



Say thanks to River Forest Public Library and show your support for its service to our community. **Post this page in your window** so friends, neighbors and library staff can see that you value the way RFPL connects our community!

## River Forest Public Library:

# Connecting Our Community

Our River Forest Public Library (RFPL) lives at the heart and soul of our community. The Library connects the community in many important ways from encouraging literacy and a love of reading in infants and 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 continued to connect our community, proving the Library extends far beyond our beautiful building. When the building closed in March, the Library staff responded in many creative and agile ways that included:

- Live story time for young children every morning via Facebook
- Remote library card signup and extended expiration dates for existing cards
- Increased online access to e-books, audio books, movies, music, and magazines
- Online craft programs, book clubs, story times, social groups, and more
- Personalized reading recommendations service
- On-going reference services, tech help and the full digital library

As the situation evolved, your Library was transforming its offerings to serve you in new ways, planning how to welcome the community back, and working to keep staff and patrons safe:

- Providing curbside pickup for materials
- Assisting D90 launching summer book clubs open to all
- Preparing the building to reopen safely
- Managing patron visits with social distancing

We are so fortunate to have an excellent Library. More than 75% of River Forest residents hold RFPL library cards and many more people utilize its services. The Library receives less than \$0.02 of every property tax dollar—operating on a significantly smaller budget than comparable libraries in our area. Charitable donations to the RFPL Foundation\* enhance the connections to the community the Library offers today and in the future. Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation has recently funded Children’s Room renovations, strategic initiatives, special programs, and maintenance of the Memorial Garden.

Consider showing your appreciation for the Library in 3 simple ways:

- **Post the “I LOVE RFPL” sign** (see other side) in your window to show your support.
- **Sign up for Foundation News email** at [www.rfplfoundation.org](http://www.rfplfoundation.org) and receive monthly updates on what’s happening at the Library.
- **Donate to the RFPL Foundation** to enhance the Library today and in the years to come.  
You can give securely at [www.rfplfoundation.org](http://www.rfplfoundation.org) or by mail at the address below.

Thank you for being a part of the RFPL community and thank you for showing your appreciation for our wonderful Library.



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