

The Voice of the Waushara 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

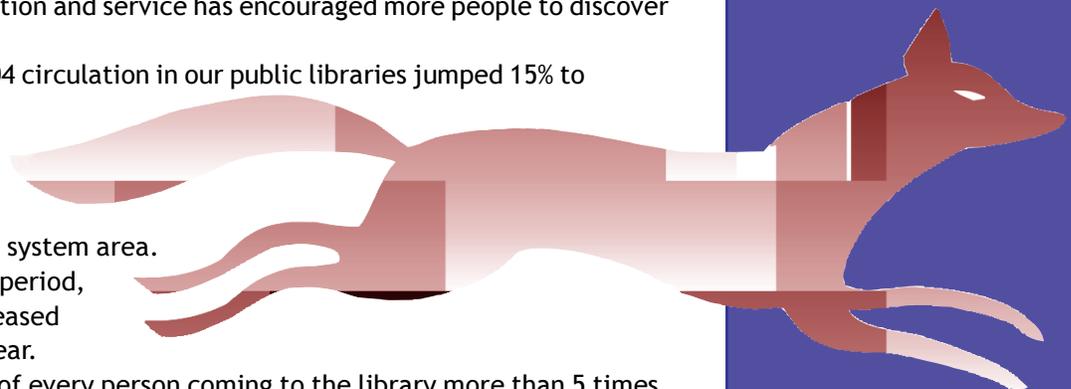
Population:
317,557

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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PLAINFIELD

The Plainfield Library's Summer Program was a great success with 14 teens participating in the reading challenge for a total of 920 minutes. Our 3rd and 4th grade youth read 420 books and pre-school to 2nd graders read 1,000 books. Great job to everyone who did the reading challenge! Our winners were:



Joey Becher for Pre-School-2nd Grade

Pre-School story time begins Wednesday, October 5 from 10 to 11am and will continue every Wednesday until December 14. Come and join us with fun stories and a craft.

In October the library will have two Financial Planning Programs. **Improving Your Credit Report**, on October 12 from 1-2:30 pm. will show how to get a free copy of your credit report and steps to take to repair or improve your credit rating. Do you ever wonder where your paycheck went? Are you out of money before your next pay check? **Finding Money** will help you find where your money is going and show you how to use this "found" money to start saving or investing. The date is Wednesday, October 26 from 1-2:30 pm. The cost for each program is \$3.00 and scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required for both programs. Call 920-787-0416 or e-mail jennifer.carvavella@ces.uwex.edu Both programs are sponsored by: UW Extension of Waushara County, Bancroft State Bank and The Portage County Bank.



Dustin Ross for the 3rd & 4th graders



Nikki Bender for the Teen Read



Families at the Plainfield Library made crowns as part of the Summer Library Programs "Craft Day."

Have you ever thought about trying scrapbooking but weren't sure what was needed or where to begin? On Saturday, October 22 from 10:30-11:30 am at the Plainfield Library Kathy Knutson will present **Beginning Scrapbooking**. This is a free workshop but you need to bring 2 or 3 pictures. Please register for this workshop by calling the library at 715-335-4523 or stop in. This should be loads of fun, so we hope to see you!

WAUTOMA

With Summer over we're getting in the fall swing of things at the Wautoma Public Library. Pre-school story time with "Mr. Dan, the Story Man" began Thursday, September 15. We had a nice group for our first day.

Wautoma celebrated its Sesquicentennial and as our contribution to the festivities Delores Bliske, one of our librarians, did a Wautoma trivia quiz. The Waushara Argus, printed it and the winner received \$25.00 in Chamber of Commerce bucks. Pictured here is our winner, Paula Andrews. She visited the county courthouse, city hall, the Argus office, the Waushara County Historical Society and, of course, the library to find the answers.



WILD ROSE

The exterior of our new community center/library addition is nearly complete and the roof is shingled. The projected completion date for the interior is December 21.

Two big fund raising events are coming up. Our **annual Library Banquet and Silent Auction** will be on Thursday October 20 at 7 PM at the Lion's Building. We hope to have a record attendance this year, as all proceeds go to the building fund. On Saturday November 19 we will have our **second annual Christmas Rummage, Bake Sale and luncheon** at the Lion's Building. If you have new or gently used Christmas items to donate, we will be setting up on the afternoon of Friday November 18.

We are continuing to sell **engraved bricks for our Community Center patio**. They are \$100 to \$1,000, depending on the size. It's a wonderful way for your business, your family or loved ones to show your support of the library.

Because of the construction we have not planned much programming this fall, other than our after-school program. Look for story times and dance classes for preschoolers and other programming for all ages early next year.

HANCOCK

Hancock had a **record circulation** month in August; we were a few books shy of 2,000 checkouts and renewals. Summer residents love to use the library during their stay here. We held six summer library programs and registered 60 kids in our reading program. Everyone had fun with this year's medieval theme. Things are a little quieter with school back in session now, but staff and volunteers are busy planning October programs.

Our **October Book Circle** will meet at the Hamerstrom farm outside Plainfield to discuss works written by or about Frances and Frederick Hamerstrom. **Painter Deann De La Ronde** currently resides there. Her art is partly inspired by the Hamerstroms' work in ecology and biology. Deann will give us a tour of the house and land on which the Hamerstroms carried out their important work.

Deann will also be our featured guest at the Friends of the Hancock Library Open House on October 18 at 6 PM. She will bring paintings to the library and speak about her work. The second floor history center will be open for viewing and refreshments will be served.

October is **Hispanic History Month**, for which we will solicit reviews of books, music, movies and art by and about people of Hispanic origin. Participants' names will be put into a drawing for a prize.

