A Message from the Director

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, Energetix 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 our good tax-supported public libraries are worth fighting for. Thank you, library advocates, patrons, donors and volunteers, for your long-standing support and recognition of our 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!

Lori Stoudt
Director

Our Library System:

Our Collection

545,695 Books
41,635 Compact Discs
4,218 Audio Cassettes
2,302 Library programs were offered with 46,166 in attendance.

Community groups used our meeting rooms 807 times, with 11,433 attendees.

Citizens used our public computers 200,077 times.

1,240 children and teens completed the Summer Reading Program, with 10,905 people 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 Kitmen baseball team.

Main Library Lorain...440-244-1192 or 1-800-220-READ: 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain
Avon Branch...440-949-7410: 4125 East Lake Road, Sheffield Lake
North Ridgeville Branch...440-327-6230: 3550 Broadway Road, North Ridgeville
South Lorain Branch...440-277-8170: Removest Drive, Lorain

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

17,081 people visited the Bookmobile.

847,301 visits were made to our websites.

At Your Service

2012 Financial Summary

Revenue Sources Dollar Amount % of Total
Public Library Fund $5,576,302 41
Levies 4,179,841 48
State Rollbacks & Transfers 730,124 8
Other 371,277 3
Total Revenues $10,667,544 100

Expenditures Amount % of Total
Materials $1,246,134 15
Personnel 5,306,303 64
Capital 233,226 3
Contracts 3,960,789 19
Other 12,652 <1
Total Expenditures $11,872,781 100

Our libraries took part in a vast number of activities in 2012. We were represented at the Lorain Public Library System's Biennial Conference, listened to national speaker Jodi Penwell on trends, networked with our colleagues, and saw new products and services. We returned energy. One of our focus workshops was on providing personalized service. Our staff members have re-committed to providing you with quality service and a welcoming greetscape in the communities we serve. We want to thank the many volunteers who contributed to our success last year: the library board, volunteers, Lorain, Columbia, Lorain, North Ridgeville and Sheffield Lake. The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc., Emerson Network Power, Cleveland Browns, and Doug Petersen who gave their time and talent; and even donated books to enhance our library collections.

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Great Recession is something that has to be prepared for. I was going to take a library administration course I could have taken back in 2002. My year: the library's Friends groups in Avon, Lorain, and Doug Petersen, not only to the Library System, but especially to the communities we serve. A personal note of guidance to local 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 fortune in these future endeavors.

A special note of thanks also goes to our key funders and to those of you who made charitable contributions: The Stocker Foundation, the Cleveland Clinic and Doug Petersen who gave their time and talent; and even donated books to enhance our library collections.

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