



2014-16 CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN for the WEST LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY, TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

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I. OVERVIEW

The West Lafayette Public Library serves the residents of the library city of West Lafayette, Indiana. The total population of the city which is served is 29,596, according to the 2010 census. The district is located in the north central portion of Indiana in the county of Tippecanoe.

The seven-member Board of Trustees is composed of one appointee by the Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, one appointee by the City Council of West Lafayette, two appointees by the West Lafayette Community School Corporation, one appointee by the Tippecanoe County School Corporation, one appointee by the Tippecanoe County Council, and one appointee by the Tippecanoe County Commissioners. West Lafayette Public Library board members are appointed for four year terms.

The West Lafayette Public Library currently employs 15 full-time-equivalent (FTE) staff members.

The West Lafayette Public Library has 2013 annual budgets of \$889,015 in the Operating Fund, \$104,986 in the Library Capital Projects Fund, and \$890,000 in the Debt Service Fund.

Certified levy rates for 2013 are: \$0.0725 for the Operating Fund, \$0.1201 for the Debt Service Fund and \$0.0129 for the Library Capital Projects Fund.

The West Lafayette Public Library has an assessed valuation of \$762,771,216 for the year 2013.

Needs Assessment

Plan Year 2014 funds will be used for scheduled repairs to the West Lafayette Public Library's parking garage, the library building and its equipment, and maintenance of and repairs to and staff work with the West Lafayette Public Library's computer system. Some funds will be used for emergency repairs as needed. Year 2015 funds will be used for scheduled repairs to the West Lafayette Public Library's parking garage, the library building and its equipment, maintenance of, repairs to, and staff work with the West Lafayette Public Library's computer system and to provide for emergency repairs as needed. Year 2016 funds will be used for scheduled repairs to the Library's parking garage, the library building and its equipment, for maintenance of, repairs to and staff work with the Library's computer system and to provide emergency repairs as needed.



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II. SUMMARY OF PRESENT FACILITIES

The West Lafayette Public Library has a central library building in the Village area of downtown West Lafayette. Pertinent statistics on the facility are as follows:

West Lafayette Library, 208 West Columbia Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

The West Lafayette Public Library was completely rebuilt and opened in September 2004. The expansion increased the West Lafayette Public Library's square feet of usable space from 17,000 to 60,000 square feet which included expanded space in every department and a full basement.

The library building includes ample public seating and shelving space, up-to-date computer and audiovisual equipment available to the public, public meeting space for over 300 people including a new Children's Program Room and outdoor amphitheater. Too, the library offers extensive arts display areas, work and storage space available to the Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library including a public "Friends Bookstore", space dedicated to joint/ongoing cooperation with West Lafayette's Frank Lloyd Wright home SAMARA, and energy efficient mechanical systems.

West Lafayette Public Library circulation increased by over 25% after the Library completed its 2003-04 expansion effectively proving that the public values the new West Lafayette Public Library.

West Lafayette Public Library Parking Garage. The garage is located across Columbia Street from the West Lafayette Public Library Building, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906. Opened in October, 2004, parking garage offers 144 parking spaces for West Lafayette Public Library patrons and patrons of the Morton Community Center. Parking is shared with the Morton Community Center thanks to an inter-local agreement signed by the West Lafayette Public Library Board and the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Board.

The garage is well used by West Lafayette Public Library and Morton Center patrons during regular West Lafayette Public Library hours and is open to public use after the West Lafayette Public Library closes each day. The library garage is well used almost every hour of the day.

Library Building value: \$7,029,750

Library Furnishings and book value: \$2,870,175

Library Parking Garage value: \$1,730,400



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III. SERVICE AREA/ANNUAL STATISTICS

The library city that forms the West Lafayette Public Library district covers 3 (three) square miles.

Based on 2010 census results, the West Lafayette Public Library serves a city with a total population of 29,596. The population served by the West Lafayette Public Library is growing.

The West Lafayette Public Library has over 28,500 registered borrowers who live in or pay property taxes in the district. Because of the West Lafayette Public Library's signature on the Indiana State Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement visitors from other libraries are welcome to the use the West Lafayette Public Library, resulting in a total library card base of over 36,000 people from a multi county area including Purdue faculty, students and staff. Because the Library is a member of the Evergreen Indiana consortium our library's collections are available to over 795,000 Indiana library district residents state-wide.

