

Librarian's Report
For April 7, 2025 Meeting

1. Microfilm Rolls

The microfilm has been sent to Advantage Archives to be digitized. They will send an invoice after they've received them so it can be paid in FY2024/2025.

2. New task chairs

The six new task chairs are here and in use.

3. Old task chairs

The old task chairs are in the storage room. What are your thoughts on what to do with them?

4. Technology Grant Updates

I signed the contract for CTS to do the installation of the new phone system. For our new phone system, the library will need another IP address. CTS and Lazerware are working on that. This will be needed before further progress on installation of the phone system.

5. Project Next Generation Updates

Project Next Generation grants are funded using Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds provided to the State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Per Rita Stephens, Library Program Specialist for the Illinois State Library:

"We do not know the status of IMLS funding in the FY25 federal budget reconciliation package that Congress is working on now. The Illinois State Library is not opening any FY2026 offerings normally funded with federal LSTA dollars (like PNG) until we know more from IMLS."

The good news is that your current grant award is fine – keep spending and sending in those reports requesting reimbursement."

Per the American Library Association on April 1, 2025:

“Yesterday, we got breaking news that nearly all staff at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) was placed on administrative leave and, as a result, all processing of grants has been suspended.1 Within weeks, libraries across the country will experience the impact of this loss of funds.”

6. Quarterly Reports

Quarterly reports for the PNG grant and the Technology grant are due April 15.

7. IPLAR (Illinois Public Library Annual Report)

This annual report is required by the Illinois State Library which collects compiles, preserves and publishes public library statistical information. It is due 60 days after the end of the library’s fiscal year. It is quite extensive and time consuming. I will be working on this report to have it ready to submit by the deadline of May 30.

8. Library Closures

The library will be closed Friday, April 18 for Good Friday, as well as Saturday, April 19 per board approval at the June 3, 2024 board meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Apr. 1	Board of Trustees Budget Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Apr. 3	Popcorn Thursday	All Day
<i>Apr. 7 – Apr. 12 National Library Week</i>		
Apr. 7	In Honor of NLW, enjoy 3 kinds of delicious popcorn!	
Apr. 7	PNG Sphero Coding with RVR+ Robots	4:00 pm
Apr. 7	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:00 pm
Apr. 8	In Honor of NLW, it’s Cookie Day!	
Apr. 9	In Honor of NLW, it’s Donut Day!	
Apr. 9	PNG Sphero Coding with RVR+ Robots	10:00 am
Apr. 10	In Honor of NLW, Popcorn Thursday!	All Day
Apr. 11	In Honor of NLW, it’s Cupcake Day!	
Apr. 14	PNG Sphero Coding with RVR+ Robots	4:00 pm
Apr. 15	Hosting Addington Residents Event	1:00 pm
Apr. 17	Popcorn Thursday	All Day
Apr. 17	Kids Club Zone – Easter Fun	4:00 pm
Apr. 18	Library Closed – Good Friday	

Apr. 19	Library Closed	
Apr. 21	PNG Sphero Coding with RVR+ Robots	4:00 pm
Apr. 23	PNG Sphero Coding with RVR+ Robots	10:00 am
Apr. 28	PNG Sphero Coding with RVR+ Robots	4:00 pm
Apr. 30	PNG Sphero Coding with RVR+ Robots	10:00 am

Respectfully submitted by Susan Colbert on April 7, 2025