

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was launched in 1985 in Chicago, Illinois. The program's multiple objectives were (1) teach the sport of fishing to all age demographics, (2) enhance fishing opportunities in densely populated urban landscapes, and (3) seek to instill an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.

In 1994, the program was expanded state-wide and now primarily consists of the following three components

- Free summer fishing clinics that include fishing at nearby stocked lagoons
- School fishing and non-fishing education programs
- Fishing and education programs at scout and 4-H camps, city and state parks, church camps, etc.

During CY '21 fish were stocked at **11** sites. Summer fishing clinics were regularly held at **4** Chicago locations, **0** sites in both Northeastern and Northwestern regions, **3** locations in Central Illinois and **12** locations in Southern Illinois (see tables below). **3,903** youngsters attended one of **265** summer fishing clinics that included fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. Fish stocking remained important for the program and approximately **17,800** lbs. of channel catfish and **0** hybrid sunfish were stocked. Members of the public were also able to catch and take these fish at most sites.

Additional volunteers and volunteer organizations have become more involved in conducting and assisting with programs. These individuals and organizations play a very important role in the ongoing success of the program.

Urban Fishing Program coordinators held **67** fishing events outside of summer fishing clinics with **5,817** participants. In addition, Urban Fishing Coordinators also held **58** non-fishing Education Programs for more than **9,922** participants at schools and other settings during the year to teach environmental education and an appreciation for natural

resources, and to promote summer fishing programs. This figure excludes the “Touch-a-Fish” station at the Illinois State Fair due to the COVID-19 virus.

The popular “***Access to Fishing***” rod and reel loaner program was established in 1997. There are currently **147** “***Access to Fishing***” loaner sites in Illinois, and rods and reels were borrowed **2,000** times last year. The list of sites follows this report.

In total the Urban Fishing Program, with **three** full-time coordinators, **9** summer interns and their volunteer network, held or sponsored a total of **390** fishing and non-fishing programs for nearly **19,642** participants in 2021.

Unfortunately, most outreach programs were postponed protecting the safety and wellbeing of and the public we serve and of staff due to the COVID-19 virus.

INTRODUCTION

In past generations, Americans fished frequently and often did so out of necessity for food. Times have changed and now fishing is often done for pleasure as a way to relax with family and friends and to spend time outdoors. Fish may still be kept for food but are many times released to be caught again. According to a recent American Sport fishing Association (ASA) survey 40 million Americans fish, which are more people than play golf (24.4 million) and tennis (10.4 million) combined. In addition, these 40 million anglers generate about \$45 billion in retail sales annually. Responsive Management reported that 30 million anglers sixteen years and older fished in 2006. The overall economic output from fishing is about \$125 billion annually that supports more than 1 million jobs.

The sport of fishing presents an opportunity to instill outdoor ethics and to cultivate an appreciation for our natural resources. Realizing that we live on a planet that is 70% water, we must strive to be good stewards of our natural resources if we are to coexist with plants and animals.

Parts of Illinois have been transformed from quiet rural settings into urban sprawl and areas that were once pristine country sides are now filled with houses, strip malls and fast-food restaurants. Along with this change in the landscape came changes in attitudes, values, and priorities. Such changes have resulted in more single-parent families. With the burden of rearing children and earning a living, outdoor ethics and an understanding of our natural resources are not always taught. These situations along with society's undesirable influences are producing many youngsters who desperately need outdoor experiences. Is there a solution? Can fishing be part of a solution that turns struggling members of our younger generation into good citizens? Research has shown many benefits of fishing, including its contribution to family cohesiveness and values, an enhanced and increased understanding of the environment, and many health-related benefits. Efforts to provide Illinois children with additional outdoor activities and experiences were expanded in 2010 with IDNR's "**No Child Left Inside**" initiative.

There is hope on the horizon! Reports show that kids are more likely to fish when they become adults if they experience fishing before reaching high school age. A survey by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation showed that 20% of Hispanics and African Americans who do not fish would like to fish, but do not participate for various reasons. This survey also showed that participation by members of these minority groups during their teen-aged years was important in influencing them to take up fishing as a lifelong hobby. Hispanics and African Americans tend to fish with others rather than individually and view fishing as an opportunity to socialize.

A recent survey by Responsive Management showed that most kids learn to fish from a parent/family member, but they are willing to learn from someone else if that person is skilled. A child must have fun while learning to fish; therefore, it is important that they catch fish. Children tend to get bored and show disinterest when they don't catch fish. Moreover, most children would like to touch what they catch. Some beginning anglers might shy away from fishing because they don't like to handle bait. Girls can get interested in fishing, but surveys show many still think of fishing as a boy's sport. We must keep in mind that in today's world there is competition for a child's interest when

they have access to television, video, and computer games. These types of indoor games offer an almost sure chance of easy entertainment without being boring.

Another survey showed that most anglers under 35 years of age are not being introduced to fishing by their parents. Based on this research, our Urban Fishing Program fills an important niche by bringing fishing to many people who might not otherwise experience it.

Responsive Management says that satisfaction is high for 90% of active anglers and very high for 67% of the participants. Many today's anglers focus on the importance of fishing for relaxation and as a **family activity** and sees catching big fish as being less important as the experience itself. It has been reported that two reasons people don't fish as often are a lack of time and no lakes nearby that offer good fishing.

To address the needs to provide and get more Illinois children involved with outdoor activities and experiences the Department initiated the "**No Child Left Inside**" program in 2010.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The major objectives of the Illinois Urban Fishing Program include teaching children to fish, stocking sufficient numbers of catchable-sized fish to provide quality sport fishing opportunities for urban anglers, and attract and introduce citizens to the outdoors by instilling an interest and appreciation for plants and animals. These program objectives have remained the same each year.

Steps deemed necessary to get someone interested in fishing are 1) create a threshold experience, 2) have available equipment, 3) have a suitable place to fish, 4) have a mentor to teach fishing, and 5) have social support of friends and family. Our goal is to have the Urban Fishing Program provide for all or most of these five criteria.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE FISHING

Free Fishing Clinics

Summer fishing clinics are regularly held at **19** local park district sites (see map) and occasionally at additional sites as needed (see Central and Southern Illinois reports for these additional sites). Clinics begin in mid-June and continue throughout July, into mid-August. Sessions are held twice daily, Monday through Friday. Instructors are hired and trained to conduct clinics at each site. Each clinic lasts about 2.5 hours and has two portions: 1) an approximately 45-minute educational session and 2) a “hands-on” fishing session at a nearby stocked lake. The clinics are designed to teach fishing safety, proper angler ethics, aquatic and general ecology, fish identification, knot tying, the importance of becoming good stewards of natural resources and the importance of choosing good friends. Following the classroom educational session, attendees practice casting, learn to set the hook and then are taken fishing.

