

# 2014 Annual Report



## L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Today's public library is both a physical and virtual place, but it continues to be the physical presence of the library that anchors it most firmly in the community. A recent Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries report described the public library "as a welcoming space for a wide range of purposes—reading, communicating, learning, playing, meeting and getting business done. Its design recognizes that people are not merely consumers of content but creators and citizens as well. Its physical presence provides an anchor for economic development and neighborhood revitalization and helps to strengthen social bonds and community identity."

In 2014, in an effort to make the library an even more welcoming and friendly space, as well as a response to the loss of adult reading spaces over many years, renovations were completed to create three additional seating areas. The project began with the removal of soil and plants from atrium spaces and continued with installation of new flooring, seating and updated electrical outlets.

Highlights of the seating areas include additional electrical outlets with optional USB charging; high-top tables and stools; comfortable upholstered chairs; acoustic panels featuring historical Eau Claire photographs; adjustable-height work tables for accessibility; and views overlooking the Eau Claire River. The re-purposed space meets a need for individual and group seating and is consistent with the larger trend in libraries to focus on providing community space that encourages collaboration and engagement.

Renovation of each of the three seating areas was funded separately by generous donations from the Cora Rust Owen Trust, named for the daughter of Eau Claire lumber baron John Owen; the estate of Mildred J. Gerland, a former U.W. system educator and library volunteer; and by the Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, a nonprofit group that supports the library financially through membership dues and fund-raising projects.

Come to YOUR public library and "discover, connect, engage, enrich."

*John Stoneberg*  
Library Director

## THE LIBRARY

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The L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library serves the residents of the City of Eau Claire as well as residents of Eau Claire County through a contractual agreement. It is the largest library in west central Wisconsin and a member of the ten-county Indianhead Federated Library System and the MORE consortium.

The library's policies and operations are overseen by the City of Eau Claire and governed by a ten-member Board of Trustees that is appointed by the City Council, and includes two representatives from Eau Claire County.

The library's mission is to be a source of ideas and information, provided in a wide variety of formats, in order to meet the personal, educational and occupational needs of all its customers, enriching individual lives and contributing to the development and cultural life of the community.



Winter Twilight



Dino Dig

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Summer Library Program  
 Rocket Building

## LIBRARY COLLECTION

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At the end of 2014, the library collection included:

Art Prints	99
Audiobooks - Cassettes	558
Audiobooks - Compact Discs	6,101
Books	197,191
Large Print Books	14,199
CD-ROM Software	500
DVDs	20,812
Magazines	6,660
Microfilm	1,492
Music Cassettes	11
Music Compact Discs	17,622
Videocassettes	467
Other Materials	<u>7,502</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>273,214</b>

## 2014 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

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Circulation (including renewals, not including interlibrary loan)	887,512
Interlibrary loans provided to other MORE member libraries	103,304
Interlibrary loans provided to libraries not members of MORE	3,882
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from other MORE member libraries	95,155
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from libraries not members of MORE	4,028
Circulation of E-books	50,235
Circulation of E-audiobooks	17,577
Circulation of E-video	180
Music Downloads	<u>24,874</u>
<b>TOTAL LOAN ACTIVITY</b>	<b>1,186,747</b>
Increase or Decrease	-6.5%
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Average daily number of library visits	1,373
Increase or Decrease	-9.3%
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Annual library visits	455,306
Increase or Decrease	-8.0%
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Number of users of public Internet computers	80,828
Increase or Decrease	3.9%
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Reference transactions	68,263
Increase or Decrease	4.3%
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Volunteer hours	5,214
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Home Delivery Service customers	206



ArtsWest 35



Friends of the Library Book Sale

## FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit) For the year ended December 31, 2014

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<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		
<b>January 1, 2014:</b>		\$790,306
<b>Receipts:</b>		
City of Eau Claire	\$2,900,700	
County of Eau Claire	517,447	
Other Wisconsin Counties	231,860	
Indianhead Federated Library System	39,706	
Fines and Fees	126,206	
Grants and Gifts	47,988	
Miscellaneous Revenue	14,353	
Use of Fund Balance	<u>41,162</u>	
		\$3,919,423
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,616,645	
Contractual Service	388,463	
Materials and Supplies	678,686	
Debt Service	39,750	
Capital Expenditure	<u>195,879</u>	
		<u>(\$3,919,423)</u>
<b>BALANCE</b>		\$790,306
Transfer to Gift Reserve		(\$102,424)
Reserve for Transfer to Capital Projects		(90,000)
Prepayments		(41,276)
Inventory		(5,069)
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		<u>                    </u>
<b>December 31, 2014:</b>		\$551,538

## PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2014, 23,310 children and teens attended 453 programs and 3,310 adults attended 60 programs. The Summer Library Program registered 2,438 children and 548 teenagers while 593 readers participated in summer and winter reading programs for adults.

Research has shown that children get ready to read long before they enter school. This year, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten was launched, with 325 children participating. The program is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones – kindergarten.

Each year, thousands of library visitors view the library's art exhibits, which feature the work of local and regional artists, as well as many displays of interest to children and adults. Wisconsin ArtsWest, the library's annual juried art show, celebrated its 35th year in 2014, attracting 165 entries by 89 artists. Of these, 64 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library's gallery.



Tech Tuesday

### New & Notable Programs for Kids and Teens

- Summer Library Program "Library Laboratory"
- Young Writers Workshop
- Nature Backpacks
- New Websites for Kids and Teens
- Teen Technology programs
- Charity Challenge



UW-Eau Claire Student Welcome

### 2014 Notable Programs & Events

- What's It Worth? – Antique Appraisal
- Chippewa Valley Book Festival
- Homesteading Series
- Robert Frost Poetry Series
- Tech Tuesdays
- Black Friday Boot Camp
- Clearwater Edible Book Festival
- WWI: The Human Experience Literature Series
- Renaissance Poetry Series
- Clear the Clutter
- Grant Writing Workshop
- Genealogy Workshop
- Design Secrets to a Beautiful Yard & Garden
- *The Hurt Locker* and *Dallas Buyers Club* film screenings
- Writers Read Series



Edible Book Fest

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Summer Library Program - *Library Laboratory*

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