

Navigating through a challenging budget change



The Library Board of Trustees approved the 2018 budget which reflects a change in budget strategy. The Crown Point Community Library has proved to be an asset to the community in the past and will continue to provide a valuable resource despite budget adjustments. The goal of the Library Board of Trustees is to continue to meet the needs of our community as well as remain responsible stewards of the taxpayer money. This strategy limits expenditures to equal the amount of actual tax revenue received and minimize the use of savings to meet expenditures.

Beginning October 16, 2017, the Winfield Branch Library will have new hours to make the best use of staffing, services, and programming. The new hours are as follows:

- Sunday and Monday – Closed
- Tuesday and Thursday – 10 – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday – 10 – 5 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 – 2 p.m.

Beginning January 7, 2018, the Crown Point Library will be closed on Sundays.

The Crown Point and Winfield communities are enriched by library services. The library remains one of the best resources for families to save money on entertainment and education. The library welcomes everyone. With a library card, residents have FREE access to:

- Books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks
- Use of computers and high-speed internet
- Educational and cultural programs
- Databases and other digital materials that may be accessed from the comforts of home
- Use of meeting rooms for public and private events (some fees may apply)

As careful planning for the future is underway, the Library thanks you for your continued support for your library and its services.

If you have questions please contact Library Director Selina Gomez-Beloz at (219) 306-8071 or email director@crownpoinlibrary.org.

Will this impact library services?

The CPCL Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of library services. The library has two locations that provide service to the City of Crown Point and Winfield. Although the new budget adjustments reduces, in part, hours and funds, the library will continue to provide excellent service, as always.

How many hours are being reduced?

16 total hours will be reduced between both libraries.

- 4 hours at the Crown Point Library (effective January 2018)
- 12 at the Winfield Library (effective October 2017)

Will this impact library materials?

The CPCL Board of Trustees recognizes their duty to remain fiscally responsible to the taxpayer. Although the new budget strategy will reduce funds in many areas, the library will continue to dedicate 8% of the budget to new materials, per state standards. In addition, items in excellent condition donated to the Library are often used to enhance the collection and/or add additional copies as needed.

Will this impact community programs?

The library will continue to offer educational and cultural programs. Funding from the library's Mini Golf event supports programming for all ages at both libraries. The Mini Golf event will occur on even numbered years. The next event is scheduled for April 14, 2018.

The CPCL will find new and innovative ways to support the budget in the years to come so that we may continue to enhance services at both libraries.