

2015 Annual Report



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

2015 was an outstanding year of collaboration for the library and our community partners as we worked to improve our presence outside of the library and remind community members we have something for everyone. Staff continued building bridges to the community by reaching out to customers who are unable to come to us: volunteers delivered materials to our homebound customers, staff took storytime on the road to early learning centers who don't have the transportation means to bring dozens of children to the library, and we hope you've seen library staff present at community events and festivals.

Our reach was also evident within the library walls as we continued valuable partnerships that brought high quality programming and services to our diverse users. We worked with the art community to bring unique exhibits to the library gallery. We offered space to community organizations to come together to collaborate. With the help of several community partners, we successfully launched a seed library – a project committed to increasing the capacity of our community to feed itself wholesome food by means of education, self-reliance, and a culture of sharing.

One of the best examples of collaboration from 2015 came from the strategic planning process in which staff, board trustees and community stakeholders participated. The group worked together through several planning sessions with the goal of ensuring the services and resources provided by the library align with the desires of our community. The process began with library director John Stoneberg, who retired after 38 years of dedicated service to the Library. We look forward to firming up the details and implementing the plan under the guidance of our new director, Pamela Westby.

What we've learned from our collaborative efforts is that together we are stronger. We have an exciting future ahead of us and we look forward to continuing the many partnerships we've nurtured and recruiting new partners for the future. We hope you'll join us on the journey.

Shelly Collins-Fuerbringer
Interim Library Director

THE LIBRARY

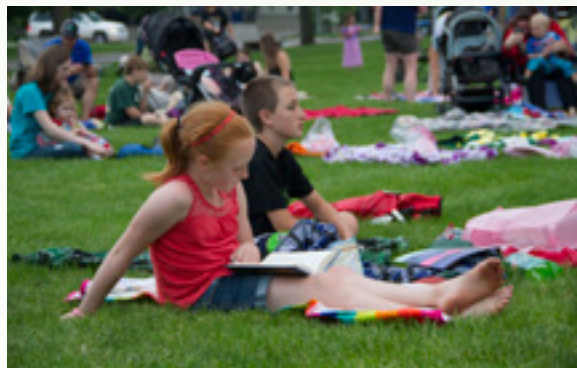
The L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library serves the residents of the City of Eau Claire as well as residents of Eau Claire County through a contractual agreement. It is the largest library in west central Wisconsin and a member of the ten-county Indianhead Federated Library System and the MORE consortium.

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.



Wisconsin Historical Society Exhibit



Summer Cinema

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Summer Library Program
 Teen Prize Auction

LIBRARY COLLECTION

At the end of 2015, the library collection included:

Art Prints	106
Audiobooks - Cassettes	230
Audiobooks - Compact Discs	6,366
Books	190,922
Large Print Books	14,959
CD-ROM Software	344
DVDs	21,483
Magazines	7,310
Microfilm	1,566
Music Cassettes	6
Music Compact Discs	18,070
Videocassettes	279
Other Materials	<u>7,674</u>
TOTAL	269,215

2015 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

Circulation (including renewals, not including interlibrary loan)	836,739
Interlibrary loans provided to other MORE member libraries	86,356
Interlibrary loans provided to libraries not members of MORE	3,455
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from other MORE member libraries	92,571
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from libraries not members of MORE	2,083
Circulation of E-books	48,539
Circulation of E-audiobooks	19,514
Circulation of E-video	180
Music Downloads	24,431
Songs Streamed	<u>64,264</u>
TOTAL LOAN ACTIVITY	1,178,118
Increase or Decrease	-0.7%
Average daily number of library visits	1,373
Increase or Decrease	-6.8%
Annual library visits	423,187
Increase or Decrease	-6.8%
Number of users of public Internet computers	76,141
Increase or Decrease	-5.8%
Reference transactions	72,716
Increase or Decrease	6.5%
Volunteer hours	6,050
Home Delivery Service customers	195



Genealogy Open Lab



Banned Books Event at The Plus

FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit) For the year ended December 31, 2015

Fund Balance January 1, 2015: \$790,306

Receipts:

City of Eau Claire	\$2,929,300	
County of Eau Claire	527,025	
Other Wisconsin Counties	224,205	
Indianhead Federated Library System	41,910	
Fines and Fees	111,000	
Grants and Gifts	140,754	
Miscellaneous Revenue	13,561	
Use of Fund Balance	_____	\$ 3,987,754

Disbursements:

Salaries and Benefits	\$2,712,640	
Contractual Service	404,130	
Materials and Supplies	593,318	
Debt Service	39,773	
Capital Expenditure	206,100	(\$3,955,961)

BALANCE \$822,100

Transfer to Gift Reserve		(\$196,154)
Reserve for Transfer to Capital Projects		(90,000)
Prepayments		(47,255)
Inventory		(4,628)
Revenue Control		(14,547)
Expense Control		143
Unassigned Fund Balance		—

**Undesignated Fund Balance
December 31, 2015:** \$469,660

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2015, 22,397 children and teens attended 442 programs and 5,039 adults attended 123 programs. The Summer Library Program registered 2,095 children and 556 teenagers while 453 readers participated in summer and winter reading programs for adults.

Research has shown that children get ready to read long before they enter school. Launched in 2014, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones – kindergarten. With 486, the first class of 27 children graduated from the program in 2015.

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 36th year in 2015, attracting 186 entries by 102 artists. Of these, 68 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library's gallery.



Summer Library Program - Youth Services Staff

New & Notable Programs for Kids and Teens

- Summer Library Program "Readers to the Rescue"
- Young Writers Workshop
- iPads for Teen checkout
- New Websites for Kids and Teens
- Teen Technology programs
- Charity Challenge



Pete the Cat Event

2015 Notable Programs & Events

- Eau Claire Grows Community Seed Library
- Chippewa Valley Book Festival
- What's It Worth? – Antique Appraisal
- Banned! Books in Drag: Comedy and Drag Show
- Beekeeping in the Chippewa Valley
- Climate Change Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)
- Edible Landscaping with Heirlooms
- DIY Dabble Monthly Craft Program
- Tech Tuesdays
- Grant Writing Workshop
- Genealogy Workshop
- Literature series
- *Selma* and *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* and UWEC Summer Cinema film screenings
- 52nd Street Jazz Festival



52nd Street Jazz Festival

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Summer Library Program
Science Show

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