

Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) FY2025-2026 Worksheet

Note: Please refer to the links available on the Counting Opinions login screen at <https://il.countingopinions.com/>, which provides definitions, examples, and guides. Previous year data are available online in the Data Input Screen under “Period”.

IDENTIFICATION

1.1 ISL Control # (prefilled)

1.3a FSCS ID (prefilled)

1.4a Legal Name of Library (prefilled)

1.4b If the library's name has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.5a Facility Street Address (prefilled)

1.5b If the facility's street address has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.6a Facility City (prefilled)

1.6b If the facility's city has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.7a Facility Zip (prefilled)

1.7b If the facility's zip code has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.8a Mailing Address (prefilled)

1.8b If the facility's mailing address has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.9a Mailing City (prefilled)

1.9b If the facility's mailing city has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.10a Mailing Zip (prefilled)

1.10b If the facility's mailing zip code has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.11a Library Telephone Number (prefilled)

1.11b If the telephone number has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.12a Library FAX Number (prefilled)

1.12b If the fax number has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.13 Website

1.14 Name

1.15 Title

1.16 Library Director's E-mail

1.17a Type of library (prefilled)

1.17b If the library type has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.18 Is the main library a combined public and school library?

1.19 Does your library contract with another library to RECEIVE ALL your library services?

1.20 IF YES, list the name(s) of the library(ies) with whom you contract (Enter each in a separate repeating field)

1.21a County in which the public library is located (prefilled)

1.21b If the public library's county has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.22a Did the public library's legal service area boundaries change during the past year?

1.22b IF YES, indicate the reason for the boundary change.

1.23a Population residing in tax base (Use the latest official federal census figure- this is prefilled)

1.23b If the population residing in the tax base has had a **LEGAL** change, then enter the updated answer here

1.23c Documentation of legal population change

1.24 If the population has changed from the prior year's answer, then indicate the reason.

1.25a This library is currently a member of what Illinois library system? (prefilled)

1.25b If the library's system has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

1.26 Does this library have an organized collection of printed or other library materials, or a combination thereof?

1.27 Does this library have paid staff?

1.28 Does this library have an established schedule in which services of the staff are available to the public?

1.29 Does the library have the facilities necessary to support such a collection, staff, and schedule?

1.30 Is this library supported in whole or in part with public funds?

1.31 Does this public library meet ALL the criteria of the PLSC public library definition?

SERVICE OUTLETS

2.1a Total number of bookmobiles

2.1b Total number of branch libraries

2.2a Are any of the branch libraries a combined public and school library?

2.2b If YES, provide the name of the branch or branches in the box provided

2.3a Service Outlet Legal Name (prefilled)

2.3b If the outlet's legal name has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

2.3c Was this an official name change?

2.4 ISL Control # (prefilled)

2.5 ISL Branch # (prefilled)

2.6a Street Address (prefilled)

2.6b If the outlet's street address has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

2.6c Was this a physical location change?

2.7a City (prefilled)

2.7b If the outlet's city has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

2.8a Zip Code (prefilled)

2.8b If the outlet's zip code has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

2.9a County (prefilled)

2.9b If the outlet's county has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

2.10a Telephone (prefilled)

2.10b If the outlet's phone number has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

2.11a Square Footage of Outlet (prefilled)

2.11b If the facility's square footage has changed, then enter the updated answer here.

2.11c Indicate the reason for the change/variance in square footage for this annual report as compared to the previous annual report.

2.12 Total public service hours PER YEAR for this service outlet

2.13 Total number of weeks, during the fiscal year, this service outlet was open for service to the public

2.14 Total annual attendance/visits in the outlet

ANNUAL REPORT DATA

3.1 Fiscal Year Start Date (mm/dd/year) (prefilled)

3.2 Fiscal Year End Date (mm/dd/year) (prefilled)

3.3 Number of months in this fiscal year (prefilled)

3.4 Name of person preparing this annual report

3.5 Telephone Number of Person Preparing Report

3.6 E-Mail Address of Person Preparing Report

REFERENDA

4.1a Was your library involved in a referendum during the fiscal year reporting period?

