

Our Collection

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| 456,695 Books | 5,816 Video Cassettes |
| 63,635 Compact Discs (music CDs, books on CD, MP3 CDs) | 100,643 DVDs |
| 4,218 Audio Cassettes | 1,937 Software Copies |
| | 92 Art Prints |

2012 Financial Summary

| Revenue Source Dollars | Amount | % of Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Public Library Fund | \$3,576,202 | 41 |
| Levies | 4,175,641 | 48 |
| State Rollbacks & Transfers | 739,124 | 8 |
| Other | 271,277 | 3 |
| Total Revenues | \$8,762,244 | 100 |

| Expenditures | Amount | % of Total |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Materials | \$1,246,134 | 15 |
| Personnel | 5,208,303 | 64 |
| Capital | 239,226 | 3 |
| Contracts | 1,340,769 | 16 |
| Other | 12,562 | <1 |
| Supplies | 148,676 | 2 |
| Total Expenditures | \$8,195,670 | 100 |

Highlights

The Music at Main program was initiated at Main Library thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. The Friends groups at various branches also donated funds for teen and adult Summer Reading prizes, electronic signage systems and held numerous book sales.

Avon Branch Library further focused on the needs of teens with events such as Teen Bake-Off, Digital Scrapbooking, Zombie Prom and Extreme Pumpkin Carving. The Avon Branch also started a Teen Volunteer Group.

Our libraries took part in a vast number of activities in 2012. We were represented at the Lorain International Festival and the Lorain County Fair, and in a Cinco de Mayo Parade, the Columbia Homecoming Parade, the Duct Tape Festival Parade, Fall into Avon, a Juneteenth Parade, various Memorial Day Parades and the Sheffield Lake Community Days Parade. We also hosted art shows and gave library tours to children in school.

A number of special events took place at our various branches, including Hispanic Heritage (South Lorain), Fur, Fins and Feathers (Domonkas) and the "Our Zoo To You" program and an inflatable Skylab that were hosted by a number of our libraries. In addition, numerous clubs meet regularly at our libraries, including Garden (Columbia) and Yarn (Main) to name a couple. The North Ridgeville Branch Library started a writers' group in 2012.



Meet the Lorain Public Library System 2012 Board of Trustees

From left to right: Anthony Campana of Lorain, President; Jodi Penwell of Lorain, Vice President; Garalynn Tomas of North Ridgeville; Homer Virden of Lorain; Edwin Kovach of Columbia; Douglas Petersen of Avon, Secretary; Victor Leandry of Lorain.



YOU Belong Here!
Gather. Share. Connect.



A Message from the Director



Joanne Eldridge

Change was in the air as we celebrated the retirement of two key managers, Terri Frederick, Public Relations Officer and Debra Jackson, Public Services Coordinator. Both will be missed. The twists and turns of managing a library system in the midst of the

Great Recession is something that has to be experienced. There is no management class or library administration course I could have taken to prepare me for this. We survived and we are succeeding. I am feeling very optimistic about our future. The Lorain Public Library System is in a state of growing, reinventing and being what our communities need.

Several of our staff members attended the Public Library Association's Biennial Conference. We listened to national speakers discuss future trends, networked with our colleagues, and saw new products and services. We returned energized. One of our in-house workshops focused on providing personalized service. Our staff members have recommitted to providing you with quality service and a welcoming presence in the communities we serve. We provide you with print, audio, digital and eMedia resources. Our professional staff is happy to show you how to download eMedia to your electronic devices.

We want to thank the many volunteers who contributed to our success this past year: the library's Friends groups in Avon, Columbia, Lorain, North Ridgeville and Sheffield Lake; the Library Foundation Board of Directors; the Library Trustees; Homework Help Center volunteers; and Project LITE tutors. You gave generously of your time, talent, and even donated books to enhance our library collections. This is a priceless gift, not only to the Library System, but especially to the communities we serve. A personal note of gratitude goes to Library Board of Trustees members Victor Leandry and Doug Petersen who gave their time and tremendous support during their respective terms of office. We wish them both good fortunes in their future endeavors.

A special note of thanks also goes to our grant funders and to those of you who made charitable contributions: The Stocker Foundation funded the 2012 Summer Reading Program, where 2,553 preschool and grade school children read a minimum of four hours each.

Each of our Friends groups donated grand prizes to the teen and adult Summer Reading Programs. The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc., Emerson Network Power, Energy Systems, NA, the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Clinic funded the 2012 Fall Family Read Aloud for 451 participants.

Every day that I come to work, someone is making a contribution to our Library System. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do for the Lorain Public Library System, including your words



of encouragement. You give me hope and reassurance that good tax-supported public libraries are worth fighting for. Thank you, library advocates, patrons, donors and volunteers, for your longstanding support and recognition of our libraries as priceless community assets. Please don't hesitate to contact me or leave a note in one of our suggestion boxes if you have questions or concerns. We are going to have a lot of fun in 2013. We hope to see you at one of our libraries or on the Bookmobile in 2013!



At Your Service

2,369,335 items were borrowed.

WiFi is **free** at all of our libraries, and improvements have been made to make our Internet faster and more reliable. Patrons can take a wide range of **technology classes** utilizing our new computers, monitors and printers.

LPLS hosted **Touchdown for Reading**, a fall online reading program, with the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Clinic.

102,607 patrons held library cards.

863,626 visits to our libraries.

2,302 library programs were offered with **46,166** in attendance.

Community groups used our meeting rooms **807** times, with a total attendance of **12,988**.

Citizens used our public computers **200,077** times.

1,240 children and teens completed the Summer Reading Program, with **10,816** books distributed as prizes to those who took part. The program was funded through a grant from The Stocker Foundation. Key partners were Lorain County Metro Parks and the Lorain County Ironmen baseball team.

Main Library partnered with the Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition to offer free income tax return filing. More than **100** returns were completed, helping bring refunds of more than **\$115,000**.

Library users made a total of **10,650** Freegal music downloads.

17,981 people visited the Bookmobile.

847,301 visits were made to our website.

Did you know?

Libraries spur community development and contribute to an educated and competitive workforce. Studies have shown that for every \$1 spent on libraries, \$5 or more is returned to the community.



Main Library Lorain..... 440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ: 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain
Avon Branch 440-934-4743: 37485 Harvest Drive, Avon
Columbia Branch 440-236-8751: 13824 W. River Road North, Columbia Station
Domonkas Branch 440-949-7410: 4125 East Lake Road, Sheffield Lake
North Ridgeville Branch..... 440-327-8326: 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville
South Lorain Branch 440-277-5672: 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain
Bookmobile..... 440-244-1192, ext. 243 or 1-800-322-READ, ext. 243