

Our Story

Year in Review

2018-2019







Last October, we held our first Haunted Library Tour. This event provided families a chance to come together and celebrate the fall season while experiencing a unique Halloween-themed walkthrough of the Library. Creating memorable experiences at the Library is a priority for us, and we believe we were able to accomplish that for the 300+ patrons who attended. We had an overwhelmingly positive reaction to this event, so much so that we have decided to hold it again this year.



In January 2019, the Library officially joined the SWAN consortium. Joining SWAN has significantly enhanced the convenience of patron access by increasing the amount of materials available to residents and providing quicker turnaround when receiving interlibrary loan materials. On the back end, staff now have access to more comprehensive reports that will allow us to further determine community demands and changes over time. Our Management Team played an integral role in the project to ensure a smooth migration with minimal disruption to patron service. We are very happy with the outcome and have heard many positive comments from patrons.



This past spring, we installed a native pollinator garden on some of the available green space along our east walking path. This project was in partnership with Lake Katherine Nature Center in Palos Heights. Lake Katherine staff helped us understand the importance of native landscaping. Through this partnership, we are able to establish more beneficial vegetation and increase pollinator populations.



This new fiscal year marks the middle of our Strategic Plan, so we will be working diligently to accomplish our current goals while we begin the early stages of development for our next Plan. This year, you can expect to see many exciting programs for all ages, enhanced engagement with our residents, and stronger partnerships within our community.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and hope to see you walking through our Library doors soon.

Jane Jenkins

Jane Jenkins, Library Director



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A community in which every resident and organization has access to the information and resources necessary to optimize educational, social, economic, and civic outcomes in a dynamically changing world.

It's never too late to get the smartest card of all, a Library card! This card gives you access to a variety of materials, services, events, and other resources for all ages.

How Do I Apply?

Visit the Circulation Desk on the 2nd floor of the Library. You'll need to present one document establishing residency within the District, as well as a photo ID. Applicants under 18 require a parent or guardian to be present.



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