
Annual Report :

Fiscal Year 2004/2005

Prepared for the Library Commission
for submission to
the Mayor and City Council

by Carol Sterling, Library Director

Reading...

...It Becomes You!

Library Commission

- * Mary Glassco, Chairman
- * Denise Giordano, Vice-Chairman
- * Roland Hess, Secretary
- * David Wendt
- * Colleen Cohen, City Council Representative

Library Staff

- * Carol Sterling, Director
- * Patricia Price, Youth Services Librarian (through July 11, 2004/ Assistant Director July 12, 2004)
- * Suzanne Todd, Youth Services Librarian (Beginning September 7, 2004)
- * Lena Diegel, Library Aide (through August 6, 2004)
- * Tabea Duggins (beginning September 22, 2003)
- * Amy McGee (beginning October 18, 2004)

Part-Time Reference Staff

- * Glen Sowles (beginning August 30, 2004)
- * Gene Freitag (through August 26, 2004/ beginning June 6, 2005)
- * Evelyn Millstein
- * Suzanne Todd (through September 6, 2004)
- * Corrine Boland (October 12, 2004 through December 29, 2004)
- * Laurie Zachwieja (through August 31, 2004)
- * Leah Giordano, Pre-Professional/ Librarian (Librarian January 10, 2005 through May 26, 2005)
- * Elizabeth Nahat, Pre-Professional Librarian (beginning February 16, 2003)
- * Julianne Novetsky, Student Assistant (beginning January 10, 2005)

Part-Time Circulation Aides

- * Laura Clements
- * Suzanne Convery
- * Marci Coon
- * Amy McGee (through October 17, 2004)
- * Anna Pipp (through December 28, 2004)
- * Mary Alice Lauzon (beginning December 15, 2004)

Part-Time Pages

- * Rachel Goss (through July 17, 2004)
 - * Julianne Novetsky (through January 9, 2005)
 - * Christopher Toscas (through October 13, 2004)
 - * Shannon Truesdale (through August 19, 2004)
 - * David Morey (beginning October 11, 2004)
 - * Raphael Moore (beginning October 11, 2004)
 - * Samantha Sadler (beginning October 14, 2004)
 - * Destinee LaSure (beginning May 9, 2005)
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Workshops/Continuing Education

MEL (MI Electronic Library) Overview Class at MCL
Patricia Price, Evelyn Millstein

Hyperion Database Workshop (Suburban Library Cooperative)
Patricia Price

Summer Reading Club Workshop (Michigan Library Association)
Suzanne Todd

Spring Institute: Picture This (Michigan Library Association)
Suzanne Todd

Dealing With Challenging Patrons (Michigan Library Association)
Carol Sterling, Suzanne Todd

Records Retention (Suburban Library Cooperative)
Suzanne Todd

"Great Parents, Great Start" (MISD)
Suzanne Todd

Library Holdings

	June 30, 2004	Added	Withdrawn	June 30, 2005
Adult Non-fiction	28,706	1,731	794	29,643
Adult Fiction	13,307	1,292	460	14,139
Juvenile Non-fiction	10,664	812	122	11,354
Juvenile Fiction	11,310	880	156	12,034
TOTAL	63,987	4,715	1,532	67,170
Audios (Adult)	1,027	62	19	1,070
Audios (Juvenile)	130	2	5	127
Compact Discs (Adult)	1,543	121	10	1,654
Compact Discs (Juvenile)	155	11	1	165
Kits	229	32	11	250
Videos (Adult)	1,732	3	110	1,625
Videos (Juvenile)	372	59	13	418
Digital Videodiscs	252	113	1	364
TOTAL	5,440	403	170	5,673

Miscellaneous:

* Periodical Titles	124
* Newspapers	8
* Art Prints/Sculpture	66
* Uncataloged Paperbacks	800

Circulation Statistics:

Adult Non-fiction	27,223
Adult Fiction	27,226
Juvenile Non-fiction	11,333
Juvenile Fiction	30,999
Paperbacks	4,083
Magazines	4,000
Pamphlets	2
Audiocassettes (Adult)	1,129
Kits (Juvenile)	1,005
Compact Discs (Adult)	8,623
Compact Discs (Juvenile)	847
Videocassettes (Adult)	8,398
Videocassettes (Juvenile)	3,655
Digital Videodiscs	6,273
To Other Libraries	10,984
TOTAL	145,780

	Loaned	Borrowed
SLC	11,014	14,254
OCLC	109	57
MiLE	342	131

Patron Visits: 179,570

Reference Questions:

Adult	14,947
Juvenile	3,689
Phone	4,876
TOTAL	23,512
Holds Placed	17,911
Holds Filled	14,201

Registered Borrowers:

June 30, 2004	13,551
Added	1,547
Deleted	1,309
June 30, 2005	13,789

Based upon data in the Library's Sirsi system.

