

REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

Name of Library: White Oak Library District

Address of Main Library Office: 201 W. Normantown Rd., Romeville, IL 60446

II. Information about our Library

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

B. The population of the territory in which our Library is located is 76,850 (as of 2020 census).

C. We have 92.00 employees of the Library (not including board members).

D. Our annual budget for FY 24 is: \$ 5,184,547.00.

E. Our Library's equalized assessed valuation (EAV) for 2023 is \$ 2,476,886,646.00.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Board President Deanna Amann

Trustee Ann Lopez-Caneva

Trustee Nancy Hackett

Trustee Gayle Crompton

Trustee Zach Binkley

Trustee Andrew Koroma

Trustee Kelly Schneider

Executive Director Scott Pointon

Library Resident Adam Woodworth

Library Resident Victor Zack

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: April 25, 2023

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

Second Meeting

Date: May 23, 2023

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

Third Meeting

Date: June 27, 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?

Verbal survey of public audience asking for feedback, comments, concerns, or questions.

IV. Core Programs or Services Offered by our Library

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

All of the usual and expected library services (loaning of books, music, movies, video games, e-books, e-audiobooks, public computers, classes, study rooms, programming for all ages, etc). We also provide citizenship prep classes to help immigrants pass their citizenship test, ESL help, U.S. passport processing, and tax preparation assistance to name but a few other services we offer.

B. Other core services/programs to consider:

We will explore partnership opportunities with Lockport Township Government and also Senior Services of Will County. We will also explore private and intra-governmental opportunities to install "Free Little Libraries" where possible and practical.

V. Awards and Recognitions

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

Our Lockport Branch Manager was named an Illinois Library Luminary by the Illinois Library Association in 2021.

VI. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Entity and services offered:

Pinnacle Library Cooperative
Since 2012 we have had an IGA in place with the five libraries surrounding us for our shared library catalog. Those libraries are: Joliet Public Library, Fountandate Public Library District, Lemont Public Library District, Plainfield Area Public Library, and the Shorewood-Troy Public Library. This partnership not only saves us a lot of money with our integrated library system (the Polaris catalog, patron database, etc) we enjoy reduced rates on many things by negotiating prices as a consortium as opposed to individual library pricing.

Student Success Card Initiative
We currently have IGAs with the following school districts. This was done to provide every student with a library card, and to follow up each year to insure new students have them as well.

- Chaney Morge School District 88
- Richland School District 88A
- Fairmont School District 89
- Tall School District 90
- Kelvin Grove - Mirra Grove District 91
- A three-way agreement between Valley View 365U and Fountandate Public Library District

Valley View School District
Additionally, we have an IGA in place with Valley View Schools so that we may issue 'teacher cards' to their teachers and the school district in turn agrees to be financially responsible for those cards.

TIF Districts
Each of our three communities has one or more TIF Districts in place and as a partner taxing body, I get to sit in on and participate in the TIF meetings. This has led to us receiving our cut of early disbursements as well as funding for our façade at the Romeoville Branch in 2012.

Local Governmental Cooperation
We work closely with various local units of government to insure that we can support one another as much as possible and to insure that our events do not overlap or otherwise detract from one another's services. Examples of this include coordinating events with the Lockport Township Park District, the Romeoville Recreation Department, all three Mayors and their municipal boards, and Lockport Township. Some events coordinated in this way include Old Canal Days, Founder's Day, Lockport Township Senior Expo, Summer Arts Series, Crest Hill fundraiser picnics at St. Joe's Park, etc.

VII. Community Partnerships

We partner with the following organizations:

Organizations and services offered:

We operate an Outreach Services Department that in turn works in partnership with the Lockport Township Park District, Romeoville Recreation Department, and the Fairmont Community Center to offer programming and other assistance to senior citizens. We also partner with area preschools to offer library services to young children. Additionally, we have very strong community partnerships with Lewis University, Joliet Junior College, the Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project, Romeoville Area Chamber of Commerce, Romeoville Art Society, Lockport Chamber of Commerce, Lockport Summer Arts Committee, Reaching Across Illinois Library System, the Illinois State Library, the Lockport Woman's Club, and the Crest Hill Lions Club.

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);

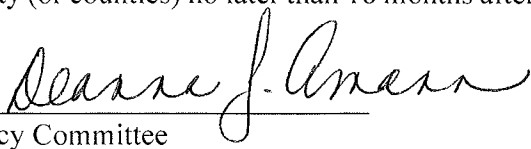
IX. What Have We Done Well?

We have created lasting and beneficial relationships with our community partners, both Governmental and Non-Governmental. We continue to provide B+ or even A- level library services on a C- level budget.

X. Our Committee's Recommendations:

The White Oak Library District should continue to build relationships with community partners that are mutually beneficial and that strengthen the fabric of our society.

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

Submitted by: Deanna Amann 
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee

Date of Committee Approval of Report: June 27, 2023

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Current Inter-Governmental Agreements and Other Examples of Intergovernmental Cooperation

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