

Dear Patrons,

It has been a busy year for us. Our library saw over 294,172 visitors check out materials, attend programs, and use our facility for work, study, and Internet access, and also for a lot of fun.

The library staff has been hard at work finding new and better ways to connect with you—our community. The number of books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and magazines that went in and out our doors has remained steady, while the circulation of our electronic resources has increased dramatically. Our public computers, Study Rooms, Digital Media Studio, and Conversion Station were consistently busy. Having been in the building for thirteen years, we recently completed a renovation of the Main Level of the library to provide you with more seating for both studying and leisure reading. We have kept up with ever-changing technology by converting our Internet access over to Fiber, for faster, more reliable service.

The library also saw an increase in the number of people who visited us for a variety of fun and educational programs designed for adults, teens, and kids. Whether it was watching a recent movie, attending a story time, taking a computer class to find a job online or converting an old VHS tape to a DVD or digital file, we succeeded in bringing the community together at our library.

Our Friends of the Library group continues to offer popular Sunday afternoon concerts and make many contributions to the library with proceeds from the Friends Book Store and other fundraising efforts. In addition, the Friends sponsored two shredding events, purchased banners to enhance the parking lot, and also purchased well needed bags for transporting items home during inclement weather.

We have reached out to the community with our traveling library—the bookmobile. We continue to visit 40 area stops in Tinley Park and Orland Hills, reaching homebound patrons and those who cannot easily get to the library.

Through our Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram, our quarterly newsletter and our weekly eNewsletter, *BookEnds*, we have been able to communicate in a more immediate way, whether to announce an emergency closing, post photos of a recent program, highlight an upcoming program, or to promote current, and popular materials.

Offering our community year-round service, the library is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 9 pm, Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sundays from Noon until 5 pm, 3,676 hours per year. In addition, many of our services are also available 24/7 by accessing our new, updated website at tplibrary.org.

Perhaps it has been awhile since you have visited us and your library card has expired, or maybe you have never owned a library card. Give us a call, check online, or stop in, and we can tell you what you need to obtain your card. Your library card holds more power than ever and it will set you on Your Path to Discovery.

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, administration, and staff, we thank you for your support of the Tinley Park Public Library and hope that you will continue to use our services for years to come. If you have not visited us lately, feel free to stop in and take advantage of the opportunities to learn, enjoy, and explore what the Tinley Park Public Library has to offer. We are here for you!

Richard A. Wolff
Administrator, Tinley Park Public Library

294,172 visitors checked out **668,856** items.

Patrons checked out 167,634 DVDs, CDs, and console games.

35,370 patrons used the library's public computers, and accessed **300,624** free wireless sessions in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere.

99,678 free ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and music tracks were downloaded or streamed through our online digital services, Media on Demand, eRead Illinois, and Hoopla.

Almost every corner of Tinley Park and Orland Hills was served by our bookmobile, providing books, DVDs, magazines, and friendly service.

On the road to reading...

Read Illinois

hoopla

The infographic features a white bookmobile with 'Tinley Park Public Library' and 'on the road to reading...' branding. It includes icons for people, books, a CD, a computer mouse, a play button, and wireless signals. Logos for 'Read Illinois' and 'hoopla' are also present.

61,998

questions were answered, from
armadillos to dinosaurs,
photography, and Zurich.

Community involvement
increased with

965 events
for adults, teens, and kids,
which saw
29,320 attendants.

Patrons borrowed
eReaders preloaded
with bestselling fiction,
nonfiction, and classics.



Patrons connected with us
through Facebook, Twitter,
Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest
and YouTube.



FRIENDS of the
TINLEY PARK
public library

The Friends of the
Library sponsored
fantastic concerts and
offered great deals on
books, DVDs and CDs in
the lobby bookstore.



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