

**DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT
REPORT**

A. Unit of government submitting this report:

a. NAME OF UNIT: GRIDLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this report.

B. Information about our Library District

- a. We are located in McLean and Livingston Counties.
- b. The population of our Library District is 2,105, as of the 2020 census.
- c. We have 6 employees of the Library District (not including elected officials).
- d. Our annual budget for 2022-2023 is: \$150,120.
- e. Our Library District's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$76,097,289.

C. Information about Our Committee

a. Committee Members:

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| i. Library Director | <u>Sheryl Solomonson</u> _____ |
| ii. Library Board President | <u>Evan Giesel</u> _____ |
| iii. Library Board Vice-President | <u>Brianne Hermann</u> _____ |
| iv. Library Board Secretary | <u>Shannon Brucker</u> _____ |
| v. Library Board Treasurer | <u>Colleen Ringger</u> _____ |
| vi. Library Board Member | <u>Al Hany</u> _____ |
| vii. Library Board Member | <u>Shelia Watkins</u> _____ |
| viii. Library Board Member | <u>Joan Comincioli</u> _____ |
| ix. Library District Representative | <u>Anna Allen</u> _____ |
| x. Library District Representative | <u>David Fever</u> _____ |
| xi. Library District Representative | <u>Travis Cornwall</u> _____ |

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the governing board and two residents appointed by the Supervisor.

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

- i. First (Organizational) Meeting: March 16, 2023
- ii. Second Meeting: April 20, 2023
- iii. Third Meeting: June 15, 2023

D. Programs Offered by our Library.

- a. Our Library District offers the following services and programs:
 - i. General Assistance
 - ii. Youth Programs
 - iii. Adult/Community Programs

E. Social Service Agreements

- a. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services:

- i. Community Care
- ii. 4-H
- iii. Girl Scouts

- b. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:
 - i. Access to in-home care services, adult day care, home delivered meals, financial aid programs, transportation programs, home modification and weatherization, assistive technology, respite, emergency home response, medication management, Medicare Part D and other resources.
 - ii. The local 4-H club displays their fair exhibits and advertises community activities in the library throughout the year.
 - iii. Girl Scouts regularly use our basement meeting room to conduct meetings and complete activities without disrupting the general public but yet meeting in a central and public place that is convenient for all members.

F. Intergovernmental Agreements

- a. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments:
 - i. None

G. Review of Laws, District Policies, District Rules and Procedures, District Training Materials, and other Documents

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

- State laws applicable to Libraries, including, but not limited to the Illinois Library District Act (75 ILCS 10)
- Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- Policy on public comment
- Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
- All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- Schedule of All District Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
- Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under District's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)

- All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
- Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts
- Our budget and financial documents
- State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)
- Others (List Below or Attach):

H. What Have We Done Well?

- a. We provide a multitude of services for all ages.
- b. We have been accommodating of patrons with health issues, including delivering books to patrons' vehicles when they are not able to come inside the building, finding books in harder to reach places for patron with mobility issues, and offering materials in a variety of formats (large print, voice recording, etc.).

I. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?

- a. Upper level of library is not ADA Compliant. At this time, there is not a space in the budget nor is there adequate building space to install a lift or ramp that would meet ADA requirements. The staff currently assists any patrons who need access to the upstairs section of the library and we have created opportunities to make sure programs are in the accessible portion of the library as much as possible.
- b. Add a handicap door open button to the main library door.
- c. A standby generator for the library in the event of emergencies.

J. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

- a. Work with village/county Disaster/emergency management personnel to establish library as a heating/cooling/charging station for residents in a weather emergency.
- b. Our website is functional, but not great. One of our more immediate goals is to update the website and combine websites with the Telephone Museum to improve contact and reach.

Submitted by: _____
 Director, Gridley Public Library District

Date: _____