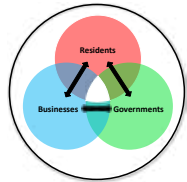


From the Northbrook Economic Development Committee

The Northbrook Public Library: Where Community Happens

Every day, the Northbrook Public Library welcomes the community to enjoy its rich collections, inviting space, and helpful staff. In addition to being a trusted and reliable source of information, the library empowers people with access to current technologies, provides opportunities for lifelong learning, and fosters valuable social connections.



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Sustainable Partnerships Built on Common Ground

Whether it's toddlers gaining early literacy skills at storytime, students meeting to study, or adults getting one-on-one technology help, the library strengthens the community by providing a social space for lifelong learning. According to one patron, "the library provides a community center that affords me something really special: reconnection."

As well as functioning as a community meeting place for residents, the library is also a strong supporter of local businesses, who in turn support the library through taxes. All companies and businesses located in incorporated Northbrook are eligible to receive a library card and make use of the library's extensive resources. This is the manifestation of the interrelationships depicted in the EDC logo above.



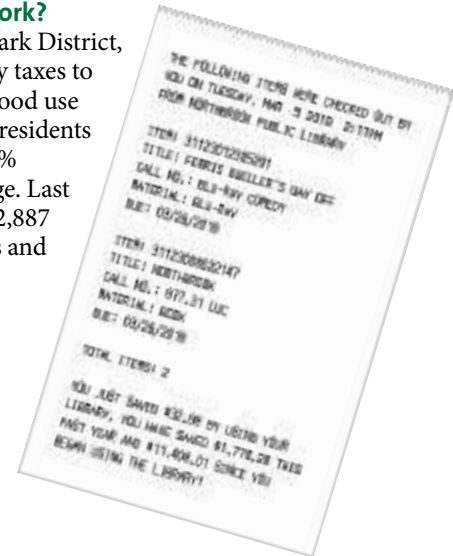
"The Collaboratory is AMAZING! It is a source of pride for the library and the entire Northbrook community."

The library also partners with over 60 local organizations, including schools, private businesses, assisted living communities, and government and charitable organizations, to provide a wealth of programming and services to the public. One such example is our partnership with the Northbrook Arts Commission which is currently hosting the *Northbrook Originals* art exhibit at the library.

How are tax dollars put to work?

Like the Village, schools, and Park District, the library depends on property taxes to serve its residents, who make good use of its resources. In fact, 70% of residents have a library card, which is 13% higher than the national average. Last fiscal year, the library served 22,887 cardholders with 373,474 visits and over 1.24 million checkouts!

The library provides over \$28 million in materials, programs, and services with an annual operating budget of \$7 million, which means for every tax dollar spent, we provide a \$4 return on investment to the community.



How are taxes allocated?

Each fall, the Library Board of Trustees passes a levy after determining the funds necessary to run the library in the coming year. As the library cannot levy on its own behalf, the Village Board of Trustees must pass the levy in order for the county to collect taxes for the library.



Each spring, the library creates an operating budget. The Library Board approves the budget before the new fiscal year starts on May 1.

The library staff and Board take fiscal responsibility very seriously. In 2018, the library was awarded a national 4-star rating based on its strong return on investment compared to peer libraries with the same funding.

To learn more, the public is invited to attend a Library Board meeting, held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Civic Room of the Northbrook Public Library.

New Businesses

Northbrook welcomes the following new businesses to the community:

Armaga VR, Inc.
Northbrook Court

Banjo's Dog Wash
527 Dundee Road

Etcetera Essentials
Northbrook Court

Compass Realty Advisors North
3137 Dundee Road

The Kindness Connection
Northbrook Court

Sacred Enterprises
Northbrook Court

Suncrest Hospice
(office only)
5 Revere Suite 130

If you have questions or suggestions about business development in Northbrook, please contact Development and Planning Services Director Tom Poupard at 847-664-4051 or email tom.poupard@northbrook.il.us

