

The Voice of the Green Lake County Libraries

Regionalism & Libraries Progress Report, 2005

Cooperation & Collaboration

Winnefox Library System and the libraries we serve are a stellar example of the benefit that can be derived from working together. Libraries in Wisconsin provide an unmatched model of collaboration. They demonstrate that many communities working together can assure that library and information services will be available for everyone, at a surprisingly low cost: on average it costs less than \$35 per person per year for the public library service provided in our region. Public libraries, working with each other and with other types of libraries have made resources from around the state and country available to every resident. The 17 public library systems of Wisconsin created and continue to support a delivery structure that assures that needed items are received in a timely manner. The 30 public libraries, along with the many academic, school, and special libraries throughout the 5 county Winnefox service area remain committed to sharing resources so the information needs and desires of residents can be efficiently and effectively secured.

WALS

The most visible manifestation of the cooperation is WALS, the shared technology network that lets anyone in the area discover and reserve library materials owned by all participating libraries. Any person with Internet access, even at home, can search the WALS catalog, place reserves, and have the desired item delivered to their local library, sometimes within just a couple of days.

- In 2004 over 177,000 items were loaned by one of the 26 WALS libraries to another.
- The remaining 4 Winnefox member libraries are at this time working towards full participation in the WALS system. We expect that this will be accomplished by the end of 2006

Demand Keeps Growing

Our commitment to cooperation and service has encouraged more people to discover and use libraries.

- Between 2000 and 2004 circulation in our public libraries jumped 15% to 3,859,252 per year. That's the equivalent of over 12 items borrowed annually by every person in the system area.
- During the same time period, visits to libraries increased 9% to 1,674,550 per year. That's the equivalent of every person coming to the library more than 5 times per year.

Winnefox Library System 2004

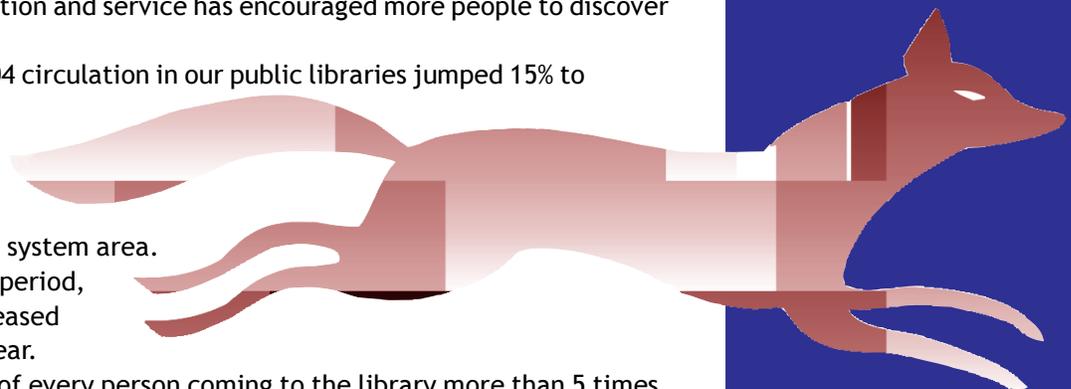
Population:
317,557

Circulation:
3,859,252

Circulation per capita:
12.15

Winnefox Library System libraries have the 3rd highest circulation per capita of 17 public library systems in Wisconsin.

There were 151,134 more items checked out than in 2003 - a 4% increase.



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GREEN LAKE

The Caestecker Public Library is combining our October program with the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting. Please join us on **October 11th at 7:00 pm for Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter by Mary and Dick Slavik**. If you are interested in joining the Friend of the Library and volunteering to help the library or serve on their Board, please contact the library at 294-3572 for the time of that meeting. It will probably be at 6 or 6:30 pm that evening.

In November, the library is hosting a **Holiday cookbook, recipe exchange on November 8th at 7:00 pm**. And in December, please join us in celebrating the Artist of the Month programs through a retrospective display and on **December 13th at 7:00 pm, a wine and cheese reception for the artists**.

Story times are beginning again on Monday mornings at 10 am. Preschoolers and toddlers are welcome to come and bring little brothers and sisters along. We run a very informal program so that children can get used to being in a group and experiencing books together. Do not worry that your child is too rambunctious or loud, our book selections are targeted to get those children involved and interested.