As a member of Evergreen Indiana the Library resident patrons now have one-click access to over 2.7 million titles from the collections 99 public libraries across Indiana, many of which can be delivered to the Library for the patron to pick up within days. **Nearly 11,000 books were transited in/out of the West Lafayette Public Library for Evergreen Indiana library patrons in 2012!**

Overall, circulation of books and other library materials continued at a high rate for 2012.

The West Lafayette Public Library contains a total of over 176,000 cataloged items; in 2012 more than 3,000 items (books, music, DVDs, etc.) were added to the Library's collections, **many of them donations from residents of our community.**

Thanks to ongoing participation in a multi-library consortium purchase with other libraries in Indiana, the Library offers library patrons downloadable e-Books. **The eBook Consortium with which our library is active currently offers over 7,600 e-Books for loan.**

The West Lafayette Public Library's website offers 24/7 access to Library patrons looking for titles at our Library as well as those in 101 other public libraries across Indiana, enables patrons to request the Library purchase titles not currently held, allows patrons to place holds on titles (again across 101 public libraries) for pick-up at the West Lafayette Public Library, and allows Library patrons to renew books and other Library materials at their convenience.

Over 9,400 reference questions were answered by our librarians in 2012. **Internet use in the Library** is enormously popular with over 15,200 recorded uses of the West Lafayette Public Library Internet public access terminals in an average month and many more connections to the Library's wireless internet access.



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The Library's newly opened **Digital Media Center (DIG-ME Center)** is offering community residents the opportunity to access advanced computer software suites, engage in high quality audio- and tele-conferencing and take classes on hundreds of computer related topics by using LYNDA.com. The Digital Media Center was developed thanks to significant Federal funding provided through the Indiana State Library as well as funding from the Library's 2012 and 2013 Capital Projects Fund and donations from the Friends of the Library.

Over 21,500 people attended the over 600 programs sponsored by the West Lafayette Public Library and over 500 programs sponsored by community groups at the Library **during 2012**. Programs sponsored by the Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library and programs co-sponsored with the WALLA program of Greater Lafayette and the Tippecanoe County Public Library bring hundreds of people to the West Lafayette Public Library annually.

The Library's Summer Reading Club, part of a national summer reading program for public libraries, regularly enrolls hundreds of young readers. And the West Lafayette Public Library's growing arts and culture programming highlights visual, musical and performing arts talent of all ages to our community at no cost to visitors. And the Library's fourth annual FAMILY FUN DAY (funded with moneys from the Indiana Arts Commission through the Tippecanoe Arts Federation) brought over 500 residents to our Library for an autumn afternoon of fun and learning.

The Library takes part in the West Lafayette Farmer's Market for the fifth year this coming summer, offering a direct connection with library collections, services and staff for residents in the northern neighborhoods of West Lafayette.

Two all-hours book drops at the Payless supermarket on Sagamore Parkway and Purdue's Research Park in West Lafayette and an all-hours book drop at the central library in West Lafayette provide all-hours book and media return for our patrons.

The Indiana State Library's courier service keeps our Library in **regular direct contact with other local libraries four days a week**.

The **West Lafayette Public Library and nearby Morton Community Center** are served by the West Lafayette Public Library parking garage which can hold up to 144 automobiles. The garage is well used by West Lafayette Public Library and Morton Community Center patrons; the Library's garage is also well used by people visiting the Village area after the library is closed and before the library opens.

The West Lafayette Public Library is open 66 (sixty six) hours each week, seven days a week.

In total, the West Lafayette Public Library provides 3,432 hours of public service at the West Lafayette Public Library each year.



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IV. ANTICIPATED INCOME for the CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The calculations below are based on a 2013 assessed valuation of \$762,771,216.

Recent experience has shown the West Lafayette Public Library's tax base can increase at a rate of approximately 1 - 2% per year; however with the changes expected with property tax reform we have calculated no change in assessed value in the years 2014 through 2016.

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Assessed Valuation	\$762,771,216	\$778,026,640	\$793,587,173
Tax Rate	0.0133	0.0133	0.0136
Property Taxes	\$101,449	\$104,492	\$107,627
Auto/CVET Excise Taxes	\$3,900	\$4,000	\$4,000
Bank Taxes	\$200	\$500	\$500
Cash Balance	0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Interest	0	0	0
TOTALS:	\$105,549	\$109,992	\$113,127

CUMULATIVE 3 YEAR TOTAL: \$328,668

As the cost for internet access – and the many computer services we all use more and more each day – continues to rise, it is vitally important that the Library offers free-to-the-user access to a wide variety of resources to meet a wide variety of wants and needs, and to serve as a source of information for a wide variety of topics for residents of many ages, backgrounds, and interests.

