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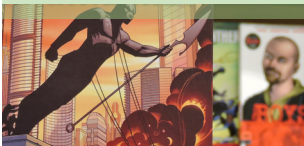
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PATRONS & EVENTS

Programs 921
Total Attendance **18,005**

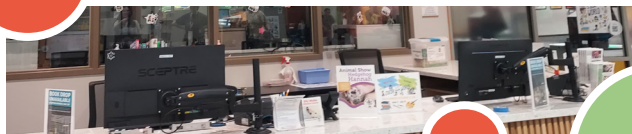
Passive Programs 176
Passive Program Participants **43,241**



Library Card Holders

12,266

Visits to the Library 175,180



25,893
Reference Transactions

BOARD^{OF} TRUSTEES & STAFF



Montie Manning
Library Director



Kathy Authenreith
President



Beth Shepperd
Vice President



Liz Giesting
Secretary



Julie Zmijewski
Treasurer



Chad Hauskins
Member



Lori Lee
Member



Alyshia Busby
Member



Total Members

45

ALA-MLS Certified

16

**Total Years of
Experience**

277



ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

To make a difference in people's lives.

OUR VISION

An ever-expanding, boundary pushing, inclusive, indispensable beacon of the community.



HOLISTIC

We see our resources, and services through the lens of our patrons' overall experience and their interactions with all aspects of our library.

FORWARD-THINKING

We are relevant to the lives of our patrons by providing access to a current and diverse collection, a wide variety of resources and up-to-date technology.

OUR CORE VALUES

ATTENTIVE

We strive to give each patron and their diverse needs our full attention.

RESPONSIVE

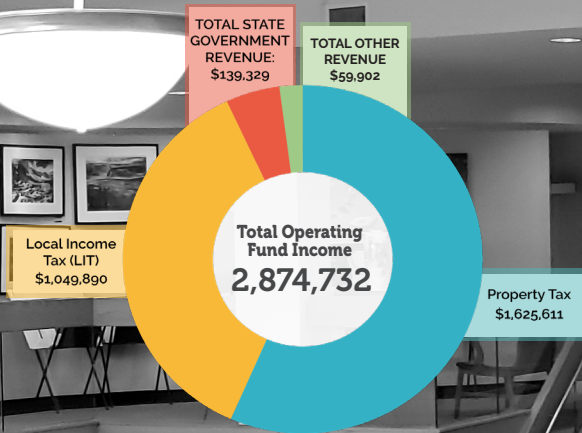
We listen to the changing needs of our patrons and our community with intention and a willingness to help.

PASSIONATE

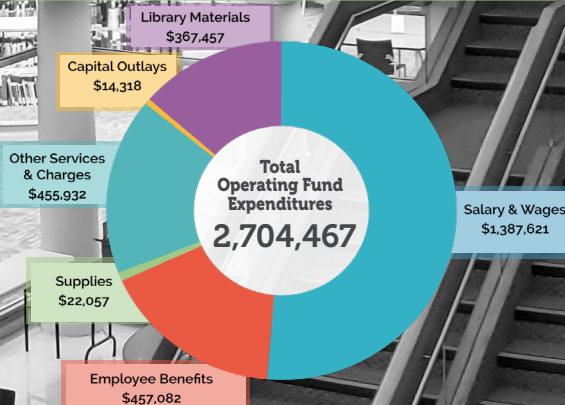
We are unified by our dedication to our work as a knowledgeable, efficient, and adaptable team, and are committed to providing a welcoming and non-judgmental environment for all.

LIBRARY FUNDS

Operating Fund INCOME



Operating Fund EXPENDITURES



"We never lose sight of being good stewards of taxpayer money. We spend less than we take in while delivering top-notch public library services to our community."

- Montie Manning
Library Director

Under the Public Library Standards in Article 6 of 590 IAC, Indiana public libraries must meet specific requirements for materials, programming, and operating hours.

PGTPL exceeded these standards in several key areas this year. The library invested 12.78% of operating funds in library materials, surpassing the required 8%.