The clinic instructor presents clinics using large, laminated posters as well as video programs, along with hands-on demonstrations using various types of fishing gear. Group size is generally limited to 20-30 young people per session. Larger groups are discouraged because angling education is less effective when instructors are not able to give adequate individual attention and it is easier to ensure safety with smaller groups. Catch and Release fishing is usually practiced during clinics. Reservations are requested for those attending the clinics and individuals are encouraged to attend a clinic more than once. At many sites the local park district assists the IDNR by taking reservations.

Fish Stocking

Surveys show that kids are more likely to become interested in fishing if they have fun while learning. This is more likely to happen if they catch fish. Therefore, the stocking of catchable-sized channel catfish and hybrid sunfish (green sunfish x bluegill) is an integral part of the Urban Fishing Program. The public is also allowed to catch fish at most sites. Catchable sized channel catfish were only stocked in the Chicago lagoons this past summer at the rate of approximately 200 lbs./acre and hybrid sunfish were added at most sites at the rate of 500 fish/acre/year. Sunfish were stocked in 2 - 5 deliveries between

late Spring through early August. Catfish weighed an average of 1 - 2 lbs. and sunfish were 4 - 7 inches long. In calendar year, 2021, fish stocking was only done in Chicago due to budgetary constraints.

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Studies show that a program that teaches fishing is much more effective at getting participants hooked on the sport if participants can actually go fishing. Therefore, clinics included fishing if possible. Other programs, besides the summer clinics, that include fishing are: special event clinics, events held by volunteer instructors, fishing expos, daily fishing clinics at the state fair, school fishing programs and fishing derbies.

Special Event Clinics

Special event clinics are like regular summer clinics, but are held on weekends, after school, or at different locations near lakes with a suitable fish population.

Volunteer Instructor Clinics

The volunteer instructor fishing clinics are held by individuals, employees of state or local parks, recreation department employees, 4-H and scout camp leaders, etc., and are held at sites with a lake where fishing is available. The volunteers are trained and provided with Urban Fishing Clinic Program educational materials and with fishing equipment. This facet of the Urban Program has shown large growth and has the potential for more, allowing additional children to learn to fish at a low cost.

Fishing Expos

Fishing Expos are large fishing clinics where each topic of the Program is taught at a separate station by trained instructors. After completing each instructional station, participants then go fishing. These events are normally sponsored in part or entirely by local fishing clubs, service clubs, and/or private businesses. Expos are one-day events and are designed to accommodate between 100-500 participants.

Fishing Derbies

Fishing Derbies usually involve a larger group of anglers (40-200 people), and include fishing without the educational part of the summer clinic program. Educational sessions may not be practical due to large group size, participants arriving at different times, time constraints, etc.

School Fishing Programs

School Fishing Programs consist of school fishing field trips, after-school fishing programs, and P.E. fishing programs. For all programs the educational portion is presented at the school or by the lake before actually fishing. With many fishing field trips and after-school programs, parents or grandparents meet the lower-grade students at the lake to help. These family-mentored angling programs are held in high esteem because it is more likely that these children and adults will go fishing again by themselves. With P.E. programs the teachers take students fishing during their P.E. classes for several weeks near the end of the school year with fishing poles that IDNR provides for their use. Teachers who offer these fishing programs are truly enthusiastic and dedicated. After-school rod and reel maintenance became a way of life for these teachers.

PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE FISHING

In Illinois, weather limits Program activities that include on-site fishing to the warmer months of April through October. If inclement weather or other limitations such as large group size, time constraints, lack of a suitable body of water, etc. occur, non-fishing activities are held. These programs include school classroom programs, fishing/outdoor shows and outdoor Conservation Field Day programs.

School Classroom Programs

The School Classroom Programs include a variety of types of sessions. Some programs discuss lake ecosystems and related topics and then allow students to pick up and handle live fish and other aquatic animals. Other programs include slide show fish related presentations followed by question and answer periods. Some programs are educational bingo-type fish games.

Fishing/Outdoor Sports Shows

Fishing/Outdoor Sports Shows are usually held indoors during the winter and they are set up to handle hundreds of persons wanting to visit with vendors selling fishing and outdoor products. Our activities, at times, offer the use of a fish simulator that allows participants to experience what it might be like to catch a large fish. We also promote our various summer fishing programs and give away aquatic and fish related literature.

Conservation Field Day Programs

Conservation Field Day programs consist of 15 - 25-minute presentations about fish and general aquatics, and are usually held outdoors at state parks for school groups that are on a field trip. Numerous groups of students participate, and each group rotates from station to station.

“ACCESS TO FISHING” PROGRAM

The Illinois ***“Access to Fishing”*** rod and reel loaner program began in 1997 and remains a unique way of allowing anglers to try fishing without having to buy equipment. Rods and reels purchased by or donated to IDNR are placed in establishments such as libraries, lake-side concession stands, bait stores, etc. This equipment is available to be borrowed at no cost, and is handled much like checking out and returning a library book. Tackle packets (containing hooks, sinkers, a bobber, etc.) and instructional fishing literature are also available at no cost for users to keep when they borrow a fishing pole.

This Program is popular with recent fishing clinic participants, the first-time angler, and the occasional angler who does not yet want to invest in equipment. It also makes it possible for example, for a parent to take their children and additional neighborhood children fishing and be able to provide a fishing pole for each.

The equipment is maintained by local volunteers, employees of the lending facility that houses the equipment, and by IDNR employees, etc. Locations and phone numbers for “loaner sites” in each area are shown in an appendix at the end of this report.

CHICAGO URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was initiated in Chicago in 1985. Programs were held in city parks and consisted of summer educational fishing sessions which were followed by fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. The summer clinic program has been expanded to additional parks, but the original format remains the same.

