Houghton Lake Public Library
Annual Report 2012-13
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Mission: "To provide informational, educational, recreational, and aesthetic resources..."

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
Community Meeting Room - 276 reservations
MELCat - 5,762 items. 3,037 borrowed, 2,725 lent

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 ($5.00) - 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!

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

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.

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 tallyed amount.

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

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!

Thanks for the ambulance tour!