



# Community Engagement at Skokie Public Library

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October 17, 2018



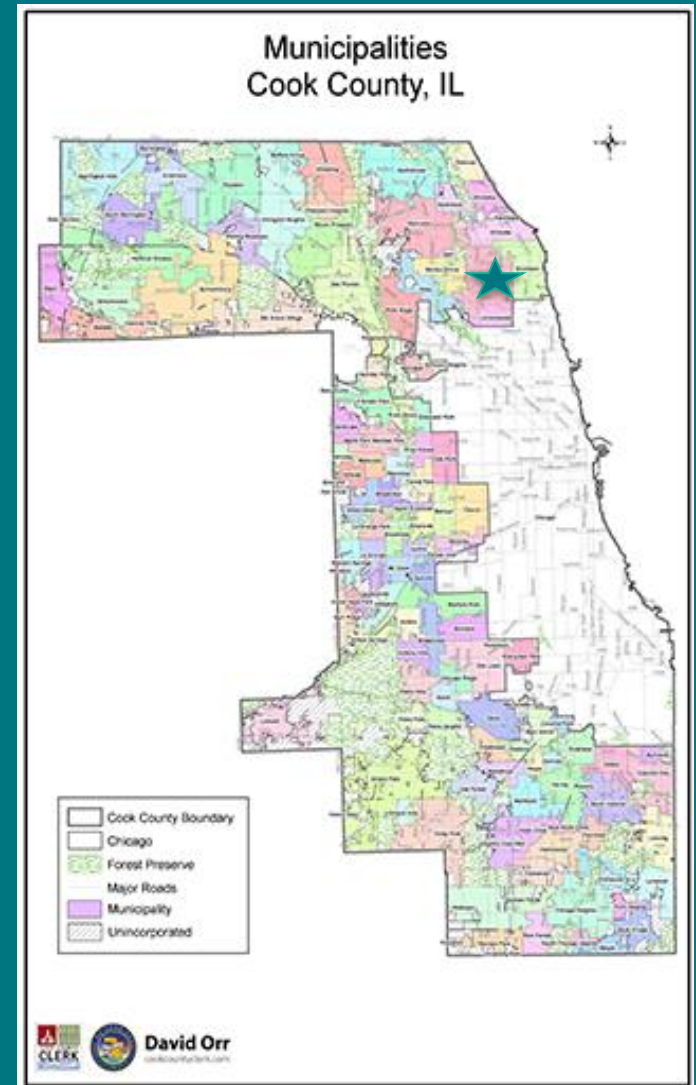
# Skokie, Illinois



**Skokie Public Library**—170 staff  
2 MM checkouts; 2,000 programs/yr

Core Values:

- Access and equity
- Literacy and learning
- Community engagement



## WE LISTEN. WE LEARN. WE CONNECT. WE CREATE RESPONSIVE SOLUTIONS TO SKOKIE'S NEEDS.

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Changing the World? We begin by asking  
our teachers to reflect on the  
highly local. With good will, persistence,  
and common sense, we can make a  
difference, today in Skokie, tomorrow, the  
world.

Homebound programs involve partnership with other  
organizations. Volunteer groups and resource providers  
which increase a library's ability to promote  
reading, business, education,...

We provide educators with tools  
and resources to help their schools thrive.

We listened to the principal,  
read and created literature,  
at which point we began  
creating kindergarten materials.

We support businesses  
and people who have  
plans to start or grow them.

Heckle Intervention Des  
could be a really good  
project. We have a plan  
for the next 3 months  
thanks to Nick and  
students.

It was a nice working  
discussion at grant  
the the Village of Skokie  
with Richard, Boody,  
Lee & KATE. A good  
example of a partnership  
our department work  
together.





# From classes, to conversation and naturalization





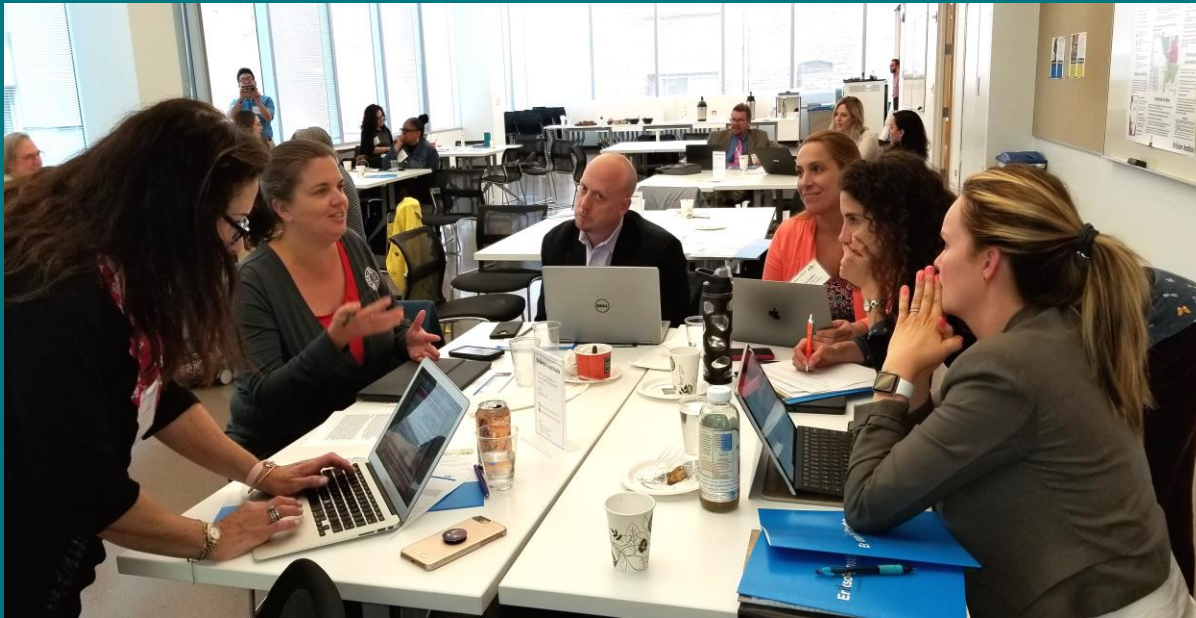
# Meaningful volunteer opportunities develop job skills





From  
Early Literacy...

...to  
Early Childhood Alliance





# Promoting equity, diversity and inclusion with SkokieCares





Responding collectively to  
adverse childhood experiences

[http://www.skokie.org/2017\\_CHP\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.skokie.org/2017_CHP_FINAL.pdf)

# Resilient Families

Staying Strong through Life's Challenges



Wednesday, November 14, 5:45–7:45 pm  
Skokie Public Library | [www.skokielibrary.info](http://www.skokielibrary.info)



# What does it take?

**CONNECTION**

**COMMUNICATION**

**CONSENSUS  
BUILDING**

**OK WITH  
THE GRAY**

**PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT**

**COMMITMENT  
TO EQUITY,  
DIVERSITY,  
AND  
INCLUSION**

**PATIENCE AND  
MINDFULNESS**



# Moving towards



Increased  
CE team  
integration

Deeper  
community  
connections

Turning  
outward  
library wide

Collective  
impact

# Thank You!



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