We also offered other fishing and aquatic environmental educational programs throughout the year. These programs were held in schools, with senior groups and day care facilities, in parks on weekends, etc. An important goal of this program was getting individuals interested in fishing so that they might develop it as a hobby in future years. If someone is to develop fishing as a hobby, it is most important that they go fishing when learning the sport. Therefore, activities in this report will be divided into those that included fishing and those that did not include fishing.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Summer Fishing Clinics were started in 1985 at Marquette, Gompers, and Columbus Parks. The Program was expanded and now fishing clinics and fish stockings take place at the following parks: Auburn, Columbus, Douglas, Garfield, Gompers, Humboldt, Jackson, Palmisano, Marquette, McKinley, Riis, Sherman, Washington, and West Ridge.

A total of **154** fishing clinics was held for **2,580** participants and this past year we stocked **0** pounds of catchable sized channel catfish and **168,750** hybrid sunfish (Refer to Table 1 for fishing clinic and fish stocking information). **(Due to Covid19 clinics and stocking numbers were greatly reduced)**



Table 1: Summer Fishing Clinics and Fish Stocking

Park	# of Clinics	# of Participants	Fish Stocking	
			Lbs. stocked Channel Catfish	# Hybrid sunfish
Auburn	-0-	-0-	400	0
Columbus	3	18	2,200	0
Douglas	0	0	2,000	0
Garfield	0	-0-	2,000	0
Gompers	2	18	1,200	0
Humboldt	0	0	2,200	0
Jackson	1	9	2,000	0
Marquette	0	0	2,000	0
McKinley	3	27	2,000	0
Palmisano	0	0	0	0
Sherman	0	0	800	0
Riis	-0-	-0-	-0-	0
Washington	0	0	1,000	0
West Ridge	0	0	-0-	0
Totals	9	72	20,000	0

IDNR provided fishing equipment and bait for the participants to use. Wax worms and spikes were the preferred bait and it was generously provided at cost by Henry's Sports and Bait Shop, Inc. of Chicago.

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Special event clinics were conducted on weekends, after school, or times when the structured clinic schedule and/or site could not be utilized. Special events also meant clinics for "special" groups, such as special education and special recreation groups, block clubs, school groups, senior citizens, park districts, and others that had expressed an interest. During the year **650** participants took part in 4 special event program due to COVID-19 restrictions.

School fishing programs were held for elementary and high school students. Each program included a power-point presentation which was followed by educational games.

We held **6** aquatic-outreach fishing clinics in **4** Chicago Public Schools for **60** students. Urban Fishing T-shirts were awarded as prizes and most students went fishing later.

PROGRAM TOTALS

A total of 3,290 individuals participated in the Chicago Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had 2,580 participants, Special Event Outreach Fishing Programs had 650 participants, School Fishing Programs had 60 participants.

"ACCESS TO FISHING" PROGRAM

The "*Access to Fishing*" rod and reel loaner program had **30** loans during the year. We have **ten** sites: Albany Park Branch Library, Sherman Park Library, Rogers Park Public Library, Uptown Public Library, Humboldt Park Library, Douglas Park Library, McKinley Park Branch Library, Blackstone Library, Vodak East Side Library, and Rogers Park Library. Each site was provided with 25 rod and reel combos to lend out.

In order to participate in the program, parents were required to sign an agreement which waived liability for the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Libraries. A bar code was

attached to each rod and reel and cataloged for their records. The rod and reel combo were checked out of the libraries using the same system for checking out books. Participants were allowed to borrow fishing poles for seven days.

Locations and phone numbers for “loaner sites” are shown in an appendix at the end of this report.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Activities planned for the Chicago Urban Fishing Program will include summer fishing clinics at nine Chicago Park District sites and the stocking of catchable sized fish at 14 park district lagoons.
2. We also plan to expand the Aquatic Outreach Program to additional schools.

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NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

Currently, the northeastern Illinois Urban Fishing Program is limited to stocking catchable-sized fish at seven locations shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Site locations and number of fish stocked.

Stock Location	Fish stocking	
	Lbs. stocked Channel Catfish	Hybrid Sunfish (#)
Lyons/Cermak Quarry	0	0
Mundelein/Comm Park Pond	0	0
Wheaton/Elliot Park Lake	0	0
Schiller Park/Schiller Park Pond	0	0
Northbrook/Lake Shermerville	0	0
Dolton/Flatfoot Lake	0	0
Alsip Park District Lake	0	0
-----SPECIAL EVENTS-----		
Wm Power/Wolf Lake	0	0
Richton Park	0	0
Godley Park	0	0
Mundelein Police Derby	0	0
Totals	0	0

The “Access to Fishing” sites loaned fishing tackle equipment ~has roughly **37** loaner sites in the suburban area outside Chicago city limits. Loaner locations are shown in the index at the end of this report.

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Since its humble beginnings in Chicago in 1985, the Illinois Urban Fishing Program has been dedicated to improving the sport of fishing by demonstrating proper safety and responsibility to beginning anglers. The skills demonstrated and the knowledge imparted is invaluable in our modern society.

While school team sports usually become spectator sports after graduation, fishing can turn into a lifelong activity. Most anglers develop an appreciation for natural resources, wildlife, and a clean environment by participating in wholesome outdoor recreation.

As conservationists, our success is not only measured in the resources we pass on to our children and grandchildren, but also by the attitude we have instilled in them. They are the future custodians of our land, water and wildlife. The Urban Fishing Program tries to instill an awareness of safety, a willingness to become involved in conservation, and an attitude of responsibility toward all of our natural resources.

Our programs teach fishing, aquatic education, or a combination of the two. Our programs may or may not include fishing. Those that include fishing are much more valuable in instilling a desire for a person to adopt fishing as a lifelong hobby.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Fishing Clinics and Fish Stockings

The Northwestern Illinois Urban Fishing Program was initiated in 1995. Three sites were initially chosen based on population centers and availability of suitable waters. These sites were: Levings Lake in Rockford (Winnebago County), Glen Oak Park Lagoon in Peoria (Peoria County), and Riverside Lagoon in Moline (Rock Island County). Spencer Lake and the Mill Race Ponds in Belvidere were added to the Rockford clinic site in the Spring of 1999. Participants were mostly school-age children, although a few adult and senior groups attended. Catchable-sized fish were stocked at most sites to improve

fishing success. In 2021 we held **0** clinics for **0** participants.

