



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

2013 Annual Report

In a Pew Research Center study published in December 2013, the vast majority of Americans said that public libraries play an important role in their communities. Of those surveyed, 95% agreed that the materials and resources available at public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed; 95% said that public libraries are important because they promote literacy and a love of reading; 94% said that having a public library improves the quality of life in a community; and 81% said that public libraries provide many services people would have a hard time finding elsewhere. It's clear that Americans value public libraries in their communities.

Today's Eau Claire library customer can visit the library to use computers with Internet and Microsoft Office® products and access to free Wi-Fi. They may attend a discussion series, meet an author, or do some local history or genealogical research while taking advantage of free two-hour parking—available just steps away in the Dewey Street lot. Kids of all ages may attend storytimes and performances, teens can get involved in special events and even babies can begin discovering the building blocks of reading in the new Play and Learn area. Thanks to a generous community of donors, a new sculpture, “Jack’s Story Time,” greets guests as they enter Youth Services. When it’s time to go home, there are lots of items to check out along with that traditional stack of books, including magazines, audiobooks, movies and TV shows on DVD, music on CDs —and even iPads.

Beyond the library building, your public library offers books, music and information 24/7 through the library’s recently revamped website and mobile website. Premium online resources and an enhanced selection of e-books and e-audiobooks are always available for downloading to mobile reading devices such as Kindle® and Nook®, as well as tablets. In addition, the library offers a huge catalog of downloadable music that may be saved to an iPod® or MP3 player for an unlimited period of time.

More than ever, there is something for everyone at the public library.

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 and the MORE consortium.

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 library's mission 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.



Welcome to the Library



Gingerbread Houses Craft Time

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Checking Out

LIBRARY COLLECTION

At the end of 2013, the library collection included:

Art Prints	100
Audiobooks - Cassettes	1,102
Audiobooks - Compact Discs	5,709
Books	200,740
Large Print Books	15,353
CD-ROM Software	571
DVDs	19,573
Magazine Subscriptions	333
Microfilm/fiche	1,481
Music Cassettes	30
Music Compact Discs	18,369
Videocassettes	1,221
Other Materials	<u>7,096</u>
TOTAL	271,678

2013 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

Circulation (including renewals, not including interlibrary loan)	957,848
Interlibrary loans provided to other MORE member libraries	121,139
Interlibrary loans provided to libraries not members of MORE	3,595
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from other MORE member libraries	110,621
Interlibrary loan items borrowed from libraries not members of MORE	4,191
Circulation of E-books	32,242
Circulation of E-audiobooks	14,127
Circulation of E-video	19
Music Downloads	<u>33,332</u>
TOTAL LOAN ACTIVITY	1,277,114
Increase or Decrease	-6.1%
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Average daily number of library visits	1,514
Increase or Decrease	+.2%
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Annual library visits	494,777
Increase or Decrease	-2.5%
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Number of users of public Internet computers	77,773
Increase or Decrease	-16.2%
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Reference transactions	65,468
Increase or Decrease	-5.8%
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Volunteer hours	3,929
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Home Delivery Service customers	194



The Art Gallery



Play and Learn

FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit) For the year ended December 31, 2013

Undesignated Fund Balance January 1, 2013:		\$669,007
Receipts:		
City of Eau Claire	\$2,891,000	
County of Eau Claire	531,332	
Other Wisconsin Counties	245,332	
Indianhead Federated Library System	43,999	
Fines and Fees	128,573	
Grants and Gifts	70,304	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>6,653</u>	
		\$3,917,193
Disbursements:		
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,569,089	
Contractual Service	374,335	
Materials and Supplies	659,715	
Debt Service	39,682	
Capital Expenditure	<u>112,180</u>	
		(\$3,755,001)
BALANCE		<u>\$831,199</u>
Transfer to Gift Reserve		(\$144,369)
Reserve for Transfer to Capital Projects		(80,000)
Prepayments		(31,727)
Inventory		(3,000)
Revenue Control		(1,178)
Expense Control		825
Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>1,344</u>
Undesignated Fund Balance December 31, 2013:		\$572,525

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2013, 19,457 children and teens attended 558 programs and 2,826 adults attended 97 programs. The Summer Library Program registered 2,355 children and 594 teenagers while 402 readers participated in Club Read, the 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 34th year in 2013, attracting 181 entries by 102 artists. Of these, 61 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library's gallery.



Gregg Rochester Art Exhibit



UW-Eau Claire Student Welcome

2013 Notable Programs

- Jack's Story Time Welcome
- Wisconsin's Nazi Resistance: The Mildred Fish-Harnack Story
- What's It Worth? – Antique Appraisal
- Chippewa Valley Book Festival
- Transitioning to a Self-Reliant Community
- To Be! Shakespeare Here and Now
- Poetry of Place Discussion Series
- Writers Read Series
- Climate Change: A Common Sense Exchange
- Lasagna Gardening
- Cuban Film Festival
- The Poems of Tomas Tranströmer
- Find the Right Career Training and Education – An Interactive Workshop
- Spanish Book Club

2013 Programs for Kids and Teens

- Summer Library Program "Blast Off...Read!"
- 4th Annual Hugh's Event
- Early Literacy iPads
- Circulating Book Kits
- Teen Makerspace programs
- Charity Challenge
- First Grade Visits



Holiday Book Signing

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Girls Night Out Spa

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Family Storytime

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Get Up and Go
in Phoenix Park

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