4.1b How many referenda was your library involved in?

4.2 Referendum Type

4.3 Examples are: Annexation, Bond issue, District Establishment, Tax Increase

4.4 Referendum Date (mm/dd/year)

4.5 Passed or Failed?

4.6 If PASSED, enter the effective date (mm/dd/year)

4.7 Referendum ballot language documentation

CURRENT LIBRARY BOARD

5.1 Total number of board seats (select the number of board members from the menu)

5.2a Total number of vacant board seats

5.2b If there are vacancies, please explain

5.3 This public library board of trustees attests that the current board is legally established, organized, and the terms of office for library trustees are all unexpired.

5.4 IF NO, please explain

5.5 Name

5.6 Trustee Position

5.7 Present Term Ends (mm/year)

5.8 Telephone Number

5.9 E-mail Address

5.10 Home Address

5.11 City

5.12 State

5.13 Zip Code

FACILITY/FACILITIES

6.1 Total Number of Meeting Rooms

6.2 Total number of times meeting room(s) used by the public during the fiscal year.

6.3 Total Number of Study Rooms

6.3b Total number of times study room(s) used by the public during the fiscal year.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

7.1 What is the estimated current fair market value for the library's real estate (land and buildings including garages, sheds, etc.)?

7.2 During the last fiscal year, did the library acquire any real and/or personal property?

7.3 Purchase

7.4 Legacy

7.5 Gift

7.6 Other

7.7 Provide a general description of the property acquired.

7.8 Does your library have fiscal accumulations (reserve funds, outstanding fund balances, etc.)?

7.9 IF YES, then provide a statement that details the dollar amount(s) and the reason(s) for the fiscal accumulations.

7.10 Does your library have any outstanding liabilities including bonds, judgments, settlements, etc.?

7.11 IF YES, what is the total amount of the outstanding liabilities?

7.12 IF YES, then prepare a statement that identifies each outstanding liability and its specific dollar amount.

OPERATING RECEIPTS BY SOURCE

8.1 Local government (includes all local government funds designated by the community, district, or region and available for expenditure by the public library, except capital income from bond sales which must be reported in 12.1a only)

8.1a Is this library's annual tax levy/fiscal appropriation subject to tax caps [the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, 35 ILCS 200/18-185, et seq.]?

8.1b Local government funds for the ensuing or upcoming/current fiscal year (includes all local government funds designated by the community, district, or region and available for expenditure by the public library, except capital income from bond sales which must be reported in 12.1a only)

8.2 Per capita grant

8.3 Equalization aid grant

8.4 Personal property replacement tax

8.5 Other State Government funds received

8.6 If Other, please specify

8.7 Total State Government Funds ($8.2 + 8.3 + 8.4 + 8.5$)

8.8 LSTA funds received

8.9 E-Rate funds received

8.10 Other federal funds received

8.11 If Other, please specify

8.12 Total Federal Government Funds ($8.8 + 8.9 + 8.10$)

8.13 Monetary Gifts and Donations

8.14 Other receipts intended to be used for operating expenditures

8.15 TOTAL all other receipts ($8.13 + 8.14$)

8.16 Other non-capital receipts placed in reserve funds

8.17 TOTAL receipts ($8.1 + 8.7 + 8.12 + 8.15$)

8.18a The library safeguards its funds using which option?

8.18b Proof of Insurance for Library Funds

8.19 What is the coverage amount of either the surety bond OR the insurance policy/insurance instrument?

8.20 Is the amount of the surety bond, insurance policy or other insurance instrument in compliance with library law?

8.21 The designated custodian of the library's funds is:

STAFF EXPENDITURES

9.1 Salaries and wages for all library staff

9.2a Fringe benefits, for all library staff, paid for from either the library's or the municipal corporate authority's appropriation

9.2b If this library answered question 9.2a as zero, please select an explanation from the drop-down box.

9.3 Total Staff Expenditures (9.1 + 9.2)

COLLECTION EXPENDITURES

10.1 Printed Materials (books, newspapers, etc.)

10.2 Electronic Materials (e-books, databases, etc.)

10.3a Other Materials (CDs, DVDs, video games, etc.)