Staff offered 921 programs, far exceeding the minimum requirement of 12 annually.

PGTPL also remained open 65 hours per week, including five evenings and two weekend days, well above the minimum operating requirements for a Class B library.

FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

OUR MISSION

To support and supplement library programs, with consideration to meeting the needs of the whole community.

Mark Vickery
President

Mary Ann Hamilton
Vice President

Jasraj Sandhu
Secretary

Sue Walton
Treasurer



MORE ON THAT

The Friends of the Library have continued to make a meaningful impact on both the library and the community. One especially memorable example was the 2025 Summer Reading Club "Color Our World" Art Show, where children proudly displayed hundreds of their own creations in a gallery-style showcase attended by more than 100 community members. Seeing families gather to celebrate the creativity and accomplishments of local children was a wonderful reminder of the positive impact that FOL makes; an impact that would not be possible without them.



THIS YEAR...

FOL has helped make many events happen, including:

- » Trivia Night
- » Plant Sale
- » Book Sales
- » Summer Reading Club



A WORD FROM A MEMBER

When I first became involved with FOL, it was a fairly small group of people who primarily sorted and sold donated books. They gave money to the library based on activities suggested by departments or the director. It has dramatically evolved into a truly cooperative venture with the library with excellent communication between the volunteers and the staff. As a result, the financial rewards and benefits of volunteer time have hopefully helped both the community and the library programs.

- Karen G.



TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES

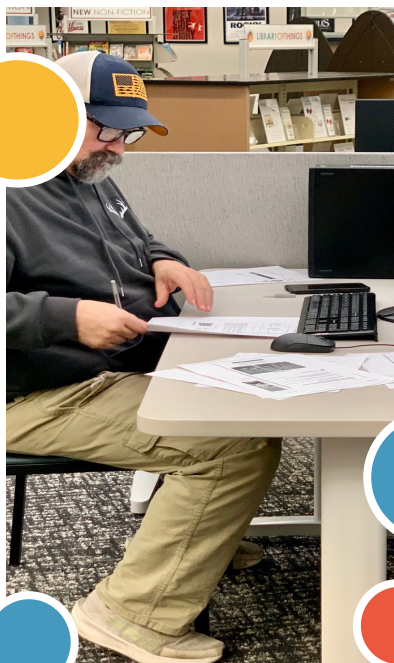
33 Public Computers
26,268
Total Computer Sessions

Homebound Recipients 178
Materials Delivered **1,666**

72,207
Wifi Uses

Print | Copy | Scan | Fax
Total
Pages
Printed **160,814**

27
Databases
Total Usage
55,402



PGTPL To-Go 58
Requests Delivered



Meeting Rooms
943 Meetings **12,243** Attendees

Study Room Uses
3,348



Our COLLECTION

EVERGREEN INDIANA

A growing consortium of 134+ libraries in Indiana

13,535

materials sent
to other libraries

18,183

materials received
from other libraries

PGTPL

DIGITAL COLLECTION

144,825

total checked out

eAUDIOBOOKS 69,755

eMAGAZINES 13,928
& NEWSPAPERS

eBOOKS 55,680

MOVIES 5,462

PHYSICAL COLLECTION

228,335

total checked out

BOOKS 171,367

AUDIOBOOK & MUSIC CDS 5,221

DVDS & BLU-RAYS 40,290

MAGAZINES 3,442

LIBRARY OF THINGS 3,420

OTHER 4,595

PGTPL ADDED

9,809

NEW ITEMS

TO OUR
COLLECTION

HISTORY of The

Plainfield, Indiana, has enjoyed offering library service to its residents for 125 years!