Table 3. Summer Fishing Clinics and Fish Stockings

Clinic Site	# of Clinics	# of Participants	Fish stocking	
			Lbs. stocked Channel Catfish	(#) Hybrid Sunfish
Four Lakes	0	0	0	0
Mill Race Pond	0	0	0	0
Boone Co. Cons. District	0	0	0	0
Centennial Park Pond	-	-	0	0
Riverside Park Lagoon	-	-	0	0
Glen Oak Park/ Peoria	0	0	0	0
-----SPECIAL EVENTS-----				

Bakers Lake	-	-	0	0
Lock 14 I&M	-	-	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING

Unfortunately, this year outreach programs were postponed for the safety and wellbeing of our staff and the public we serve due to the COVID-19 virus.

PROGRAM TOTALS

A total of **0** individuals participated in the Northwestern Illinois Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **0** participants and Fishing Expos/Other Fishing Programs had **0** participants.

“ACCESS TO FISHING” PROGRAM

In the spring of 1997, sixteen “Access to Fishing” sites were established in Northwestern Illinois. Since that time, additional locations have been added and we now have a total of **20** sites. Due to the COVID-19, most of the libraries were closed, and few fishing poles were loaned out.

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Continue the Summer Urban Fishing Clinics.
2. The high quality and successful Baker’s Lake Kids Fishing will again be co-sponsored with the Better Fishing Association.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

When a person is introduced to fishing, they are being presented with an activity they can enjoy their entire life. With today's hectic pace, fishing can make one forget life's pressures and just enjoy being outdoors. An introduction to fishing that places emphasis on the positive attributes of being outdoors helps to create an experience where children become more comfortable with nature. Fishing allows children to feel a sense of accomplishment and a healthy self-esteem. Fishing is a unique hobby that can be done alone or be used as an experience that builds closeness with friends and/or family members. In addition, these experiences allow for a better understanding of conservation efforts.

Fishing is a new experience for many participants in our program as the summer clinics are the first experience for many of our participants. It is for this reason that Aquatic Conservation Outreach Coordinators seek to the important aspects of fishing and the aquatic world. In addition, it is important that they catch fish to become excited and instill within them a desire to want to fish again

Our outreach programs are divided by those that have fishing as a component or those that are strictly on aquatic conservation and education. Whenever possible, fishing would be included to allow participants to a have hands-on learning experience. Research has shown that individuals are more likely to want to fish again and to develop fishing as a hobby **if they have the fishing experience**. Moreover, it is better to have multiple fishing excursions to allow participants to continue the learning process. This also raises interest in the sport and conservation efforts. Children are **not likely** to become interested in fishing if they don't have the fishing experience.

Programs that included fishing were summer fishing clinics, special fishing clinics, state fair fishing clinics, school fishing programs, volunteer instructor fishing clinics, and fishing derbies.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Sites for these programs included Crystal Lake Park in Urbana, Kaufman Lake in Champaign, Colbert Park in Savoy, Fairview Park in Decatur, Washington Park in Springfield and Miller Park located in Bloomington, Illinois. A total of **514** people (mostly children) attended one of the **57** clinics held in the Central Illinois area.

In most years the outreach programs are promoted however, this year this process was unable to be performed due to most clinic locations not having staff.

Fish stocking has become an integral part of the Program. If children are to become interested in fishing, it is very important that they catch fish while they are learning. Fish were stocked on a bi-weekly schedule during the summer at most clinic sites to help improve success. Some offsite lakes used occasionally were not stocked because they had a enough fish population that allowed most attendees to catch fish. All lakes were pre-fished before programs to make sure fish were available.

Fishing rods were rigged with small hooks (size 8 or 12 circle or Aberdeen hooks) and small bobbers to target sunfish because those fish were more numerous and easier to catch. Kids are more likely to become interested in fishing if they catch fish. Catching a small fish is far superior to not catching anything.

Volunteer help during fishing programs has become an integral part of the Urban Fishing Program. The extra help provided more individual attention for children, that usually meant more success at catching fish and made events safer. Many volunteers helped our young anglers this year and group leaders were always urged to bring enough adults to have a one-to-five adult/child ratio. Clinic locations and the numbers of catchable-sized fish that were stocked are shown in **Table 4**.

Table 4. Clinic Locations, Fish Stocking and No. of Program Participants Totals

Clinic Site	# of Clinics	# of Anglers	# Hybrid Sunfish Stocked
Crystal Lake, Urbana**	0	0	0
Kaufman Lake, Champaign	46	341	0
Colbert Park, Savoy	11	173	0
Fairview Park, Decatur*	0	0	0
Washington Park, Springfield*	0	0	0
Miller Park, Bloomington*	0	0	0
Illinois State Fair Pond	30	756	0
Moorman Park Lake	0	0	0
Totals	87	1,270	0

** site is under construction

* Sites were not staffed

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Other programs that included fishing were special fishing clinics, fishing derbies, school fishing programs, fishing clinics by volunteer instructors and state fair fish clinics. Due to the incidence of Covid-19, most schools in the Central Illinois area in the early part of the year 2021 had adopted classes that were remote. For this reason, the ability to perform school visits to provide fishing and/or non-fishing seminars was greatly reduced. A total of **416** individuals fished in one of the **11** programs that were held. These programs and their totals are shown in **Table 5**.

Table 5. Other Programs That Included Fishing

Program Type	# of Events	# of Participants
Special Event Fishing Clinics	11	416
School Fishing Clinics	3	221
Clinics and Derbies by Volunteer Instructors	0	0
Totals	14	637

The Illinois State Fair is always exciting in its carnival atmosphere. Usually, these fishing clinics were held inside of Conservation World. In 2021, the Family Fishing tent was not opened due to prevalence of COVID-19 and a lack of staffing. However, this year parents were able to fish with their children at the dock located near the larger Fisheries tent. These opportunities were offered three times daily on each day of the fair.

Another area that was canceled due to COVID-19 was the **Touch a Fish** station that in the past had been located near the entrance of Conservation World. This station would enable participants to have a hands-on experience by allowing them to touch or hold a fish, turtle or crayfish. Due to staffing issues and the high levels of contact with the public during a time of infectious pathogen, this station was not open during the 2021 Illinois State Fair. In fact, this station has been postponed indefinitely.

The **Volunteer Instructor** program is becoming a more important and larger part of the central Illinois program. With this program fishing clinics were held by employees of a state or local park, a recreation department, church, 4-H or scout camp, individuals, etc. The employees of organizations or individuals were trained and given educational posters, fishing poles, and other program necessities. Numerous fishing clinics were held at each site, and these sites included: Weldon Springs State Park, Comlara Park in McLean County, the Charleston Park District, the Quincy Park District, Heartland Community College in Bloomington. In addition, numerous fishing derbies were held at the 4-H Camp at Allerton Park near Monticello. IDNR trained new employees where necessary and helped repair/replace damaged fishing equipment at each site. It should also be noted that most camps were cancelled to the COVID-19 virus.

PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING

Non-fishing programs consisted of fishing events, outdoor shows, fairs, and schools. Totals for these events are shown in **Table 6**.

Table 6. Conservation\ Education Outreach Programs That Did Not Include Fishing

Program Type	# of Events	# of Participants
In-School Aquatic Outreach Programs*	1	612
Community Aquatic Outreach Programs	1	200
Educational Booths	0	0
Illinois State Fair "Touch a Fish**	0	0
Illinois State Fair Family Fishing Tent Non-Fishing**	0	0
Totals	2	812

*Most schools in the region are either virtual or had been postponed due to the coronavirus

**Cancelled due to COVID-19 virus

PROGRAM TOTALS

A total of **2,719** individuals participated in the Central Illinois Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **1,270** participants, Special Event Outreach Fishing Programs had **416** participants, School Fishing Programs had **221** participants, volunteer instructors had a combined **0** participants and Aquatic Outreach Programs had **812** participants.

"ACCESS TO FISHING" PROGRAM

The ***"Access to Fishing"*** (rod and reel loaner program) program now has **30 loaner sites** in the central Illinois area. Usually, eight or ten rod and reel combos were placed at each site, although several sites were given more. Large colorful promotional posters from the American Sport fishing Association were used to increase awareness. reels will be loaned out for groups such as school classrooms, large scout groups, etc. These super sites are also noted in the appendix. It should also be noted that most of these sites were closed due to the COVID-19 virus.

CALENDAR YEAR 2022 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Plans for the Central Illinois Urban Fishing Program next year include:

1. Increase the number of in-school fishing/environmental classes given at schools in the Central Illinois region.
2. Promote attendance for the Urban Fishing Summer Clinics by conducting interviews on both local radio and television within the Central Illinois region.
3. Continue to seek and adopt new methods of introducing conservation education and angler recruitment and retention.
4. Increase virtual presence by creating videos and live streaming when necessary.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program is a fun-filled practical introduction to fishing for youth and persons of all ages. Thousands of children and their families receive basic training in the sport of angling each year through the efforts of the Urban Fishing staff.

The southern Illinois IDNR Urban Fishing programs are managed by the IDNR Division of Fisheries and are supported by fishing clubs, educators, service clubs and interested anglers. These groups and individuals share ownership of the program and promote fishing as a wholesome sport.

The Urban Fishing programs are basic fishing classes devoted to the sport of fishing, and ideally include an actual fishing experience. Students learn water safety and fishing ethics, and many realize the lake ecosystem requires good conservation practices while they experience the freedom of the great outdoors. As young anglers build confidence with their newly acquired skills, they become more aware of the world's natural resources and the environment in which they live. Many participants come to enjoy fishing as a stress-free low-cost pastime while others mold the many facets of ichthyology into satisfying career paths.

This report separates these activities into fishing and non-fishing events. A total of **16,341** persons participated in FY2021 in the **39** counties of southern Illinois served by the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program Coordinator and **7,291** fished. The numbers were down because of the COVID pandemic.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Summer Fishing Clinics Fishing clinics were staffed by five IDNR Conservation Education Representatives (CER) clinic Instructors who taught **2,761** anglers. The CERs were headquartered at nine locations: Gordon Moore Park in Alton, Frank Holten in East St. Louis, Veterans Park in Mt. Vernon, Foundation Park in Centralia, Glazebrook Park in Godfrey, Jones Park in East St. Louis, LeClaire Lake in Edwardsville, and Evergreen Park in Carbondale. Fishing classes were scheduled twice daily. Large catchable-sized hybrid sunfish were stocked at the clinic sites to help improve success for the anglers. See **Table 7** below for clinic student locations and fish stocking numbers. The asterisk* indicates CER classes at other fishing sites.

Table 7. Summer Fishing Clinic Locations, Fish Stocking and No. of Program Participants Totals

Clinic Site	# of Clinics	# of Anglers	# Hybrid Sunfish Stocked
Alton/Gordon Moore Park	21	300	0
Belk Park, Wood River	25	425	0
Carbondale Evergreen	3	75	0
Centralia/ Foundation Park	15	160	0
East St. Louis/Holten SP	45	980	0
Edwardsville/LeClair Lake*	5	55	0
Giant City State Park	4	125	0
Glazebrook	10	120	0
Mt. Vernon/ Veterans Park	31	131	0
Murphysboro Lake	4	0	0
Woodland Park	5	100	0
Youth Police Camp Belk Park	1	90	0
Totals	169	2,761	0

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Large outreach programs that the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program co-sponsored were the Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair at Pere Marquette State Park, the Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days at Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, and the Lewis and Clark Community College Water Stewardship Festival.

The **Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair** is the largest youth fishing event in Illinois. At Pere Marquette State Park, we hosted the 32nd annual event, October 2, 2021. We changed the date due to the COVID pandemic. This event over **4,000** people and had **1,200** children register for fishing instructions plus several hundred that did not register. This year two new stations were introduced at Two Rivers Fishing Festival, and we were happy to have the “Fetch and Fish Aquarium” return. In addition, we also had radio broadcasting from St. Louis and television stations reporting which helped make this annual event a favorite of many Illinois and St. Louis area families.

The Urban Fishing staff and volunteers managed several of the 33 fun-fishing events which included a felt fishpond, one cast, the pitch and flip station, knot tying, the sport fishing simulator station, and the favorite of many, the new Bluegill Pond, which was stocked with **3,000** hybrid sunfish and a few channel catfish and bass. Also, Gretchen Steele had a bow fishing station at the new blue gill pond. Youth who visited at least seven of these learning stations earned enough “stars” on their ticket to put their angling skills to use and fish for trout and were then eligible to select a prize from the prize tent. Special attractions included an appearance by Fred Bird, and the mascot of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. Also, the 4,000-gallon fetch and fish aquarium with many species of Illinois fish attracted many, as did the scavenger hunt, Camo the clown, and a fish preparation station.

The best thing about The Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair is that it is a free event, and every child will leave with a prize. A child can catch a trout, have it cleaned at the fish cleaning station, and then take it to the fish preparation station to have the fish cooked. This event reaches many urban families.

