



The **City Manager's Monthly Report** is intended to provide a brief summary of City activities, with links to additional information where possible. Due to the variety and complexity of City functions, however, the report is not all-encompassing. Please always feel free to [contact the City of Bloomington](#) for more information or with questions or concerns. View past and upcoming events on the City's [calendar](#).

## HIGHLIGHTS

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**In this report you will find detailed activity from City Departments for the Month of May 2018, such as:**

- Items considered by City Council
- May Newsmakers like *"Assistant Chief Clay Wheeler was appointed Chief of Police"*
- Links to the Proposed FY19 Budget and Monthly Financial Reports
- Statistics from the Fire Department; for instance the department average of 28.7 calls for service per day in May 2018.
- Highlight from Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts; for example Recreation hosted the free *Family Fun Day event at Tipton Park* with over 650 people in attendance.
- Stats from the Library including, 28,188 people visited the Library (a daily average of 972).

## CONSIDERED IN MAY

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### [City Council Record of Motions and Votes](#)

#### City Council Regular Agenda Items

- Presentation and discussion by the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington/Normal for the lease and/or sale of 3.25 acres of City park land inside Sunnyside Park for the development of a new facility, as requested by the Boys & Girls Club in consultation with the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department. **[Motion by Alderman Mwilambwe second by Alderman Black directing staff to move forward with preparing a lease agreement to bring back to Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting with the Boys & Girls of Bloomington/Normal for the lease of the requested land within Sunnyside Park. Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of the Purchase of Neptune Water Meters and related accessories, as a limited source, for up to a maximum of \$900,000, for the Water Department FY 2019 Water Meter Installation Program from Ferguson Enterprises, as requested by the Water Department. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of an Agreement with VenuWorks of Bloomington, LLC for the Solicitation of New Naming Rights for the Pepsi Ice Center as requested by the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of a Resolution dissolving the Intergovernmental Agreement for

Operation of the John M. Scott Health Care program, approving New Bylaws, and directing the Filing of Amended Trust documents, as requested by the Administration and Legal Departments. **[Motion carried.]**

- Consideration of a Resolution approving the Rules of the Public Safety & Community Relations Board of the City of as well as the Board's brochure and posters, as requested by the Board in consultation with the Police Department and Legal Department. **[Motion carried.]**
- Consideration of a Contract and Unit Prices with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC, as a limited source, in the amount up to \$310,000, for the FY 2019 Pavement Preservation program, as requested by the Public Works Department. **[Motion carried.]**
- Presentation and discussion on the City's utilization of Tax Increment Financing as an economic development tool and possible action on a Resolution outlining the City's Guidelines for the utilization of Tax Increment Financing, as recommend by the City's Community Development Department - Office of Economic Development. **[Motion by Alderman Black second by Alderman Bray to table this item to the June 18, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and that staff review components to the policy that is for shop local, buy local hire, and PLA's. Motion carried.]**

## MAY NEWSMAKERS

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- [Chief Clay Wheeler was appointed Chief of Police](#)
- [City Seeks Feedback on Removing Signals](#)
- [Endangered Species Day](#)
- [New Animals Coming to the Zoo](#)

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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[FY 2019 Proposed Budget](#)

- [FY 2018 Adopted Budget](#)
- [View Monthly Financial Report](#)

## FACILITIES

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[View Facilities Monthly Activity Report](#)

## CITY CLERK

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[View City Clerk Monthly Activity Report](#)

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### Building Safety

- There were a total of 701 Construction Permits issued in May of 2018, which is down from the 903 Construction Permits issued in May of 2017. The value of the construction decreased from \$7,950,312 in the prior year 2017 to \$6,279,916 in May of 2018.
- Two new projects were valued in excess of \$1,000,000 for remodeling of the Commercial Packaging office space at 2047 Ireland Grove Road (\$1,500,000) and construction of a grain dump for AGRail at 901 Roundhouse Road.

### Code Enforcement

- The Code Enforcement Division hired the Miscellaneous Technical Inspector for seasonal enforcement of tall grass and weeds.
- The Division has initiated monitoring and enforcement efforts for digital signage compliance.

### Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- Staff continued work on the Zoning Ordinance update and preliminary coordination on Sign Ordinance update.
- The Planning Commission took action on approval of the Official 2017 Zoning Map.
- The ZBA processed an application regarding a setback variance for the Empire Business Park Development.
- The HPC approved various Certificates of Appropriateness regarding historic plaque signage requests.