COLOMA

The **Summer Reading Program** "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" at the Coloma Public Library was a huge success. The children's reading program had 54 participants, the adult program had 19 and our teen program had 14 participants.



For our reading challenge this summer we added scales to our dragon. Each scale represented one week or 140 minutes per child of reading, which came to **75,600 total minutes of reading for the summer.** Way to go!

Each week we had programs for all. Sometimes it was performers, other times an hour of fun and games. Turn out was great, averaging 50 people a week. We had an indoor picnic for our finale with entertainment and reading prizes awarded.

With fall comes a change in our **display case**. This month we have loom-woven stuffed animals made by the Sand County Shuttle Guild. These items took second place in a Midwest competition.

BERLIN

October's a busy month. The **Countywide Read** began 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 held a "Taste Of Berlin" at the library. Berlin restaurants and hometown friends offered a taste of their food for a dollar.

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.

REDGRANITE

"**Read about your Hometown Heroes at the Redgranite Library**" was the library's theme for the Labor Day festivities parade. Fundraising efforts were held in Redgranite throughout the Labor Day weekend to raise money to refinish the library's exterior.

A successful end to the summer reading program was held in August with **Dr. D. Light** entertaining over 55 children, parents and grandparents!

Pictured are: Opal Barclay, Library Board member (seated); Bonnie Drexler, Library Board Secretary; Jordan & Shelby Gustke, Morgan Drexler and Kassay Berkshire.



POY SIPPI

Fall brings many changes into our patron's lives. Some are beginning a new school year while others are busy harvesting gardens and crops. Within the library changes are also being made. **Beginning October 1, our weekly hours of service will be:** Monday 10-7; Wednesday Noon-7; Thursday 3-7; Friday 3-7; and Saturday 9-Noon.

The print collection has been rearranged into categories (mystery, western, romance, drama...) instead of being arranged alphabetically by author. Nonfiction will also be rearranged in the near future. A very special machine called **Videoeye** is being donated to the library by the Lions Club for public use. This closed-circuit-television greatly magnifies reading material and objects which will be helpful to people with low vision.

On October 15, the Library Board will be hosting a **Used Book and Bake Sale** at the library between 9am and noon.



Emily Jones, left and Abby Chier helped the library through the "store" they created over the summer. They donated the proceeds to the Library's Building Fund. Thank You!

PINE RIVER

Back to School In Pine River. The kids are back to school, the days are cooler, and it's quieter but just as busy at the library. We had a wonderfully busy summer. The **Passport to the World program**, created by Maureen Van Amerongen, had the kids traveling to many countries through books and adding stamps to their passports as they went to each place in the world. It was a big success with kids from as far as Milwaukee and Seattle participating. We also had a monthly adult book club featuring contemporary fiction set in Afghanistan, Africa, and China.

September brings Wednesday story time, for preschoolers, kindergarteners and elementary homeschoolers. Director Becky Horvath will have weekly activities through November 9.

Fall also brings the **River's Edge Readers** back to the library. Beginning September 19 they will meet and discuss selected books. With our recently increased selection of current bestsellers the "new" shelf is in hot demand. The inspirational adult series and juvenile series will also be updated in the next couple of months.

In conjunction with the development of the **Waushara County obituary database** available on the library websites, the Pine River Library will be hosting monthly workshops on preserving heirloom photos, letters, and documents. Cindy Cade of Saxeville area will share her expertise along with the necessary supplies to help preserve patrons personal history. The first workshop will be held September 24 at the Leon Town Hall in Pine River.

More information on any of the goings on at the Leon Saxeville Library in Pine River can be gotten by calling Becky at the Library, 987-5608. Enjoy the season!

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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.

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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)

COLOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

155 Front Street Coloma, WI 54930
 715-228-2530 www.colomalibrary.org
 Monday 10-5
 Wednesday 10-5
 Thursday 10-7
 Friday 10-5
 Saturday 10-1

HANCOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

114 South Main Street Hancock, WI 54943
 715-249-5817 www.hancocklibrary.org
 Monday 12-5
 Wednesday 10-5
 Thursday 1-6
 Friday 1-6
 Saturday 10-1

LEON-SAXEVILLE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

N4715 County Road E Pine River, WI 54965
 920-987-5110 www.pineriverlibrary.org
 Tuesday 2-7
 Wednesday 10-12 & 2-7
 Thursday 2-7
 Friday 2-7
 Saturday 10-1

PATTERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

500 Wisconsin Avenue Wild Rose, WI 54984
 920-622-3835 www.wildroselibrary.org
 Monday 10-6
 Tuesday 10-6
 Wednesday 10-6
 Thursday 10-9
 Friday 10-8

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

126 South Main Street Plainfield, WI 54966
 715-335-4523 www.plainfieldlibrary.org
 Monday 12-5
 Tuesday 10-5
 Wednesday 10-5 & 7-8
 Friday 10-5
 Saturday 9-12

POY SIPPI PUBLIC LIBRARY

W2251 Commercial Street Poy Sippi, WI 54967
 920-987-5737 www.poylippilibrary.org
 Monday 10-7
 Wednesday 12-7
 Thursday 3-7
 Friday 3-7
 Saturday 9-12

REDGRANITE PUBLIC LIBRARY

135 W. Bannerman Avenue Redgranite, WI 54970
 920-566-0176 www.redgranitelibrary.org
 Monday 10-6
 Wednesday 10-6
 Friday 10-6

WAUTOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

410 West Main Street Wautoma, WI 54982
 920-787-2988 www.wautomalibrary.org
 Monday 9-6
 Tuesday 9-6
 Wednesday 9-6
 Thursday 9-6
 Friday 9-6
 Saturday 10-3

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