Did you see the movie "The BFG" this summer? Check out this program for BFG-themed crafts and trivia. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16703>.

TELL YOUR STORY, 10 a.m. Sept. 13, Wauconda Area Library, 801 N. Main St., Wauconda. Share your experiences, favorite moments and more. Free. Information: 847-526-6225, tsuda@wauclib.org or <http://wauclib.evanced.info/signup/eventdetails?eventid=6517&lib=0>.

BIRTH TO 3 STORYTIME, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sept. 14, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children from birth to 3 years old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15514>.

CARY AREA BOOK CLUB MEETING, 12:30 p.m. Sept. 14, Crystal Lake County Club, 721 Country Club Road, Crystal Lake. Lunch followed by a review of "Georgia: A Novel of Georgia O'Keeffe" by Dawn Tapp presented by Lani Ori. Cost: \$25 members, \$35 guests. Information: 847-639-1993.

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from

birth to age 5, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15530>.

4 AND OLDER STORYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 15, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children age 4 and older. Information: <http://evanced.crystalakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15538>.

BARNES & NOBLE AUTHOR SIGNING, 7 p.m. Sept. 15, Barnes & Noble, 5380 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Emmy Award-winning storyteller Jim May will sign his latest book, "Trail Guide for a Broken Heart", a lifetime collection of stories, wise words, musings and quotations. Free. Information: 815-444-0824 or <https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2959>.

PIZZA & PAGES TEEN BOOK GROUP, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15, Jimnaro's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. For ages 12 to 18. Meets third Thursday of every month to discuss books, eat pizza and hang out. The first 15 to sign up will get a free copy of the book. September's selection, "Michael Vay: Prisoner of Cell 25" by Richard Paul Evans. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mphps@mchenrylibrary.org.

WHY SENIORS SHOULD WRITE THEIR MEMOIRS CLASS, 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. A McHenry County College Retired Adult Program. Learn an easy way to record stories of your life for your family, how to put your thoughts together and get them down on

paper. Cost: \$25. Course code: NRAS87007. Information: 815-455-8588.

JIM MAY STORYTELLER, 8 p.m. Sept. 16, Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. An Emmy Award-winning storyteller and author, May, will tell stories for life's journeys from his new book: "Trail Guide For A Cooked Heart" as well as favorites from his first collection, "The Farm On Nippersink Creek". Cost: \$21. Information: <http://www.woodstockoperahouse.com/files/events/eventspage.html>.

PARACHUTE PLAY FOR TODDLERS, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 16, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. For ages 2-3 1/2 years old with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mphps@mchenrylibrary.org.

WIGGLES & GIGGLES @ YOUR LIBRARY, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 16, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fun and active stories, rhymes and songs. For ages 6 to 23 months with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mphps@mchenrylibrary.org.

BARK FOR BOOKS, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 17, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Ludt St., Woodstock. Dogs are great listeners, and they can listen in any language. Sign up at the Children's Desk starting at 9 a.m.

BATMAN DAY, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Sept. 17 is Batman Day and to celebrate, the library has items available to check out. Gifts from DC Comics available while supply lasts.



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Gem Talk

Intaglios - Reversed carved crystals


I always find it exciting when I get a new type of jewelry in to appraise. I love the investigative part where I have to scour the Internet and my jewelry books to learn about the history of the piece. I recently worked with a customer who had reverse painted crystal jewelry. I had never seen this type of jewelry before so of course my interest was piqued right away. After researching for a few days, I found the story of these little mini works of art to be intriguing and I thought maybe you would too!

Many of you are already familiar with the term cameo - a piece of jewelry that has a carved profile portrait in relief on a background of a different color - but have you ever heard of the cameo's cousin, an intaglio? Intaglios are pieces of jewelry that have an engraving or carving on the inside of the gemstone.

Reversed carved crystals are intaglios that are hand carved and then hand painted on circular pieces of polished rock crystal quartz. This miniature art form began over 1,000 years ago in Belgium by an artist named Emile Martinus Praeder. He would etch a design into the back of a crystal and either fill it with different colored materials

Gem Talk

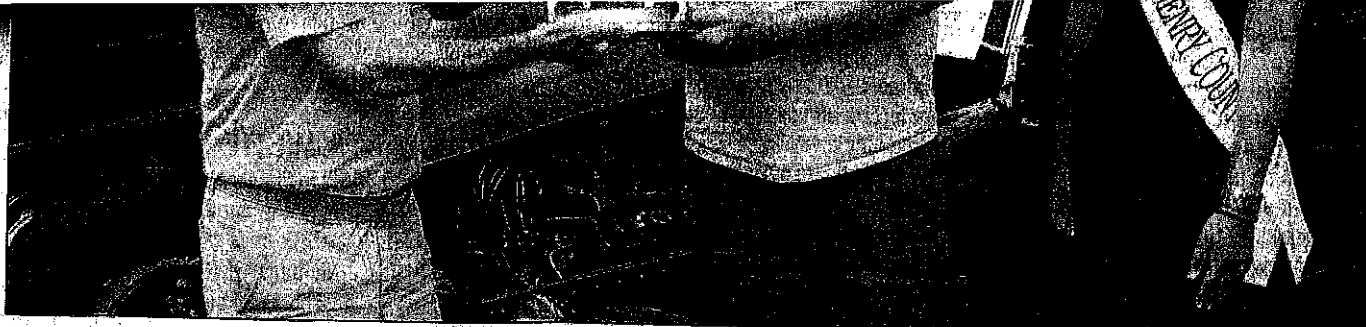
By **Katy Bulinski**



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BEST OF SHOW - McHenry VFW Post 4600 member Don Andrews (left) presents the Best of Show award to Kevin Rogers of Richmond as 2016 Tex Miss McHenry County Meg Basco looks on. Rogers' 1929 Ford Roadster pickup won the title at the post's Aug. 13 Men's Auxiliary Car, Truck & Bike Show. The annual event drew 75 entries, with 44 receiving an award.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 7

• 9 a.m. - **Senior coffee, games and lunch**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 9812 St. Albans St., Hebron. Coffee and games at 9 a.m. Salvation Army Golden Diner lunch at 11 a.m. Other activities at noon. Call 630-232-6676 to reserve a meal. Information: 815-648-2671 or www.sjlutheran.com.

