

Letter from the Director

Dear Orland Park Community,

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, the Orland Park Public Library is proud to share the milestones, initiatives, and opportunities that have defined this remarkable year. From celebrating our 20th anniversary at the Ravinia Avenue location to unveiling new resources, we have strived to fulfill our mission to stimulate imaginations, educate, entertain, and welcome everyone.

In 2024, we marked two decades since the library moved into its state-of-the-art facility on Ravinia Avenue. The anniversary celebration included a series of community events, highlighting how the library has grown and adapted to meet the evolving needs of Orland Park residents. From the Tech Center and Teen Loft to our nature center "The Backyard", these spaces underscore our commitment to innovation and inclusivity.

In 2024, we introduced CreativeBug, a vibrant online platform offering thousands of video tutorials for arts and crafts enthusiasts. Accessible for free with an Orland Park Public Library card, CreativeBug empowers patrons to explore hobbies ranging from painting to sewing, with expert guidance every step of the way. Additionally, our extensive collection of print materials continues to support crafters and lifelong learners alike.

Our commitment to fostering a love of reading and cultural exploration expanded with the launch of LOTE4Kids. This invaluable resource provides access to over 200 stories in 70+ languages, catering to our diverse community. With bilingual reading options and engaging activities, LOTE4Kids has become a favorite among young readers and their families.

The Illinois Cards for Kids Act allows qualifying students in Grades 1-12, attending schools in District 135, District 230, or who live in Orland Park, to obtain a library card free of charge, even if they live in an unincorporated area. This law allows children and teens to access all of the valuable resources the library has to offer: books, ebooks, music, movies, programs, and more. Access to public libraries is a crucial part of early childhood literacy, lifelong learning, and academic success. It is to everyone's benefit that we have a literate society, and one way to help achieve this is to encourage students to read and to remove as many barriers to using their local public library as possible.

The Friends of the Orland Park Public Library remain an integral part of our success. Their dedication to fundraising for programming, through initiatives like the Recycled Reads room and the annual Book Sale, enhances the library's offerings and supports countless programs and events. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Friends for their continued efforts.

We have also seen tremendous engagement from our local youth. Service hour opportunities for grades 6-12 have not only helped students contribute to the community but have also provided valuable learning experiences. This program reinforces our role as a space for growth and civic responsibility.

For those patrons who live in unincorporated Orland Park, the library continues to offer flexible options for obtaining library cards. Using a tax-bill-based method, unincorporated Orland Park residents can select 6-month, 9-month, or 1-year cards, ensuring access to the wealth of resources we provide. This initiative underscores our commitment to making the library accessible to all who wish to benefit from its services.

Finally, none of our accomplishments would be possible without the support of the Orland Park community, our dedicated staff, and the guidance of our Board of Trustees. Together, we have built a library that not only serves as a repository of knowledge but also as a hub of creativity, innovation, and connection.

As we look forward to 2025, we remain steadfast in our mission to inspire and empower. Thank you for making 2024 a year to remember. We can't wait to see what the future holds for the Orland Park Public Library and the community we serve.

Mary Adamowski

Orland Park
Public Library Director



Return on Investment

\$8,888,493.20

This figure is calculated based on the value of patrons checking out materials instead of purchasing them. It does not account for the additional savings patrons gain through studying, meeting, and attending programs at the library.



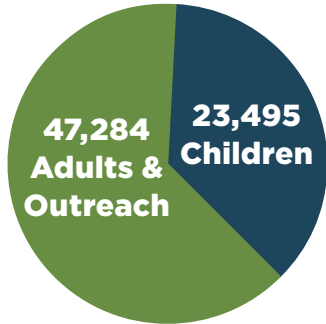
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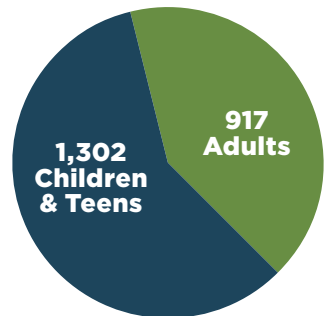
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Reference Questions



Total: 70,779

Summer Reading Challenge Participants



Total: 2,219

By The Numbers

360,209

Total Physical Items in the Library Collection



504,579

Total Checkouts



235,922

Total Library Visitors



22,004

Total Library Cardholders



Library Programs

Adults and Outreach

611

Adult & Outreach Programs with

19,331

Attendees

876

Residents Learned a New Computer Program

3,068

Patrons Enjoyed a Music Performance at the Library

Children and Teens

893

Youth and Teen Programs with

14,708

Attendees

44

Classroom and School Visits to Orland Park Schools

248

Youth Storytime Sessions with

5,836

Attendees

7,432

Students Participated in School Visits

Room Reservations

320

Meeting Room Reservations

8,367

Adult Study Room Reservations

6,221

Youth Study Room Reservations

Home Delivery

408

Home Delivery Bags Made for Patrons

1,292

Patrons served at Senior Living Facilities

127

Stops at Senior Assisted Living Facilities



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