

# LIBRARY REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

## **I. Unit of government submitting this report:**

Name of Library: Danvers Township Library

Address of Main Library Office: 117 E. Exchange St. Danvers IL 61732

## **II. Information about our Library**

A. We are located in McLean County. There are 15 libraries in our County.

B. The population of the territory in which our Library is located is 1853 (as of 2020 census).

C. We have 6 employees of the Library (not including board members).

D. Our annual budget for FY 22/23 is: \$192,750.00

E. Our Library's equalized assessed valuation (EAV) for 2023 is \$51,975,686

## **III. Information about Our Committee**

A. Committee Members:

Board President Barbara Borg

Trustee Dean Miller

Trustee Jeanne Kahner

Trustee Danielle Grant

Trustee Linda Schuerman

Trustee Elizabeth Wood

Trustee Madelyn Wheeler

Executive Director Lori Priebe

Library Resident Jake Reeder

Library Resident Norman Rocke

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the library board of trustees (President and Trustees), the Executive Director or other official of the Library, and two residents appointed by the Board President. The President may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

B. Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First Meeting (must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 8, 2023

Second Meeting: June 12, 2023

Third Meeting: August 14, 2023

Additional Meetings (List All, if any):

#### **IV. Core Programs or Services Offered by our Library**

A. Our Library offers the following core services and programs:

Books, Playaways, games, toys, STEM kits, puzzles, Rokus, puzzles, cake pans and laptops are all available to be checked out. We also have public computers and an AWE computer, and patrons have access to printing, faxing, and scanning. Our Makerspace room has a 3D printer, Brother embroidery machine, and Cricut & Brother Scan-n-Cut. We have 2 platforms, Libby & Axis 360, where patrons can listen to audiobooks or read eBooks. Recently, we added Creativebug to our resources where patrons can learn a variety of crafting skills. Our library is also part of Explore More Illinois which offers discounts to area attractions to cardholders.

Our programming includes a monthly story and craft for children, Summer Reading Program and Adult Winter Reading Program, a minimum of 1 adult program per month, and a monthly book club for adults. We also offer different programs every month such as escape rooms, art classes, mushroom classes, garden classes, knitting classes, science presentations, and more!

B. Other core services/programs we could possibly provide: N/A

#### **V. Awards and Recognitions**

Our Library has received the following awards, distinctions and recognitions:

Our Library was named a Star Library by the Library Journal Magazine. We were ranked number 9 in the United States for our population.

## **VI. Intergovernmental Agreements**

We partner with or have Intergovernmental Agreements with the following other governments *(list as many as you have)*:

Entity:	Services Offered:
Explore More Illinois	Free/Discounted Passes
Illinois Libraries Present	Zoom presentations for our patrons
Resource Sharing Alliance	

Our library patrons have access to the holdings of the catalogs of 195 libraries. They can requisition materials to be delivered to our library via the RAILS delivery service.

Our Library's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following ways *(list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.)*: N/A

## **VII. Community Partnerships**

We partner with the following organizations *(list as many as you have)*:

Organization:	Services Offered:
Danvers Historical Society	Displaying historical pictures and documents for them.
Danvers Lions Club	We work together at the village Christmas Tree lighting.
Olympia North Elementary	We offer field trips and opportunities for them to display their work.

## **VIII. Review of Laws, Policies, Rules and Procedures, Training Materials, and other Documents**

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Library in order to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

X Yes State laws applicable to Libraries

X Yes Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.)

X Yes Policy on public comment

X Yes Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))

X Yes All Board Members have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS120/1.05(b))

X Yes Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Library Board (5 ILCS 120/2.03) X Yes Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.)

X Yes Designation of FOIA Officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

X Yes FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))

X Yes Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

X Yes Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))

X Yes List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Library Control (5 ILCS 140/5)

X Yes Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS120/2.06(d)) N/A IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)

X Yes Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1 et seq.)

X Yes All applicable officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5 et seq.)

X Yes Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS5/2-109(C))

X Yes Our Intergovernmental Agreements

X Yes Our budget and financial documents

X Yes State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees

X Yes Reports on government efficiency, including “Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments” by Wendell Cox (2016);

Others (List Below or Attach):

**IX. What Have We Done Well?** (List any budget/levy freezes or reductions in the past decade; list new programs or services offered to residents over the past decade; list any ethics ordinances adopted; timely FOIA compliance; responsiveness to public; list any new intergovernmental agreements; list any increase in number of library patrons served, etc.)

Our Library has come in under budget every year within the past decade.

Illinois Libraries Presents and Explore More Illinois are new intergovernmental agreements.

We have had very few FOIA requests but have responded to all of them within 48 hours.

We are a member of the RAILS.

RAILS delivers millions of items between Illinois libraries each year. The library mail rate is approximately \$3.47 for the first pound and \$.66 for each additional pound, showing the great value of the RAILS delivery service. Our library participates in eRead Illinois, our readers check out approximately 1200 eBooks and audiobooks each year. 56 email discussion lists, including lists on a wide variety of topics for almost every staff position. They offer a variety of in-person and continuing education workshops to help library staff.

New services offered: We have several new types of items available for checkout.

- Rokus
- Puzzles
- Toys
- STEM toys
- Games
- Cake Pans
- A makerspace room was added with a 3D printer, sewing/embroidery machine, and Cricut for patrons to use free of charge.
- Axis360 & Libby
- CreativeBug
- RSAcat mobile app
- Escape rooms
- Playaways
- Wonderbooks/Vox
- Graphic novels
- Designated Young Adult literature section
- Adult Winter Reading Program
- Bookworms: A Danvers Book Club
- Coffee station for patrons
- A new copier with color capabilities, faxing, and scanning
- AWE learning computer

**X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are Our Next Steps?**

N/A

**XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?**

N/A

**XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies**

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that the average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals.

**XIII. Our Committee's Recommendations Regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency:**

Note: This Report must be filed with the county (or counties) no later than 18 months after the first committee meeting.

Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman,  
Decennial Efficiency Committee

Date of Committee Approval of Report: \_\_\_\_\_