

Sugar Grove Public Library ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019



Our mission is to be a unique resources to offer open access to information that fosters a passion for reading, learning, and the exchange of ideas. As the heart of our community, we support democracy, citizenship, and the cultural growth of the Sugar Grove Public Library District.

Financial Report

Revenues: \$1,379,402
53% Tax Levy–Bond Repayment
44% Tax Levy–Library Fund
3% Grants / Fundraising

Expenditures \$1,369,263
53% of Budget for Bonds

15 part time total staff

Our Priorities: 5 Point Strategic Plan for 2016-2020

- Enhancement of Library programming, resources and services
- Foster positive community relations with awareness and partnerships
- Engage and empower a patron-focused staff
- Ongoing Facilities Maintenance
- Strengthen Financial Security

Please engage with the Library to help create our next strategic plan for 2021-2025. We are YOUR Library and input is welcomed.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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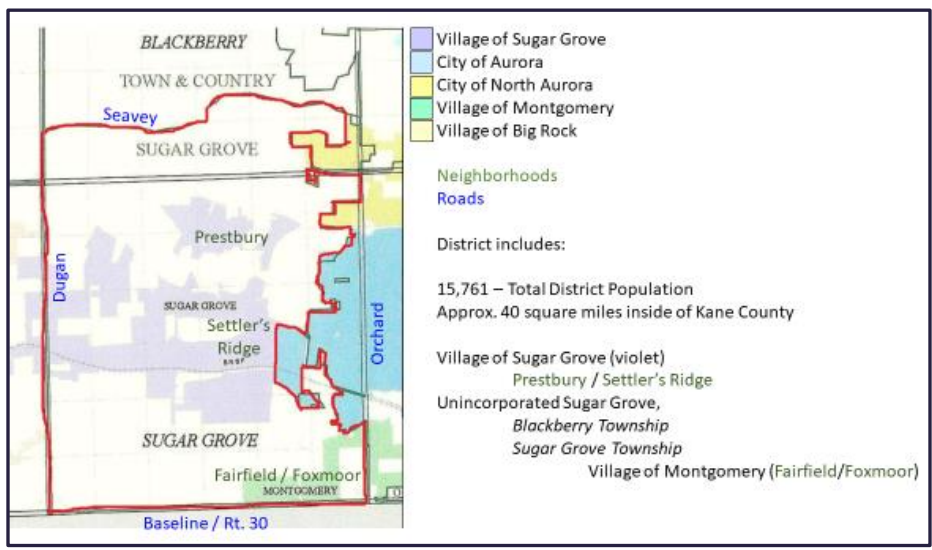
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"Year in Review" slideshow.



LEARN ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

Our Library became a tax supported institution in 1963, and we have been serving our District for 56 years. In 2019 we celebrated our 10th year in the current location at 125 S. Municipal, built to meet the needs of a growing community and modern technology. Our District serves Sugar Grove, Sugar Grove Township, and neighborhoods in Montgomery and Aurora.



- 7 Member Elected Board**
- 15,701 Total District Population**
- Open 2,500 hours**
- 79,916 Print Books/Materials**
- 66,933 E-books**
- 15 Part-time Staff Members**
- Resource sharing through SWAN Consortium and RAILS**

Amenities and Technology

- Large meeting rooms
- 2 private rooms
- Fax/copier/scanners available
- Computer Lab
- Flexible Café Space
- Periodical and Reading Room
- Technology Lab - 16 PC Stations and 1 MAC
- Transfer station for VHS to DVD
- Charging station for devices

A Year in Review

153,518 print materials **circulated**: 7.6% **increase** over last year
14,409 Reference **questions** were answered by staff members
456 **programs** were presented with 7,481 patrons attending
Patron **visits** to the Library **increased** 5.74% to reach 74,670
64,447 materials flowed through **InterLibrary Loan**
Computers and Wi-Fi Services were utilized 14,436 times
51.8% of our District are registered **Cardholders** of the Library
E-book circulation **increased** 10.15%: 17,893 checkouts

1,260 Volunteer Service Hours
Our volunteers truly make our operations possible! They maintained the building and grounds, shelved materials, assisted with programs, cleaned the facility, performed projects to enhance the gardens, and assisted with the Summer Reading Program!
THANK YOU!