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Secretary of State Mobile Drivers Services Unit**, McHenry Township Hall, 3703 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg. Offers the opportunity to obtain or renew Illinois driver's licenses or Illinois identification cards; obtain license plate stickers; Motor Voter registration; and organ donor registration. Seniors age 75 and older must visit the DMV to renew their driver's license. Includes a Rules of the Road course from 10 to 11:30 a.m. designed to give drivers of all ages, especially seniors, the knowledge needed to renew or obtain a driver's license. Information: 217-782-7044 or www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Brown bag sale**, Little Christopher Resale Shoppe, 469 Lake St., Crystal Lake. Continues 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 8 and 9; 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 10. Bags of gently used items will be \$3 Wednesday, \$2 Thursday, \$1

Friday and Saturday. Operated by the Women's Club of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Proceeds support the ministries of the church. Information: 815-459-9442.

• 11:30 a.m. - **McHenry Senior Citizens Club's Lunch Bunch**, Culver's, 1101 Adams Drive, McHenry. Visitors welcome. Reservations to 815-578-1224.

• 1 to 3 p.m. - **Art Unwind: Color, Create, Connect!**, Wauconda Area Library, 801 N. Main Street, Wauconda. Adult program. Turn coloring pages into cards, memory boxes and more. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-526-6225 or tsuda@wauclib.org.

• 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. - **Financial Aid Night**, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Will cover federal and state grants, the work-study program, student loans, scholarship application process, financial literacy, financial aid advocacy and FAFSA tips. Register at www.mchenry.edu/financialaidnight. Information: www.facebook.com/events/1781509945468644.

• 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Family Book Club: "The BFG,"** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Stop by the Questions Desk to pick up a free copy of "The BFG" by Roald Dahl, then participate a book discussion and fun activities based on the book. For all ages. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

Have an event to share? Submit your information online at PlanitNorthwest.com. Photos may be emailed to neighbors@nwherald.com.

McHenry

Grandparents Picnic offers family-friendly activities

McHenry Parks & Recreation will host Grandparents Picnic, for children ages 2 and older and their grandparents, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the McHenry Recreation Center, 3636 Municipal Drive.

The event will include games, activities, face-painting, crafts and more. Box lunches and beverages will be provided. The cost is \$15 a person. Registration is required.

For information, contact Cindy Witt at cwitt@ci.mchenry.il.us or 815-363-2160.

Crystal Lake

Craft fair exhibitors sought

McHenry County College is seeking exhibitors for its 32nd annual craft fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23.

Crafters' spaces are \$45 plus an additional \$8 to rent a table. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each crafter is asked to donate an item for the event's door prize drawings. Proceeds will benefit the MCC men's basketball team.

For an application, email dpettit@mchenry.edu or call 815-218-2074.

LITERARY EVENTS

To have an event listed in this calendar, fill out the form at PlanItNorthwest.com.

MEET DR. DALE COY, AUTHOR OF "MORTON'S FORK," 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29, Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. Coy is in private practice at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and Centegra Health System and is an expert in digestive and liver diseases. "Morton's Fork" is a thought-provoking novel that also is a social commentary that provides unique insight into the heart and soul of a doctor, where the worlds of law and medicine collide. Free. Information: 815-344-0077, mzawacki@johnsburglibrary.org or <http://johnsburglibrary.org/> event.

CHAT 'N CHEW TWEEN BOOK GROUP, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 1, Jimano's Pizza, Route 31, McHenry. This month's book is "Frindle" by Andrew Clements. Pick up a free paperback copy of the book when registering. For kids in grades 4-8. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 1, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "The King and Queen of Malibu: The True Story of the Battle for Paradise" by David Randall. Copies are available at the checkout desk. No registration needed. For ages 18 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpiref@mchenrylibrary.org.

NOOK CLASS, 7 p.m. Sept. 2, Barnes & Noble, 5380 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Whether you are a seasoned NOOK enthusiast or just curious, join us in-store for a variety of events designed to teach, entertain and inspire. Free. Information: 815-344-0824 or crp259@bn.com.

PARACHUTE PLAY FOR TODDLERS, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 2, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. A storytime and activities with an indoor parachute. For toddlers 2 to 3½ years old with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

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ARTFUL WOMEN PRESENTS ELIZABETH BERG

WHEN: 3 p.m. Aug. 28

WHERE: Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake

COST & INFO: In "The Story Behind the Stories: Finding Inspiration," the celebrated author will share personal stories that served as inspiration for her books. Berg will read selected passages from her award-winning novels and take questions afterward. Cost: \$15. Information: www.rauecenter.org or www.facebook.com/events/48786687141120.

9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 2, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fun and active stories, rhymes, and songs. For ages 6 months to 23 months with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

FIRST SATURDAY STORYTIME, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Sept. 3, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime designed for children with special needs. Engage children through movement, music, stories and hands-on activities. Siblings are welcome. Registration required. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15626>.

READ "FUR" FUN @ THE LIBRARY! 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 3, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. This program is for children who are starting to read or are reading and would like to practice reading or be comfortable reading out loud. Also for children who just want to cuddle with a dog. Come in with your book and read to a licensed therapy dog. Sign up at the questions desk for a time slot. Dog owners will be present. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

COLORING FOR ADULTS, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Coloring

books and supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own. Light snacks will be served. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16745>.

CRYSTAL LAKE LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 6, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. The Crystal Lake Library Foundation Board will meet. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=15891>.

HAPL WRITERS GROUP, 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 6, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. All writers - beginning through experienced - are invited to network and share their writing in a friendly setting. Bring some writing to share. Open to ages 15 and older. Information: 847-569-5386 or www.huntleylibrary.org.

FAMILY BOOK CLUB: "THE BFG," 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Pick up a free copy of the book at the questions desk. A book discussion and fun activities based on the book. For all ages. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

GET LITERARY, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 8, Le Petit Marché, 19 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. The café and bistro across from Raue Center hosts Williams Street Repertory (WSR) for a reading series based around monthly themes. Readers include community members as well as WSR actors and staff members. Free. Information: 815-477-3296, petitmarche2@yahoo.com or <http://wsrep.org/index.php/whats-on/get-literary-2/>.

MURDER & MAYHEM BOOK CLUB, 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 8, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Meets the second Thursday of the month. Group members read two to three mysteries on a certain theme each month. Request a copy of the book using the online catalog; copies sometimes are available at the front desk. No registration required. Information: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4563>.