### Economic Development

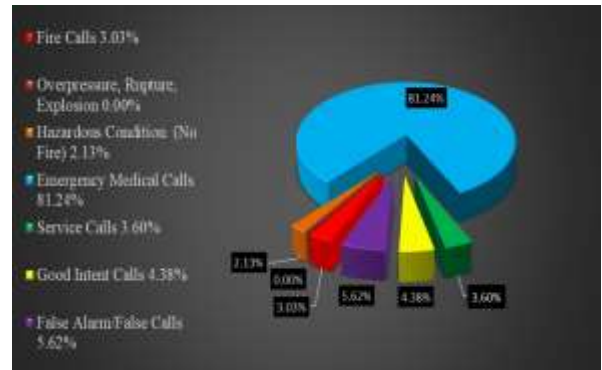
- Staff continued coordination of the TIF Incentive Guidelines, Downtown East Washington Street TIF, Memorandum of Understanding documents for BNEDC and BNCVB, Resolution of Funding Support for BN Advantage, among other on-going tasks.
- Staff attended the Small Business Development Center of McLean County Advisory Board meeting on May 19, 2018.

### Downtown Development

- Staff continues to provide support to the Bloomington Cultural District Commission which is focusing efforts for development of their Mission Statement and criteria for establishing cultural district(s).
- Coordination for the June "Cogs and Corsets" First Friday event in the downtown.

**FIRE** **[View Expanded Monthly Fire Statistics](#)**

- May saw the department just a little busier than in April, we ran 890 calls for service in May compared to 844 calls in April.
- EMS incidents continue to be our top call type, we responded to 723 EMS call which represented 81.24% of our calls. The department responded to 167 fire incidents or 18.76% of the calls.
- The 890 calls for service put us on an average of 28.7 calls for service per day. Fire loss for May was estimated at \$111,725. Property loss was estimated at \$86,725 with an estimated \$25,000 in contents lost.
- Truck 1 was the busiest fire apparatus with 187 runs.
- Medic 1 was the busiest ambulance with 272 runs.
- Wednesday were our busiest day of the week with 157 incidents over the month.
- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm was our busiest time of the day.
- The department provided mutual aid 3 times this month and received mutual aid 4 times.
- Fire Investigators began or finished 4 fire investigations during the month.
- Our EMS personnel provided 109 hours of preceptor time to EMS students. BACC students had 32.5 hours of ride time with the department.

**Public Education***Training provided to community*

- Senior Resource Expo for older adults
- Sound the Alarm (Red Cross)
- CPR class for the community
- Boys and Girls Club
- Fire Extinguisher Training for Synergy Employees
- Fire Safety to older adults at Antique auto Club
- Benjamin Elementary talk to k through 5th grade
- CPR class to BCAI dance class
- CPR class provided to Guardians of the Children

*Fire, Lockdown, and Shelter in Place drills*

- No drills in the month of May

*Social Media*

- From 7121 likes to 7150 at the end of the month

*Community Events*

- Car Seat Installation Day
- BACC Breakfast

- Dunk Tank at Washington Elementary

#### *Recruitment*

- Career Talk to Stevenson Elementary

#### **Fire Department Training**

- Training topics have been grouped into eight categories. They are Administrative, ARFF, Driver/Operator, EMS, Fire/Rescue, Safety, Hazmat, & Officer. ([May 2018 Training Report](#))

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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The Human Resources department partners with every department of the City on their human capital needs and interacts and serves all employees throughout their careers, as well as prospective employees. The staff includes twelve (12) full-time employees who focus on six primary areas: Employee Recruitment and Hiring; Employee and Labor Relations; Compensation and Benefits; Training and Development, Employee Wellness and Safety, and Community Relations.

- [View Safety Report](#)
- [Apply for current job postings](#)

## **PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS ([New & Improved Website!](#))**

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### **Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts**

#### [View the BCPA calendar for past & future event info](#)

Presented Programs:

- *Kinky Boots*
- Total Attendance for all events and classes: 6,711
- Facilities Usage: Auditorium Public Events 5; Auditorium Non-Public Events 7
- Ballroom and Other Space: Public Events 1; Non-Public Events 14
- Community Interactions: Radio – 7; Community Outreach – 1

### **Golf Courses**

- Mother Nature decided to take us from one of the coldest April's on record to one of the warmest May's on record. It's always an adventure dealing with the weather! A positive from the warm and dry weather was it allowed for more golfers to take to the course. The courses saw over 8,000 rounds played. This is a 900 round increase over May 2017.
- A notable bump in sales came from our merchandise concession. Merchandise sales for the month were up 57% to last May. Strong sales from several vendor demo days and The Den's high school buying program were key contributors to this large increase.