The annual fall **Southern Illinois Celebration of Hunting and Fishing Days** at John A. Logan College attracted approximately **30,000** people in September. The annual Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days event has hosted over a half million sportsmen and their families since 1987. This free event, the largest of its kind in the United States, is held the fourth weekend each September and showcases outdoor recreation in Illinois. The Fishing Program stocked **2,000 lbs.** of channel catfish and **2,200** hybrid sunfish in the college reflecting pool, and over **1,600** kids caught fish.

Table 8. Other Programs That Included Fishing and Fish Stockings.

Program Type	#of Events	# of Participants	Channel Catfish (lbs.)	Hybrid Sunfish (#)	Trout (#)
Fishing Expos	2	500	1,000	2,000	-
Youth Police Camp	1	90	-	-	-
Special Fishing Clinics	15	500	-	-	-
Special Fishing Programs	6	400	-	-	-
Special Olympics Du Quoin	10	140	-	-	-
Two Rivers Fishing Fair	1	1,200	-	3,000	1,200
Du Quoin Blue Gill Pond	10	1,000	-	2,200	-
Fishing Derbies	3	600	-	-	-
Volunteer Fishing Clinics	1	100	-	-	-
Totals	49	4,530	1,000	7,400	1,200

The **Lewis and Clark Community College Water Stewardship Festival** attracted over **500** students and teachers from **18** schools. The educational emphasis of the event was to raise awareness of the science of water. The Urban Fishing area enabled all of the event participants the opportunity to catch fish during 20-minute fishing sessions. Many volunteers from the College kept the hooks baited and practiced good catch and release methods.

Mississippi Earthtones Festival, co-organized by Alton Main Street and the Sierra Club, is a celebration of our river. The Urban fishing trailer and fishing activities were provided to over **2,000** people.

Urban Fishing Programs that included fishing were special clinics and derbies. Totals for outreach programs that included fishing are shown in **Table 8**.

PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING

These non-fishing programs were presented at fishing events, outdoor shows, fairs, and schools as well as non-school educational programs where various aspects of fishing and environmental appreciation were taught. Totals for these events are shown in **Table 9**.

Table 9. Programs That Did Not Include Fishing

Program Type	# of Events	# of Participants
Du Quoin State Fair Casting Practice/Urban Fishing Tent (ten days)	10	1,100
Earth Day Events	7	1,500
Fishing Safety Clinics Du Quoin State Fair	N/A	N/A
Non-School Aquatic Outreach Programs	10	300
Raging Rivers Event	1	500
School Aquatic Outreach Programs	11	1,000
School Programs at Du Quoin	6	900
Urban Booths*	4	3,700
Wing Shooting Clinic	1	50
Totals	50	9,050

* Kampsville Archeological Event, Collinsville Boat Show, Gordon Moore Park Event, & Dow Treehouse Wildlife Center,

ACCESS TO FISHING PROGRAM

The Southern Illinois Urban Fishing *Access to Fishing* program continues to allow youth to experience the sport of fishing and the great outdoors by providing libraries and other loaner sites with fishing tackle that can easily be borrowed by youthful anglers.

Alton's Hayner Library was the first rod and reel loaner site in Illinois. There are now **43** sites in Southern Illinois. Rods and reels are usually bar-coded by the libraries before being loaned out. Tackle packs containing hooks, sinkers, a bobber, and fishing tips are also available to each borrower. Locations and phone numbers for the Southern Illinois loaner sites are shown in the appendix at the end of this report.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Plans for the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program next year include:

1. Increase the number of in-school fishing/environmental classes at schools in the metro-east area. Encourage those students to bring their parents to actual fishing clinics that are available or to attend Family Fishing Events held at state and local parks.
2. Promote attendance at the regular Urban Fishing summer clinics. Encourage advanced reservations and informing youth groups about the free fishing clinics. Continue to involve the media to inform the public about the availability of the free fishing clinics in their area.
3. Offer library access to fishing sites for their youthful patrons during their summer reading programs. Continue to promote the access to fishing at sites.

4. Build upon experience and successes to promote attendance at the Urban Fishing Programs. Continue to perfect these quality programs that help instill a respect for the conservation of our natural resources and introduce sport fishing to our youth.
5. Increase CER presence at multiple sites. The CER's can reach more youth by being at additional sites rather than being at one location.

If you have any questions about this report or the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program, please contact the Urban fishing coordinator....

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2021 “ACCESS TO FISHING” SITE LOCATIONS (BY REGION)

Alphabetized by city within regions

CHICAGO/ NORTHEAST ILLINOIS			
Access Site	Address		Phone #
Albany Park Branch Library	5150N.Kimball	Chicago, IL 60625	312/744-1933
Blackstone Public Library	4904 S. Lake Park Ave.	Chicago, IL 60615	312/747-0511
Blackwell Forest Preserve	Butterfield Road (2 miles west of Winfield Rd.)	Warrenville, IL	630/876-5937
Bolingbrook Park District	475 Trout Farm Road	Bolingbrook, IL 60440	630/739-4696
Burr Ridge Park District	15 West 400 Harvester Dr.	Burr Ridge, IL 60527	630/920-1969
Cabela’s	5225 Prairie Stone Parkway	Hoffman Estates, IL 60169	847/645-0400 ext. 8190
Crystal Lake Nature Center	330 N. Main St.	Crystal Lake, IL 60014	815/455-1763
Douglas Park Library	3353 W. 13 th St.	Chicago, IL 60623	312/747-3725
DuPage County Forest Preserve District	Churchill Woods Forest Preserve	St. Charles Rd., Glen Ellyn, IL	630/792-2100
Eden’s Place Nature Center	4417 S. Stewart Avenue	Chicago, IL 60609	773/624-8686
Evanston Parks Ecology Center	2024 McCormick Blvd.	Evanston, IL 60201	847/864-5181
Fox River Grove Memorial Library	407 Lincoln Avenue	Fox River Grove, IL 60021-1406	847/639-2274
Godley Park District	500 Kankakee St.	Godley, IL 60407	815/458-6129
Grayslake Park District	243 Harvey Avenue	Grayslake, IL 60030	847/223-4404
Greenbelt Cultural Center	1215 Green Bay Road North	Chicago, IL 60064	847/968-3477

