

# 1995 annual report

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

**Eau Claire,  
Wisconsin**

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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As a result of fiscal constraints set on the library's overall budget, the library's funding for 1995 was not adequate to support the same level of services that was provided in the previous year. The Library Board considered a variety of ways to trim the program of services to fit within available funds. After hearing citizens' concerns about the importance of maintaining hours of operation, the Library Board decided to reduce purchases of books and other collection materials by more than \$20,000 annually, including elimination of 70 magazine subscriptions.

The Library Board met with state representatives and senators from the area during the state's biennial budget process to express the library's concerns about proposed cuts in state library funding, especially those that would greatly harm the Wisconsin Catalog (WISCAT), produced by the state's Division for Libraries and Community Learning. WISCAT is essential for maintaining an effective statewide system of interlibrary loan services through which state residents can borrow items from libraries anywhere in the state.

Public Access Community Television (PACT) vacated the library during 1995 to allow the library to make maximum use of the existing building. PACT was able to secure space at Banbury Place that is greater and more efficient than its space at the library.

Proposals to expand the library building, improve technology and initiate delivery services to groups of preschool children were presented to the City Council and to the County Board early in the year. Based on feedback from the governing bodies and citizens, the Library Board decided to drop the proposal for delivery services to

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## 1995 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

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Total Circulation	914,748
Circulation per capita--10.2	
Total Registered Borrowers	36, 227
Registration as a percentage of the population served--35%	
Turnover Rate	3.2
Equals the number of times each item is circulated.	
Reference Questions Answered	87,984
Volunteer Hours Contributed	2,105

## LIBRARY COLLECTION

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At the end of 1995, the library collection included:

Books	199,714
Browsing books	11,675
Phonograph records	1,335
Audiocassettes	3,286
Compact discs	4,335
Books on cassette	2,883
Videocassettes	5,932
Art prints	92
Slide tapes	49
Periodical subscriptions	555
Serials	2,619
Maps	62
TOTAL	<u>232,537</u>

**(Director's Note, continued)**

groups of preschoolers. Late in the year, the Library Board asked the City Council to authorize holding a referendum on the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4.92 million for expansion of the library building and for technology improvements. In October, the City Council authorized holding the referendum and set March 19, 1996 for the referendum.

*Mark Morse, Library Director*

## **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit) For the year ended December 31, 1995**

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1995		\$57,329
Receipts:		
City of Eau Claire	\$1,513,180	
County of Eau Claire	355,611	
Indianhead Federated Library System	104,466	
Fines and Fees	107,073	
Grants and Gifts	12,882	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>52,119</u>	
		2,145,331
Disbursements:		
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,271,681	
Contractual Service	376,217	
Materials and Supplies	337,632	
Debt Service	0	
Capital Expenditure	<u>131,850</u>	
		<u>(2,117,380)</u>
BALANCE		\$85,280
Reserve for Appropriation to 1996 Budget		(40,000)
Transfer from Gift Reserve Fund		<u>2,953</u>
ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1995		\$48,233



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