The Capital Projects Fund is the main contributor to maintaining, repairing and strengthening our West Lafayette Public Library’s computer system which offers both the means to access information and key access points for local residents to seek this information from their homes, offices, and in-person at the Library.

The Capital Projects Fund is the main contributor to the maintenance of and repairs to our community’s West Lafayette Public Library parking garage and building. The parking garage serves the West Lafayette Public Library and Morton Community Center as well as visitors to the greater Village area. Improvements to the library building will be ongoing as the building and grounds near ten years of age and as changes to meet ADA standards are determined.



V. PROPOSED USES FOR FUNDS

Plan Status to Date

At the end of 2013, it is expected all funding will be used. The balance in the fund will be \$0.

Plan Year 2014

Estimated revenue for 2014 is \$105,549.

The 2014 funds, together with any balance from 2013, will be used to provide scheduled repairs to the of the Public Library's parking garage with an **estimated cost of \$62,500.**

Library Capital Project Funds will be used to continue to provide our popular and needed computer services to our community with funding used for purchase of software, hardware and computer staff expenses. These services are even more popular all with the opening **our new community access media center (DIG-ME)** made possible with funding from the Library Capital Projects Fund, the Friends of the Library and federal dollars provided through the Indiana State Library (LSTA funds).

The Library will continue its leadership role in the Evergreen Indiana library consortium which shares computer costs and resources across over 100 public libraries in Indiana; Library Director Nick Schenkel is a member of the Evergreen Indiana Executive Committee, helping to set policy and long-range planning for the state-wide consortium.

Evergreen Indiana offers our resident patrons a significantly larger consortium-wide library catalog and circulation system. The West Lafayette Public Library shares costs for maintenance and development of the ILS with over one hundred other public libraries in Indiana; part of the Library's ongoing efforts to control costs for our taxpayers.

As called for in our previous Capital Projects Plan, the Library has made significant updates to our wireless computing infrastructure, made possible by a combination of Capital Projects funding and from a grant received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Too, the Library will use some of the Capital Projects Fund money to help pay for library staff who work to keep our many computer services functioning at peak level for patron and staff use.

The estimated cost for 2014 for all of the Library's computer projects is \$31,500.

The balance of the funds in the Capital Projects Fund **for 2014 is estimated to be \$11,000** and will be used for repairs to the library building and equipment and to respond meeting to ADA standards. This newer part of the Capital Projects Fund does not come from an increase in the Capital Fund budget; it is made possible by re-aligning projected expenses for repairs to the Library's garage and service to the Library's computer services and systems.

The balance of the funds, if available is estimated to be \$549. These funds will be set aside for garage repairs, computer purchases and a small emergency fund in 2014.



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Plan Year 2015

Estimated revenue for 2015 is \$109,992.

The 2015 funds will be used to provide scheduled repairs to the West Lafayette Public Library's parking garage with an **estimated cost of \$55,000.**

2015 Library Capital Project Funds will be used to continue to provide popular and needed computer services to our community by providing funding for software, hardware, databases, and computer related staff costs.

The Library's participation with Evergreen Indiana and other Indiana library consortia to provide ever increasing online access to books, music, video and electronic materials (eBooks, e-audio books, downloadable music, etc.) will require additional funding, allowed by this budget line of the Capital Projects Fund.

Even as the Library and our community benefit from sharing the ongoing costs for computer maintenance and development with other libraries as part of the Library's ongoing efforts to control and when possible reduce costs for our taxpayers, the library patrons' increasing demands for wireless computer access and the need to continue to provide competent, service oriented and computer savvy staff will require additional funds, provided within the funding proposal for the 2015 Capital Projects Fund.

The estimated cost for computer services and computer related staffing **in 2015 is \$36,000.**

Repairs to the Library building and equipment will continue in 2015 as will the Library's response to meeting ADA standards. The cost for these repairs 2015 is **budgeted at \$18,000.**

The balance of the funds, if available is **estimated to be \$992.** These funds will be set aside for garage repairs, computer purchases and a small emergency fund in 2015.



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Plan Year 2016

Estimated revenue for 2016 is \$113,127.