TO OUR COMMUNITY

Strategic Highlights

This year we were pleased to be featured in the publication [Book Club Reboot: 71 Creative Twists](#) with our Tales and Trails book club led by Assistant

Director Genna Mickey. A new Foundation was formed to support the sustainability of the Library and strengthen giving for projects, and the Groovin' in the Grove series enjoyed the second season with the largest event drawing almost 600 patrons. We launched our Library of Wonderful Things which circulates technology devices like a hotspot, selfie stick, or Garmin e-Trex GPS and fun items such as a karaoke machine, waffle iron or tire inflator. We partnered with our local school district for a back-to-school readiness event, and held several Gallery 125 art shows including a partnership show with Waubensee Lifelong Learning Institute.



Building and Grounds Highlights

This year we retrofitted half of our interior lights with LED fixtures and bulbs and strengthened the lighting in the women's rest room. The full project will be completed in 2020, and additional lighting is anticipated to be added to the Children's Department. We had our building exterior completely power washed and scrubbed and a full window cleaning. We increased our downspout length in several places to keep water away from our building and added on additional diverters. Our HVAC equipment and boilers needed a variety of repairs to ensure functionality, and our roof has needed minor repairs.



Sugar Grove Public Library Foundation

Realizing Community Dreams

Please contact us to learn more about the new Sugar Grove Library Foundation, an opportunity for planned giving, memorial donations, grants, partnerships and corporate giving. Building a sustainable future for the Library is a priority, as well as creative projects that realize community dreams. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, working in partnership with the Library.

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DREAMCASTING OUR PROJECTS

- Minor renovations for a digital media lab
- Playground areas on Library grounds
- Low vision reader and assistive technology
- Scanning and translation technology
- Cultural programming support
- Support for Library sustainability



Thank you to Mari Melson Johnson for a memorial donation in honor of her mother, Beverly Melson.

A HEART OF SERVICE



Groovin' in the Grove Summer Concert Series @ the Library

On behalf of the Library Board and Staff we are proud to share the Sugar Grove Public Library's Annual Report, an account of the powerful impact the Library has had serving the community in the last year. We continued to strengthen our community impact with three Gallery exhibitions and new STEM programming. We supported democracy and citizenship as an early voting location. We developed several successful partnerships to launch Indie Author Day, Wintermarket, and the Groovin' in the Grove

concert series. We introduced new computers and copy machines as well as a new Library of Wonderful Things collection. We carefully matched efforts to our strategic plan, working together in good stewardship for our patrons.

In August we celebrated the 10th birthday of our building as well as our 56th year of service with over 600 members of our community. This year patron visits increased 5.7% to reach nearly 75,000, while circulation of materials increased by 7.6% (an incredible 39.5% increase in the past four years!). Our dedicated staff worked hard to provide quality programming, displays and answers to reference and reader's advisory questions ... over 14,000 of them! When paired with patron feedback and stories, our service statistics indicate the enduring community impact of YOUR library and desire for dynamic programs and services.

The library depends heavily on donations and volunteerism in order to maintain our financial stability. A non-profit library 501(c)3 Foundation was formed to extend the library's reach through memorial donation and business partnerships. We continued to mindfully deploy resources to improve lighting and drainage, clean our building exterior and repair roof and heating/cooling systems. Our collection grew, and all per capita funds purchased books.

Looking ahead to 2020, we will continue to build on our successes and develop our five-year strategic plan and translate into goals and actions. We look forward to delivering impactful programming and services with the support of our patrons, volunteers, donors and partners. Please feel free to bring us your suggestions and ideas for what you would like to see in YOUR library - The Heart of the Community. Thanks for a great year.

Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities. -R. David Lankes



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