10.3b Please provide an explanation of the other types of material expenditures.

10.4 TOTAL Collection Expenditures (10.1 + 10.2 + 10.3)

OTHER EXPENDITURES

11.1 All other operating expenditures not included above (supplies, utilities, legal fees, etc.)

11.2 TOTAL operating expenditures (9.3 + 10.4 + 11.1)

CAPITAL REVENUE

12.1a Local Government: Capital Income from Bond Sales

12.1b Local Government: Other

12.1c Total Local Government (12.1a + 12.1b)

12.2 State Government

12.3 Federal Government

12.4 Other Capital Revenue

12.5 If Other, please specify

12.6 Total Capital Revenue (12.1c + 12.2 + 12.3 + 12.4)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

12.7 Total Capital Expenditures

PERSONNEL

Please refer to the links available on the Counting Opinions login screen, which provide instructions, definitions, examples, and guides.

GROUP A

ALL LIBRARIANS with MASTER'S DEGREES from an American Library Association (ALA) ACCREDITED program of Library and Information Studies

13.1 Position Title

13.2 Primary Work Area

13.3 Hourly Rate

13.4 Total Hours/Week

13.5 Total Group A: FTE ALA-MLS (13.4/40)

GROUP B

Other librarians. Include employees with the TITLE of LIBRARIAN who either have other types of library education (non-American Library Association (ALA) accredited library degrees; undergraduate library science majors or minors) OR do paid work that usually requires professional training and skill in the theoretical or scientific aspects of library work, or both, as distinct from its mechanical or clerical aspects.

13.6 Position Title

13.7 Primary Work Area

13.8 Education Level

13.9 Hourly Rate

13.10 Total Hours/Week

13.11 Total Group B: FTE Other Librarians (13.10/40)

13.12 Total FTE Librarians (13.5 + 13.11)

GROUP C

Full-time and part-time professional staff without the title of librarian and administrative support specialists (personnel director, business manager, public relations, other non-library specialists), information technology professionals (IT director, webmaster) and other technical and clerical employees.

13.13 Total hours worked in a typical week by all Group C employees.

13.14 Minimum hourly rate actually paid

13.15 Maximum hourly rate actually paid

13.16 Total FTE Group C employees (13.13/40)

GROUP D

Full-time and part-time pages or shelvees.

13.17 Total Hours worked in a typical week by all Group D employees

13.18 Minimum hourly rate actually paid

13.19 Maximum hourly rate actually paid

13.20 Total FTE Group D employees (13.17/40)

GROUP E

Full-time and part-time building maintenance, security, or plant operation employees.

13.21 Total hours worked in a typical week by all Group E employees

13.22 Minimum hourly rate actually paid

13.23 Maximum hourly rate actually paid

13.24 Total FTE Group E employees (13.21/40)

13.25 Total FTE Other Paid Employees from Groups C, D, and E (13.16 + 13.20 + 13.24)

13.26 Total FTE Paid Employees (13.12 + 13.2)

LIBRARIAN VACANCIES

13.27 Position Title

13.28 Primary Work Area

13.29 Education Level

13.30 Total Hours/Week

13.31 Number of Weeks Vacant during report period.

13.32 Annual Salary Range Minimum

13.33 Annual Salary Range Maximum

NEWLY CREATED LIBRARIAN POSITIONS

13.34 Position Title

13.35 Primary Work Area

13.36 Education Level

13.37 Total Hours/Week

13.38 Current Status: Filled or Unfilled

13.39 Date Filled (mm/year, if applicable)

ELIMINATED LIBRARIAN POSITIONS

13.40 Position Title

13.41 Primary Work Area

13.42 Education Level

13.43 Total Hours/Week

13.44 Date Eliminated (mm/year)

13.45 Last Annual Salary Paid

13.46 Reason Eliminated

LIBRARY VISITS

14.1 Total annual visits/attendance in the library [auto filled]

14.1a Library Visits Reporting Method

PROGRAMS, SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES AND ATTENDANCE AND VIEWS

Synchronous Programs:

Please refer to the 2026 IPLAR Instructions available on the Counting Opinions login screen, which provides definitions, examples, and guides for counting programs.

