

Indian Prairie Public Library
401 Plainfield Road
Darien, Illinois 60561

**Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation & Friends Meeting
November 19, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

A. Roll Call

Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis,
Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab

B. Public Comment

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I. Adjournment



LITERACY
THEATER ARTS
MUSIC
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation and Friends
401 Plainfield Rd
Darien, IL 60561

September 20, 2025

Dear IPPL Foundation and Friends,

Please accept this donation from The Gift of Carl Foundation in memory of Carl Vuillaume and our 20th year partnering with IPPL for the Write On event. We appreciate all you do within the community to promote literacy and are so proud to have been able to hold this program for twenty years.

Sincerely,

The Gift of Carl Foundation, Inc.
Charleen Vuillaume, President



Foundation & Friends

• Indian Prairie Public Library •

September 24, 2025

Gift of Carl Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 1161

Westmont, IL 60559

Dear Gift of Carl Foundation,

I want to extend heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of \$1,000 in memory of Carl and in honor of our 20th year of partnership for the Write On event.

Write On has been one of my very favorite events over the years and have so enjoyed the wide variety of authors who have been selected to be part of it. Your continued support and commitment to our library and this program over these 20 years has made a lasting impact on many young writers and our community. I am truly grateful for your ongoing partnership.

Thank you once again for being a valued community partner as well as a generous donor. Your support will help us continue to bring meaningful and enriching programs to people throughout our community.

With sincere gratitude,

Laura Birmingham

Laura Birmingham
Executive Director

September 8, 2025

Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation
401 Plainfield Road
Darien, IL 60561

On behalf of the staff and guests of the IPPL Maker Studio, I am writing to express how grateful we are for your generous grant to purchase the Canon TM –250 poster printer. The IPPL Foundation's commitment to the community is appreciated and will have a significant and lasting impact.

Thanks to your support, we are now able to offer guests of the Maker Studio higher quality prints for posters, banners, signs and more. The Maker Studio Staff immediately commented on the increased quality of the color prints and ease of use when using the new poster printer.

By providing funds for the poster printer, we will be able to continue supporting the Foundation's mission to continue to provide opportunities for lifelong learning and enjoyment.

The Maker Studio Staff thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sharon Byerly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Byerly", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Head of Technology and Maker Services
Indian Prairie Public Library

Indian Prairie Public Library
Foundation & Friends Minutes
July 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

President Krupicka called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll.
Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab
Absent: none
Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski
Others: none

President Suriano asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Public Comment

C. Correspondence – none

D. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Foundation & Friends Meeting 4/16/25

2. Bills for Approval

Damon moved, Rodriguez seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda

F. Report

1. Treasurer's Report – backup is in packet.

G. Unfinished Business - none

H. New Business

1. Request for New Poster Printer for the Maker Studio – Lawson reported that our current printer has been having printing issues for months. Our troubleshooting efforts have been unsuccessful and we've been unable to find a local business who is willing or able to service it. The Canon printer we are requesting would be easier to troubleshoot and maintain. Also, we found a local business who is able to provide service if needed. Krupicka moved, Damon seconded to approve the Request for a New Poster Printer for the Maker Studio in the amount of \$4400.00. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Adjournment

At 6:40 p.m. Krupicka moved, Raftis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Palmisano, Secretary

Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation and Friends
Expenditures

July through October 2025

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Jul - Oct 25					
	Bill Pmt -Check	07/03/2025	2013	Ingram Library Services	274.19
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/05/2025	2014	Impressions In Stone	769.95
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/05/2025	2015	Award Emblem	269.76
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2025	2016	Goddard, Leslie	400.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/27/2025	2017	Bank of America	2,605.79
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/27/2025	2018	KJR Studio Productions	350.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2025	2019	Berg, Elizabeth	500.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	09/30/2025	2020	Bank of America	1,885.62
	Bill Pmt -Check	10/10/2025	2021	Gersten, Richard	650.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	10/10/2025	2022	Ingram Library Services	471.57
	Bill Pmt -Check	10/10/2025	2023	The Language Labs	1,642.00
				Bank Fees	119.60
Jul - Oct 25					9,938.48

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Indian Prairie Public Library
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Friends*

July 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances as of 10/31/2025

Money Market Balance on June 30, 2025 Treasurer's Report	\$53,918.31
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Income from July 1 – October 31, 2025

