

2006 Annual Report

L.E. Phillips Memorial
Public Library



Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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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.

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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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

The year 2006 was a year of changes for the Library. After twenty-seven years of service, Library Director Mark Morse retired. A national search was done, and I was pleased to accept the position of Library Director and move to Eau Claire in December. A new Reference Services Manager, Renee Ponzio, started in May, and a new Youth Librarian, Christina (Chrissy) Knoelke started in December.

The Library kicked off a capital campaign, "A Gift for Generations," to fund the renovation project which will improve service to the public. The focus of renovation is to make some critical improvements to our Youth Services area, including the creation of an activity room large enough to house the larger groups which now visit, and improving the learning station areas. There will be study rooms in both the Youth Services area and in the adult area. The location of some of the services for adults will be shifted so that staff will be able to better assist our library customers. By the end of the year, the Campaign had raised almost \$900,000 towards the goal. The Library is pleased that the Eau Claire Community Foundation has agreed to handle all of the funds for the Campaign. This will be a critical partnership as we move forward.

Programs at the Library included a series celebrating the wit and wisdom of our sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln; the outdoor summer concert along the river featuring the Café Accordion Orchestra; programs on gardening in cooperation with the Otter Creek Garden Club; and the 27th Annual ArtsWest Exhibition. With the interest in weather phenomena as seen by the popularity of the Weather Channel, the Library chose to offer a program on the tremendous storms affecting the Great Plains during the 1800s. Overall, program attendance increased by over 12%.

The Library continues to be a hub of activity with about 22 items loaned per capita. The loan rate is also just about 3 items for each person each time they visit the Library. On the national scene, those are very impressive statistics.

The second annual Stakeholders Gala on Friday, October 27 had a French theme. Activities included readings by author/poet Jason Splichal and French music by Mark Stillman and Francine Roche.

For 2007 the Library staff is committed to continuing to deliver excellent customer service while working to raise the funds needed for the remodeling, and to begin to plan for the future of the Library.

Michael Golrick
Library Director

FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit)

For the year ended December 31, 2006

Undesignated Fund Balance beginning January 1, 2006		\$455,357
Receipts:		
City of Eau Claire	\$2,658,300	
County of Eau Claire	\$516,229	
Other Wisconsin Counties	\$102,650	
Indianhead Federated Library System	\$125,925	
Fines and Fees	\$139,801	
Grants and Gifts	\$22,055	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$20,764</u>	
		\$3,585,724
Disbursements:		
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,198,053	
Contractual Service	\$557,454	
Materials and Supplies	\$549,416	
Debt Service	\$0	
Capital Expenditure	<u>\$622,555</u>	
		-\$3,927,478
BALANCE		<hr/> \$113,603
Fund Balance Designated to Capital Projects		\$162,800
Net Transfer to Library Trust Funds		-\$929
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Undesignated Fund Balance ending December 31, 2006		\$275,474

2006 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

Circulation (including renewals, not including interlibrary loan)	1,133,009
Interlibrary loans provided to other MORE member libraries	109,104
Interlibrary loans provided to libraries not members of MORE	6,460
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from other MORE member libraries	92,438
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from libraries not members of MORE	<u>2,841</u>
TOTAL LOAN ACTIVITY	1,343,852
Average adjusted daily number of library visits in building	1,247
Annual library visits	425,393
Number of users of electronic resources	123,741
Reference transactions	81,393
Volunteer hours	2,624

LIBRARY COLLECTION

At the end of 2006, the library collection included:

Art Prints	94
Audiobooks - Cassette	4,587
Audiobooks - Compact Disc	1,907
Books	180,013
Browsing Paperbacks	29,083
Large Print Books	13,020
CD-ROM Software	814
DVDs	6,924
Magazines	23,958
Microfilm/fiche	4,291
Music Cassettes	1,492
Music Compact Discs	13,019
Videocassettes	13,703
Other Materials	<u>4,894</u>
TOTAL	297,799

PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY

The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2006, 17,457 children and 2,011 adults attended library programs and 1,879 children and 512 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 artshow, celebrated its 27th year in 2006, attracting 218 entries by 126 artists. Of these, 93 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library's gallery.



2006 Summer Outdoor Concert

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