Self-Directed Activities:

Please refer to the 2026 IPLAR Instructions available on the Counting Opinions login screen, which provides definitions and examples.

15.1 Number of Synchronous Programs for Children Ages 0-5

15.2 Attendance at Synchronous Programs for Children Ages 0-5

15.3 Number of Children's Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities Ages 0-5

15.4 Participants at Children's Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities Ages 0-5

15.5 Number of Synchronous Programs for Children Ages 6-11

15.6 Attendance at Synchronous Programs for Children Ages 6-11

15.7 Number of Children's Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities Ages 6-11

15.8 Participants at Children's Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities Ages 6-11

15.9 Number of Synchronous Program Sessions for Young Adults Ages 12-18

15.10 Attendance at Synchronous Programs for Young Adults Ages 12-18

15.11 Number of Young Adult Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities Ages 12-18

15.12 Participants at Young Adult Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities Ages 12-18

15.13 Number of Synchronous Programs for Adults Ages 19 and over

15.14 Attendance at Synchronous Programs for Adults Ages 19 and over

15.15 Number of Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities for Adults Ages 19 and over

15.16 Participants at Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities for Adults ages 19 and over

15.17 Number of Synchronous Programs for General Interest (All Ages)

15.18 Attendance at Synchronous Programs for General Interest (All Ages)

15.19 Number of Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities for General Interest (All Ages)

15.20 Participants at Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities for General Interest (All Ages)

15.21 Total Number at Synchronous Programs

15.22 Total Attendance at Synchronous Programs

15.23 Total Number of Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities

15.24 Total Participants at Self-Directed (Asynchronous) Activities

ONSITE, OFFSITE AND VIRTUAL (ALL GROUP PROGRAMS BY TYPE)

15.29 Synchronous In-Person Onsite Program Sessions

15.30 Synchronous In-Person Onsite Program Attendance

15.31 Synchronous In-Person Offsite Program Sessions

15.32 Synchronous In-Person Offsite Program Attendance

15.33 Synchronous Virtual Program Sessions

15.34 Synchronous Virtual Program Session Attendance

15.35 Total Synchronous Program Sessions

15.36 Total Synchronous Program Session Attendance

ASYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS (SUBSET OF SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES)

15.37 Total Number of Asynchronous (Virtual) Program Presentations

15.38 Total Views of Asynchronous (Virtual) Program Presentations

REGISTERED USERS

16.1 Total Number of Unexpired Resident Cards

16.2 Total Number of Unexpired Non-resident Cards

16.2a Of the total in 16.2, how many Cards for Kids Act cards were issued?

16.2b Of the total in 16.2, how many Disabled Veterans cards were issued?

16.2c What was the total amount of the fees collected from the sale of non-resident cards during the past fiscal year?

16.3 Total Number of Registered Cards (16.1 + 16.2)

16.4 Is your library's registered user/patron file purged a minimum of one time every three years?

16.5 Does the library charge overdue fines to any users when they fail to return physical print materials by the date due?

16.6 Did your library board adopt a policy to waive the non-resident fee for persons under the age of 18?

RESOURCES OWNED

Please refer to the 2026 IPLAR guidance links on the Counting Opinions login screen, which provide definitions, examples, and guides for tracking collections and usage.

[17.1 Print Materials](#)

[17.2 Current Print Serial Subscriptions](#)

[17.3 Total Print Materials \(17.1 + 17.2\)](#)

[17.4 Audio Recordings: Physical Units Held at end of the fiscal year](#)

[17.5 DVDs/Videos: Physical Units Held at end of the fiscal year](#)

[17.6 Other Circulating Physical Items](#)

[17.7 Total Physical Items \(this is prefilled\)](#)

ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND COLLECTIONS

[17.8 Did your library provide access to e-Books purchased solely by the library?](#)

[17.9 Did your library provide access to e-Books purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?](#)

[17.10 Did your library provide access to e-Books provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? \(this is prefilled\)](#)

