



CITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Jason Ervin  
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

**From:** Chris Brown  
Commissioner  
Chicago Public Library

**CC:** Kennedy Bartley  
Chief External Affairs Officer, Mayor's Office

**Date:** November 20, 2024

**Re:** Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

**ID#:** 91-01

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The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on November 8, 2024, to discuss the proposed 2025 budget.

Alderwoman Hadden asked for an analysis of the total hours worked per year, in order to ascertain the number of hours needed to operate all libraries.

### **Analysis of Total Hours Worked per Year to Gauge Operational Needs**

According to the City of Chicago CATA report, here are the actual hours(paid) required to operate the library system from 2022 to the present:

- **2022:** 1,425,002 hours needed
- **2023:** 1,577,315 hours needed
- **2024 (Projected):** 1,809,352 hours needed

**2025 Operational Forecast** With 1,102 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions budgeted for 2025:

- **Projected Total Hours (if fully staffed):** 2,292,160 hours (1,102 FTEs x 2,080 hours each)
- **Adjusted for 11.5% Vacancy Rate:** 2,028,000 hours available, assuming a 11.5% vacancy continues.

**Conclusion** The projected total of 2,028,000 hours (accounting for vacancy rate resulting from natural attrition) aligns with historical needs, suggesting this level will adequately support library operations across the system in 2025.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at [cbrown@chipublic.org](mailto:cbrown@chipublic.org).

Thank you,

Chris Brown



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**Date:** December 2, 2024

**Re:** Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

**ID#:** 91-02

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The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on November 8, 2024, to discuss the proposed 2025 budget.

Alderwoman Hadden asked for an analysis of overtime and comp time used by Chicago Public Library so far this year.

### **Overtime and Compensatory time Hours to date:**

- Currently, the total number of OT/Comp hours **used** from 1/1/24-present are 11,777.25 hours, which represents approximately .7% of the total hours worked so far in 2024.
- The total number of OT/Comp hours **earned** from 1/1/24-present are 13,530.95 hours, which represents approximately .8% of the total hours worked so far in 2024.

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**Re:** Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

**ID#:** 91-03

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department’s hearing on November 8, 2024, to discuss the proposed 2025 budget.

Alderman Lopez asked for a list of all CPL libraries, listing year each location was built.

The table below includes a list of all CPL locations, with a column for the year the library was built and another with the year of a more recent major renovation.

Branch	Address	Community Area	Year Built	Years Old	Major Renovation
Albany Park Library	3401 W. Foster Ave.	North Park	2014	10	
Altgeld Public Library	955 E. 131st St.	Riverdale	2020	4	
Archer Heights Library	5055 S. Archer Ave.	Archer Heights	2000	24	
Austin Library	5615 W. Race Ave.	Austin	1928	96	2018
Austin-Irving Library	6100 W. Irving Park Rd.	Portage Park	2001	23	
Avalon Branch Library	8148 S. Stony Island Ave.	Avalon Park	2006	18	
Back of the Yards Library	2111 W. 47th St.	New City	2013	11	

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Bessie Coleman Library	731 E. 63rd St.	Woodlawn	1993	31	
Beverly Branch Library	1962 W. 95th St.	Beverly	2009	15	
Bezazian Library	1226 W. Ainslie St.	Uptown	1956	68	
Blackstone, T.M. Library	4904 S. Lake Park Ave.	Kenwood	1904	120	2018
Brainerd Library	1350 W. 89th St.	Auburn Gresham	1999	25	
Brighton Park Library	4314 S. Archer Ave.	Brighton Park	1969	55	
Buck./Wicker P. Branch Library	1701 N. Milwaukee Ave.	West Town	2006	18	
Budlong Woods Library	5630 N. Lincoln Ave.	West Ridge	2003	21	
Canaryville Library	642 W. 43rd St.	New City	2001	23	
Chicago Bee Library	3647 S. State St.	Douglas	1929	95	1996, 2018
Chicago Lawn Library	6120 S. Kedzie Ave.	Chicago Lawn	1960	64	
Chinatown Library	2100 S. Wentworth Ave	Armour Square	2015	9	
Clearing Library	6423 W. 63rd Pl.	Clearing	1994	30	
Douglass, Fredrick A. Library	3353 W. 13th St.	North Lawndale	1929	95	2019
Dunning Library	7455 W. Cornelia Ave.	Dunning	2011	13	
Edgebrook Library	5331 W. Devon Ave.	Forest Glen	2000	24	
Edgewater Library	6000 N. Broadway St.	Edgewater	2013	11	
Gage Park Library	2807 W. 55th St.	Gage Park	1931	93	1990
Galewood-Mont Clare Library	No location.	Montclare			
Garfield Ridge Library	6348 S. Archer Ave.	Garfield Ridge	1953	71	2005
Greater Grand Crossing Library	1000 E. 73rd St.	Greater Grand Crossing	2011	13	
Hall, George Cleveland Library	4801 S. Michigan Ave.	Grand Boulevard	1931	93	1982
Harold Washington Library	400 S. State St.	Loop	1991	33	
Hegewisch Library	3048 E. 130th St.	Hegewisch	1991	33	
Humboldt Park Library	1605 N. Troy St.	Humboldt Park	1996	28	2013
Independence Branch Library	4022 N. Elston Ave	Irving Park	2019	5	