- The courses hosted outings with the following groups: Illinois Pipefitters, Calvary Christian Academy, Peoria Sandtrappers, McLean County Seniors, Millard Fillmore, Illinois Prep Tour, and the Illinois Golf Coaches Association.
- A re-branded adult golf league, The FORE Fun Golf League, kicked off in May. Participation exceeded all staff expectations. The league is seeing a 50% increase in weekly participation. This is a great start!
- The golf courses ran several May golfing specials to increase play and participation. While we did see an increase in play, administering several promotions proved difficult with our current point of sale system. Staff is hoping to move into a new point of sale system for the 2019 season that will allow easier implementation of specials and a user friendly app that will allow the customer to book rounds and specials directly from their phones, tablets or computers.
- As we move into June, the courses will enter into the busiest month of the year as we host a large number of outings and events. We are happy to report that the courses are in excellent shape and those playing the courses in June should be very pleased with the conditions.

### Miller Park Zoo

- Revenue from admissions was down 2.2% for the current fiscal year. Attendance was down 4.1% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's attendance. Revenue from Education Program Fees and Rentals was down 2.8% for the current fiscal year.
- Revenue from Concessions, Carousel, and Animal Food Sales was up 9.2% for the current fiscal year compared to last year's numbers. Education revenue was down 1.5%, and Zootique sales were down 6.2% for the current fiscal year, and overall Zoo revenue was up 1.4%.
- Acquisition: 1 Male Texas Longhorn, 1 Male Opossum, 2 Guanaco, 1 Male Rhea, 1 Bar Headed Goose, 2 Hooded Crane, 2 Female San Clemente Island Goats
- Disposition: 2 Male San Clemente Island Goats, 1 Female Mexican Beaded Lizard, 1 Bar Headed Goose
- Other:
  - Hosted Endangered Species Day
  - Hosted Star Wars Day with over 1,500 guests
  - Hosted Ewing Zoo Foundation Meeting
  - Hosted Bloomington 101
  - The baby Red Ruffed Lemur went on exhibit
- ATTENDANCE
  - May 2018: 18,759 (Down 4.1%)
  - May 2017: 19,563



### Recreation

- Recreation hosted the free Family Fun Day event at Tipton Park with over 650 people in attendance. Families were able learn about programs and services available in the community and enjoy games, music, activities and more.

- The older adult trips are in full swing with full groups visiting several of our State Parks, City Parks and have been enjoying the great weather.
- The first Lunchtime Concert of the season was held with 100 in attendance at Wither's Park in downtown. The weather was very hot and humid and it rained at the end.

### **Pepsi Ice Center**

- The facility finished off the spring season. Traditionally our shutdown period has been the last two weeks of May, however, due to some planned work with the Chiller system we remained open in preparation for shut down most of June through the first week of July.
- Due to the later start dates, and shorter summer session, registration numbers are lower.

### **SOAR**

- SOAR is utilizing 2 full time Therapeutic Recreation interns for summer.
- We held a SOAR Staff Training this month that included discussion regarding behavior management and more in-depth information regarding some of the various diagnoses and more common disability challenges that some of our participants face.

### **Parks Maintenance**

#### **Horticulture** ([View pictures here](#))

- Mowing full cycles both in parks and right of way. Parks 7 day or less turnaround and right of way 14 day turn around.
- Conversion of 30.25 acres of right of way mowing to Conservation Areas requiring only once annual mowing and increasing pollinator species habitat.
- Installation of Monarch Butterfly Plot at Tipton Park.
- Planting of annual flowers several parks, downtown, City Hall, Miller Park Zoo and Government Center. Preparation of 90 large flower pots and 25 small for Adopt A Pot Program. Installation of hanging baskets.
- Aquatic weed and algae treatments at Tipton, Golden Eagle, Eagle Creek, White Oak, and Anglers Lake.
- Fountain installation and startup up at Tipton, Miller and City Hall.
- Cooperative work with Public Works Department on Citizen Convenience Center.

