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## Walk, Ride, or Share Your Way to the Library

*ELMHURST, IL* ---- Help your environment and your community! Receive a car magnet or water-proof bike sticker the next time you walk, ride, or share your way to the Library. Limited offer, available at any Library information desk, while supplies last.

The Library welcomes an average of 1,591 people per day, meaning the parking lot is well used. A robust lineup of enriching and inclusive events make the Library a destination for connecting and exploring, as well as highly sought-after space to work in study rooms or at quiet tables overlooking Wilder Park.

"In a way, a full parking lot is a great problem to have," says Mary Beth Harper, Director. "Our community loves their Library and they use it frequently. We are challenging visitors to share rides or use alternative transportation whenever possible."

To address the parking problem, the Library has:

- Adjusted public meeting room availability during peak use times.
- Rented 45 additional spots from the neighboring Elmhurst Art Museum
- Provided material pick-up at the Drive Up window.
- Offered a drop-off lane on the building's west side.
- Talked to other City stakeholders
- Supplied a live stream of the parking lot to "check before you visit:" <u>elmlib.org/spotcheck</u>

• Furnished bike and skateboard racks near both entrances of the Library. Bike locks are available for checkout at the Drive Up Window and Checkout desk.

