

REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

Name of Library: Fountaindale Public Library District

Address of Main Library Office: 300 West Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

II. Information about our Library

A. We are located in Will and DuPage County(ies).

B. The population of the territory in which our Library is located is 67,049 (as of 2020 census).

C. We have 115 employees of the Library (not including board members).

D. Our annual budget for FY 24 is: \$ 13,658,327.

E. Our Library District's equalized assessed valuation (EAV) for 2022 is \$ 2,425,404,294.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Board President Celeste M. Bermejo

Trustee Kathryn J. Spindel

Trustee Marcelo Valenica

Trustee Bobby Armstrong

Trustee Sarah M. Siska

Trustee Meraj Alam

Trustee Jim Daunis Jr.

Executive Director Paul Mills

Library Resident Margaret J. Danhof

Library Resident Jody Hargett

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the library board of trustees (President and Trustees), the Executive Director or other official of the Library, and two residents appointed by the Board President. The President may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

B. Meetings (50 ILCS 70/20)

First Meeting

Date: 05/18/2023

- Formation occurred before June 10, 2023
- Noticed in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act
- Majority of Committee Present
- Public Comment

Second Meeting

Date: 07/20/2023

- Noticed in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act
- Majority of Committee Present
- Public Comment

Third Meeting

Date: 11/16/2023

- Noticed in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act
- Majority of Committee Present
- Public Comment

Additional Meetings (List All, if any): _____

C. Post Meeting Survey

Was a survey provided to attendees at each of the Committee Meetings?

- Yes No

By what means was the survey presented to the attendees?

Attendees present at the meeting were asked for their thoughts.

IV. Core Programs or Services Offered by our Library

A. Our Library offers the following core services and programs:

The Fountaindale Public Library District provides access to materials, programs, services, spaces, and technology to the community it serves. In addition to providing these services in its primary location, the District provides access to materials, programs and services at multiple community stops through a bookmobile, express van and remote bookdrop locations.

B. Other core services/programs to consider:

The District will be considering an expansion of material pickup locations at other locations. Additional locations will create more efficient services for patrons of the District, and partnerships with units of local government or other community organizations will either be created or enhanced to fulfill this service.

The District will also be considering the creation of a long tail collection location in conjunction with the Pinnacle Library Cooperative in order to expand the breadth and depth of collections offered to our communities.

V. Awards and Recognitions

Our Library has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions:

The Fountaindale Public Library District has been awarded three times (2006, 2012, and 2018) by the Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce for best in category. The District has also been awarded LEED Gold Status in 2012 for its building. The District also won an award from the American Society of Interior Designers in 2011. The District has been named a star library by Library Journal in 2022.

VI. Intergovernmental Agreements

We partner with or have Intergovernmental Agreements with the following other governments:

Entity and services offered:

- The Fountaindale Public Library District partners with the following units of local government --
1. Valley View School District for library cards for all students, teacher cards, and shared services on adjoining property.
 2. Bolingbrook Park District for hosting a bookdrop at a Park District facility.
 3. Will County for early voting, ballot dropbox, and election center services.
 4. Pinnacle Library Cooperative for shared software services and resource sharing.
 5. Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency for shared insurance services.
 6. LIMRiCC for shared unemployment insurance services.
 7. Reaching Across Illinois Library System for delivery and group purchasing services.
 8. Illinois Secretary of State for license plate sticker renewals.

VII. Community Partnerships

We partner with the following organizations:

Organizations and services offered:

1. Valley View School District for bookmobile stops during the school year.
2. First Presbyterian Church for hosting a bookdrop on Church property and hosting regular bookmobile stops.
3. Bolingbrook Park District for joint programs during the year.
4. Village of Bolingbrook for fuel for vehicles.
5. DuPage Township for programs during the year.
6. Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce for joint toastmaster program.
7. Kindness Day organization for the annual event.
8. Chick-Fil-A for programs.
9. Beggars Pizza for bookmobile stops.
10. Wholey Granoly for programs.
11. Best Buy for bookmobile stops.
12. Assisted Living Facilities for programs and materials.

VIII. Review of Laws, Policies, Rules & Procedures, Training Materials & Other Documents

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Library in order to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

- State laws applicable to Libraries
- Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*)
- Policy on public comment
- Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
- All Board Members have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Library Board (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
- Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*)
- Designation of FOIA Officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1 *et seq.*)
- All applicable officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5 *et seq.*)
- Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(C))
- Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- Our budget and financial documents
- State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1 *et seq.*)
- Reports on government efficiency, including “Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments” by Wendell Cox (2016);

IX. What Have We Done Well?

The Fountaindale Public Library District partners with units of local government to provide more efficient services for our community. The District also partners with organizations at the regional level to ensure that the best value is obtained for needed products and services. The Pinnacle Library Cooperative (PLC) provides an economy of scale in our core services of providing access to resources, both physical and electronic, and the support services that make that access happen.

The District also utilizes services from the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) to enhance access to resources. First and foremost is access to the RAILS delivery system. The District also participates in RAILS group purchasing programs to provide cost-effective access to electronic resources.

X. Our Committee's Recommendations:

The Committee recommends that the District continue to nurture and enhance existing partnerships to ensure they are providing the best services and values for the community. The Committee also recommends that the District continue to work with regional organizations such as RAILS, LIRA, and LIMRiCC. Finally, the Committee recommends that the State continue to pursue efficiencies and expansion in both group purchasing and statewide services such as delivery to ensure that excellent services are provided at the best price.

Note: This Report must be filed with the county (or counties) no later than 18 months after the first committee meeting.

Submitted by: 
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee

Date of Committee Approval of Report: 11/16/2023