

# REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

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- I. OSWEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
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## **II. INFORMATION ABOUT OUR LIBRARY**

- A. WE ARE LOCATED IN KENDALL, KANE AND WILL COUNTIES. 8 Library Districts and 1 City Library are in Kendall County.**
- B. POPULATION OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT IS 70,508.**
- C. We have 62 Employees of the library**
- D. Our Annual Operating Budget for FY24 is \$5,042,526.**
- E. Our Library's Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) for 2023 is \$2,247,205,473.**

## **III. INFORMATION ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE**

Board President: Terry Tamblyn; Trustees Jim Connon, Christine Diehl, Terry Friedman, Jim Marter, Emily Ramirez and Pete Wallers; Director Sarah Skilton; and Library Residents Rebecca Clark, Lu Anne Harkins, and Ruth Craver.

First Meeting: April 26, 2023

Second Meeting: August 23, 2023

Final Meeting: January 24, 2024

## **IV. Core Programs or Services Offered by the Library**

- A. Our Library offers the following core services and programs:**  
Library materials including books, AV, eMaterials including books, audiobooks, and TV shows, kits, story times, craft programs, kids programs, teen programs, adult programs and book clubs for all ages.

**B. Other core services and programs we could provide include:**

Seed library, baking supplies, garden plots, home delivery, more STEM programming and outreach vehicles (Bookmobile)

**V. Intergovernmental Agreements**

We partner with and have agreements with the following other governments:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Services Offered</u>
Local Governments	Group purchasing of items/services to reduce costs
RAILS	Group pricing for databases and delivery of ILL
Museum Adventure Pass	Museum tickets for patrons
LIMRICC	Library Unemployment Insurance
Kendall County	GIS services, Mental Health Training for Staff
Illinois Libraries Present	Library Programs

Our Library’s efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following ways: able to purchase services through the RFPs with other governmental entities to get services at a cheaper cost, cheaper overall cost for databases than purchasing separately, able to provide museum passes to the public, able to provide insurance at a cheaper rate, Kendall County provided a heat map of our district uses to improve service and assist with planning, and Illinois Libraries Present allows us to offer programs with nationally recognized authors that we would be unable to afford on our own.

**VI. Community Partnerships**

We partner with the following organizations:

<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Services Offered:</u>
Friends of the Oswego Library	Book Sales, sponsors library events
Oswegoland Park District	Poetry programs, Historic Barn Tours, PrairieFest
Village of Montgomery	Provided Land Agreements, MontgomeryFest
Village of Oswego	Group purchasing, meeting space
Oswego Fire Protection Distr.	Touch a Truck program
SD308	Spanish National Honor Society – Spanish Story Time, Book talks
Owego Police Dept.	Active Shooter Training

3 Community Colleges                      LTA internship location

Fur Angels Animal Sanctuary      Caturday event

## **VII. Review of Laws, Policies, Rules and Procedures, Training Materials, and 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, Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Library Board of Trustees, IMRF Total Compensation Postings, Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official, Filed statements of Economic Interests, Sexual Harassment prevention training, Budgets and Financial Documents, and Audits

## **VIII. What Have We Done Well**

The Library District has had a balanced Budget since 1981. The library has paid for the last three construction projects using the library’s Special Reserve Fund. The library has received more than 1.8 million in per capita grants over its history. The library users saved \$7,854,613 during the calendar year of 2023 by using the library to check out materials instead of purchasing the items themselves. This is \$368,115 more than what library users saved last year.

## **IX. Inefficiencies We Identified and our Next Steps**

The Library could provide more services for all ages at different physical locations, provide outreach services and deliver materials to homebound individuals. The library could review different methods of providing services. Suggestions for additional services include a Bookmobile, Tech mobile (providing hotspot, internet use, and classes), more STEM programming and more programming with partners for individuals with different abilities.

## **X. Studies on Government Efficiencies**

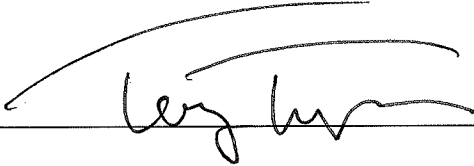
Studies show that the average local government in Illinois serves 1,800 residents compared to the national median of 2,850 individuals. The Oswego Public Library District has over 40,000 active cardholders.

## **XI. Our Committee's Recommendations Regarding Increased Efficiency:**

Tech mobile – to provide digital access and tech assistance

More STEM programming – to provide more opportunities for learning

This report must be filed with the counties no later than 18 months after the first committee meeting on April 26, 2023.

Submitted by:   
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee

Date of Committee Approval of Report 1-24-24