

2008 Annual Report



Eau Claire, Wisconsin
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2008 was a year of change and movement forward for the library. I became Library Director in mid-year after Michael Golrick's resignation in the summer, and Mark Troendle took over as Assistant Director at year's end.

Despite generous contributions from the community and untiring efforts by the co-chairs and volunteers for the library's capital campaign, by spring it had become clear that the original \$3.2 million fund raising goal for building improvements would not be met in the foreseeable future. With over \$1 million in pledges having been received from the community, Library Board members were in agreement that it was time to begin to focus on using the money already raised to accomplish as many critical features of the original renovation design as possible.

In the newly "re-visioned" \$1,567,000 remodeling project, all of the most important features of the original plan have been retained: a 1,700-foot expansion of Youth Services, including a program room that seats 75 children and provides study and resource rooms; an area that allows customers to pick up their own holds; doubling the space for the Holds and Resource Sharing work area in the lower level and relocating it nearer to the mail room so that items get back on the shelves more quickly; and relocating the microfilm readers and printers to a room on the first floor near Reference staff, making it more convenient for genealogists and other researchers.

We greatly appreciate the patience and understanding of our customers as we move ahead with the first major renovation of the library building in its 32-year history. As we begin 2009, we look forward to remodeling construction beginning in late spring with great anticipation.

John Stoneberg
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.

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 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.



Library Volunteers at work.

2008 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

Circulation (including renewals, not including interlibrary loan)	1,127,390
Interlibrary loans provided to other MORE member libraries	123,446
Interlibrary loans provided to libraries not members of MORE	4,679
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from other MORE member libraries	110,702
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from libraries not members of MORE	4,986
TOTAL LOAN ACTIVITY	1,371,203

Average adjusted daily number of library visits in building	1,085
Annual library visits	371,063
Number of users of electronic resources	137,573
Reference transactions	59,742
Volunteer hours	1,941

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LIBRARY COLLECTION

At the end of 2008, the library collection included:

Art Prints	96
Audiobooks - Cassette	4,147
Audiobooks - Compact Disc	2,924
Books	185,793
Browsing Paperbacks	26,981
Large Print Books	14,553
CD-ROM Software	938
DVDs	9,887
Magazines	14,856
Microfilm/fiche	4,331
Music Cassettes	1,335
Music Compact Discs	14,103
Videocassettes	11,794
Other Materials	6,720
TOTAL	298,458



Emily Moore
Distinguished Service Award
Winner

FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit)
For the year ended December 31, 2008

Undesignated Fund Balance
January 1, 2008 \$412,327

Receipts:

City of Eau Claire	\$2,757,900	
County of Eau Claire	\$527,942	
Other Wisconsin Counties	\$210,133	
Indianhead Federated Library System	\$135,646	
Fines and Fees	\$150,710	
Grants and Gifts	\$24,262	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$11,532</u>	
		\$3,818,125

Disbursements:

Salaries and Benefits	\$2,506,555	
Contractual Service	\$521,514	
Materials and Supplies	\$542,093	
Debt Service	\$0	
Capital Expenditure	<u>\$61,920</u>	
		<u>-\$3,632,082</u>

BALANCE \$598,370

Transfer from Gift Reserve	\$2,971
Reserve for Transfer to Capital Projects	<u>-\$204,000</u>

Undesignated Fund Balance
December 31, 2008 \$397,341

PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY

The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2008, 18,868 children and 3,610 adults attended library programs and 2,165 children and 498 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 29th year in 2008, attracting 218 entries by 127 artists. Of these, 73 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library's gallery.



Outdoor Concert 2008



Chippewa Valley Book Festival 2008

Notable Programs of 2008

- Battle of the Sexes discussion series
- Cyberbullying
- PanAfrica: Across the Sahara in 1941
- Haiku Writing Contest
- Native Plants of Wisconsin
- The Big Read
- Pam Flowers, Arctic Explorer
- Orkestar Bez Ime outdoor concert
- Katherine Grant - Celtic & Gaelic Songs
- *River of Hope* book signing
- Chippewa Valley Book Festival
- Wisconsin Gas Stations - photography
- Sustainability for Homes & Businesses

Programs for Kids and Teens

- April Specials
- Sail the A-B Seas Summer Library Programs
- Pre-school & Family Storytimes
- My Book Café
- Book Babies & Toddler Tales
- *Twilight* party
- Daycare Center visits
- Jim Gill - Music Educator
- Back to School Bash
- Mad Science of Minnesota
- Pizza and Pages
- ACT Test Prep



Jim Gill Musical Program for Families

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Lincoln Display in Eau Claire Room
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