Interlibrary Loan:

Programs/Community Room Use

Children's

Storytime/Toddler Time	680
Class Visits	
To Library	847
To Schools	1,375
2004 Summer Reading Club	
Members	89
Party Attendance	62
Books Read	1,122
Kids on the Block Puppets	28
Estimation Stations #3-6	240
Ringling Brothers Circus Reading Program	5 winners
Bookmark Contest	1,034
Bookmark Contest Award Ceremony	48
National Children's Book Week Raffle`	229
Polar Express Christmas StoryTime	10
Santa's Visit	70
St. Peter's Bell Ringers	27
Pizza & Pages	33
Estimation Station #1-2	120
Poetry Reading	21
Roscoe The Clown	62
Genot Picor	21

General

Children's Computer Center	1,959 hours
Internet Public Access Center	4,637.5 hours
Estate Planning	14
Investing Class	32
Ken Bloom Tax Tips	12
City/Cooperative/Other	22 meetings
Macomb Art Show (2) 200/250	450
Live Homework Help	759

Friends Programs

Book/Video Sale (2)	400
Video Sale (4)	59
Friends Meetings	11
OBOC Flower Pounding	22
OBOC E-Bay Lady	45
OBOC Author Discussion	26
OBOC "Second Hand" 04 Discussion	4
OBOC "The Curious Incident..." 05 Discussion	8
DIA Ter Borch	13

Friends of the Library

- ◆ Membership: 642 members
- ◆ Fund-Raisers:
 - ◆ Audio Visual Sale (9/04) \$920.75
 - ◆ Attic Treasure Sale (5/05) \$351.35
 - ◆ Video Sales (4) \$849.20
 - ◆ Entertainment Books \$688.00
 - ◆ Ongoing Sales \$2,302.37
 - ◆ DVD Rentals \$8,622.25
 - ◆ Memorial Garden Donations \$580.86
 - ◆ Membership Dues \$2,429.70
 - \$16,744.48**

- ◆ Gifts to the Library
 - ◆ SRC Entertainment \$325.00
 - ◆ Science Alive (2) \$18.50
 - ◆ One Book/One Community Publicity \$946.13
 - ◆ DIA Speakers \$35.00
 - ◆ Children's Book Week Gift Certificates \$80.00
 - ◆ Garden \$3,432.26
 - ◆ Plant Care \$750.00
 - ◆ Aquarium Maintenance \$1,503.00
 - ◆ DVDs \$2,934.42
 - \$9,944.31**

- ◆ Officers: Elected March 2, 2005
 - ◆ President: Mary Glassco
 - ◆ Vice-President: Amanda Smith
 - ◆ Treasurer: Phyllis Kirouac
 - ◆ Membership Secretary: Barbara Rehahn
 - ◆ Secretary: Patricia Price
 - ◆ Trustee: Phyllis Kirouac
 - ◆ Trustee: Barbara Dome

Library Revenue

- ◆ Book Fines/Miscellaneous \$22,912.82
 - ◆ Non-Resident Fees \$200.00
 - ◆ Copier Revenue \$2,970.45
 - ◆ Penal Fines \$50,099.56 includes one time payment of under funded motor carrier fees
 - ◆ State Aid \$29,685.16
 - ◆ Gift Monies \$1,550.00
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Building Improvements/Equipment Purchases

8 Dell Staff Computers May 2005 4-Year Replacement Schedule Suburban Library Cooperative	\$9,568.00
Library Display Case June 2005 K-Log Inc. Friends of the Eastpointe Library	\$1,893.34
Library Courtyard Plants June 2005 City of Eastpointe/Wiegand's Nursery Friends of the Eastpointe Library	\$337.48
Library Courtyard Benches June 2005 Michigan Playground and Recreation Equipment Friends of the Eastpointe Library	\$2,826.00

Friends of the Library Continue Their Support

During Fiscal Year 2004/2005, the Friends of the Eastpointe Memorial Library continued to work to obtain funding for the Courtyard Renovation Project, while beginning Phase II. They held one audio/visual sale that netted \$900.00 and one attic treasure sale, netting \$350.00. They also sold 100 Entertainment Books, receiving a commission of \$6.00 for each book sold. Quarterly video sales and ongoing used book sales continued throughout the year. The library obtained estimates for Phase I. The City of Eastpointe Parks and Recreation Department accepted the challenge of designing, and planting the landscaping of the garden. The monies were also donated to purchase three benches; from DTE Energy, Eastpointe Rotary & Macomb Rotary Foundation, and The Friends.

