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**A New Library Experience Begins On September 9, 2020**

Grayslake, IL September 2, 2020 - The Grayslake Area Public Library has joined Cooperative Computer Services (CCS), a cooperative of 28 area member libraries for circulation, acquisition, cataloging, and interlibrary loaning of materials, and a shared online public access catalog. Beginning September 9, 2020, Grayslake Area Public Library cardholders will have access to a new online catalog and over 5 million new materials.

Grayslake Area Public Library cardholders will now have the ability to check out items from all 28 CCS member libraries with the added convenience of picking them up and dropping them off at the Grayslake Library. Additionally, Grayslake Library cardholders will have their library cards automatically registered at all 28 CCS member libraries including Lake Villa, Round Lake, and Fremont libraries. Benefits also include automatic renewals of materials, unless on hold for another person, and notifications when items requested are available for check out or overdue by email, phone, and text.

The new online public access catalog, Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS) from Innovative Interfaces, Inc., will offer a much more dynamic and user-friendly online environment. Our current ILS software is outdated and expected to be discontinued and after researching alternatives, we determined using Polaris and joining a resource-sharing cooperative like CCS to be the most cost-effective.

The Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) awarded Grayslake Library a \$37,865 grant to help offset the one-time costs associated with joining CCS. RAILS supports the expansion of resource sharing among Illinois libraries that expands the materials available to their own members.

Migrating to the new ILS system requires a massive data pull to transfer our old catalog system to Polaris. As a result, the public catalog will be offline from Thursday, September 3, through Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and some services will not be available and may vary on a daily basis during the migration. People will be able to check out materials at this time using either curbside or in-library pickup, however, everyone will have to bring their library cards with them. Neither the public nor the staff will be able to place library items on hold or check-in returned items during the migration. No checked out items will be due at this time and we suggest people hold on to their items until after September 9th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Further details and notices can be found at, <https://www.grayslake.info/>.

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