



L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

# 2011 Annual Report

The L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library is a resource that belongs to everyone in the community. It offers access to informational, educational and recreational materials, electronic resources, and quality programs for people of all ages. Information and ideas flow freely in healthy communities. If you own an average priced home in the City of Eau Claire, your whole household pays less than \$2 per week or about \$100 a year in taxes to support the public library. The library has been a successful community cooperative since 1875 – sharing materials and services.

Libraries are an integral part of the mobile technology, e-reading and social media revolutions. Because of this, libraries continue to embrace change and to experiment. The library's book collection was first augmented by audiobooks, initially on cassette and later on compact discs. Today, the library provides e-books and downloadable audiobooks through OverDrive and Freading as well. The information and referral services, once reliant on print materials and microfilm, have been enhanced by online databases and Internet resources. A vibrant 16mm film collection led to videos and then to DVDs as important facets of library service. Phonograph records were followed by music cassettes and compact discs; now the library also offers music downloads through Freegal.

Helping customers use and enjoy the latest computer technology through the iPads lending project that began in September 2011 is just the latest adventure for the library and its staff in making information and media available and accessible to all in the community. A new, visually dynamic website was launched in 2011 as well.

Use, get involved in, and enjoy all your library has to offer. Check out its materials. Use its resources and spaces. Join the Friends of the Library. Volunteer. Serve on the Library Board.

*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.



First iPad Checkout - David Delong

## 2011 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

Circulation (including renewals, not including interlibrary loan)	1,109,133
Interlibrary loans provided to other MORE member libraries	139,048
Interlibrary loans provided to libraries not members of MORE	3,637
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from other MORE member libraries	129,782
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from libraries not members of MORE	<u>4,418</u>
<b>TOTAL LOAN ACTIVITY</b>	<b>1,386,018</b>
Average daily number of library visits	1,158
Annual library visits	522,603
Number of users of public Internet computers	105,151
Reference transactions	68,510
Volunteer hours	3,315

## 2011 LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## LIBRARY COLLECTION

At the end of 2011, the library collection included:

Art Prints	95
Audiobooks - Cassettes	2,274
Audiobooks - Compact Discs	4,482
Books	316,196
Large Print Books	16,074
CD-ROM Software	764
DVDs	15,838
Magazine Subscriptions	311
Microfilm/fiche	1,455
Music Cassettes	96
Music Compact Discs	16,375
Videocassettes	5,487
Other Materials	<u>7,005</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>386,452</b>

## PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY

The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2011, 17,542 children attended 366 library programs and 3,630 adults attended 110 library programs. 1,932 children and 494 teenagers registered for the Summer Library Program, while 236 readers participated in Club Read, a summer reading program for adults.

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 32nd year in 2011, attracting 175 entries by 99 artists. Of these, 58 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library's gallery.



Summer Outdoor Concert

### 2011 Notable Programs

- 11 to 11 on September 11
- Facebook for Beginners
- Everett Smithson Band Outdoor Concert
- Ancestry & Archives: a Genealogical Presentation
- Rakugo: the Art of Japanese "Sit Down" Comedy
- Summer Shoebox & Eau Claire Collects art exhibits
- Ryokan: Zen Poetry Discussion
- Dystopian novel discussion series
- Cutting Edge Women discussion series
- Spring and All poetry series
- Art exhibits by Barry Weiss, Dennis Newton, Sandra Cress, Steve Immerman, Chippewa Valley Woodturners, John Onkka, John Turula, Margy Balwierz, and Marty Pearson



Rakugo - the Art of Japanese "Sit-Down" Comedy

### 2011 Programs for Kids and Teens

- Summer Library Program "Readopoly"
- Lego® Club
- 2nd Annual Hugh's Event
- Teen Poetry Slam
- Early Learning Center storytime
- Play That Fun-Key Music series
- Painted Pumpkin Contest
- Puppet Storytelling Workshop



Lego® Club

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit)**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2011**

<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		
<b>January 1, 2011</b>		\$432,010
<b>Receipts:</b>		
City of Eau Claire	\$2,866,700	
County of Eau Claire	549,203	
Other Wisconsin Counties	238,055	
Indianhead Federated Library System	45,407	
Fines and Fees	139,553	
Grants and Gifts	95,732	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>5,161</u>	
		\$3,939,811
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,404,139	
Contractual Service	569,681	
Materials and Supplies	681,745	
Debt Service	40,048	
Capital Expenditure	<u>154,347</u>	
		-\$3,849,960
<b>BALANCE</b>		\$521,861
Transfer to Gift Reserve		-\$23,723
Reserve for Transfer to Capital Projects		<u>-\$225,000</u>
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		
<b>December 31, 2011</b>		\$273,138

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Library Booth at UW - Eau Claire  
Welcome Day

## Donating \$100 or More to Book Marks Remembrance (2011)

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Family Playtime



Chalkfest 2011



11 to 11 on September 11  
Flag Raising

## LIBRARY PHOTO GALLERY



Annual Hugh Ernst Event



Halloween Costume Parade



ArtsWest 32 Award Winner  
Chelsey Ann Schock



Early Learning Area



Computer Experts at the Discovery Stations



Author Visit with Brian Freeman

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