



Houghton Lake Public Library

Annual Report 2012-13

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Mission: "To provide informational, educational, recreational, and aesthetic resources ..."



The library hosted the ribbon-cutting for the Fiber-Optic Infrastructure Project with Merit Network, Inc.

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Books: 43,081 **Audiobooks:** 1,284 **DVDs:** 1,889
Videos: 1,669 **Music CDs:** 1,869 **Magazines:** 109
Newspapers: 8 **Internet Use:** 14,064 [Wi Fi: 858]
Items Checked Out: 64,474
Items Added to Collection - 1,697 books, 118 music CDs, 162 audio books, 257 DVDs, and 1,460 magazines

LIBRARY SERVICES

Programs & Attendance: Adults: 55 - 757. Children: 202 - 4,024. Total: 257 - 4,781
Community Meeting Room - 276 reservations
MeLCat - 5,762 items. 3,037 borrowed, 2,725 lent
Free Online Access - MeL Databases (any Michigan resident). World Book Encyclopedia, Tumblebooks, Do-It-Yourself Reference Centers, Legal Forms, and the Small Business Resource Center (Houghton Lake Public Library patrons).

LIBRARY REVENUES: \$625,750 (pre-audit)

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES: \$650,394 (pre-audit)

HOUGHTON LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY EXCELLENCE FUND- in the Roscommon County Community Foundation- Book sale proceeds and donations (\$753.50). Balance: \$16,323.75

GIFTS & DONATIONS

In Memory of Fred Schwarz (\$50.00) - H. & C. Shelanskey
 In Memory of Jim Decker (\$50.00) - Carol & Russ Nieman
 Donated by Pat Schwarz (\$150.00)
 In Memory of Mary Kuneman (\$46.33) - Donna Alward
 Kirtland Garden Club - \$150.00
 IBM Matching Donation (\$100.00) - Greg & Linda Bodker
 Urn for Annual Tea (\$124.99), Battle of the Books Lunch with the Author (Pizzas \$88.79), McDonald Gift Cards for Prizes (\$55.00) - Donna Alward

GRANTS

Library of Michigan Foundation/Notable Book Tour (\$100.00)

Thanks to the many volunteers from the Library Board of Trustees to those who assisted with programs and, of course, the Roscommon County Master Gardeners who continue to maintain the garden and landscaped areas so beautifully year after year!



Photo courtesy of The Houghton Lake Resorter

SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

The library was selected by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to serve as a stop in their Park & Read statewide ice cream tour, which provided free ice cream to summer readers. Screamer Sophia Marinelli was treated to a scoop of Pure Michigan Caramel Apple ice cream!



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Technology Coordinator Trainer Kim Frazho was honored with the 2013 Meritorious Service Award by Merit Network, Inc. "for her ability to represent the need for increased broadband to libraries in her community...". Left, Sheryl Mase, assistant director statewide services at Library of Michigan, and right, Donna Alward, Library Director, were on hand to congratulate Kim!

FREE Programming for all ages!

Summer Reading-392 registered (225 children, 167 adults)

Welcome Wiggles! and Mother Goose on the Loose!-Lays the groundwork for reading and offers an opportunity for children, parents, and caregivers to socialize.

Page-Turners-15th year of adult reading & discussion

Crafters-Meet, share and learn each month

Park & Read-Collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources and Library of Michigan to provide free vehicle passes to state parks to enjoy the out-of-doors and read!

Computer Classes-Basic Email, Computer & Internet

Battle of the Books-4th-6th graders of Houghton Lake competed against McBain Community Library, Ardis Missaukee District, Roscommon Area District and Otsego County Libraries. Otsego were champions!

Author/Adventurer Loreen Niewenhuis-Talk & signing for her book, *1,000-mile Great Lakes Walk*

Family Evening Storytime-Music, stories, dancing and great surprise guests for families.

Craft Sessions-Paper crafting techniques, artist's trading cards, altered art record albums, altered albums, Veteran's Day cards, explosion boxes, mini books.

Michigan Notable Books Author Tour-Richard Ford, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Independence Day* and *Canada*.

Digital Electronic Sign-Great new L.E.D. sign to promote library events installed in September, 2012!



Thanks for the ambulance tour!



Titles & Tea

Tea sandwiches, desserts and a variety of teas were served along with great reads, audio books and films. [The Heartland Harmony Chorus](#) (below) entertained.



March Family Evening Storytime

Barbara Bobalek, Mary Harrison and Cindy Laur presented Irish music on a hammered dulcimer, celtic harp and the autoharp.



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Read to Feed-2,167 Cups of Dog Food Donated!! Summer readers who earned tickets could donate tickets to feed the dogs at the Roscommon County Animal Shelter. This reading incentive encouraged reading for enjoyment and, also, for the greater good of helping to feed homeless dogs at the Roscommon County Animal Shelter. Local sponsors, Bella Concrete Construction, Walmart of Houghton Lake and Tractor Supply Co., provided the dog food and delivered it for this presentation to the Shelter Director Terry MacKillop. Library assistant Jennifer Trzcienski holds up the final tallied amount.

FIDDLERS RESTRUNG



Free Community Concert on the East Lawn

These fiddlers from Saline High School are top scholars and athletes, and all share a passion for performing. Awesome!