

For Immediate Release:

Sugar Grove Public Library District to be Closed on Sundays Beginning September

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Effective September 1st, the Sugar Grove Public Library District will be closed on Sundays. The Library District will operate Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and will be closed on Fridays and Sundays. The Sugar Grove Library District Board of Trustees approved the new hours at the 8/24/22 board meeting.

This change represents an 8% reduction in operating hours from 50 to 46 hours and will help stabilize the costs of maintaining an aging facility.

The Sugar Grove Public Library District was established in 1963 and for the majority of its history, was located at 54 Snow Street, a 6,000 square foot building. The Library District opened its current 26,000 square foot building at 125 S. Municipal Drive in 2009 after the public voted yes to a building bond for \$8,000,000 in 2004. However, the public voted no to a higher tax limiting rate to fund the operations of a larger facility. As the building is now 13 years old, maintenance costs continue to increase, and the Library must prepare for upcoming capital needs expenses to maintain the facility.

Between 1981 - 2014, there have been 16 failed ballot initiatives to secure an increase in operational funding. The Library District has worked to keep costs low since the last failed attempt in 2014, by relying on the most affordable vendor contracts, utilizing volunteers to assist with the daily workload, employing an all part-time staff without benefits, and consistently applying for grants. However, Library Administration has made the difficult decision that operating 6 days a week is no longer fiscally sustainable given the revenue limitations.

The Library District's Leadership including the Library Director and Board of Trustees invites the public to review the 2022-2024 strategic plan and join in upcoming conversations this Fall about the future of the Sugar Grove Public Library District. We welcome input to help us identify how we can best support the community. To ensure you hear about the survey when it is released, please subscribe to the Library's email newsletter or follow us on social media. Our email subscription signup is located at the bottom of the Library's homepage: www.sgpl.org.

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About the Library:

The Sugar Grove Public Library District is located at 125 S. Municipal Drive, Sugar Grove IL 60554. It serves a 37 square mile radius area that covers 16,114 residents of Sugar Grove, as well as parts of Montgomery and Aurora. The Library serves Sugar Grove Township, and Blackberry Township south of Seavey Road, except those areas annexed by North Aurora to the northeast and Aurora to the east. The Library has 7,357 cardholders or 46% of the district population. In the 2021-2022 year, there were 45,368 visitors, 3,592 program attendees and 220 programs, and 90,895 print materials circulated.

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