

The Youth Services Department

We provide services and materials for infants through eighth-graders, their parents, teachers and others who work with young people.

Special areas include early readers, read-aloud, audio books, videos, DVDs, magazines, large type, easy nonfiction, foreign language, and a wealth of other materials. CD-ROMs are available to enhance learning.

Teachers and youth group leaders can find magazines, books and other materials for group projects at the library.

Check Out Our Website

Our web site contains up-to-date information about Youth and Young Adult Services. We provide homework help through links on our web site to a wide number of resources.

www.orlandparklibrary.org
Click on "Teen Territory"
or "Kids Corner"

The Youth Services Staff

Head of Youth Services

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Library Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday* 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

* September to May

Orland Park Public Library

14921 Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-428-5127
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School Services

Orland Park
Public Library

Assignment Alerts

When you assign work to your students that involves library research, we do our best to assist them in finding the information they need. An assignment alert will enable us to set aside the needed materials and to guide your students through their search. Assignment alerts can be made with a phone call, fax, e-mail, on our website, or by regular mail.

Tours for Classes, Teachers and School Visits

Classes are welcome to visit the library for an orientation and tour. If you would like to schedule a tour of the library for your class, club or other group, please call to arrange a date and time. We are also able to visit your classroom for special programs and booktalks. Please allow a one month notice when calling to arrange a tour or visit.

Displays

We encourage Orland Park schools to use library space to exhibit art work and other special projects. Sign up information for the Youth Service Department's monthly art exhibit is sent to the school art teachers at the beginning of the school year. Please contact the Youth Services Department if you wish to exhibit other special projects.

Reference Services

- What Native American tribe lived in the Orland Park area?
- Where can I find directions for making a puppet?
- Do you have a poem about a girl who wouldn't take out the garbage?
- Why is the moon sometimes called "a blue moon?"

The library staff can help you find answers to questions like these and many others. We enjoy the challenging questions as well as the mundane.

Book Lists and Professional Tools

We have a great number of topical bibliographies for your use as well as for your students. The library subscribes to many professional educational magazines. There is a professional nonfiction section available with helpful and current titles. We also have a substantial collection of parenting books and magazines available for checkout. You might wish to refer parents to these resources when they ask for your help with concerns.

Teacher Loan Cards

Teacher loan cards are available for borrowing classroom materials. More information can be found in the *Teacher Loan Card* brochure available in your school media center.

PAL Pages

The Youth Services Department publishes a quarterly newsletter for teachers highlighting new books and programs. Multiple copies are sent to each school.

Textbook Shelf

The library houses copies of District 135, District 146, and parochial school textbooks currently in use. Students may use these books in the library in the event they forget their texts at school.

PAL PAKS

Teachers may request materials for their classroom through our PAL PAK program. These boxes provide supplemental materials which can enhance the fine school libraries in the district. Please see the PAL PAK folders at your media center for further details.