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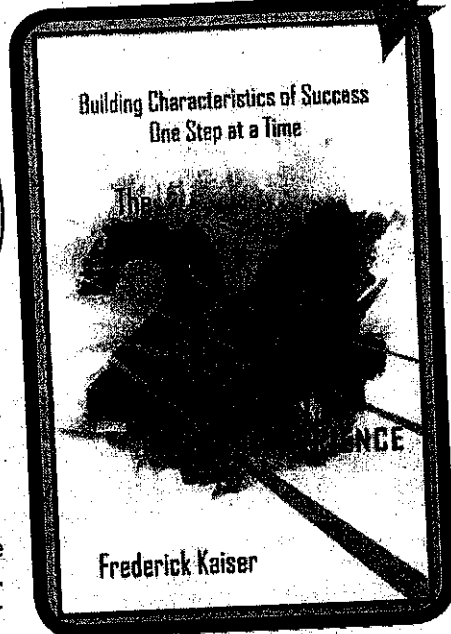
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GRANDPARENT'S DAY STORYTIME, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 10, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. A Grandparent's Day celebration. Hear stories and songs, and make a special craft together. For ages 3-7 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

OF BOGS AND BOOKS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 10, Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. The group meets the second Saturday of each month to discuss natural history, outdoor and environmental literature. Sept. 10: "Henry David Thoreau for Kids" by Corinne Hosfeld Smith. Oct. 8: "Kingbird Highway - The Biggest Year in the Life of an Extreme Birder" by Kenn Kaufman. Nov. 12: "Natural Digressions: A Natural History of the 21st Century" by Mark Spreyer. Registration requested at 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

BABYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from birth to 17 months old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventssignup.asp?ID=15486>.



"THE 24-HOUR RUN EXPERIENCE" BY FREDERICK KAISER

WHEN: 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 10
WHERE: Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake
COST & INFO: Have you, a family member, or a friend done the famous 24-Hour Run at Lunda Middle School? PE teacher and 24-Hour Run creator Fred Kaiser will be signing copies of his new book, "The 24-Hour Run Experience." Wear your 24-Hour Run T-Shirt! Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventssignup.asp?ID=16679>.

BIRTH TO 5 STORYTIME, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 12 and 13, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. For children from birth to age 5 years, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventssignup.asp?ID=15494>.

CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION

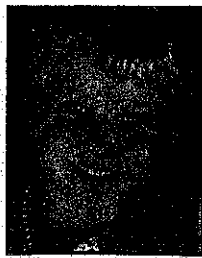
GROUP, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 12, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "Kitchen Confidential" by Anthony Bourdain. Copies are available at the checkout desk. No registration needed. For ages 18 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpref@mchenrylibrary.org.

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DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD IN BIRTHDAY CLUB?

Any child, ages 1 to 7, can be featured in the McHenry County Neighbors Birthday Club. Send the child's name, age, birth date, parents' names and addresses and a color or black-and-white photo of the child (JPEG if submitting electronically). Include a phone number. Photos should be received no later than a month after the child's birthday. Photos will not be returned.

ONLINE: NWHerald.com/forms/birthday

EMAIL: neighbors@nwherald.com

MAIL: Birthday Club, Northwest Herald, P.O. Box 250, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0250

Aug. 28

• 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. – **Live4Life fundraiser**, Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Station, 114 Washington St., Ingleside. Anti-bullying and suicide prevention and awareness fundraiser featuring live music, games, food, guest speakers and raffles. Proceeds benefit Live Out Loud Charities. Admission: \$5 suggested donation. Information: www.liveoutloudcharity.org.

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Community ice cream social**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 9812 St. Albans St., Hebron. Featuring an ice cream sundae buffet, games and face-painting. Open mic 11 a.m. to noon. Singer-songwriter Dan Holmes will perform noon to 1 p.m. Tickets: \$5 by Aug. 27, \$6 at the door. Information: 815-648-2671.

• Noon to 2 p.m. – **Gymnastics open house**, Corkscrew Gymnastics & Sports Academy, 2309 N. Ringwood Road, Suite Q, McHenry. Includes open gym, coach and staff introductions, gymnastics demonstrations, refreshments and prizes. Free. Information: 815-345-5400 or www.corkscrewgymnastics.com.

• Noon to 3 p.m. – **Children's Garden open house**, Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry, 1113 Pyott Road, Lake in the Hills. The garden, which features a teepee, grow tunnel, pizza garden and more, was made possible by individual and corporate contributors. Information: 847-960-7460 or www.lith.org.

• 1 to 2:30 p.m. – **"Discover the World of Hummingbirds,"** Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. Featuring a presentation by ornithologist Vernon Kleen. Recommended for ages 7 and older. Registration required. Information: 815-344-1294 or dna.volobog@illinois.gov.

• 2 p.m. – **McCAP's Augtoberfest**, Coleman's Rendezvous, 2400 Lake Shore Drive, Woodstock. Fundraiser to benefit the McHenry County Adult Program for young adults with severe and profound disabilities. Featuring food, beer, wine, dancing, silent auction and raffles. Live music by Posedia. Cost: \$40 a person, \$20 younger than 21, free for children younger than 10. Information: 815-207-5617 or www.mccapgm.org.

• 2 p.m. – **Wander at Wingate**, Nature Center, 330 N. Main Street, Crystal Lake. Natural area volunteers will lead a tour of Wingate Prairie. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-455-1763 or jforina@crystallakeparks.org.

• 2 to 3 p.m. – **Seneca Ladies Literary Society**, McHenry County Historical Museum, 6422 Main St., Union. Members of the Seneca Ladies Literary Society, formed in 1855 and believed to be the oldest women's literary group in America, will discuss the new book about the group. The program chronicles the group's history with pictures, personal stories and artifacts. Free with museum admission. Information: 815-923-2267 or www.gothistory.org.

• 2 to 4 p.m. – **St. Vincent de Paul Woodstock Wine & Beer Tasting**, Mixin Mingle, 124 Cass St., Woodstock. Wine and beer provided by Garfield's Beverage Warehouse with cheese by Prairie Pure Cheeses. Appetizers will be served with suggested food pairings for the beverages. Includes a Feel Good Silent Auction and a 50-50 raffle. Proof of age required. Cost: \$25 a person. Information: 815-338-7733.

Aug. 29

• 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – **"Coping With Job Loss,"** McHenry County Workforce Center, 500 Russel Court, Woodstock. Free. Information: 815-338-7100 or workforcecenterRR@yahoo.com.