#### **Forestry**

- Completion of spring tree planting. 215 total trees planted.
- Contract log grinding and mulch processing. 8 hours of grinding producing 1,000 cubic yards of mulch for use in parks and right of way.
- Responded to 3 storm damage events.
- Continued Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatments. Treating trees on a 1 year rotation now with alternate chemical that is more cost effective. 85% success rate on treated trees. Only specimen ash trees are treated.
- 30 trees removed, 18 due to EAB.
- 25 citizen work orders completed.

- Stump removal at McLean County Law and Justice Center on contract basis. 24 stumps removed.
- Cooperative tree work with Water Department at Lake Bloomington.

### **Utility**

*Utility projects included are:*

- Monthly light inspection and repair at all Parks and Facilities
- Monthly HVAC inspection and repairs at Parks and Facilities
- Completed summer start up procedures at Holiday and O'Neil pools
- Installed pond fountains at Miller parks
- Completed upgrade of irrigation system at McGraw Park
- Replaced A/C unit at Miller Park Pavilion
- Installed new playground at Friendship Park
- Installed new scoreboard at McGraw Park softball
- Installed new fishing pier at White Oak Park
- April 9th welcomed new utility man JT Thomas. JT had previously been with Park Maintenance and returned after working the previous 5 years with Public Works



## **POLICE**

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### [Crime Maps and Statistics](#)

#### **Crime Investigations Division (CID)**

CID assigned 86 new cases this month. CID closed 51 cases in May with the following dispositions: 24 cases were cleared by adult arrest, one cleared with juvenile arrest, and 26 were administratively closed, exceptionally cleared or were unfounded.

#### **Cyber Crimes**

The Cyber Crimes Unit, which investigates crimes involving but not limited to child pornography, network intrusion and online scams, continued to operate in cooperation with the US Secret Service (USSS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The unit has five open/active cases.

#### **United States Marshal Task Force**

The Bloomington office opened 11 felony cases and closed nine of them. Nine hands-on felony arrests were made.

The Task Force arrested a subject wanted for drug induced homicide. The task force assisted in the investigation and arrest of several subjects involved in a shooting.

#### **VICE Unit**

The Vice Unit opened six cases, closed seven, and served one search warrant. They purchased 33 grams of crack cocaine, 8 grams of methamphetamine, and 25 grams of spice. They seized 6.8 grams



of crack cocaine, 2 grams of cannabis, 7.1 grams of methamphetamine, 200 grams of spice, one vehicle and \$7394 in currency.

### **Street Crimes Unit**

Street Crimes made 10 probable cause arrests and seven warrant arrests. They seized 50 grams of cannabis, 1 gram of heroin, \$661 in currency and towed 4 vehicles.

### **Criminal Intelligence and Analysis Unit (CIAU)**

During the month of June, staff participated in multi-jurisdictional exploratory group regarding the reduction of organized retail theft. They also provided two hours of gang awareness training to the staff of McLean County Probation. CIAU provided investigative support on a local shooting as well as communications analysis on multiple investigations.

### **First Shift 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

During the month, there were 12 school zone details. Officers attended extensive training including Rifle training, Street Sergeant, Tactical Emergency Care, Body Worn Camera, Pistol Building Searches, Mental Health, Pressure Point Control Tactics, SWAT, Operation Community Empowerment, Opioid Death Investigation, Street Survival, ILEAS and Honor Guard. The officers also participated in the in Family Dollar Day, the World of Life Ministries Cookout, Castle Rock the 200 Block, the Community Cypher Event, the Memorial Day Parade, Murph Challenge, and the Summer Reading Kickoff Party.

### **Second Shift 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.**

During the month, officers spent time at the Community House. Officers attended training including SWAT, Rifle training, Body Worn Camera, Crime Scene, and Traffic Stop Tactics.

### **Third Shift 11 p.m. – 7 a.m.**

- Third shift officers recorded 14 DUI arrests.
- Notable calls for service include an incident on May 8th involving a shooting that occurred during second shift. Third shift officers located the suspect vehicle and ultimately 4 subjects were taken into custody and interviewed in reference to the incident. Officers assisted McLean County Sheriff's Department at a fatal accident on May 10th. May 11th, officers observed a motorcycle travelling on Veterans Parkway at a high rate of speed. The driver did not yield to police vehicles and crashed a short time later causing serious injury to himself. On May 31st, two subjects arranged over the internet to sell a computer to an individual. After money was exchanged for the computer the suspects gave the victim a box filled with rocks and scraps of paper. The suspects were later located and the money and computer were recovered.

