



**TINLEY PARK**  
public library

# Annual Snapshot 2017–2018



## Year in Review

Have a glimpse at the facts and figures from the library's past year and all that we've been up to.



***your path  
to discovery***

# Dear Patrons,

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It has been another busy year for us. Our library saw over 270,000 visitors check out materials, attend events, and use our facility for work, study, internet access, and also for a lot of fun.

Throughout this year, 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, which went in and out of our doors, as well as the circulation of our digital resources, increased dramatically over the same time period last year. Our computers, free Wi-Fi, study rooms, Digital Media Studio, and Conversion Station were busier than ever, and we were pleased to see that the new seating provided by the first floor renovation last year has been readily used.

The library continued to offer a variety of fun and educational events designed for adults, teens, and kids. Whether it was watching a movie, planting a flowerbox, attending a story time, taking a computer class to brush up on your skills, or digitizing an old VHS tape, we succeeded in bringing the community together at our library.

Our Friends of the Library group continued 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, continued to purchase banners to enhance the parking lot and well-needed bags for transporting items home during inclement weather. The Friends also started the Books for Babies Program. This program provides eligible Tinley Park and Orland Hills residents with an attractive kit that includes a colorful board book along with a variety of brochures with reading tips and early literacy information.

Although we had to say a sad goodbye this summer to our original bookmobile which had served the community for 19 years, we are happy to announce that come this fall, the library will debut a new bookmobile to carry on the service the community has come to know and use.

Through our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube accounts, our quarterly newsletter, Pathways, and weekly e-newsletter, BookEnds, we have continued to communicate in real-time, whether to announce an emergency

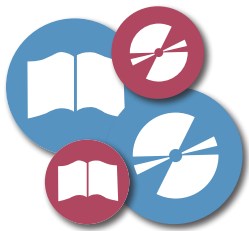
closing, highlight our Library Discovery and Shelf Talk video streams, or to promote current and popular materials and programs.

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 free card. 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 12 pm to 5 pm, 3,676 hours per year. In addition, many of our services are also available 24/7 by accessing our website at [tplibrary.org](http://tplibrary.org).

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!

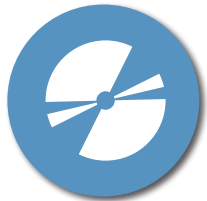
*Richard A. Wolff*

Administrator, Tinley Park Public Library



**272,418** visitors checked out **696,753** items.

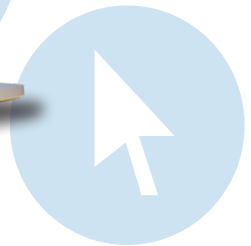
Patrons checked out **224,663** DVDs, CDs, and console games.



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

**59,068** patrons used the library's public computers.

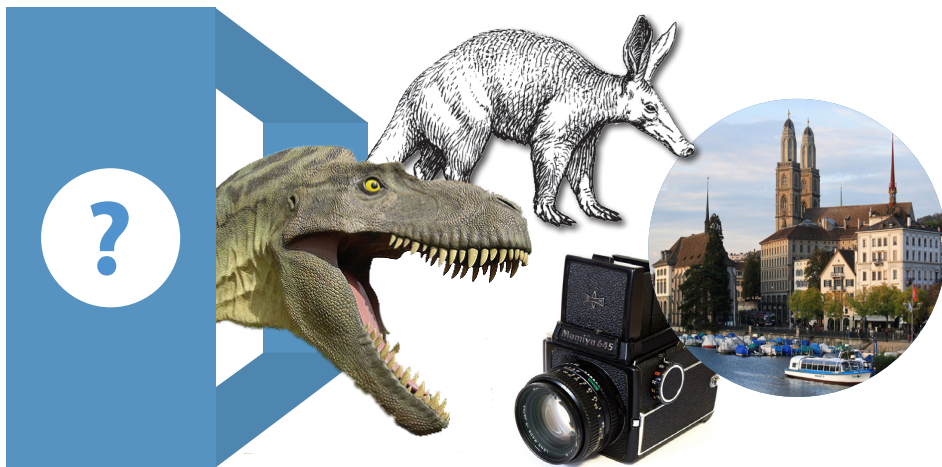
They accessed **319,400** free Wi-Fi sessions.



**102,243** free eBooks, audiobooks, and music tracks were downloaded or streamed...



..through our online digital services, Media on Demand, RBDigital, and Hoopla.



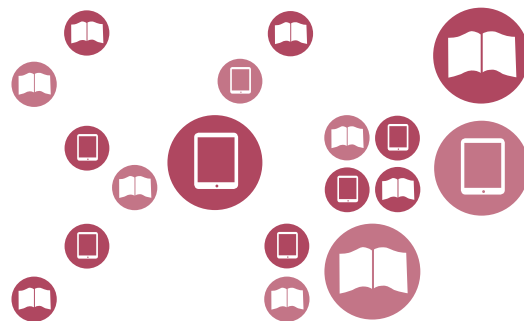
**59,068** questions were answered in topics from armadillos and dinosaurs to photography and Zürich.

Community involvement increased with **982** events for adults, kids, and teens.



The library's events saw **21,434** attendants.

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



**We connected with patrons through social media on FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.**



**The Friends of the Library...**



**FRIENDS** of the  
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...sponsored fantastic concerts and offered great deals on books, DVDs and CDs in the lobby bookstore.

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Saturday, 9 am–5 pm

Sunday, 12–5 pm



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