• 6 to 7:30 p.m. – **Author appearance**, Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. Dale Coy, M.D., will discuss his novel, "Morton's Fork." Free. Registration required. Information: 815-344-0077 or www.johnsburglibrary.org.

Aug. 30

• 9 a.m. to noon – **McHenry County Workforce Center open house**, 500 Russel Court, Woodstock. Includes tours of the center and networking opportunities with business professionals and elected officials. Free. Information: 815-338-7100, ext. 2771 or www.mchenrycountyworkforce.com.

• 6 to 8 p.m. – **The Fray Stitchery Club**, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Open to those who knit, crochet, cross-stitch or work any other needle craft. Novice through experienced, ages 10 and older, are welcome. Bring projects and supplies. Information: 847-669-5386 or www.huntleylibrary.org.

• 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Coffee with the Chief: CSI McHenry**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Learn about the techniques and equipment the McHenry Police Department uses to solve crimes. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 9 p.m. – **Cultured Purils Knitting Guild of McHenry County Knit and Chat**, Barnes & Noble, 5380 Route 14, Crystal Lake. An informal gathering. Newcomers welcome. Information: www.culturedpurils.com.

Aug. 31

• 10 to 11:30 a.m. – **"Nature's Play Time,"** Rush Creek Conservation Area, 20501 McGuire Road, Harvard. Featuring a variety of activity stations that foster an appreciation of nature for children through age 5 with chaperone. Registration deadline: Aug. 27. Free. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Habitat restoration work day**, Lynda Clayton Conservation Area, 5004 Hampshire Drive, McHenry. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County seeks volunteers to help restore a natural area. Information: 815-337-9502 or www.conservemc.org.

• 7:15 p.m. – **Veterans Network Committee meeting**, Algonquin Township office, 3702 Route 14, Crystal Lake. The organization's programs include Honor Flight visits for military veterans; the collection and shipping of care packages to overseas troops; and the Tattered Flag Replacement Program. Information: www.veteransnetworkcommittee.com.

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ALGONQUIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

WHEN: 7:30 to 9 p.m. Aug. 25

WHERE: Riverfront Park, 201 N. Harrison St., Algonquin

COST & INFO: Rebel Souls (below) will perform classic rock, and the Best Truckin' BBQ food truck will be on site. Free. Information: www.algonquin.org/recreation or 847-658-2700.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 25

• 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. – **Crystal Clear Toastmasters Club meeting**, Panera Bread, 6000 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Improve communication and leadership skills while connecting with others in a supportive environment. Group meets second, fourth and fifth Thursdays of each month. Information: www.crystalcleartostmasters.org.

• 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **“Puppet Time: Fools Puppets Unleashed,”** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Puppet time and craft for ages 3 to 8. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Code Club**, Wauconda Area Library, 801 N. Main St., Wauconda. Third-through eighth-graders will learn about coding skills that make computer games or

apps work. Free. Registration required. Information: www.wauclib.org or 847-526-6225.

• 6:30 to 9 p.m. – **“Stomp Rocket Mayhem,”** Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. For ages 10 to 18. Participants will learn about engineering and aerodynamics as they construct a castle of marshmallows and frosting, build an air-powered rocket and prepare for battle as teams try to destroy each other’s creations. Parent or guardian must sign a permission slip. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-344-0077 or www.johnsburglibrary.org.

• 7 p.m. – **Crystal Lake Area CROP Hunger Walk planning meeting**, Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church, 8505 Church St., Ridgefield. All recruiters welcome to help walk and raise funds to alleviate hunger and poverty here and globally. The walk is scheduled for Oct. 16. Free. Information: 815-459-5712 or 815-459-1132.

Have an event to share? Submit your information online at PlanitNorthwest.com.

Photos may be emailed to neighbors@nwherald.com.



Creighton
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• 1 to 11 p.m. – **Odd Fellows Rock the Fox Music Fest**, Carpenter Park, Maple Avenue and Carpenter Boulevard, Carpentersville. Continues 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 21. Featuring a carnival, live entertainment, food vendors and beer garden. Free admission. Information: 847-791-0939 or www.yil.carpentersville.il.us.

• 2 to 3 p.m. – **Big Bang Science Club**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Featuring fun, hands-on science experiments for ages 6 to 10. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 2 to 4 p.m. – **Inquiring Minds Discussion Group**, Wauconda Area Library, 801 N. Main St., Wauconda. Informal, non-partisan discussion of thought-provoking foreign policy issues led by university professor Gary Midkiff. Great Decisions booklets are available to check out at the Adult Help Desk. Free. Information: 847-526-6225 or www.wauclib.org.

• 4 to 9 p.m. – **Woodstock on the Square Benefit Car Show**, downtown Woodstock. Fundraiser to benefit the Woodstock Food Pantry featuring hundreds of vintage hot rods and classic cars, music, food and raffles. Entry fee: \$15 a car. Free for spectators. Information: www.woodstockil.gov/community/page/woodstock-square-benefit-car-show or 815-338-5108.

Aug. 21

• 7:30 to 11 a.m. – **Deep Dish Dash 5K race**, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, 8515 Red Tail Drive, Lakewood. Registration fee includes post-race pizza, race bag and T-shirt. Free Kids Dash at 7:30 a.m.; 5K at 8 a.m. Cost: \$40. Proceeds benefit Family Health Partnership Clinic's breast cancer fund. Information: 815-477-8100 or www.loumalnatis.com/deep-dish-dash.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Brunch fundraiser**, Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 188, 1304 Park St., McHenry. All-you-care-to-eat buffet to benefit hospitalized military veterans. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children younger than 10. Information: 779-704-2200.

• 5 to 6:30 p.m. – **Sunday Evening Community Dinner**, First United Methodist Church, 236 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. A free dinner for those in need. Information: 815-459-0785 or foodministries@firstchurchcl.org.

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• 7:30 to 11 p.m. – **First rehearsal**, 76 W. Crys invited to j season. Se hearsals ar Membershi members. I voices-in-h

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POETRY NIGHT, 8 p.m. Aug. 22, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Various poets from the Chicago area will read their own contemporary verses in a casual and intimate setting. After featured poets read their works, the mic will be open to members of the audience who would like to share their work. Hosted by Phil C. Denofrio, Raue Center For The Arts' poet-in-residence. Information: www.rauecenter.org or www.facebook.com/events/1124983000873300.