### **Administration**

- The Public Information Office submitted several news releases, posted on social media, conducted several television and radio interviews, conducted safety training for the third grade at North Point Grade School, facilitated environmental risk mitigation and Active Shooter training for the State of Illinois Public Aid Office, facilitated first responder awards for the local Rotary group, corporate safety training for Mid Central Community action groups, risk mitigation for Homeland Security-Operation Rail, conducted safety training to

the Western Avenue after school group for disadvantaged youth, attended the Bent Grade School Fair, was the key note speaker for a Girls Scout event, served as local media liaison for teen prom safety, assisted the City's Human Resource department continuing to recruit police officer candidates, assisted the Criminal Investigations division and Internal Affairs on social media based cases, facilitated several community events and assisted with promotions for upcoming and current law enforcement events.

- School Resource Officers gave a presentation regarding keeping calm in a crisis to District 87 3rd and 4th grade students, spoke to a business law class about expectations and new law changes, supervised at a Senior dinner and dance, assisted with graduation practice and graduation. Officers met with students about improper use of social media, mediated meetings with parents and students, assisted in removing 38 students from class for poor behavior and lack of cooperation with school administration, and investigated incidents of theft, fraud, and fights after school. Officers responded to six fights, 12 calls for disorderly conduct, and multiple thefts.

### **Downtown**

- There were 13 days of Downtown Hireback, with a total of 43 pairs of officers including nine pairs assigned from 3rd shift patrol working during the month. Notable calls for service include a call for service on May 4th of shots fired and a person down, officers responded to assist patrol. The officers determined it was a large fight. May 19th, there were several instances where officers separated groups of people who appeared to be preparing to fight. On May 25th, officers stopped a vehicle traveling the wrong way on a one way street downtown. The driver was found to be intoxicated.
- Totals for the month include 278 hours of overtime, 186 bar checks, two DUI, nine ordinance violations, six parking citations, five fights, 16 calls for service, one arrests and six vehicles towed. Ordinance violations were issued as follows: one for challenge to fight, one for public urination, three for illegal consumption, three for open alcohol, and one for fraudulent identification.

### **COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

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#### **[View Police Communications Report](#)**

- Telecommunicators answered 2,006 calls in less than 10 seconds and 36 calls in less than 20 seconds. This gives the communication center a 98% rating of calls answered within 10 seconds. The State of Illinois mandates that 90% of incoming 911 calls must be answered within 10 seconds.
- Communications Manager continued the CAD build through the month, began negotiations PBPA Telecommunicators union, and attended the Dispatch Review Committee meeting. Alarm ordinance violations issued to date: 47

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

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### [View Expanded Public Works Department Reports](#)

- Approximately 24,500 residences are serviced weekly and an average of 31 pounds of household garbage were picked up each week at these locations during May 2018.
- The front office staff received 1,942 telephone calls during May 2018
- Fleet received 870 phone calls

## **WATER**

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### [View 2017 Water Quality Report](#)

### [View Expanded Water Department Reports](#)

- The Water Department released the 2017 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water. The report has been included in recent utility bills and is available online at the City's website. In addition, hard copies are available at City Hall, Division Street facilities, and other locations in the community.
- Daily pumpage for May, 2018 was 11.5 million gallons per day, 3 mgd higher than the previous month and around 2 mgd higher than the May averages for the previous 3 years. May, 2018 was significantly warmer than average (71 F avg for May, 2018 versus 63 F long term average). Total rainfall for May, 2018 was only 1.68" as reported for Hudson by Accuweather.com, which is 2.68" lower than the long term average for the month. Measured precipitation at the water plant on Lake Bloomington totaled higher at 2.45", reflecting the scattered nature of the storms.
- Nitrate concentrations for both reservoirs are below the 10 mg/l as N regulatory limit, with Evergreen Lake remaining low concentrations. Laboratory staff are closely monitoring the lakes and streams, and will continue the increased frequency of sampling over the next few months.
- We continued pumping from Evergreen Lake during May, 2018. Evergreen Lake decreased from full capacity to approximately 0.5 ft below spillway during the month.
- Lake Bloomington remained very close to spillway elevation throughout the month.
- Continued to replace and repaired water service lines and curb stops. Staff replaced and or repaired 21 service lines. Several of these were very old lead (the metal) service lines. Removal of lead from the system helps the City maintain safe water quality and is in accordance with lead water standards.
- The Department located/cleared 3,007 JULIES and issued 45 JULIES.
- Repaired 1 water main throughout the City.
- Serviced 1 fire hydrants throughout the City.

