The only major remodeling of the library in its 33 years at the current site was the main theme and challenge for 2009 for the library staff, Board and customers. Initial construction demolition began on May 26 and substantial completion of the construction was completed on October 16. The grand re-opening receptions were held the week of November 15.

A photo album of the renovation project may be seen on the library’s website at:

www.ecpubliclibrary.info  select “About Us”  select “Renovation”

The public-private partnership of support for the library renovation project has provided more space and programming capability for the youth of Eau Claire; enhanced the energy efficiency and long-term infrastructure of a valuable City asset by improving its lighting, ductwork and cooling system; and provided space to more efficiently move the materials that all library customers use every day. The renovation has also resulted in new research space and better access to the microforms collection and genealogical research; a new circulation desk to better serve library customers; an area that allows customers to pick up their own holds; an attractive and more flexible new materials area; an enhanced art gallery; and a new exterior library sign that is more visible and secure.

We greatly appreciated the spirit, patience and understanding of our customers and the community as we moved ahead with this project.

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 COLLECTION

At the end of 2009, the library collection included:

- Art Prints: 99
- Audiobooks - Cassettes: 3,748
- Audiobooks - Compact Discs: 3,405
- Books: 177,958
- Browsing Paperbacks: 29,187
- Large Print Books: 15,034
- CD-ROM Software: 887
- DVDs: 10,953
- Magazines: 13,444
- Microfilm/fiche: 1,401
- Music Cassettes: 125
- Music Compact Discs: 14,516
- Videocassettes: 10,255
- Other Materials: 1,991

TOTAL: 291,003

2009 ANNUAL STATISTICS AND OUTPUT MEASURES

- Circulation (including renewals, not including interlibrary loan): 1,062,771
- Interlibrary loans provided to other MORE member libraries: 129,303
- Interlibrary loans provided to libraries not members of MORE: 3,803
- Interlibrary loan items borrowed from other MORE member libraries: 121,382
- Interlibrary loan items borrowed from libraries not members of MORE: 4,726
- TOTAL LOAN ACTIVITY: 1,321,985

- Number of users of electronic resources: 126,523
- Reference transactions: 68,751
- Volunteer hours: 1,533

Mary Jurmain
2009 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

2009 LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Katherine Schneider, President
Linda Stelter, Vice President
Virginia Wright, Secretary
Susan Bruce
Stella Pagonis
Robert Fraser
Andrew Werthmann
Robert Hauser
Don Wisner
Richard Lee

New materials & Check-out desk
The library sponsors and coordinates a broad spectrum of programs for all ages. In 2009, 15,035 children and 2,447 adults attended library programs and 1,815 children and 496 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 30th year in 2009, attracting 251 entries by 146 artists. Of these, 45 works were selected by the juror and displayed in the library’s gallery.

**2009 Notable Programs**

- Historical novels discussion series
- Awake in the World poetry series
- Renovation Grand Re-opening programs
- Lincoln’s 200th Birthday
- Garden Paths
- Kicking the Leaves poetry series
- Space - The Final Frontier film series
- Reading by Zebra author Nadine St. Louis
- Story Lines group art exhibit
- Art exhibits by Andy Schansberg, Richard Weld, Rhonda Willers, David Brock & Ellen Mahaffey

**2009 Programs for Kids and Teens**

- Kid-struction Zone: Readers at Work
- Drop-in craft programs
- Pre-school & Family Storytimes
- My Book Café
- Book Babies & Toddler Tales
- Read Together at Your Library
- Daycare Center visits
- Jump, Jive and Read
- Mark the Adventurer Pirate Show
- Literacy Leaders
- Pizza and Pages
- Resource Room Open House
FINANCIAL REPORT (Pre-Audit)
For the year ended December 31, 2009

Undesignated Fund Balance
January 1, 2009  $397,341

Receipts:
City of Eau Claire  $2,825,000
County of Eau Claire  532,785
Other Wisconsin Counties  222,823
Indianhead Federated Library System  138,454
Fines and Fees  141,086
Grants and Gifts  32,337
Miscellaneous Revenue  11,192

Total Receipts  $3,903,677

Disbursements:
Salaries and Benefits  $2,428,817
Contractual Service  629,057
Materials and Supplies  505,979
Debt Service  39,983
Capital Expenditure  316,121

Total Disbursements  -$3,919,957

BALANCE  $381,061

Transfer to Gift Reserve  -$14,988
Reserve for Transfer to Capital Projects  $204,000

Undesignated Fund Balance
December 31, 2009  $570,073
THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

Donating Directly to the Library (2009)

Lois Gladwell Chase Memorial
Clearwater Kiwanis
Eagles, Ladies Auxiliary CF #2213
Friends of L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
Hugh Ernst Memorial
Mildred Gerland
Cora Rust Owen Memorial Trust
John Sirianni & USB Financial Services
William & Barb Thiel
Barbara Wacks

Donating $100 or More to Book Marks Remembrance (2009)

William & Kathleen Balcom
The Barby families
Penelope Cecchini
Eau Claire Golden K Kiwanis
Carl Holmquist
Charlotte Hubert
IDEXX
Scott & Lynn Krug
Gary Mercier
Mark & Winnie Morse

Don & Carol Parker
Mary & Roger Tlusty
Harold & Jan Treland

Vestibule renovations, including attractive new benches

The new research room debuts
Karl Andresen  
Anonymous  
Louis G. Arnold  
Ashby Crinion LLP  
Dr. Mark and Kathy Attermeier  
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Barland Family (Gordon, Janet, Tom and Jill)  
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Laurie Kelly  
Dr. Daniel and Kerry Kincaid  
Gina and Patrick Klages  
Karen Kremer  
Paul and Linda Kuehn  
Brian F. and Mildred N. Larson  
Leader-Telegram  
M & I Foundation  
William Maierhofer and Jan Randall  
Sharon and Jim Manz  
Richard and Kathleen Matter  
Karen McDonnell  
Susan McLeod  
Midelfort Clinic  
Joanne Miller  
MOMS Club of Eau Claire-North, WI  
Bill and Kathy Morin  
Martha and Timothy Nieman  
Charles and Helen Nordstrom  
Michael and Martha O’Halloran  
Larry and Marie Past  
Sue and Doug Pearson  
Gary and Vera Peterangelo  
Karen and Ted Peters  
L.E. Phillips Family Foundation  
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Lindalu Vognar and Robert Noyce  
Dr. Martin and Karen Voss  
Bette Wahl  
Sally Webb  
James and Rita Wilson  
Wayne and Cecelia Zorn
RENOVATION PHOTO GALLERY

Circulation workroom in progress

Materials delivery via window

Making way for a vestibule make-over

Circulation Manager tears into the old Check-out desk

Carpet removal the easy way

Movers use elbow grease to upend stacks

Lobby remodeling underway

The display wall is assembled on-site

Youth Services shelving...some assembly required

The Art Gallery gets a face-lift

New Youth Services carpeting gets creative