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Jefferson Park Library	5363 W. Lawrence Ave.	Portage Park	1970	54	2019
Jeffrey Manor Library	2401 E. 100th St.	South Deering	1997	27	
Kelly Library	6151 S. Normal Blvd.	Englewood	1910	114	1989, 2018
Legler Library	115 S. Pulaski Rd.	West Garfield Park	1920	104	1993, 2021
Lincoln Belmont Library	1659 W. Melrose St.	Lake View	1999	25	
Lincoln Park Library	1150 W. Fullerton Ave.	Lincoln Park	1931	93	1995
Little Italy Library	1336 W. Taylor	Near West Side	2018	6	
Little Village Branch Library	2311 S. Kedzie Ave.	South Lawndale	2011	13	
Logan Square Library	3030 W. Fullerton Ave.	Logan Square	2005	19	
Lozano, Rudy Library	1805 S. Loomis St.	Lower West Side	1989	35	
M.L. King, Jr. Branch Library	3436 S. King Dr.	Douglas	1966	58	
Mable Manning Library	6 S. Hoyne St.	Near West Side	1994	30	
Mayfair Library	4400 W. Lawrence Ave.	Albany Park	1950	74	1996
McKinley Park Library	1915 W. 35th St.	McKinley Park	1994	30	
Merlo, John Library	644 W. Belmont Ave.	Lake View	1942	82	2020
Mount Greenwood Library	11010 S. Kedzie Ave.	Mount Greenwood	1991	33	
Near North Branch Library	310 W. Division St.	Near North Side	1997	27	
North Austin Library	5724 W. North Ave.	Austin	1987	37	1995
North Pulaski Branch Library	4300 W. North Ave.	Humboldt Park	1954	70	1996
Northtown Library	6800 N. Western	West Ridge	2018	6	
Oriole Park Library	7454 W. Balmoral Ave.	Norwood Park	2004	20	
Portage-Cragin Library	5108 W. Belmont Ave.	Portage Park	1969	55	2019
Pullman Library	11001 S. Indiana Ave.	Roseland	1927	97	1994
Richard J. Daley Library	3400 S. Halsted St.	Bridgeport	1988	36	2022

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Richard M. Daley Library	733 N. Kedzie Ave	Humboldt Park	2011	13	
Roden, Carl B. Library	6083 N. Northwest Hwy.	Norwood Park	1968	56	
Rogers Park Library	6907 N. Clark St.	Rogers Park	1999	25	
Scottsdale Library	4101 W. 79th St.	Ashburn	1966	58	
Sherman Park Library	5440 S. Racine Ave.	New City	1937	87	1980
South Chicago Library	9055 S. Houston Ave.	South Chicago	1941	83	1994
South Shore Library	2505 E. 73rd St.	South Shore	1929	95	2020
Sulzer Regional Library	4455 N. Lincoln Ave.	Lincoln Square	1985	39	2017
Thurgood Marshall Library	7506 S. Racine Ave.	Auburn Gresham	1994	30	
Toman, John Library	2708 S. Pulaski Rd.	South Lawndale	1927	97	2005
Uptown Library	929 W. Buena Ave.	Uptown	1993	31	
Vodak-Eastside Library	3710 E. 106th St.	East Side	2006	18	
Walker Library	11071 S. Hoyne Ave.	Morgan Park	1890	134	1995
West Belmont Library	3104 N. Narragansett Ave.	Belmont Cragin	1971	53	
West Chicago Library	4856 W. Chicago Ave.	Austin	2006	18	
West Englewood Library	1745 W. 63rd St.	West Englewood	2003	21	
West Lawn Library	4020 W. 63rd St.	West Lawn	1986	38	
West Loop Library	118-122 N. Aberdeen St.	Near West Side	2018	6	
West Pullman Library	830 W. 119th St.	West Pullman	2005	19	
West Town Library	1625 W. Chicago Ave.	West Town	1928	96	2010
Whitney M. Young, Jr. Library	7901 S. King Dr.	Chatham	1973	51	2019
Woodson Regional Library	9525 S. Halsted St.	Washington Heights	1975	49	199, 2018
Wrightwood - Ashburn Library	8530 S. Kedzie Ave.	Ashburn	1997	27	

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