- The council awarded the Szarek Drive water main replacement project to George Gildner Inc. The City held a public meeting on April 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Osborn Room at the Police Department. Construction started May 17, 2018. The contractor has 90 days to complete the project from April 23, 2018. Therefore construction should be completed by July 22, 2018.
- The council awarded a four year Contract to M.E. Simpson for Leak Detection Program Services that includes surveying 100 miles of the distribution system each year. M.E Simpson started surveying the first year of the contract on May 14, 2018. As of May 31, 2018, M.E Simpson has found six fire hydrants leaking.
- Installed 36 Radio Frequency (RF) meters during May. The Department has converted approximately 98.5% of the total meter inventory.
- Staff installed 16 new residential water meters during the month of May and replaced 101 residential water meters.
- Staff installed 6 compound meters and replaced 15 meter measuring elements during the month of May.
- Drilling for the St. Peter Aquifer - Test Well 1 began in August, 2017 and was completed in November. Test Well 2 drilling began in December 2017 and reached total depth at the end of January. Test Well 2 surging and test pumping was completed in March. Video and plumbness testing occurred on both wells in April, 2018. Well 1 blockage issue to be addressed in June.
- The Billing and Cashier representatives handled 4,384 incoming phone calls and placed 2,032 outbound phone calls in May 2018.

## INFORMATION SERVICES

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- **NOTHING REPORTED**

LIBRARY    

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[Bloomington Public Library Website](#)

[May, June, July, August Program Guide](#)

### Highlights:

- We had 315 kids participate in our Summer Reading Kickoff Party (including guardians, we estimate there were 450 total participants)!
- We had 75 participants take home a free book at our inaugural Bingo for Books event at WACC, this event was made possible with an Illinois Prairie Community Foundation grant.
- We began offering Sensory story times for families with kids on the autism spectrum as well as neurotypical children. The *Pantagraph* wrote a story about special needs accommodations

and programming in libraries which was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in the *Washington Times*!

- We visited 17 schools and talked to 6,810 students about the summer reading program.
- In June, we will begin our partnership with District 87 to provide summer lunches at the Library.

#### Stats:

- 28,188 people visited the Library (a daily average of 972)
- 99,405 items were checked out
- 333 new cardholders were added
- 7,699 holds were filled
- 2,894 items were added
- 384 items were delivered to 40 homebound residents
- 778 items were delivered to 10 deposit collection sites
- 2,976 people used our Wi-Fi for a total data usage of 2.12 TB
- 4,437 people used our public computers
- 146 groups reserved our meeting rooms
- 27 programs offered for all ages
- Over 874 people attended programs
- \$2,288 raised by the Book Shoppe this month.



#### GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA

#### Events Calendar

##### May 2018

- We held 2 **ice rental** events in the evening or weekend hours for local youth and adult hockey leagues.
- **Alabama with special guest Montgomery Gentry** performed at the Arena on May 12 to a crowd of nearly 4,000 fans.
- **Heartland Community College** held their largest graduating class to date at the Arena on Friday, May 18.
- **Normal Community High School and Normal West Community High School** had their graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 27.
- **Bloomington High School** had their graduation rehearsal on Friday, May 26 and the graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 28.
- **Central Illinois Flying Aces tryout camp** was held from Wednesday, May 30 through Sunday, June 3 – over 150 players from all over North America and Europe competed in a 19 game tryout camp. Many families attended these camp days with their children and also enjoyed the downtown Bloomington Farmer's Market and the Cogs & Corsets event while they were here.

**Upcoming Events include:**

- **Jehovah's Witness Convention** will take place from June 22-24 in English and from June 29-July 1 in Spanish. Over 6,000 attendees are expected each weekend.
- **The Bloomington Edge** will kick off their season against the Rockford with a day-long Street Fest on Front Street beginning at Noon on Saturday, July 7. The game will start at 5 and will be followed by a post-game concert in the Butler parking lot.

**We continue to work on the following major items:**

- Suite and Sponsorship partnerships
- Our new Director of Programming and Marketing started on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Zachary Cooper will be responsible for event programming as well as marketing and has been meeting with local media reps as well as the tenant teams to try to bring as many guests to the games as well as new events to the Arena. Please help us welcome Zach to the Bloomington community.

*Venuworks is pleased to be a partner with the City of Bloomington to present live entertainment and sporting events at Grossinger Motors Arena. We appreciate your confidence in us.*