[17.11 Did your library provide access to e-Serials purchased solely by the library?](#)

[17.12 Did your library provide access to e-Serials purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?](#)

[17.13 Did your library provide access to e-Serials provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? \(this is prefilled\)](#)

17.14 Did your library provide access to e-Audio purchased solely by the library?

17.15 Did your library provide access to e-Audio purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?

17.16 Did your library provide access to e-Audio provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? (this is prefilled)

17.17 Did your library provide access to e-Video purchased solely by the library?

17.18 Did your library provide access to e-Video purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?

17.19 Did your library provide access to e-Video provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? (this is prefilled)

17.20 Did your library provide access to research databases purchased solely by the library?

17.21 Did your library provide access to research databases purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?

17.22 Did your library provide access to research databases provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to the public library? (this is prefilled)

17.23 Did your library provide access to online learning platforms purchased solely by the library?

17.24 Did your library provide access to research databases provided via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?

17.25 Did your library provide access to online learning platforms provided by the State Library at no or minimal cost to your library? (this is prefilled)

USE OF RESOURCES

18.1 Circulation of Adult Physical Material

18.2 Circulation of Young Adult Physical Material

18.3 Circulation of Children's Physical Material

18.4 Total number of physical materials loaned

18.5 Books - Physical

18.6 Videos/DVDs - Physical

18.7 Audios (include music) - Physical

18.8 Magazines/Periodicals - Physical

18.9 Other Items - Physical

18.10 Physical Item Circulation

18.11 Did your library offer automatic renewal for any physical materials during the reporting period?

18.12 e-Book Circulation

18.13 e-Serial Circulation

18.14 e-Audio Circulation

18.15 e-Video Circulation

18.16 Use of Electronic Materials

18.17 Total Circulation of Materials

18.18 Interlibrary Loans Provided TO Other Libraries

18.19 Interlibrary Loans Received FROM Other Libraries

18.20 If your library purchases research databases and online learning platforms, list the total use

PATRON SERVICES

19.1 Total Annual Reference Transactions

19.1a Reference Transactions Reporting Method

19.2 Total Annual One-on-One Tutorials

AUTOMATION

20.1 Total number of ALL computers in the library

20.2 Total number of PUBLIC USE (Internet and non-Internet accessible) computers in the library)

20.3 Is your library's catalog automated?

20.4 Is your library's catalog accessible via the web?

20.5 Does your library have a telecommunications messaging device for the hearing impaired?

INTERNET

21.1 Does your library have Internet access?

21.2a What is the maximum speed of your library's Internet connection? (Select one)

21.2b If Other, please specify

21.3 What is the monthly cost of the library's internet access?

21.4 Number of Internet Computers Available for Public Use

21.5 Number of Uses (Sessions) of Public Internet Computers Per Year

21.5a Reporting Method for Number of Uses of Public Internet Computers Per Year

21.6 Wireless Sessions Per Year

21.6a Reporting Method for Wireless Sessions

21.7 Does your library utilize Internet filters on some or all the public access computers?

21.8 Does your library provide instruction (workshops, classes) to patrons on the use of the internet?

E-RATE

22.1 Did your library apply directly for E-rate discounts for the fiscal year?

22.2a If YES, did your library apply for Category 1, Category 2, or both?

22.2b IF YES, what is the dollar amount that your library was awarded for the fiscal year report period?

22.3 If NO, why did your library NOT participate in the E-rate program?

STAFF AND TRUSTEE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

23.1 How much money did your library spend on staff and trustee development and training this fiscal year? (Round answer to the nearest whole dollar.)

23.2 Does the above amount include travel expenses?

23.3 How many hours of training did staff receive this year?

23.4 How many hours of training did trustees receive this year?

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

24.1 Are there any other factors that may have affected your library's annual report data of which you would like to make us aware?

24.2 Are there any unique programs or services your library provided during the report period of which you would like to make us aware?

24.3 Please provide any comments, suggestions, or concerns about the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR).

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT SECRETARY'S AUDIT

25.1 Upload Audit report.