



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POPLAR CREEK LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS**, the year 1966 the Poplar Creek Library was originally known as the Streamwood library and was created after a successful referendum passed establishing the Streamwood Public Library District; and

**WHEREAS**, originally located in a store front in the Hillside Shopping Center at 20 West Streamwood Boulevard and remained there until 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, in the years 1972 through 1973 the Streamwood library was remodeled making room for the addition of materials from the closed Hanover Park library; and

**WHEREAS**, in year 1973 a Poplar Creek Public Library District was established, it encompassed most of Streamwood and Hanover Park; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1976 -1978 a new library was constructed to replace the existing library and was named "The Poplar Creek Library" which was built on donated land at 1405 South Park in Streamwood, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 1978 the Streamwood Library's 30,000 books and other materials were moved from the older building to the new Poplar Creek Library; and

**WHEREAS**, had the capability of housing 210,000 books and was expected to be big enough for the community for 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in the year 1979 children's services had begun to add Spanish-language easy readers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980 the library received its official designation as a selective government documents depository; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1981 the land across Park Avenue from the library was purchased for use of an expanded parking lot; and

**WHEREAS**, in the year 1985 - one Apple Computer was donated to the library for the public to use and now in 2016 there are one hundred and twenty nine computers for public use in the library; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Citizens/outreach services began in 1987 which provided books to the local senior centers and formed senior citizens book discussion groups ; and

**WHEREAS**, in the year 1990 the first online catalog for public use is introduced; and

**WHEREAS**, a Poplar Creek Library Branch at 4300 Audrey Ln. in Southern Hanover Park opened in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, now the year being 2016 the Poplar Creek library and its branch library has added government documents reference, talking books, children's services, video collections, a news bank, young adult services and multi-function meeting rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, from a circulation of nearly 6,000 items per month in 1973, today the library is currently circulating over 30,000 items per month; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the Poplar Creek Public Library District on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for the important and commendable service it provides to Streamwood Illinois and the surrounding communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to the Poplar Creek Public Library District in commemoration of this auspicious occasion.