DOWNLOADING HELP DROP-IN SESSIONS, 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 25, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. A how-to download lesson for ereaders and devices. If you are unable to attend the session, schedule a one-on-one appointment at 815-338-0542. Information: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4327>.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES – AGES BIRTH-5, WITH AN ADULT, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

DROP-IN BILINGUAL STORYTIME, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16652>.

STORIES AT THE HIDDEN PEARL CAFE, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Aug. 26, Hidden Pearl Cafe, 1208 N. Green St., McHenry. Parents or caregivers must remain in the cafe during the program. For ages 3-6. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

NOOK GLASS, 7 p.m. Aug. 26, Barnes & Noble, 5380 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Whether you are a seasoned NOOK enthusiast or just curious, join us for a variety of events designed to teach, entertain and inspire. Free. Information: 815-344-0824 or crm2959@bn.com.

ARTFUL WOMEN PRESENTS ELIZABETH BERG, 3 p.m. Aug. 28, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. "The Story Behind the Stories: Finding Inspiration." Celebrated author Berg shares personal stories that served as inspiration for her books. Berg will read selected passages from her award-winning novels and take questions afterward. Cost: \$15. Information: www.facebook.com/events/487868871411120.

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much of that cash (\$5.9 million as of last week) to the House Republican Organization, according to numbers compiled by Scott Kennedy at Illinois Election Data. Bradley's opponent Severin reported raising just \$9,335 in the second quarter, but HRO has been running ads on his behalf since early June.

So, the Severin campaign's recent denial that its "biggest supporter" (which it claims is actually HRO) has no such position on releasing prisoners is nonsense. But its claim Bradley's ad is reminiscent of the infamous 1988 "Willie Horton" advertisement is pretty close to being true. Horton, you will recall, was given a weekend furlough from a Massachusetts prison and didn't come back. In the meantime, he committed murder, armed robbery and rape. The Democratic presidential nominee in 1988 was Michael Dukakis, who was governor at the time of Horton's escape. He supported the furlough program and ultimately was blamed for Horton's rampage in a devastating ad that benefited President George H. W. Bush.

Unlike the Horton spot, Bradley's ad doesn't mention any spe-

cific crimes committed by released prisoners. But there was hope in some circles these sorts of ads would become a thing of the past in Illinois. A newspaper op-ed co-written by Sen. Kwame Raoul earlier this year cited poll results showing 74 percent of Illinoisans believe our criminal justice system is "broken."

"While some have questioned whether Governor Rauner's goal to reduce incarceration by 25 percent is politically achievable," Sen. Raoul wrote, "it turns out that the voters actually support far-reaching policies that can make a real difference in reducing the number of persons held in Illinois' prisons."

Indeed, another poll conducted recently for the Rauner-allied Illinois Policy Institute found 56 percent of Illinoisans believe the criminal justice system is "unfair." And more than 80 percent said politicians should support criminal-justice reforms "such as community supervision, mandatory drug testing and treatment programs - instead of prison - that reduce the likelihood the offender would commit a new crime."

"A generation of candidates for public office have come of age worried about being the subject of a 'Willie Horton' advertisement," Raoul wrote in that March 15 op-ed with Republican state Sen. Karen McConnaughay. "Now it seems that we have public

support, political agreement and momentum on our side to fix our broken criminal justice system."

So, if this TV barrage is successful, will it halt the governor's policy momentum?

Raoul told me last week he hoped it wouldn't. But, he warned, it "ain't going to be easy" to pass more comprehensive legislation as it is, so he's worried about the potential impact.

Incumbents who are targeted for defeat are rarely part of a controversial "solution" in Springfield - and Bradley most definitely has become a target since Rauner's election. The heavy lifting at the Statehouse usually is done by those who don't have to worry too much about electoral opposition. Rauner's vast cash reserves can help comfort wary Republicans, and it's highly doubtful "safe" Democrats will ever draw a primary opponent over an issue like this.

Political organizations always use what works best in campaigns, and this issue apparently polls well enough to include it in a TV spot, so that just might give some folks pause if Bradley wins and the issue is successfully deployed in other legislative campaigns. Let's hope not.

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thing shouted (listen to the videos), even by those who claim they don't believe, is, "Oh my God."

Susan M. Gena
Woodstock

Libraries offer amazing return on investment

To the Editor:

Why should people use their local library? One of my reasons was evident the other day when I tallied up the library items I had checked out.

I had three graphic novels. They cost \$55 to purchase. I had a new paperback that cost \$12 to own. I paid nothing.

I had two DVDs, which cost \$33. I could have rented them online for less or maybe got them from a Redbox machine for one day. I borrowed these movies from the library for a week and

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watched them for free.

I had two new music CDs. These would have cost me \$27, but I listened to them both, and I am glad I didn't buy them.

Using my library card, I went online and searched Consumer Reports for info on refrigerators. A year's subscription to that magazine costs \$30, but I did my research for free.

It would cost well more than \$100 for a nonlibrary user to duplicate my one week's use of the library's materials, and it cost me nothing. I do pay my yearly taxes that support the library, but the return on my investment is amazing.

Bill Weller
Crystal Lake

Checking out: Drug users take advantage of public libraries

Published September 12, 2016

Associated Press

The same qualities that make libraries ideal for studying and reading — unfettered public access, quiet corners and nooks, minimal interaction with other people — also make them appealing places to shoot up heroin, librarians are finding.

In Norfolk, Virginia, a 47-year-old man died after a patron found him in a library restroom. In Batesville, Indiana, and New Brunswick, New Jersey, police revived others in library restrooms using a popular overdose antidote.

The body of a homeless man who frequented the Oak Park Public Library in suburban Chicago might have been there for days, fully clothed and slumped on the toilet in a restroom on the quiet third floor, before a maintenance worker unlocked it on a Monday morning in April and discovered his inglorious demise. The empty syringe and lighter in his pockets and the cut soda can in the trash pointed to the cause, an accidental heroin overdose.

