

1993 annual report

**L.E. Phillips
Memorial
Public Library**

**Eau Claire,
Wisconsin**

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

When the present library building was begun in the mid-1970's, the number of items borrowed from the library annually was 260,000. The demand for library services has soared since then; in 1993, the number of items borrowed was more than 840,000. The same dramatic increase in demand has also been measured in the number of reference questions answered by the library. Twenty years ago there were 15,000 reference questions answered per year; in 1993, more than 89,000 questions were answered.

Recognizing the severe limitations there are on the ability of the present building to handle these increases in demand for services, the library appointed a Facilities Planning Committee in August, 1993 to study what facility changes the library should make to meet its long-term mission. Members of the committee represented a multiplicity of community interests and groups.

After five months of study, the committee presented its recommendations for the expansion of the present building rather than for the establishment of branch libraries, for improvements in information technology to take the library into the twenty-first century and for the set-up of outreach services to daycare centers and nursing homes.

In early 1994, the Library Board gratefully accepted the report and directed library staff to work with an architect and library technology consultant to develop the costs and benefits of various options for building expansion and technology improvements. The Board will review the reports of costs and benefits and then decide how to move forward with securing funding for those items whose benefits most clearly justify their costs.

Mark Morse, Library Director

1993 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

Total Circulation	849,685
Circulation per capita--9.6	
Total Registered Borrowers	34,495
Registration as a percentage of the population served--34%	
Turnover Rate	3.6
Equals the number of times each item is circulated.	
Reference Questions Answered	89,044
Volunteer Hours Contributed	2723.5

LIBRARY COLLECTION

At the end of 1993, the library collection included:

Books	205,110
Browsing books	11,564
Phonograph records	1,544
Audiocassettes	4,421
Compact discs	3,345
Books-on-cassette	1,533
Videocassettes	4,537
Art prints	111
Slide tapes	55
Software	7
Periodical subscriptions	558
Microforms	3,973
Maps	<u>57</u>
 TOTAL	 236,815

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FINANCIAL REPORT (PRE-AUDIT) For the year ended December 31, 1993

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1993		\$	49,409
Receipts:			
City of Eau Claire	\$1,361,690		
County of Eau Claire	327,027		
Indianhead Federated Library System	122,883		
Fines and Fees	84,399		
Grants and Gifts	21,477		
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>74,152</u>		
		\$	1,991,628
Disbursements:			
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,171,736		
Contractual Service	369,192		
Materials and Supplies	333,860		
Debt Service	0		
Capital Expenditure	<u>73,460</u>		
			(1,948,248)
BALANCE		\$	92,789
Reserve for Appropriation to 1994 Budget			(40,000)
Transfer to Gift Reserve Fund			<u>(3,848)</u>
ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1993		\$	48,941

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