The Friends of the Library continue to provide funding for monthly plant care and maintenance of the aquarium. They sponsored several events for the summer reading club. Science Alive is an excellent program that not only delights, but also teaches about interesting and unusual animal life. Mary Ellen Clark entertained those who completed the Summer Reading Club, compliments of the Friends. In addition, Friends purchased gift certificates to Border's Books for the eight winners of the bookmark contest held to celebrate National Children's Book Week.

The Friends of the Library continue to provide a DVD rental collection for the Library. The organization pays for approximately ten new titles per month. Rental is \$2.00 for two days, or \$1.00 for two days if a Friends member. Friends retain the rental fees to continue to update the collection. The collection has become so popular, that Friends membership has increased from 500 to over 600. Membership is as little as \$5.00/year.

One Book, One Community....

In the summer of 2004, the Eastpointe Memorial Library again participated in the Suburban Library Cooperative's "One Book, One Community" program. The purpose of the project was to promote intergenerational communication and literacy throughout the community. The program was designed to get people talking to each other many issues, while promoting the importance of reading at the same time.

The title selected for discussion was "Second Hand" by Michael Zadoorian. The novel focused on a second hand store owner in the Detroit area, and his relationships with a woman who works for the Humane Society, his sister, and the recent death of his mother. Many discussion sessions and other events were held throughout the Suburban Library Cooperative, including three in Eastpointe. Hundreds of residents read the book and enjoyed meeting and discussing the various topics with others. The author spoke at the Eastpointe Community Center, and there was an author luncheon at Clinton Macomb Library.

Michael Zadoorian is a local author. Many people attended the luncheon, enjoyed Zadoorian's presentation, and participated in a delightful question and answer period.

The "One Book, One Community" committee began work on the 2005 project, selecting "The Curious incident of the dog in the night-time" by Mark Haddon. It had been decided by the committee to move up the One Book, One Community program to the spring, rather than the summer, so both programs are part of this annual report.

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The title selected for discussion was "The Curious incident of the dog in the night-time" by Mark Haddon. The novel features an unusual detective. Christopher is 15 and lives with his father. He has Asperger's Syndrome; a form of autism. He is obsessed with math, science and Sherlock Holmes. When he discovers a dead dog on a neighbor's lawn he decides to solve the mystery... Many discussion sessions and other events were held throughout the Suburban Library Cooperative, including one in Eastpointe. Hundreds of residents read the book and enjoyed meeting and discussing the various topics with others. In May a luncheon featuring Dr. Elliot Engel, a Sherlock Holmes/ Arthur Conan Doyle scholar and renowned literary humorist gave a lively presentation on Author Doyle, and the history of his most famous fictional detective.

Policy Changes

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| March 2005: | Revise Library hours, effective July 1, 2005. |
| June 2005: | Revise policy to allow holds on juvenile videos owned by the Library longer than 1 year. |

Summer Readers Discover New Trails @ The Library

The 2004 Summer Reading Club, "Discover New Trails @ Your Library" had 89 members at its close in August. Preschoolers and elementary students participated in "Early Explorers" and "Trail Blazers" programs, while middle school students joined the "Roamin Readers". The young adult volunteers were the "Super Scouts".

During July, members were entertained at the "wild west jamboree", and "Animal Legends" programs. Totem Poles, Seminole Indian dolls and coloring sheets went home with the participants in the Native American Crafts" after noon.

Chalk art on the newly renovated courtyard brought out compliments from young and old.

A few days before the summer Olympics opened in Greece, Mary Ellen Clark conducted an Olympic program for the Summer Reading Club Finale participants. The children had a parade in which they wore simple costumes and carried flags from various countries. One lucky young man even carried a battery powered torch. They identified flags, learned Greek myths and could quote the Olympic theme and tell the story of the rings. Some youngsters and adults participated in events which drew laughter from the crowd.

The Science Alive program was a hit with children and adults. They saw a Three-banded armadillo named Rollo; Whip the chinchilla, and Oliver, Armstrong the Anteater, and a legless lizard named Slim Jim. They were also able to have Polly, a ten foot Burmese python, draped around their neck. The biggest surprise of the show was Skippy, a red-necked wallaby about four feet tall.

Miscellaneous Donations

Clyne and Sobocinski Funeral Home donated 12 two-year magazine subscriptions, and Family Eye Care Associates donated 10 two-year magazine subscriptions.
