

Houghton Lake Public Library Annual Report 2010-11

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

Musical guest, Bill Wahl, leads the tuba parade during storytime.



Below: Battle of the Books lunch with author Sue Stauffacher



Photo by Tom Reznich, Houghton Lake Resorter

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Books: 42,369 **Audiobooks:** 1,440 **DVDs:** 1,430
Videos: 1,670 **Music CDs:** 1,752 **Magazines:** 100
Newspapers: 8 **Internet Use:** 14,849 [Wi Fi: 468]
Items Checked Out: 68,528
Items Added to Collection - 2,571 books, 117 music CDs, 186 audio books, 266 DVDs, and 1,342 magazines

LIBRARY SERVICES

Programs & Attendance: Adults: 29 - 785. Children: 129 - 3,010. Total: 157 - 3,795 Exhibit visitors - 1000+
Community Meeting Room - 185 reservations
MeLCat - 5,390 items. 2,044 borrowed, 3,346 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: \$662,172

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES: \$594,844

HOUGHTON LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY EXCELLENCE FUND in the Roscommon County Community Foundation-

Book sale proceeds and donations (\$922).
Balance: \$12,226.37

Magic Carpet Theatre

Three dynamic actors engaged children in an interactive reader's theatre.



WELCOME Wiggles! heard the story, *Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash!* and learned safety tips about not approaching large trucks at work. Waste Management's District Manager Michael Kennedy and Swing Driver Ray Bailey did a live demonstration of how the truck works.

GIFTS & DONATIONS

Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund (\$1,350) for the Dodworth Saxhorn Band
Houghton Lake Arts & Crafts Association(\$250) for Arts Program
Kirtland Garden Club - \$100, \$150
In Memory of Bev Lightfoot (\$50) - Houghton Lake Public Library Crafters & a 2 year magazine subscription from Karri and Len Slater
Patricia Schwarz - \$50 for children's books
In Memory of Fred & Regina Lawrence (\$100) - Carol Nieman
FOE Ladies Auxiliary #3201 - \$75
In Honor of Shirley & John Bifoss (\$220) - Jan Manley for the Library's Excellence Fund
In Memory of Charles Darocy(\$340) - Kathy Baumgartner(\$50), Janet Manley(\$20), Darcy Bellinger (\$20), Donna Alward (\$150), Greg Bodker (\$100)
In Memory of Lee Syckle (\$25) - Steve & Gloria Wolken
Adele Darocy - \$50 for Battle of the Books
In Memory of Rusty Whitehead (\$120) - Ellen Whitehead, Catherine & Patrick Seegraves, Houghton Lake Order of the Moose
In Memory of Tod Shelanskey (\$50) - Pat & Fred Schwarz
Lisa Sutton (\$100) - Battle of the Books

GRANTS

Michigan Humanities Council (\$1320) and IBM Matching Grant (\$200) for the Dodworth Saxhorn Band
Michigan Humanities Council (\$200) for Magic Carpet Theatre
Chatlos Foundation(\$600) for Mother Goose on the Loose Program
ERate Communication Discount (\$15,395.20)
Roscommon County United Way (\$116) for 2010 Summer Reading Program
Library of Michigan Foundation (\$400) for Michigan Notable Book Author Tour
Broadband Technology Computer Opportunities (\$9,600) - 14 computers
Roscommon County United Way(\$200) for The Merry Music Maker Program

Children using tables and chairs donated (\$1,347) by the Houghton Lake Rotary Club.
Thanks, Rotarians!



FREE Programming for all ages!

Summer reading: 286 registered (157 children, 129 adults)

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

Page-Turners - Bi-monthly adult reading discussion club

Hosted - Houghton Lake Merchant's Association Breakfast and American Business Women's Association Meeting

Houghton Lake Public Library Crafters - Adult handcrafters meet, share and learn each month

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

Computer Classes - Basic Email, Computer & Internet

Battle of the Books for 4th-6th graders - Houghton Lake competed against the Ardis Missaukee District, Roscommon Area District and Otsego County Libraries. Ardis Missaukee won the 2011 championship.

Booked for Lunch - Michigan authors Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli and Aaron Stander talked about writing crime novels set in northern Michigan.

Library Tea - Tea sandwiches, desserts and a variety of teas were served along with great reads, audio books and films.

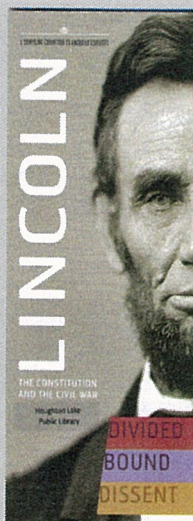
MICHIGAN: Hard Times, Hard Choices - Central Michigan University Public Television and the Houghton Lake Resorter partnered with the library to present this 56-minute documentary and public discussion forum.

Community Cinema - Young@Heart, a documentary about a senior chorus who delighted audiences worldwide with renditions of rock songs and celebrated the life-affirming power of music.

Michigan Notable Books Author Tour - Former Houghton Lake resident, Raymond Goodwin, presented his personal story and book, *Sawdusted: Notes From a Post-Boom Mill*.

Live Acoustic Guitar - Patrons enjoyed spiced cider while listening to a variety of musical selections by local musician, Derek Boik.

Kids & Companions - A reading group for kids ages 8 to 12 and their favorite adult to meet, share and discuss books with related book activities.



LINCOLN: The Constitution and the Civil War

Organized by the National Constitution Center and American Library Association Public Programs Office, this national traveling exhibit was made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.



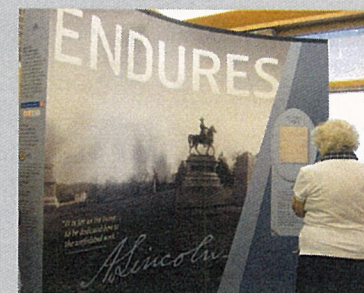
Dodworth Saxhorn Band - Presented a Grand Patriotic Concert outside under the trees at the opening reception of the exhibit and then invited the audience to form a parade to march with the band to the library's front entrance to officially open the exhibit.



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

EXHIBIT PANELS

The informative, color display included reproductions of original documents. Free and open to the public, the exhibit drew more than a thousand visitors.



Dr. Robert Sedler, Distinguished Professor of Law at Wayne State University, presented "The President, the Constitution, and Civil Liberties: From Lincoln to Bush."

Dr. William M. Anderson, author, historian, Lincolnian scholar, and Chairman of the Michigan's Lincoln Bicentennial Committee, presented "Lincoln: A Full Measure of Greatness."

Page-Turners - Adults read and discussed two books: *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira and *Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson.

Class Tours - 28 classes visited the exhibit with James Dunn, P.J. Steeby and Pete Taylor (shown) as docents.



Afterschool Special - 5th-9th graders learned the fundamentals of play production and presented the play, John Beechard and Mr. Lincoln: A Michigan Story. Written by Samuel Sicilia, the play was directed by Jomarie Gurnow, Kirtland Community College, and student director, Sarah Krohn.

Cast: (front row, left to right) Taylor Hacker, Morgan Sutton, Alexis Sutton, (middle) Autumn Salvaggio, Colton Gaberdiel, (back) Dayne Bruhn, Jacob Linkhart and Jacob Betts.