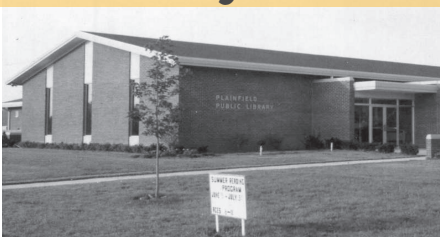
Vine St. 1904



The Plainfield Public Library's story begins in 1900, when at the regular meeting of the Women's Reading Club, Mrs. Camilla F. Odell presented the idea that there should be a free reading room opened to the public. Joined by the Plainfield Friday Club and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the women of Plainfield were truly trailblazers, establishing a place where "books were available to all the people."

Since then, the library has had several designs, including its first purpose-built library at 130 North Vine Street, its iconic Carnegie library at 120 South Center Street, and, in 1968, the first of three versions at 1120 Stafford Road.

Plainfield Public Library 1968



Carnegie 1913



In response to a steady growth in library services and an increase in the number of library users, ground was broken on April 13, 1986, for an addition and renovation to the 1968 building. The formal dedication for the completed project was on September 20, 1987.

Plainfield Public Library 1987



In 1998, the Library Board voted to begin an expansion and second renovation program. The original 1968 building was razed, additions were made to the north and west sides of the 1986 building, and a parking lot was added on the north side of the building. By late August 2000, all of the library's collections had moved into their final locations. The new space included a second floor with meeting rooms, administrative offices, and staff space. The final project was dedicated on September 30, 2000.

LIBRARY

***A sincere thank you to the Indiana Room who gathered the information for this page**

One of Plainfield's most forward-thinking library directors was Mayme Snipes. Due to the efforts of this trail-blazing librarian, the Plainfield Library offered many new services for its patrons.

She arranged the first story hour for children, started the "clipping file," which contained information on current subjects of interest, and created a picture file for classroom teachers to use. She collected and maintained copies of early Plainfield newspapers and ordered child-size furniture for the children's area.

But her most important contribution was providing service to rural patrons living within Guilford, Washington, and Liberty Townships. She did this by designing Indiana's first Auto Book Wagon (aka Bookmobile). We're happy to lay claim to this innovative accomplishment and glad that Mayme saw the value in providing service to all.

Mayme Snipes



Remember Mayme Snipes' first bookmobile in 1916?

We're still leading the way with innovation! The library purchased Indiana's first Book

Bike in 2016. This pedal-powered bookmobile allowed for the library to be mobile and participate in community events, such as the Farmer's Market, school visits, trail rides, parades, festivals, and Plainfield High School tailgating.

As we celebrate 125 years of serving the residents of Plainfield and Guilford Township, we honor those who came before us—visionaries who laid the foundation and transformed a modest rented storefront into the thriving library we're proud of today.

STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- » Revolutionize Customer Experience
- » Build & Strengthen Community Impact
- » Re-Envision Space
- » Empower Staff

Indiana library standards require libraries to have a strategic plan for growth and improvement.

While this page cannot capture everything our staff accomplished this year, these highlights show just a few ways departments helped advance PGTPL's goals.

Collections Acquisitions Services

Revolutionize Customer Experience

CAS created a new World Language Collection for adult patrons.

Technology & Training Services

Re-Envision Space

TTS improved efficiency and reduced costs by assessing printer use and moving from ownership to leasing.

Circulation Services Revolutionize Customer Experience

CS improved Library of Things maintenance by tracking board game conditions, repurposing replacement pieces, and updating content records.

Youth Services

Build and Strengthen Community Impact

YS created Life with Littles, increasing support for parents, caregivers, and educators through new programs, training opportunities, and community resources.

Adult Services

Revolutionize Customer Experience

AS offered appointment scheduling for AARP Tax Prep sessions at the library. 419 appointments were scheduled.

Teen Central

Build and Strengthen Community Impact

Teen Central organized two local service projects, with teens creating dog toys and positive message cards that were distributed through the Little Free Pantry and the library.

Admin Empower Staff

Admin created in-person staff training covering blood-borne pathogens, internal controls, youth safety, First Amendment principles, and library ethics.

Indiana Room Build and Strengthen Community Impact

The Indiana Room continued development of the interactive "Mayme Snipes: Time Traveler" project, partnering with downtown businesses to connect visitors with local history through QR-linked digital content.

