

Connecting Our Community

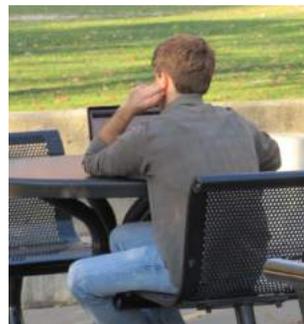
Your Gifts Enhance the River Forest Public Library for Everyone



<< Renovations to the Children’s Room in 2019 made the space more welcoming and more functional. The project was completely funded by the Foundation thanks to gifts from over 100 generous donors. The Children’s Room is the most heavily utilized area of the library.



>>The Memorial Garden was built with a gift from George Parry to the Foundation which pays for garden maintenance. The garden has been heavily used this year by friends meeting to visit, staff taking lunch breaks, and patrons using the library WiFi. The Library is a great meeting place, even when the building is closed.



^^ The Foundation provided a grant to purchase a new self-checkout machine, replacing an obsolete (and very obstinate) one. The new machine will help facilitate social distance for patrons and staff while providing more reliable and easy-to-use self-service for borrowing materials.

>> The Dooleys Concert is a fun annual event for all ages. Your support provides opportunities for the River Forest community to connect and enjoy special programs together such as concerts and author visits.



<< Teen Services launched “100 Books Before High School” program for middle school students this fall. A Foundation gift paid for these nifty backpacks which are awarded to teens who achieve the goal.

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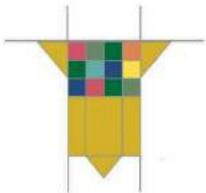
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Dear Friend,

River Forest Public Library (RFPL) lives at the heart and soul of our community. The Library connects the community in so many important ways from encouraging literacy and a love of reading in children to supporting adults and teens with information and enrichment as they explore ideas, learn skills, seek jobs, build relationships, and escape isolation.

This challenging year, RFPL has demonstrated that it is both essential and reaches far beyond the building. When the building closed in March, the Library quickly and nimbly transformed its offerings to serve you in new ways such as:

- Live story time for young children every morning via Facebook
- Remote library card signup and extended expiration dates for existing cards
- Expanded online access to e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, and magazines
- Virtual programs for all ages: crafts, book clubs, education, socials and more
- Personalized reading recommendations service
- On-going reference services and tech help delivered remotely
- Contact-free curbside pick-up of materials

As the situation evolved, your Library pivoted, planning how to welcome you back, and working to keep you and the staff safe. With changes required in every aspect of the operations, the staff continues to innovate to serve everyone and to ensure all resources are effectively utilized in today's environment.

As part of the Covid response, a Foundation grant will enable RFPL to replace an obsolete self-check machine to facilitate safer social distancing by patrons and staff. Thanks to generous donors, this year the Foundation also funded strategic initiatives, special programs, maintenance of the Memorial Garden and final Children's Room renovation costs.

Please join me in showing gratitude for the Library and its essential role in our community by **donating to the RFPL Foundation**. Your gift will help enhance the Library today and in the years to come—and express your appreciation for all it provides us.

Thank you for being a part of the RFPL community and for your support.

Elan Long
Board President

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