The 2016 funds will be used to provide repairs to the West Lafayette Public Library's parking garage with an **estimated cost of \$55,000**.

2016 Library Capital Project Funds will continue to be used to provide popular and needed computer services to our community by providing funding for software, hardware, databases, and computer related staff costs.

The Library's work with Evergreen Indiana and other Indiana library consortia will provide ever increasing online access to books, music, video and electronic materials (eBooks, e-audio books, downloadable music, etc.) with ongoing Capital Projects funding.

Library patrons' increasing demands for wireless computer access and the need to continue to provide competent, service oriented and computer savvy staff will require additional funds even as our community benefits from our sharing of ongoing costs for computer maintenance and development with other libraries as part of the Library's ongoing efforts to control and when possible reduce costs for our taxpayers. The cost for 2016 is **budgeted at \$38,000**.

Repairs to the Library building and equipment will continue in 2016 as will the Library's response to changes to meet ADA standards, all with funding from the Library Capital Projects Plan. The budgeted cost for these repairs **in 2016 is \$19,500**.

The balance of the funds, if available, **is estimated to be \$627**. These funds will be set aside for garage repairs, computer purchases and a small emergency fund in 2016.



VI. CONCLUSION of the 2014-16 CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN

The West Lafayette Public Library will continue on its ambitious program of service to the community while maintaining a conservative fiscal approach to the use of public funds.

The Library's primary goal for the use of these Capital Project Funds is to serve as an information hub for the community, providing high quality print, audio, visual, electronic materials, computer services, ample opportunities to experience art and music in a library setting, and public programming and meetings for the public.

Since the West Lafayette Public Library building opened in the autumn of 2004 over 40,000 members of the Greater West Lafayette community have checked out materials from the West Lafayette Public Library at least once, and together they have **checked out over two million** books, music, DVDs and other materials!

And the Library board and staff are committed to responding to changes in the library building and programs to respond to ADA standards as we better understand them.

The West Lafayette Public Library is committed, to providing up-to-date and in-demand materials, and to excellence in all areas of service.

The West Lafayette Library is a leader providing community access to popular technology:

- West Lafayette Public Library patrons of ALL AGES use the West Lafayette Public Library's thirty five fiber-connected public access computers for searching the internet, accessing email, using government e-services, searching for jobs, staying in touch with family and friends, and improving and expanding their computer skills. The West Lafayette Public Library's wireless internet network encourages West Lafayette Public Library patrons to bring their own laptops and other internet enabled devices for use with business, school, or recreational purposes. **The Library is averaging thousands of such internet connections each week.**
- The West Lafayette Public Library offers a wide range of computer services including **both eBook and music download databases**; these are available inside and outside the West Lafayette Public Library building.
- **Each year our Library staff introduces many members of our community to the computers and the internet through Library sponsored computer classes.** These



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programs are a popular and ongoing service. The West Lafayette Public Library staff work every day to introduce the public to new forms of library technology from laptops to iPads to android phones.

The West Lafayette Public Library encourages the use of internet accessible devices:

- Patrons of all ages use our West Lafayette Public Library's online catalog to seek titles they want to read and to renew materials. The online catalog – now greatly expanded thanks to Evergreen Indiana - can be accessed in the West Lafayette Public Library or increasingly from their office and home. The system is available – and in use – 24/7.
- As one key indicator of the online catalog's use, in 2012 library staff filled over 9,200 holds for patrons at our library and throughout Evergreen Indiana. (A "hold" is a book, DVD, CD or other library item requested by a patron and pulled/then held for the patron to pick up and checkout.)
- In addition to standard print reference sources, the West Lafayette Public Library offers access to both patron driven and library staff assisted searches of online databases that allow access to a wealth of up-to-date information not found in print publications. *Databases include GRANTSELECT, INSPIRE, AtoZ, Proquest (newspapers), and online language foreign-learning with Mango and Muzzy.*
- The Library's Overdrive eBook consortium, together with eBooks offered through state-funded INSPIRE offer community residents access to over 7,000 e-books and a robust collection of online test preparation, small business resources, downloadable music and access to online computer related learning programs through LYNDIA.com.