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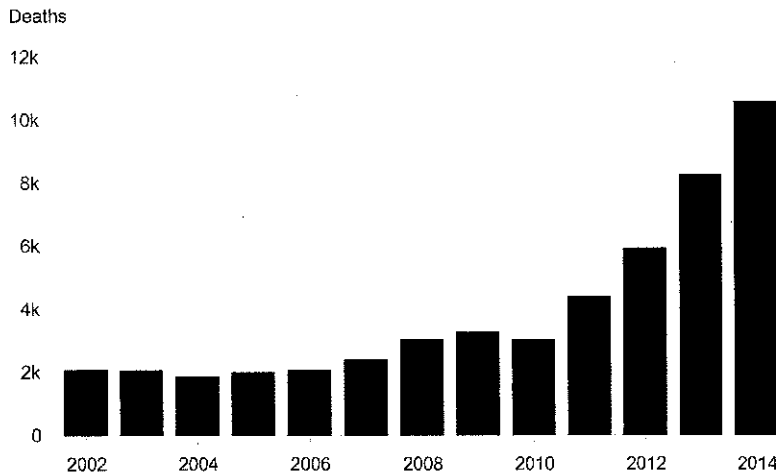
- Heroin use at 20-year high in US drug 'epidemic', UN says**
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"On both a personal and a professional level, we were all very shocked and of course worried about how this could happen in our spaces," said executive director David Seleb, who fired the security company responsible for clearing the library before closing.

The country's heroin and painkiller problem has produced public overdoses in many places, including restaurants, gas stations, alleys and even hospitals, but the inherent attributes of public libraries leave them especially exposed. They're free and open for whoever walks in, and lingering is welcome, no transaction or interaction required.

"People need to know that this is happening everywhere and that public libraries haven't done anything wrong to cause it to happen in public libraries," said Josie Parker, director of the Ann Arbor District Library in Michigan.

Heroin Overdose Deaths in the United States



Source: [National Institutes of Health](#).
Data pertains to individuals 12 years and older. As of December 2015.

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Her library already had removed bathroom ceilings and toilet tanks where people could hide drugs and restroom entrances that could be locked — changes made over a decade ago to curb cocaine trafficking, Parker said.

She raised drug-abuse concerns again in 2014 when officials were discussing a proposed park next to the library. Though unpleasant, starting a public discussion about drug and alcohol abuse observed at the library spurred a beneficial community response, Parker said.

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These days, police routinely walk through the library, and social workers set up shop there, checking in with folks. All that, Parker said, strips away some anonymity.

"Anonymity allows people to do things they wouldn't do otherwise in public places," she said, "and if you can take away anonymity, you can help change behavior."

In Ohio, peace officers from Toledo's library system are being trained to help the sheriff's Drug Abuse Response Team. Boston's libraries have needle drop boxes and have offered overdose prevention training for employees and residents.

At the Humboldt County Library in Eureka, California, a librarian turned life-saver when she realized a man apparently sleeping in a chair was actually unresponsive, his lips turning blue. Health officials had provided the overdose antidote naloxone — often known by the brand name Narcan — for the library, so librarian Kitty Yancheff injected it into the man's leg, then into a still-limp arm before he gurgled and fluttered his eyes.



"I felt grateful that we had this Narcan on hand and that we were able to save his life, but it was kind of surreal," said Yancheff, the library's public services division manager.

It was also a bit ironic, considering Yancheff had given a presentation titled "Librarians as First Responders" during a conference years earlier. She was talking about how libraries increasingly provide non-traditional services, such as job-search help and de facto daytime sheltering for the homeless; she hadn't figured on overdose rescue becoming part of the job.

Many librarians don't go that far, turning instead to emergency responders or security staff.

The American Library Association encourages librarians to get training on interacting with special populations, such as drug users and the homeless, but stresses the importance of partnering with groups such as police and social workers, said Julie Todaro, the association's president.

"Clearly when you have the epidemic that we have and the issues with the patrons that we have, we need to organize assistance," she said. "That doesn't mean we ourselves provide it."

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HARVARD



Diggins Library plans referendum to shuffle tax money for maintenance

By BRITTANY KEEPERMAN
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HARVARD — Harvard Diggins Library plans to ask for voter approval of a referendum to shuffle tax money to pay for building maintenance and operations after a construction bond is paid off.

The library sold a little less than \$2 million in construction bonds almost 20 years ago to pay for its new building and that money is set to be paid off in 2019. About \$50 comes out of a resident's property tax bill to go toward the bonds, based on the average home value of \$125,000, said City Administrator David Nelson.

Now the library wants to essentially take that money and put it toward its general levy. Several large maintenance projects loom and library officials hope to modernize the space as well.

The Harvard Park District is pursuing a similar request with its \$1.9 million

swimming pool debt, also set to be paid off in 2019, Nelson said.

This is the best way to get needed funding, because people are used to paying the current tax rate, said Karen Sutera, director of the library.

"A referendum is the best way to get that money that will be least painful for taxpayers," she said. "We aren't asking for more. We're simply asking to take the money they are already paying to go toward general operations instead of toward the bond."

The measure will most likely appear on the April 2017 ballot. If approved, the library wouldn't receive that revenue until after the bonds are paid off in 2019. A 2015 facilities audit indicates that the building must undergo significant projects within the next five to 10 years, like roof and floor replacements, parking lot repavement and plumbing and emergency alarm system work.

"That is our biggest concern — making sure we have enough funds to maintain," Sutera said. "We will obviously try to work in some new features as funding permits."

Crystal Lake Public Library and Algonquin Area Public Library officials are mulling major capital plans as well. Voters will have a chance in November to give opinion on whether the city should borrow \$30.1 million to replace the Crystal Lake library. Algonquin library board members recently took the first steps toward a \$7.4 million facilities overhaul.

First Ward Alderman Ron Buringame, who also serves on the library board, said that while he isn't a heavy user of the library — located in the first ward — himself, he recognizes its inherent value and favors the proposal.

"How could I not support something like that?" he said. "We have very little funds for the maintenance required over the next five, 10, 15 years."

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Just this past month, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed a bill to make it a felony for a person who has not been issued a state firearm owner's identification card to bring guns into Illinois with the intent to sell or deliver them.

It's a step in the right direction. Perhaps a baby step, but a step nonetheless.

The bill passed the Illinois General Assembly unanimously.

The one thing that folks on both sides of the gun debate can agree on is that criminals and seriously mentally ill people shouldn't be packing heat.

The different views on guns in

enjoy the outdoors and occasionally bring something home for supper.

I was also taught to have a reverent respect for the lethality of guns and how to handle firearms in a courteous manner. But I have friends who grew up in Chicago whose experience with firearms were far different than mine.

When I hear gunfire through my bedroom window, I wonder if rabbit or squirrel season has begun. They'd wonder if the Latin Kings or Black Disciples are at it again.

As the parent of three young daughters, I can't imagine what it's like to live in a place where gun violence is a way of life.