Henry's Bait Shop	3130S.CanalSt.	Chicago, IL 60616	312/225- 8538
Herrick Lake	Butterfield Road (1/4 mile East of Herrick Road)	Wheaton, IL	630/876- 5937
Humboldt Park Library	1605NorthTroy	Chicago, IL 60647	312/744- 2244
I & M Canal State Trail	Gebhard Woods, P.O.Box272	Morris, IL 60450	815/942- 0796
Iron Oaks Environmental, Learning Center 20000	Western Ave.	Olympia Fields, IL 60461	708/481- 2330
Lake View Nature Center	17 W 063 Hodges Rd.	Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181	630/941- 8747
Maine Township	1700 Ballard Road	Park Ridge, IL 60068	847/297- 2510
Marengo Union Library	19714 E. Grant Hwy.	Marengo, IL 60152	815-/568- 8236
Matteson Area Public Library	801 South School Avenue	Matteson, Illinois 60443	(708)748- 4431
McHenry Parks and Recreation	3636 Municipal Dr.	McHenry, IL 60050	815/363- 2160
McKinley Park Branch Library	1915 W. 35th St.	Chicago, IL 60609	312/747- 6082
Monee Reservoir/Whalon	27341 Ridgeland Ave.	Monee, IL 60449	708/534- 8499
Moraine Hills State Park	1510 S. River Rd.	McHenry, IL 60051	815/344- 1294
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New Lenox Community Park District	1 Manor Drive	New Lenox, IL 60451	815/485- 3548
Northbrook Park District	3323 Walters Ave	Northbrook, IL 60062	847/291- 2995
Northwest Special Recreation Assoc.	3000W.Central Rd., Suite	205 Rolling Meadows, IL 60008	847/392- 2848
Oak Lawn Public Library	9427 S. Raymond Ave.	Oak Lawn, IL 60453	708/422- 4990
Orland Hills Recreation Dept.	16033 South 94th Ave.	Orland, IL 60477	708/349- 7211

Palatine Park District, Birchwood Park Salmon Shop	250 E. Wood St.	Palatine, IL 60067	847/705- 5123 ext. 238
Pilcher Park	2501 Highland Park Dr.	Joliet, IL 60435	815/741- 7277
Pleasant Dale Park District	7425 S. Wolf Road	Burr Ridge, IL 60527	630/662- 6220
Prairie Grass Nature Museum	860 Hart Road	Round Lake, IL 60073	847/740- 9823
Poplar Creek Public Library	1405 s. Park Avenue	Streamwood, IL 60107	630/837- 6800
River Trail Nature Center	3120N.Milwaukee	Northbrook, IL 60062	847/824- 8360
Schaumburg Park District	1111 E. Schaumburg	Schaumburg, IL 60194	847/985- 2100
Sherman Park Library	5440S.Racine	Chicago, IL 60609	312/747- 0478
St. Charles Park District	101 South Second	St. Charles, IL 60174	630/513- 4335
The Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center	9800 South 104th Avenue	Willow Springs, IL 60480	708/839- 6897
Uptown Public Library	929W. Buena	Chicago, IL 60613	312/744- 8400
Vodak---East Side Branch Public Library	3710 E. 106th Street	Chicago, IL60617	312/747- 5500
Wauconda Park District	600N.MainStreet	Wauconda, IL 60084	847/526- 3610
West Ridge Nature Preserve – Park 568	6962 N. Hamilton --- #D	Chicago, IL 60645	773/401- 1828
Wildwood Nature Center	2701 W. Sibley Ave.	Park Ridge, IL 60068	847/692- 5127
Wildwood Park District	3325Sears Boulevard	Wildwood, IL 60030	847/223- 7275
Willow Brook Recreation Department	7760 Quincy St.	Willow Brook, IL 60527	630/323- 8215
Winfield Public Library	5291WinfieldRoad	Winfield, IL 60190	630/653- 7599

Wm. Powers Conservation Area	12949 S. Avenue O	Chicago, IL 60633	773/646-3270
York Center Park District	609SouthLuther Ave.	Lombard, IL 60148	630/629-0886

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

Access Site	Address		Phone #
Angler's Edge Pro Shop	217 East Riverside Blvd.	Loves Park, IL 61111	815/877-6082
Astoria Public Library	220 W. Broadway	Astoria, IL 61501	309/329-2423
Bond Public Library	208 S. Chestnut St.	Wenona, IL 61377	815/853-4665
Boone County Conservation District	603 N. Appleton Rd.	Belvidere, IL 61008	815/547-7935
Canton Park District	250 South Avenue D	Canton, IL 61520	309/647-1345
Chillicothe Public Library	430 N. Bradley Ave.	Chillicothe, IL 61523	309/274-2719
City of Galesburg Recreation Department	P.O. Box 1387	Galesburg, IL 61402	309/345-3683
Flagg/Rochelle Community Park District	735 N. Second St.	Rochelle, IL 61068	815/562-7813
Franklin Grove Public Library	Box326	Franklin Grove, IL 61031	815/456-2823
Hennepin Canal Parkway, State Park Visitor's Center	16006 875 E. St	Sheffield, IL 61361	815/454-2579
Macomb Public Library	235 South Lafayette	Macomb, IL 61455	309/833-2714
Oregon Park District	304 S. 5th Street	Oregon, IL 61061	815/732-3101
Peoria Park District	2218 N. Prospect Rd.	Peoria, IL 61603	309/688-3667 Ext.208
Quad City Conservation Alliance	2621 4th Ave.	Rock Island, IL 61201	309/788-5912
Rock Falls Public Library	1007 7th Ave. Rock	Falls, IL 61071	815/626-3958