The West Lafayette Public Library is committed to continue building and circulating collections of print, audio and visual collections:

- Hundreds of books, music CDs, DVDs and other materials are cataloged into our collection each year from donations the West Lafayette Public Library receives from the West Lafayette Public Library community. Additional thousands of such titles are added each year through discount purchasing from local & national vendors.
- The West Lafayette Public Library has a long tradition of welcoming donations from our patrons who may be down-sizing their homes and want to know their books, music, films will be treasured – and used – for many years to come. The richness and expansiveness of our collections are due in large part to these welcome donations.



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- The Library's new emphasis on better service to our teen patrons is paying dividends. Circulation of teen books and electronic materials increased greatly over the past few years and the Library's "Teen Advisory Board" takes a key role in guiding our service to teens at the Library.
- Our focus on collecting, cataloging and circulating foreign language materials has generated wide interest especially from the Korean, Chinese and Spanish reading communities. In addition to books and DVDs purchased by the West Lafayette Public Library, an increasing number of donated titles are being added to these growing collections each month.
- Music, books-on-CD (and tape), downloadable audio books, and video/DVD materials are an important part of the West Lafayette Public Library's collections; the Library boasts a growing collection of over 21,000 such materials which are as varied as our patrons' interests.
- The West Lafayette Public Library secures interlibrary loans from all over the country, proving that access to materials is virtually unlimited.

West Lafayette Library staff reaches out to the community outside the Library building:

- The West Lafayette Public Library's Outreach Program takes thousands of books each year to hundreds of West Lafayette Public Library patrons at retirement communities, local day care centers, and to homebound patrons.
- As this is an interactive program, West Lafayette Public Library staff and volunteers pre-select books, music and videos, respond to requests for specific titles and spend a couple of hours with each bi-weekly visit, allowing West Lafayette Public Library patrons to make selections in a friendly and welcoming environment.
- For mobile patrons, the West Lafayette Public Library offers 24/7 book-drop locations at Payless Supermarket on Sagamore Parkway West, Purdue's Research Park and at the library's main building in the Village to allow patrons easy drop-off points for books, music and video. All checked-out Library materials can also be renewed by phone or 24/7 over the internet.
- Library staff members can provide Spanish, Chinese, and sign language interpretation for patrons at West Lafayette Public Library services.



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The West Lafayette Public Library is a community center for meeting and learning

- Thousands of community residents use the library each year to attend workshops, classes and community meetings sponsored by the Library and by community organizations.
- The library offers three meeting rooms – free of charge to nonprofit organizations.

The West Lafayette Public Library’s staff and supporters are deeply involved in our local community.

- The West Lafayette Public Library’s “**ABC: Arts, Books, and Culture**” initiative focuses on bringing visual, musical, and performance art into our community’s public library. Local artists (including those from local high schools) are encouraged to bring their art for display in the West Lafayette Public Library. Nick Schenkel provides weekly book reviews on local Purdue NPR station WBAA.
- Summer reading programs (including the annual One Great Read program) are offered in cooperation with the Tippecanoe County Public Library and local schools. The programs bring hundreds of children and adults to the West Lafayette Public Library to hone their reading skills over the summer.
- Adult continuing education opportunities with the WALLA (Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association) organization and other groups headquartered at the Morton Community Center are increasingly popular ventures. West Lafayette Public Library staff regularly takes part in presenting WALLA and Global Fest programs as well as participating in the Wednesday West Lafayette Farmer’s Markets, Downtown Mosey events and other community celebrations. Too, the Library hosts the WALLA website.
- The community based Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library organization has been an active part of the West Lafayette Public Library since 1959. The Friends’ twice annual book fairs and “open daily” bookshop located inside the West Lafayette Public Library recycle thousands of books around the community each year.



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The West Lafayette Public Library is a leader in state-wide library cooperation.

- The West Lafayette Public Library's director and staff are long-time leaders in state library organizations and the West Lafayette Public Library has a history of active participation in cooperative library ventures from statewide discount purchasing programs to taking part in the expansion of Indiana's successful online consortium of public libraries, EVERGREEN INDIANA as noted above.
- Library Director Nick Schenkel is serving as president of the Indiana Public Library Association for 2012-2013.
- Library Director Nick Schenkel is working, at the request of the Indiana State Library, with a committee of other public, academic and school librarians from around the State to develop new library resource sharing models for Indiana's many libraries.
- Library staff attends – and often lead - seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of new technologies and refresh their skills. The West Lafayette Public Library is a regular host site for such continuing education programs for librarians in our area as well.



