



Houghton Lake Public Library Annual Report 2019-2020

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

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Curbside Pick-Up was implemented and enhanced with special deliveries by our whimsical unicorn (aka Kiel Stevens).

LIBRARY COLLECTION

BOOKS: 30,586
AUDIOBOOKS (downloadable): 4,852
MAGAZINES(on-site): 64
MAGAZINES (digital): 3500
eBOOKS: 21,028
AUDIOBOOKS: 2,543
NEWSPAPERS: 6
DVDs: 4,532
CHECK-OUTS: 39,566

LIBRARY SERVICES & BUDGET

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: Total: 219 – 12,570 (includes virtual/recorded)
Adult Programs: 98—1,036.
Children's Programs: 121— 4,2262(A) & 7,272(C)
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM: 239 reservations.
MELCAT: 6,261 items: 2,022 borrowed; 4,239 lent.
FREE ONLINE ACCESS: MeL Databases (Michigan residents). World Book Encyclopedia, Tumblebooks, Do-It-Yourself Reference Centers, RB Digital and PowerSpeak (HLPL patrons).
LIBRARY REVENUES: \$718,263
LIBRARY EXPENDITURES: \$575,683

GRANTS

Roscommon County Community Foundation
Michigan H.O.P.E Grant
Rotary Club of Houghton Lake

GIFTS & DONATIONS

Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 3201
Kirtland Garden Club
William Hollingsworth (Memory of Mildred McCormic)
Greg Bodker
Marc Milburn
Steven G. Anderson (Memory of Berta Wagar)



Over 20 S.T.E.M. Kits were added to the HLPL "Library of Things" collection for checkout this year, in part by a Grant through the Roscommon County Community Foundation.



Heather Shumaker, author of "The Griffins of Castle Cary" was the guest speaker for the Battle of the Books in February 2020.



Battle of the Books – HLPL teams battled first, then four local libraries joined HLPL for the championship battle. Roscommon Area District, McBain Community/Ardis Missaukee District, and Otsego County Library participated virtually in March 2020.



A Warm Welcome at the Library was co-sponsored with the Houghton-Higgins Lake Elks #1982. Almost 100 children were outfitted with new winter coats & books.



In September, Jamie & Kiel participated in a Super Heroes fundraising event with other local businesses for the Child Assessment Center.



The favorite stuffed animals of the staff and patrons enjoyed a sleepover at the library in November 2019



The east side of the library was transformed into a fun water park in July.



Participants in World Cardmaking Day in October 2019 created over 200 cards for Veterans.



Meteorologist Michael Stevens took a break from the local news to enlighten a full house at HLPL with the challenges of predicting northern Michigan weather and forecasts.



A "beginning" Karate demonstration was enjoyed by both kids and parents in July.



There were special visitors at a Local Heroes Storytime in February 2020

The Wreath Making class was a great success and 20 attendees were able to make new decorations for their homes or as a gift.



The "Touch-a-Truck" event showcased many local municipal trucks and businesses— program attendance was almost 250!