Money Market Interest Republic Bank 7/1/25-8/31/25 @ 4.55%	416.17
9/1/25-9/30/25 @ 4.45%	195.16
10/1/25-10/31/25 @ 4.26%	286.46

Donations	29,411.49
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*Balance of matured CD deposited to MMA upon maturity 10/22/2025	102,427.52
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<u>Expenses from July 1 – October 31, 2025</u>	-9,938.48
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Money Market Account Balance as of 10/31/2025	\$176,716.63
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CD Balances at Republic Bank

CD balance as of 6/30/2025	\$101,131.63
CD Interest July 1 – October 22, 2025 (earning 4.15% APY, due 10/22/2025)	<u>1,020.04</u>
CD Balance at Maturity	102,427.52
*CD Closed and Deposited to MMA 10/22/2025	<u>-102,427.52</u>
CD Balance on 10/31/2025	0.00

TOTAL BALANCE BANK ACCOUNT AND CD	\$176,716.63
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Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation and Friends
Donors
July through October 2025

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Name	Memo	Amount
Anonymous		7,082.59
Benevity		267.14
Better World Books		249.26
Carlson, Ann & Roy	Commemorative plate gift for Mary Dumlao in memory of her sister	100.00
Chapman, Catherine	In memory of James A. Christian	250.00
Cummings, Nancy		100.00
Dennison, Daniel Paul		50.00
Deshmukh, Anuradha		8,000.00
Deshmukh, Rajabhau		8,000.00
Gift of Carl Foundation, Inc.	In memory of Carl V. and our 20th year partnering with IPPL for the write on event.	1,000.00
Indian Prairie Public Library	Book Bag purchases	40.00
Lawrence, Elizabeth	In memory of Bea Lawrence	80.00
Marcisz, Sharon		1,000.00
Noverini, Diane & Frank	Brick in loving memory of Carol Gierut. Frank & Diane N. and Steve & Lisa Klemm	107.50
Pearson, Cathy Lou	Leslie Goddard programs	2,000.00
Riedell, Susanne G	4x8 brick: In memory of Carol Connoy	75.00
Szafranski, Steven		200.00
Temmer Garcia, Linda		40.00
Tracy, C.J.		20.00
Vuillaume Family Fund	In memory of Carl Alan Vuillaume	250.00
Wasan, Darsh & Ira, Sep		300.00
Wasan, Darshanlal		200.00
TOTAL		29,411.49

November 11, 2025

Indian Prairie Library Foundation & Friends
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Dear IPPL Foundation & Friends,

Thank you so much for the huge amount of support you've given to the Indian Prairie Library through the years! Thanks to you, we are able to surprise and delight our guests every day with new features and services offered at the library.

I am writing today to request funding for assistive listening systems for our two public meeting rooms, the Keshav Sanghani room and Meeting Room 2. Right now, we do not have a way for hard-of-hearing patrons to get personalized, amplified sound for presentations or movies. We do provide ASL interpreters on request whenever we can, but there are many hard-of-hearing people who do not sign ASL. This would be a way for the Indian Prairie Library to be even more accessible to our guests than we already are.

The purchase of the assistive listening systems, including installation and setup support, will come to \$2,680 according to our research.

We truly appreciate your consideration and the continuing support you've provided us over the years. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Kristen Lawson
Deputy Director
Indian Prairie Public Library

PopCon 2026 Proposal

Overview

IPPL staff would like to offer another PopCon day full of community-engaging events that had been popular pre-pandemic and had been brought back thanks to the generosity of the IPPL Friends & Foundation in 2025 with rave reviews. Popular culture is a part of everyday life for so many IPPL guests of all ages, so a day-long fandom celebration full of appealing drop-in and registered programs would be well-received. In 2026, the scheduled day for the event is Saturday, Feb. 7, which avoids other local ComicCon/FanCon/PopCon dates while giving staff plenty of time for planning with intention to ensure a successful event.

We are projecting again the need of 6-12 staff members, along with multiple volunteers, who will be involved with activities occurring between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Projected Budget

- \$1000 = outside presenters fees and honorariums (Chicago Loot Drop, Art Baltazar, Windy Cindy Ghostbusters, PopCon Roadshow, TrashGoblins)
- \$500 = Supplies/Materials (ex. Materials for staff-led program creation, light refreshments for vendors, meal for Art Baltazar, etc.)
- \$250 = Attendee prizes and giveaways (Examples: 1 prize for bingo card turn-in at lobby table, other lobby table prize drawing)
- \$1750 = Total

Submitted by Amy Merda