In October, the library will be offering a brand new program for older elementary and teens. We will be hooking up an **X-Box and a GameCube for kids to play projected huge on the wall**. We will be playing games like MarioCart, Fusion Frenzy, and BurnOut. **Join us on Saturday mornings in October at 11 AM in the library's meeting room**.

MARKESAN

Markesan Public Library will be having some **fun events during the month of October** for the Green Lake County Reads "Hope was Here" by Joan Bauer.

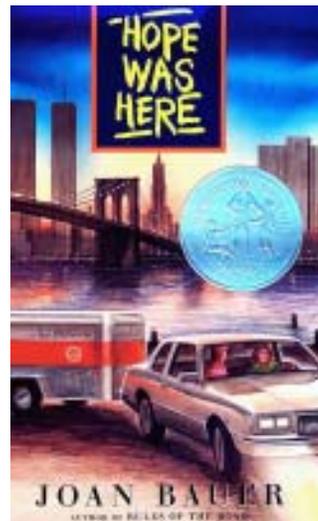
Sixteen-year-old Hope, and the aunt who has raised her, move from Brooklyn New York to Mulhoney, Wisconsin. Together they waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner. They become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor. The Library will have patrons who read the book work on a trivia sheet to be turned into a drawing at the end of the month. Patrons will also be able to share favorite recipes with others during a Taste of Markesan Readers. Patrons will also be able to taste different Wisconsin cheeses.

BERLIN

The Berlin Public Library ran their adult and YA reading program for 7 weeks. We had 100 sign up for the program and 241 books were read. Many reading treasures were found upstairs in the older fiction. We will be composing a list of books found upstairs that were enjoyed for patrons to refer to when looking for a good read. Our Adult reading program is over for the summer, but there are many adult programs coming up.

September was library card month. We promoted the month as "one of the best school supplies and the smartest card you can have". At the end of September there will be a drawing from the new card applications for Berlin Chamber business dollars. Sandy Joseph, of the Oshkosh Public Library presented a program on Tasmania and Australia on Sept. 22.

October will be a busy month. **The Countywide Read begins on October 1 with Hope Was Here, by Joan Bauer**. As a kick-off for this program and in conjunction with "Pumpkins on Petunias", we will be having a **"Taste Of Berlin" at the library**. Berlin restaurants and hometown friends will offer a taste of their food for \$1.00. **October 7 the Berlin Library will be sponsoring a visit to the local schools by author illustrator Don Brown**. **October 13 at 6pm, Jolene Hoefs 2005 Wisconsin Honey Queen will share ideas for using honey**. Pre-registration will make attendees eligible for a drawing for honey giveaways. **October 20 at 7pm, the library will be hosting a Cancer support panel**. Panelists will discuss how their organizations help cancer patients and their families and how community members can help by volunteering.



*Green Lake
Countywide Read
2005*

PRINCETON

The Princeton Library invites you to fall into a good book and is offering many great programs to entice you. For starters, stop by and **check out a copy of Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer, this year's Green Lake County-wide Read book.** Hope was Here is award-winning teen fiction that will appeal to readers of all ages and interests. The book is set in small-town Wisconsin and tells the tale of Hope and her aunt who come to work at a restaurant and soon are doing much more for the towns' citizens than preparing and serving them food. Copies of the book are available at the library. Here are programs this library will offer as part of the read:

- Saturday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. Potluck supper featuring items from the menu of the Welcome Stairways Diner with a program by Malia LeSavage from StarDancer, "Names—Their Lore, Meaning, and Sounds; & Numerology
- Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 p.m. Scrapbooking Workshop with Amy Hardt from North Pointe and the Hardt
- TBA. Scrapbooking and Goody Bag Workshop for children with Amy Hardt from North Pointe and the Hardt
- Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. Cooking Class with Wendy Kuklis from the Country Cafe
- TBA. Cooking Class for Kids—learn how to make some of Hope's favorites
- "Hope was Here" Recipe Contest

Did you know that October is National Reading Group Month? The library invites you to its monthly book discussion, the First Tuesday Potluck & Book Discussion on October 4 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for a look at Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold. This book, read and treasured since its 1949 publication, is a collection of Leopold's observations on nature viewed from a summer shack near the Wisconsin River. This discussion series is free and open to the public with copies of the book on hand for checking out. November's title is Myla Goldberg's Bee Season.