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Even fiscally prudent public libraries need funding to replace equipment, maintain buildings and fund new projects. The West Lafayette Public Library Capital Projects Fund is key in West Lafayette Public Library’s providing much appreciated services.

CURRENT EXPENDITURES	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
(1) Planned construction, repair, replacement, or remodeling	\$62,500	\$55,000	\$55,000
(2) Acquisition of real property	0	0	0
(3) Site Development	0	0	0
(4) Emergency Allocation	\$549	\$992	\$627
(5) Purchase, lease, repair and maintenance of equipment	\$11,000	\$18,000	\$19,500
(6) Purchase, lease repair and maintenance of computer hardware and computer software	\$31,500	\$36,000	\$38,000
SUB-TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$105,549	\$109,992	\$113,127
(7) Allocation for future projects (cumulative totals)	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND ALLOCATIONS	\$105,549	\$109,992	\$113,127
(1) January 1 Cash Balance	0	0	0
(2) Less encumbered appropriations	0	0	0
(3) Cash balance available for current plan (1-2)	0	1,000	1,000
(4) Plus Property tax Revenue	\$101,449	\$104,492	\$107,627
(5) Auto Excise, CVET, and Financial Institutions Tax receipts	\$4,100	\$4,500	\$4,500
(6) Other revenue	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN	\$105,549	\$109,992	\$113,127
Assessed Value	\$762,771,216	\$778,026,640	\$793,587,173
Property Tax Rate	0.0133	0.0133	0.0136



OVERVIEW of the West Lafayette Public Library

In summary, these topics are covered in more detail in earlier pages (pp. 9-13):

Library Computer Use

The West Lafayette Library is a leader in providing access to popular technology

- The Library's use by the community is strong with **over 270,000 physical items** circulated each year on average; use of the Library's computers (desktop and wireless) and use of the Library's meeting room facilities are strong as well.

The West Lafayette Public Library encourages the use of internet accessible devices:

- An ever growing interest by the community – and thus the Library – in internet enabled collections and services continues to prompt active development of computer based databases, e-Book collections, music download collections and a 101 shared library online catalog/delivery service (Evergreen Indiana);

The West Lafayette Public Library is committed to building and circulating collections of print, audio and visual materials

- With over 176,000 cataloged items available at the West Lafayette Public Library and an additional 2.7 million titles of books and other materials available through our Evergreen Indiana online catalog, our community's Library is growing to meet the needs of our community.



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West Lafayette Library staff reaches out to the community outside the Library building's walls;

The West Lafayette Public Library is a community center for meeting and learning

- The Library's robust outreach service to retirement communities and child care centers combined with the Library's public meeting room availability and 24/7 computer access offer the community's residents many ways to access to the public library's services.

The West Lafayette Public Library's staff is involved in our community

- The Library's gives particular focus to programs and collections which offer service to youth, teens, retirement aged and foreign language speakers.
- The Library sponsored West Lafayette Memories Project is collecting and capturing local historical and cultural memories for sharing now and with community residents yet-to-be-born.

While coping with the ever increasing workload, the Library maintains lean staffing patterns and works to automate as many routine tasks as possible.

- **Volunteers** from the community play a key role in providing library services and work with our paid staff on many of our Library's tasks.
- The West Lafayette Public Library's **robust efforts at seeking gift and memorial donations** from the community allows us to continue our aggressive expansion of the Library's book, music, video and computer software collections.



The West Lafayette Public Library is a leader in state-wide library cooperation

From leadership roles in Evergreen Indiana through the Indiana Library Federation, West Lafayette Public Library staff is involved with the community and the state's library services.

Library Garage Use

- The **popularity of this garage** and its use by West Lafayette Public Library patrons – and others - cannot be under-stated.
- Knowing a convenient parking space near the West Lafayette Public Library will be available makes use of our community's West Lafayette Public Library a reality for a large number of our city's residents.
- Thanks to an inter-local agreement with the Parks and Recreation Board of West Lafayette, the West Lafayette Public Library parking garage is also available to the patrons of the nearby **Morton Community Center**.
- The Library garage is used after the library is closed each day by many visitors to the Village as they come to shop, dine, and enjoy the many amenities available in the Village Area of West Lafayette.



Library Building and Equipment Repairs

- Built in 2003-04 our community's library building and equipment are at an age that repairs are becoming more common; funding from the Library Capital Projects Fund will keep both building and equipment in good working order as well as responding changes necessary to respond to ADA standards.