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IT'S YOUR WRITE

Crystal Lake library facts

To the Editor:

Here are some facts you didn't see in the Crystal Lake Library's "Annual Report" that you might want to consider when you go to the polls in November to vote on whether to raise your property taxes to build a new, \$30 million library.

1. The trend in usage is sharply negative. Visits to the library are down 24 percent. Circulation is down 22 percent.

2. The Crystal Lake Library costs taxpayers \$400 per family versus \$176 in Cary and \$160 in Woodstock.

3. Almost 40 percent of what the library lends is movies and video games, and last year it cost the taxpayers \$6.50 per item circulated.

4. With the taxes for the new building, the cost could hit \$10 per item circulated within two years.

So ask yourself a few questions. Will you borrow more books if they build a new library? If not, then what's the real benefit to you, the taxpayer? If library use is declining, why double the size of the library? Why are we paying so much more for our library than other communities pay for the same services? When did the library stop being about books and become a taxpayer-subsidized competitor for RedBox and NetFlix? Why does the library spend

four times as much as RedBox to circulate a movie? And why does the City Council keep appointing cheerleaders to the library board instead of taxpayer watchdogs?

Remember: if you don't vote in November, your taxes will go up.

Steve Willson
Lakewood

Mean-spirited sarcasm

To the Editor:

Do you and your sports editor have any sense of common decency at all?

In your story on the Harvard-Plano football game of Sept. 2, you wrote an "unsung hero" spot about Brett Lehman. It was well-earned by him and duly noted. The last line, though, was directed to the entire team; it was deliberate, mean-spirited sarcasm: "Harvard did, however, win the coin toss." You are speaking about a group of young men, 16 to 18 years old, who are out there day after day, learning physically and mentally the details of playing a team sport. It includes how to win or lose with dignity and sportsmanship from coaches of much higher character than your writer.

I suggest that the writer of this remark owes the entire Harvard team an apology.

Sue Murphy Hereley
Harvard

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Balloon Fest than

To the Editor:

Dear Harvard Balloon Thank you so much fo ful event this weekend two days - Friday eve show and Sunday mor balloon launch.

I wanted to take a m of the people involved First, to the people of l for welcoming us to yo the Historic Woodstoc many events are held, an event of this size ca niences for locals who about their day as usu your hospitality.

I also want to thank th mittee and the voluntee

...was in 2012, Emanuel's first term as Chicago's mayor. Teachers' union leaders were skeptical for several reasons: job security, over-evaluations, job security, and so on. The union was particularly harsh among Emanuel's harshest critics, particularly as he pushed the re-evaluation of dozens of schools the next year. In the end, Emanuel got a school re-evaluation and was able to empower principals to make teacher hiring decisions. Teachers, who received support from parents, were able to push for a new evaluation process and stronger job protections.

Bellini laughing as he discussed meeting a Hollywood producer. She told him, "That is what corruption sounds like."

2 brothers get prison for holdups, wore Bulls caps

DALLAS - Authorities said Dallas brothers who wore Bulls while committing several armed robberies are going to prison for dozens of years. Prosecutors in Dallas said 27-year-old Ray Jones and 31-year-old Damien Jones in 2015 pleaded guilty to 11 counts related to robbery and 11 counts of interference with commerce by force. Damien Jones on Wednesday was sentenced to nearly 48 years in federal prison. Damien Jones received a 59-year term. Prosecutors dubbed the robbers "Bulls Cap Bandits" because the brothers wore caps associated with the team.

- Wire reports

...their own. Conservatives saw the letter as a political intervention, a courageous stand against "political correctness" - as if the University of Chicago shared the concern of Donald Trump, Ben Carson, and others about left-wing orthodoxy on campus, in the media and political debates. But the letter's real lesson lies elsewhere. It's a political intervention that doesn't involve contemporary political issues at all.

In my 27 years as a faculty member at the University of Chicago, I heard all sorts of discomfiting and even shocking arguments. Distinguished professors argued that the great civil rights laws of the 1960s are unconstitutional; that insider trading should be freely permitted; that the Federal Communications Commission should be abolished; that nothing in the

...federal law should forbid employers from discriminating against gays and lesbians; that judges do not, and should not, follow the text of the Constitution; and that Karl Marx was fundamentally right on the deepest questions in political philosophy.

These wildly disparate arguments had a unifying feature. Even if they turned out to be quite preposterous, their advocates defended them with careful arguments - and you couldn't easily dismiss them.

You might think that the civil rights laws are self-evidently constitutional, but at the University of Chicago, people feel free to press a legitimate question: Where does Congress get the authority to forbid small companies in (say) Indiana from hiring the people they want to hire?

You might think it's obvious that

...contemporary as the mid-19th century. It's not that they're wrong, but that they're not saying a word about the current debate. It's not that they're wrong, but that they're not saying a word about the current debate. It's not that they're wrong, but that they're not saying a word about the current debate.

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Emricson Park a jewel

To the Editor:
In these days of political angst, outrageous taxes and unending stress, take some time to visit Emricson Park. This Woodstock jewel provides a calming experience not to be missed.

Take a walk, relax on a bench, listen to the birds, watch the geese, admire the trees. You'll find yourself refreshed and your spirit uplifted.

Enjoy.

Barbara Fish
Woodstock



'Yes' for new Crystal Lake library

To the Editor:
I have lived in Crystal Lake for 26 years now. I have seen the library go through many changes trying to keep up with the expanding community and its many

needs. The last big change for the library was called "Operation Shoehorn," an effort to squeeze a little more time out of the current library.

The time has come that "Operation Shoehorn" has exhausted its usefulness, and we need to say "yes" to a new library.

I recently read the Crystal Lake Public Library Annual Report and I was astounded at the numbers. Over 800 people use the library daily. Can you imagine if we had a new, beautiful library in the same area how many more people would be able to use the library?

The price of the new and improved library would be about \$11 a month for most homeowners. For the price of three fancy coffees, we could have a library that would bring us into the 21st century, with plenty of room to expand for the growth of our community and generations to come.