"They Had it Coming" is the theme for this fall's mystery book discussion series. Skinny Dip by Carl Hiassen is the kick-off title September 26, 6:30 p.m. Doug Northrop from Ripon College will lead discussion. Future titles include Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None on October 10, coordinated by Mary Elliott and Sherry Kallestad from Pastime Books; The Alienist by Caleb Carr, October 24, led by Kris Milhousen from the Chicago Daily Herald; and Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca, led by Robin Woods from

Ripon College, November 7. All dates are Mondays at 6:30. Titles are available for check-out; registration is suggested.

Mystery lovers will also enjoy meeting Wisconsin author **Kathy Buchen who will do a book talk and signing at the Princeton Library Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.** Buchen has written a series of mysteries featuring Rhi Nolan, an attorney and newly widowed mother of three teens. The books, set in small-town Wisconsin, are filled with quirky characters, plenty of suspects and plot twists, and a good dose of humor. This program is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served

Mark your calendars for **Princeton's annual city-wide Harvest Moon Fest, Saturday, October 8.** The library will host a used book and more sale from 9- 3; children's crafts from 1:30 - 2:30; a caramel apple sale; and a potluck supper (see listing for county-wide read above). The library will also sponsor programs during these future city-wide celebrations: **Christmas in Princeton, Friday, November 25; and Candlelit Christmas, Saturday, December 10. The Library Friends' silent auction and "delicious to the last crumb" cookie walk will be Sunday, December 11.** Please call or visit the library's website for more information.

Calling all arm-chair travelers! **Come to the library Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m. to learn about life in a Ghana (western Africa) village.** Jessica Malsack will talk about her experiences in Komeda, a Princeton-sized town, where she spent four months doing research as part of her international college study program.

On-going programs at the library also include:

- Preschoolers story-time, Wednesdays at 10:30, through November 30.
- Bridge classes, Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Knitting circle/classes open to knitters of all ages and levels. Please call for dates. (Crocheters also welcome!)



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Though funding for libraries and library systems has not always kept pace with demand residents continue to express their confidence in libraries by walking in the physical and virtual doors to grab all the service they can find.

- Winnefox member libraries were open 63,194 hours in 2004; that's 1,215 hours per week, 174 hours per day.
- Winnefox member libraries offer 1,321,525 items and 262 internet stations for public use.
- Winnefox member libraries offer over 35 electronic databases and 8,000 ebooks that can be accessed from home, office, school, or any other place with Internet access.

Our Tradition and Future

- Commitment to unbeatable service
- Guaranteed access to information so that each individual can improve themselves, then share the benefits with others.
- Awareness that an informed citizenry with access to information is the foundation of our democratic system.
- Devotion to building a community of residents who know that their strength comes from each other and that they don't each stand alone.
- Efficient use of tax support to strengthen the constructive role of our government, while we help build a better place for all to live!

Winnefox Library System and its partners have worked for almost 30 years to bring opportunity to all in Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara, and Winnebago Counties. We look forward to continue to helping make Wisconsin the best state in the nation.

Shhhout! is published quarterly by the Winnefox Library System to provide news for and about its member libraries in Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago counties. Direct comments and inquiries to:

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WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM

Green Lake County Libraries

BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

121 West Park Avenue Berlin, WI 54923
920-361-5420 www.berlinlibrary.org
Monday 9-8
Tuesday 9-8
Wednesday 9-8
Thursday 9-8
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5 (Summer 9-1)

CAESTECKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

518 Hill Street Green Lake, WI 54941
920-294-3572 www.greenlakelibrary.org
Monday 9:30-6:00
Tuesday 9:30-7:00
Wednesday 9:30-6:00
Thursday 9:30-7:00
Friday 9:30-6:00
Saturday 9:30-12:30
Sunday 1:00-4:00

MARKESAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

75 North Bridge Street Markesan, WI 53946
920-398-3434 www.markesanlibrary.org
Monday 10-7
Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-6
Saturday 9-12:00 (Summer-closed)

MILL POND PUBLIC LIBRARY

151 North South Street Kingston, WI 53939
920-394-3281 www.millpondlibrary.org
Monday 1-6
Tuesday 1-6
Wednesday 9-11 & 1-6
Thursday 1-6
Saturday 9-11

PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

424 West Water Street Princeton, WI 54968
920-295-6777 www.princetonpublib.org
Monday 9-6
Tuesday 10-8
Wednesday 10-8
Thursday 10-8
Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1

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