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.

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

The mission of the library 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.

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The past year was a year of learning for me. I worked on learning about the wonderful library staff, the excellent library collections, and the flourishing and fascinating city of Eau Claire. I had the opportunity to visit many places in the Chippewa Valley and Northwestern Wisconsin which were completely new to me.

At the same time, it was a year of continuity for the Library. Library programs covered a wide range of topics and continued to attract large audiences. Some of the program topics included gardening (to start off the spring right), poetry, travel programs, Shakespeare, and music. The Library continued to actively participate in the Chippewa Valley Book Festival. The annual summer concert attracted a large crowd to the library lawn. All of Eau Claire participated in The Big Read, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. The kickoff and several additional events were at the Library as we talked about Ray Bradbury’s *Fahrenheit 451* during the month of April. The Youth Services Summer Reading Program had record participation and drew hoardes of young people to the library during their school break.

Technology constantly changes and is critical to any public library in the 21st century. Behind the scenes, the Library connected to the City’s shared Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system for telephone service. Library staff also deployed wireless Internet access throughout the library building, allowing you to bring your WiFi-enabled laptop to the library and enjoy Internet access. The Library also launched a new and improved web presence. This included acquiring a new web address: www.ecpubliclibrary.info. The new site is much more accessible to those using screen readers, such as our blind library users. The Wisconsin Library Association recognized the accessible games portion of the site with an award at its annual conference.

Other changes included the decision to increase the loan period for DVDs with longer running times. This means that you can borrow a full season of many television series and have enough time to watch all the episodes. Library staff are also constantly shifting materials in the building to make room for the growing collection in a building which is not increasing in size.

We continue to be good stewards of the tax dollars entrusted to us. The Library ended the year with a positive fund balance, meaning that we did not overspend the adopted budget. Librarians are by nature thrifty, and I am constantly impressed with the dedication and creativity of the staff who work in this Library.

Michael Golrick
Library Director

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January 1, 2007

**Receipts:**
- City of Eau Claire
- County of Eau Claire
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- Indianhead Federated Library System
- Fines and Fees
- Grants and Gifts
- Miscellaneous Revenue

**Disbursements:**
- Salaries and Benefits
- Contractual Service
- Materials and Supplies
- Debt Service
- Capital Expenditure

**BALANCE**

Net Transfer to Library Trust Funds

**UNDENOTATED FUND BALANCE**

December 31, 2007

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit)**

For the year ended December 31, 2007

**Undesignated Fund Balance**

January 1, 2007

$275,476

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**BALANCE**

Net Transfer to Library Trust Funds

**Undesignated Fund Balance**

December 31, 2007

$426,656

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2007 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

LIBRARY COLLECTION

At the end of 2007, the library collection included:

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Average adjusted daily number of library visits in building 1,246
Annual library visits 424,717
Number of users of electronic resources 150,599
Reference transactions 73,704
Volunteer hours 2,461
The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2007, 17,852 children and 3,391 adults attended library programs and 1,991 children and 561 teenagers registered for the Summer Library Program.

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 28th year in 2007, attracting 250 entries by 144 artists. Of these, 55 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library’s gallery.

**Programs for Kids and Teens**

- April Specials
- The Summer Reading Program
  - Readers of the Round Table
- Pre-school & Family Storytimes
- My Book Café
- Guitar Hero III contest
- Cat in the Hat 50th Anniversary
- Daycare Center visits
- End of Summer Splash
- Back to School Bash
- ChinaPalooza
- Teen Read Week
- Turn Over a New Leaf
- Chocolate Lovers Party
- ACT Prep workshop
- Book Babies
- Halloween Storytime

**Notable Programs of 2007**

- Earth House Hold: Poetry of Gary Snyder
- Travel For Free
- Being Caribou
- Turkish, Kurdish & Armenian Food
- Gardening: Earth Friendly Yard Care
- The Big Read
- Visions of Poets
- Ticket To Brasil outdoor concert
- The River Flows On
- Dorian Michael, Guitarist
- Chippewa Valley Book Festival
- Shakespeare’s Henry V
- Mary Pierce (When Did My Life Become a Game of Twister?)

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