Shabbona Lake St Rec Area
Concession

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Box120

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60550

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Access Site	Address		Phone #
Allerton Park4-Hcamp	499 Old Timber Road	Monticello, IL 61856	217/762-2741
Augusta Public Library	202 Center St.	Augusta, IL 62311	217/392-2211
Carthage Public Library	538 Wabash Ave.	Carthage, IL 62321	217/357-3232
Charleston Public Library	712 S. Sixth St.	Charleston, IL 61920	217/345-4720
Chatham Public Library	600 E. Spruce St.	Chatham, IL 62629	217/483-2713
Eagle Creek/Wolf Creek SP	Box116	Findlay, IL 62534	217/483-8260
Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library	2 W. Water Street	Sullivan, IL 61951	(217) 728-7221
Hamilton Public Library	861 Broadway	Hamilton, IL 62341	217/847-2219
Havana Nature Center	406S.Schrader	Havana, IL 62644	309/543-6240
Heartland Community College	1500W.Raab Road	Normal, IL 61761	309/268-8513
IL Dept. of Natural Resources	One Natural Resources Way	Springfield, IL 62702	217/782-0041
Illinois Veteran's Home	1707 N. Twelfth	Quincy, IL 62301	217/222-8641
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	10149 County Highway11	Chandlerville, IL 62627	217/452-7741
Kennekuk Cove County Park	222A Henning Road	Danville, IL 61834	217/442-1691
Lincoln Trail State Park-baitshop	P.O. Box 81, 16985 E. 1350 th Rd.	Marshall, IL 62441	217/826-8131
McLean Co. Conservation District-Evergreen Lake	2450 N. Comlara Rd.	Hudson, IL 61748	309/726-2022
Mill Creek Park	20482 N. Park Entrance Rd.	Marshall, IL 62441	217/889-2882

Nauvoo State Park	Box 426	Nauvoo, IL 62354	217/453- 2512
Pontiac Public Library	211 E. Madison	Pontiac, IL 61764	815/844- 7229
Quincy Public Library	526 Jersey St.	Quincy, IL 62301	217/223- 1309
Rantoul Public Library	106W.Flessner	Rantoul, IL 61866	217/893- 3955
Rantoul Recreation Dept.	1306 Country Club Lane	Rantoul, IL 61866	217/893- 0461
Ridge Lake Biological Station	17211 Ridge Lake Road	Charleston, IL 61920	217/345- 6469
Rock Springs Center	3939 Nearing Lane	Decatur, IL 62521	217/423- 7708
Savoy Recreation Center	402 W. Graham	Savoy, IL 61874	217/359- 3550
Siloam Springs State Park	Concession Stand	Clayton, IL 62324	217/894- 6271
Sky Rush Park	R.R. 3, P.O. Box 11	Rushville, IL 62681	217/322- 6628
Towanda District Library	301 S. Taylor	Towanda, IL 61776	309/728- 2176
Watseka Park District	206E. Walnut	Watseka, IL 60970	815/432- 3931
Weinberg---King State Park	P.O. Box 203	Augusta, IL 62311	217/392- 2345
Weldon Springs State Park	Box 87	Clinton, IL 61727	217/935- 0307

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Access Site	Address		Phone #
Alton Hayner Public Library	326 Belle Street	Alton, IL 62002	618-462-0651
Benld Library	308 E. Central Street,	Benld, IL 62009	217-835-4045
Benton Public Library	502 S. Main Street,	Benton, IL 62812	618-438-7511
Bunker Hill Library	220 E. Warren Street,	Bunker Hill, IL 62014	618-585-4736

Carbondale Public Library	405 W. Main Street	Carbondale, IL 62901	618-457-0354
Carlinville Public Library	501 N. Broad Street	Carlinville, IL 62626	217-854-3505
Carrollton Public Library	509 S. Main Street	Carrollton, IL 62016	217-942-6715
Caseyville Public Library	419 S. 2nd Street	Caseyville, IL 62232	618-345-5848
Centralia Public Library	515 E. Broadway	Centralia, IL 62801	618-532-5222
Chester Public Library	733 State Street	Chester, IL 62233	618-826-3711
Collinsville Memorial Library	408 W. Main Street	Collinsville, IL 62234	618-344-1112
Edwardsville Public Library	112 S. Kansas Street	Edwardsville, IL 62025	618-692-7556
Eldon Hazlett State Park	Homer Guthrie Pond	Carlyle, IL 62231	618-594-3015
Fairfield IDNR Office	R. R. #3, Box 979	Fairfield, IL 62837	618-842-2179
Fairmont City Center	2870 N. 44th Street	Fairmont City, IL 62201	618-842-3966
Frank Holten State Park	4500 Pocket Road	East St. Louis, IL 62205	618-874-7920
Germantown Library	403 Munster Street	Germantown, IL 62245	618-523-4599
Giant City State Park	235 Giant City Road	Makanda, IL 62958	618-457-4836
Godfrey Park and Recreation	6810 Godfrey Road	Godfrey, IL 62035	618-466-1483
Granite City Regional Six-Mile Library District	2201 Delmar Avenue	Granite City, IL 62040	618-452-6238
Greenville Public Library	414 E. Main Street	Greenville, IL 62246	618-664-3115
Harrisburg Rec Department	P. O. Box 313	Harrisburg, IL 62946	618-252-2111
Hillsboro Public Library	214 School Street	Hillsboro, IL 62049	217-532-3055

Jerseyville Library	105 N. Liberty	Jerseyville, IL 62052	618-498-9514
Johnson City Arrowhead Lake	Johnson City, IL 62951	Johnson City, IL 62951	618-983-3535
Litchfield Carnegie Library	Litchfield, IL 62056	Litchfield, IL 62056	217-324-3866
Little Grassy Campground and Marina	788 Hidden Bay	Makanda, IL 62958	618-457-6655
Little Grassy Fish Hatchery	1258 Hatchery Lane	Makanda, IL 62958	618-629-4100
Logan Sallie Public Library	1808 Walnut Street	Murphysbor o, IL 62966	618-684-2923
Marion Carnegie Library	206 Market Street	Marion, IL 62959	618-993-5935
Maryville Community Library	8 Scheiber Court	Maryville, IL 62062	618-288-3801
Metropolis Community Center Library	516 Superman Square	Metropolis, IL 62960	618-524-3411
Nashville Public Library	219 E. Elm Street	Nashville, IL 62263	618-327-3827
O'Fallon Library	109 S. Main Street	O'Fallon, IL 62269	618-632-3783
Pere Marquette State and Park Lodge	Lodge Boulevard	Grafton, IL 62037	618-786-2331
Smithton Library	211 W. Broadway Street	Smithton, IL 62885	618-233-8057
Sparta Public Library	120 Civic Plaza	Sparta, IL 62286	618-443-5014
Steelville Public Library	107 W. Broadway	Steelville, IL 62288	618-965-3135
Trenton Public Library	118 E. Indiana Street	Trenton, IL 62293	618-224-7662
Ullin City Center	Ullin, IL 62922	Ullin, IL 62922	
West Frankfort Public Library	402 E. Popular	Frankfort, IL 62896	618-932-3313
Wood River Public Library	326 E. Ferguson Ave.	Wood River, IL 62095	618-254-4832