

Librarian's Report
For October 6, 2025 Meeting

1. iREAD Grant

iREAD supplies Summer Reading materials. The Friends pay for these. For the first time, they have offered a grant to help offset the expense of Summer Reading. Ten small and rural libraries will be awarded \$250. I have applied for this grant.

2. ILLINET Interlibrary Loan & Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey

I submitted this required report on September 19. This report measures how many of our library's items have been loaned to other libraries, as well as how many items our patrons have borrowed from other libraries.

3. Per Capita Grant Requirements

Currently, the requirements have not been announced.

4. Library Crawl Information

The 7th Annual Library Crawl Will Take Place Oct. 1–31, 2025. Last year, our library received 64 visitors from around our region.

The Annual Library Crawl is a unique event organized by the public libraries of Illinois Heartland Library System as a fun way to introduce our public library's patrons to the other libraries of the IHLS service area. Patrons visit area libraries throughout the month of the crawl and get a passport stamp at each library they visit. Some patrons have tried to visit every library in the crawl! The main purpose, though, is to help participants discover the many, many great resources available to them with their library cards.

5. Early Closing for October 31, 2025

Halloween is on Thursday, October 31. In the past, there has been little or no patron activity on this evening and the library has closed early.

For your consideration: The board needs a motion, discussion and vote to close the library early on October 31.

6. Upcoming Events

October 1 – 31 Library Crawl begins
October 2: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts
October 6: Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 9: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts
October 11: Introduction to Barn Quilts, 11am – 1:00 pm
October 13: Kids Sewing, 3:30 – 6:30pm
October 16: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts
October 16: Kids Club Zone, ages 2-10 yrs., 4:00 – 5:00 pm
October 18: Lynette's All Day Workshop, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm, Cursive Writing & Analog Time Telling
October 23: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts
October 27: Kids Sewing Class, 3:30 – 6:30 pm (This Class is Full)
October 30: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts
October 31: Library Crawl ends

Respectfully submitted by Susan Colbert on October 6, 2025