

PAL PAKS are designed to provide supplemental materials to teachers. These materials will enhance and/or extend the classroom and school library collections.

PAL PAKS utilize plastic tote boxes filled with a variety of library materials, generally 25-30 books and perhaps a few audio-visual products.



There are two types of PAL PAKS. The first type is a variety PAK of grade-level fiction titles. This type would be great to supplement a classroom library or for independent reading time. The second type consists of theme-based materials at grade level. For example, a class studying coral reefs could use a PAL PAK with that theme for independent or group research. This would be in addition to using their school library.

## Youth Services Staff

### Head of Youth Services

Diane Norris-Kuczynski

### Assistant Head of Youth Services

Becky McCormack

### School Liaison

Kara DeCarlo

### Library Director

Mary K. Weimar

## Library Hours

Monday-Friday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## Orland Park Public Library

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Orland Park, IL 60462

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[www.orlandparklibrary.org](http://www.orlandparklibrary.org)

**P**ARTNERS **AT THE** **L**IBRARY

# PAL PAKS



Orland Park Public Library  
*A Natural Connection*

# PAL PAK FACTS

- Confirmations sent via email
- Requests filled on a first come, first serve basis
- Standing orders are possible, and are made available in the first week of each month
- PAL PAKs can only be checked out on a Teacher Loan Card
- The school is responsible for delivery. Please be aware of the system at your school
- Service begins the first Thursday after Labor Day
- Express PAKs are also available for same day pick up. Please call Youth Services for more details
- Staff tries to honor requests for certain themes, however demand determines availability
- Teachers with overdue items or fines will not be allowed to check out PAL PAKs until those are resolved.

- No PAL PAKs sent in December or June
- Requests accepted starting **May 1** and ending **April 30**
- Materials are due back no later than **May 31**

Please contact School Liaison Kara DeCarlo for more information at 708-428-5142 or [kdecarlo@orlandparklibrary.org](mailto:kdecarlo@orlandparklibrary.org)

**Attention: PAL PAKs can only be checked out for three (3) weeks. There are no renewals**



## Requesting PAL PAKS

Go to [orlandparklibrary.org](http://orlandparklibrary.org) and click on Kids' Corner



Click on Parents & Teachers



Click the plus sign next to PAL PAKs to show the link to the PAL PAKs request form. The request form can then be faxed to Kara DeCarlo at 708-428-5187.

### For Elementary Teachers

**PAL (Partners At the Library) Pages**

**PAL PAKS**

PAL PAKs are tote boxes containing grade level materials based on a theme. We also have variety PAKs of fiction titles.

[PAL PAKs brochure](#)

[PAL PAKs request form](#)

**Pik-a-Pak Collection**