NEW AT PGTPL

Mini Merger: AS & CS

"By combining our departments (Adult Services and Circulation Services), we could save money by not having to hire additional staff. (Both departments had recently had staff resign their positions, and both were struggling due to being understaffed.) Instead, we would use the skills and experience of those already in the departments to fill the gaps left by those who had left. We had no idea how successful that idea would turn out to be. With Jill as the manager, supported by supervisors Nick and Paula, the two departments almost immediately meshed and began helping each other. Not only was it a cost-saving idea, but it also had the added benefit of team building, since sharing skills is a great way to achieve cohesion."

Paula H.

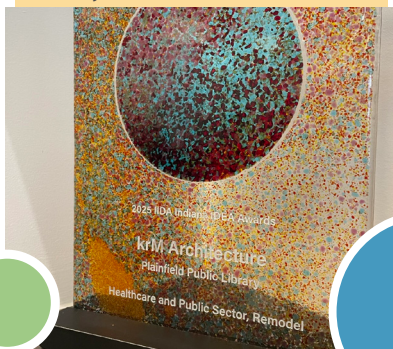
Information Services



IIDA Award

"Our first-floor remodel design took top honors in the Healthcare and Public Sector Remodel category at the 2025 International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Awards."

Montie Manning
Library Director



New Signage

PGTPL added a new electronic sign on the first floor to help reduce printing costs and make it easier to share information with patrons. The sign allows us to highlight upcoming programs, events, services, and library announcements in a quick and flexible way.



Kid Librarian

"Maureen's Kid Librarian program was a huge hit, giving children and families a chance to go behind the scenes, learn more about how the library actually works, and offer their own recommendations through displays and book reviews! My favorite was when a storytime regular made a book display featuring his favorite picture books with a variety of subjects and genres, and then another child came in and checked out almost all the books on Parker's display."

Carolyn L.

Youth Services

The logo for 'Color Our World' is located in the top left. It features the words 'COLOR' and 'WORLD' in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. Between them, the word 'OUR' is written in a smaller, red, italicized sans-serif font. A small trademark symbol (TM) is at the bottom right of 'WORLD'. The logo is set against a yellow circular background with some blue and green brushstroke-like accents.

**COLOR
OUR
WORLD™**

SUMMER READING

Total Registrations

1,701

Adult **537**
Registrations

Teen **261**
Registrations

Children **628**
Registrations

Early Literacy
Registrations **275**

Total Hours Read

11,639



Hours Read By
7,350 Adults

Hours Read By
2,105 Teens

Hours Read By
2,184 Children

Early Literacy Activities
5,590 completed

Our IMPACT



29 Marketing Events
5,882
 People spoken to

sharing library resources, promoting programs and services, and connecting with community members of all ages. The library also engaged families through the Summer Reading Club and related programs, encouraging lifelong learning and reading throughout the summer. These events helped raise awareness of library offerings and reinforced PGTPL's commitment to serving and supporting the community beyond our walls.

Library staff work every day to create a welcoming space for our community. It is always rewarding to hear how the library has made a difference. Here are a few kind words we received this year.

"Great local library. Very well organized & clean. Pleasant atmosphere. The staff is very courteous and helpful."

"Very nice staff."

"Loved the plant sale. Great selection and friendly help."

"I love our Public Library; what a treasure to our community!! Gently used books for sale and a great place to explore something new to read or learn via a vast amount of media and content. Also, there are activities for all ages, abilities, and interests. Come for a visit and help keep the public library system relevant. Even in our fast-paced, ever-evolving, and technologically-driven society, our library does a great job at staying current."

"I'm so impressed with Sharon. She is hardworking, thorough, and always goes above and beyond."

"Verbal Comments Have Been Paraphrased"

"I appreciated how Abby handled the argumentative kids earlier. Some parts of the job aren't fun, but she held her ground, kept her cool, and handled the situation really well."



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