Vote "yes" for a new library for this

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Linda M. Walker
Crystal Lake

With us every step of the way

To the Editor:
I want to give a shout-out to the staff at the Crystal Lake Public Library. I don't know how you do it without having an unbelievable

In June, Rauner gave another \$2.5 million to Dan Proff's Liberty Principles PAC, which is heavily involved in legislative contests. And the governor contributed \$2 million to the Turnaround Illinois PAC, which describes its mission

plenty of money as well this year. At the end of June, all Democrats (including the legislative leaders, the state party, rank and file legislators and Democratic challengers) actually had \$3.4 million more cash on hand than all similar Republicans,

comes from Rauner. Without that Rauner money, the Republicans would be at a huge cash disadvantage, like they always have been in the past. Rauner is giving Republican legislative candidates a fighting chance

happens in November, they'll want to keep that money pipeline flowing freely in 2018. **Rich Miller publishes Capitol Fax, a daily political newsletter, and CapitolFax.com.**

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Vote for Althoff

To the Editor:

This budget crisis is out of control. Luckily, Sen. Pamela Althoff constantly has stood up for the rights of her constituents in Springfield. She was part of the team of legislators that implemented the six-month budget that recently passed and continues to be part of the working group that is crafting the final annual budget in Springfield. That is why I am urging you to support Sen. Pamela Althoff in the upcoming election.

Thomas C. Zanck
Woodstock

Give township money to library

To the Editor:

I like libraries. Libraries are a cost-effective way to pool resources so many people have the benefit of books

(and so much more). When my family moved to Crystal Lake 29 years ago, the library was one of the first places to which I took my children. Funding the library is a good expenditure for the local government.

I like budgets. Budgets help us to live within our means as we make choices on how to spend the available money. As I've told my children, you only get to spend your money once, so make good choices.

Staying on a budget is a good achievement for a family.

In my family, we had to make choices on expenditures. If we chose to spend more money on X, then we had less money to spend on Y.

Telling my husband to make more money was not an option; we could only spend what he was currently making.

That principle, staying on a budget,

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should apply to governments. If we want to spend more on the library, then we have to spend less on something else.

Asking heavily taxed families to give even more in taxes is not a good option.

I suggest we abolish the township layer of government and spend the

savings on the library. From my average-house real estate tax bill, that would give an additional \$170 to the library.

Isn't that about what they are asking from each family?

Joy Otten
Crystal Lake

SPRINGFIELD – Is it possible to mourn the death of someone you never knew?

I've found myself doing that every Sept. 17 for the past 26 years.

Back in 1990, I was working as the night police reporter for another newspaper when I was dispatched to a fire at a school playground at 9 p.m.

I was one of the first on the scene. I walked to where I saw smoke rising from some tall weeds on the edge of the playground, looked down and was met with the body of a child that had been doused with gasoline and set on fire.

I staggered backwards gasping for air. I could feel the bile rise in my throat and my knees go weak. It was the last thing I expected to find on a crisp autumn evening in Davenport, Iowa.

I was there when the firefighters, the detectives, the medical examiner and a hoard of reporters arrived.

And I stood a few feet from the



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Scott Reeder

smoldering remains wondering: Who would do such a thing?

What evil lurked in the shadows of a playground to do such an act?

We later learned the victim was Jennifer Ann Lewis, a pugnacious tom-boy from Rock Island's west end. She was last seen going to buy some gum from a store.

She never came back.

Year after year, I've learned a bit more about this girl.

I've wondered what her life would have been like if she had lived.

A teacher's aide told me how Jennifer liked to twirl around in frilly dresses hiking the hem higher and higher as she spun. Her best friend told me how they played with My Little Ponies together.

And her mother and I sat together for three hours as she recalled her daughter's sweet disposition, how she loved her newborn baby brother and her dog, Bowser. And each sentence was punctuated with only the tears a mother can shed.

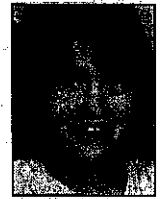
The dark ripples of grief continue to spread from that night so many years ago.

Earlier this year, I decided to make it my mission to ensure Jennifer's memory is never forgotten.

We name bridges after politicians and streets after celebrities. But our collective recollection of children who die at the hands of others fades.

That shouldn't be the case.

I'm writing a book on the case. Each day, as I write, I'm met with the image of a bucktoothed smile and the



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Farm Stroll shows agriculture thriving in McHenry County

To the Editor:

The second annual McHenry County Farm Stroll and Market will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 25. This free, public event will allow visitors to tour 12 farms throughout McHenry County. This event would not be possible without the expertise of Dan Volkers (McHenry County Farm Bureau manager), James Reaves (University of Illinois Extension McHenry County director) and Mike Morris (vice-president of First National Bank of Harvard). These men were instrumental in the development and planning to promote McHenry County agriculture.

Visitors will be able to see a wide variety of animals, including dairy cows, grass-fed beef, horses, alpacas, sheep, goats, free-range turkeys, chickens and honeybees. There will be numerous orchards and markets selling a wide array of farm products. There will be special events at many farms, including spinners and weavers, hayrack rides, woodland restoration tours, horseback riding demonstrations, hydroponic facilities, and a hobby vineyard with over 1,000 vines of grapes.

To learn more about this free event, visit mchenrycfb.org or web.extension.illinois.edu/lm, or [facebook.com/mchenrycountyfarmbureau](https://www.facebook.com/mchenrycountyfarmbureau). The McHenry

County Farm Stroll and Market unequivocally demonstrates that agriculture is alive and flourishing in McHenry County. Please plan on attending for a delightful day in the country. See you on Sept. 25!

Dale Nelmes

Chairman, McHenry County Farm Stroll and Market, McHenry

Willing to pay more for library

To the Editor:

As a resident of Crystal Lake for 43 years, I hope the proposed referendum to build a new library becomes a reality. I have educated myself on the proposal, and I think it is a sound one. The existing structure is simply not big enough to meet our community's needs. There are so many things to fix – the steep steps from the parking lot, no room for new wiring, shelf shortages, long waits for computers, etc. It makes so much more sense to tear down this old structure and build a library that will be cost-effective for many decades.

The library's staff is outstanding; conscientious and helpful. But they need a modern facility to offer services to all generations. I also have visited neighboring communities and seen how much more up-to-date they are. If you consider property values to be important, please vote yes in November. I am

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a senior on a very limited income. I am willing to pay a few dollars more every month in taxes because I want Crystal Lake to keep its reputation for quality in education and quality in community values.

Deborah Wright
Crystal Lake

Against war, Trump

To the Editor:

"I know more about IS than the generals." "I love war." "I love being able to bring nuclear weapons to the table."

These are three quotes from Donald Trump that are in today's (Sept. 7) news. Do the American people really think Donald has an intelligence agency better than the American government? Do the American people really want a president who loves war? Do the

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