



Houghton Lake Public Library Annual Report 2013-14

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

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"Marching Fun with Mr. Bill & His Tuba"
at Family Evening Story Time.
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LIBRARY COLLECTION

BOOKS: 46,633 **AUDIOBOOKS:** 1,426
MUSIC CDS: 1,911 **MAGAZINES:** 105
NEWSPAPERS: 8 **DVDs:** 2,140
eBOOKS: 4,934 **CHECK-OUTS:** 63,513
ADDED TO COLLECTION: 1,544 books, 45 music CDs,
182 audiobooks, 263 DVDs, and 1,269 magazines

LIBRARY SERVICES & BUDGET

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: Total: 152-3,149
Adults: 38-751. Children: 114-2398
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM: 183 reservations.
MELCAT: 5,872 items. 2,872 borrowed, 3,000 lent.
FREE ONLINE ACCESS: MeL Databases (Michigan residents). World Book Encyclopedia, Tumblebooks, Do-It-Yourself Reference Centers, PowerSpeak (HLPL patrons).
LIBRARY REVENUES: \$625,463
LIBRARY EXPENDITURES: \$613,332
HOUGHTON LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY EXCELLENCE FUND-Roscommon County Community Foundation
Balance: \$19,605.00

GRANTS

Roscommon County United Way \$500.00
Library of Michigan Foundation - MNB Author \$100.00
IBM Foundation [matching grant] \$100.00
Alexa A. Luck Memorial Fund, Roscommon County Community Foundation - Music Concert Series \$850

GIFTS & DONATIONS

FOE Ladies Auxiliary 3201 \$50
Kirtland Garden Club \$150
In Memory of Mildred McCormick \$200 - From William & Anne Hollingsworth
Eric & Kristen Hamp \$100
Darleen Arnold \$200
Greg Bodker \$100
Houghton Lake Public Library's Excellence Fund - Donna Alward \$100, Dan & Anna McGrew \$50



Musician Roland Wallace presents percussion at the Tunes for Tots musical series for little listeners. Three concerts were funded by the Roscommon County Kellogg Youth Fund of the Roscommon County Community Foundation.



Teresa Irish, editor of *A Thousand Letters Home: One WWII Soldier's Story of War, Love and Life*.



Battle of the Books-Librarians tallied scores for championship battle. Front, Lisa Sutton-Roscommon Area District, Donna Alward-Houghton Lake, Diane Eisenga-McBain Community. Back, Michelle Moore-Ardis Misauke District, Laurie Chudzinski-Houghton Lake, and Cathy Campbell, Otsego County Library.



Page-Turners-Reading Club celebrated 14th year!

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



"Bibliowalk" - Invited readers to complete a story by reading from sign to sign - *the Harms family did it!*

Summer Reading Program - 392 registered (225 Children, 167 Adults). Included "Bibliowalk", free concert with Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theatre Company and a great picnic!

Story Times-Laid the groundwork for reading. Family Evening Story Times offered music, stories, dancing and surprise guests!

Crafters-Handcrafters met monthly to share and learn.

Michigan Activity Pass-Free passes & discounts to arts & cultural activities across Michigan.

FREE One Day Pass-For Michigan State Parks. Enjoy the out-of-doors and read!

Booked for Lunch-Local author Deborah I. Gouin, presented and signed her book, *Houghton Lake*.

Michigan Notable Books Authors: Linda Hundt, a sixteen-time national pie baking champion, joined us to talk PIE and to sign copies of her book, *Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life*. Michael Schumacher, author of *November's Fury: The Deadly Great Lakes Hurricane of*



Collaborated on a free concert series with Houghton Lake Community Schools. "The Moxie Strings" performed!

Photo courtesy of the Houghton Lake Resorter



Kim Frazho, Technical Coordinator/Trainer, was awarded the 2013 Meritorious Service Award at the Merit Network Conference in Ann Arbor. Frazho, who retired after nearly 25 years of service to the Houghton Lake Public Library, worked closely with Merit Network on REACH 3 MC, a broadband initiative which increased bandwidth exponentially for our library users.

Frazho also worked with Roscommon County officials and partners toward the County's becoming the fourth certified community in Michigan under the Connected Community Engagement Program.



Snow Sculptures Photo Exhibit—Parker Seiler (right.)

Photo courtesy of the Houghton Lake Resorter



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (BOB)-This afterschool reading competition for 4th-6th graders included a visit and lunch with author Anne Ursu. The OWLS team [Dakota Cook, Cassie Kowalski, Tabitha Melrose, Sam Rocker, and Mykala Warren] with Coach Gloria Owaski won the Spirit Award!



Laurie Chudzinski, Youth Services Librarian, presented a story at the grand opening of Trestle Park.



Kevin Chrispell, student of Wayne State University's Master of Library Science program, volunteered to learn the basics of public library service.

"PAWSITIVE" READING EXPERIENCE!



Eden & Brett Vanacker read to Encore & Suri, certified therapy dogs. Owner Claudia Jakus has been bringing the dogs for reading sessions for several years now and we appreciate it so much. Thank you, Claudia. Suri & Encore, are good listeners — especially when the book is a dog story!