Houghton Lake Public Library
Annual Report 2014-15

4431 W. Houghton Lake Drive
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

Mission: “To provide informational, educational, recreational, and aesthetic resources…”

LIBRARY COLLECTION
BOOKS: 39,634
MUSIC CDs: 1,954
NEWSPAPERS: 8
DVDs: 2,481
eBOOKS: 12,049
ADDED TO COLLECTION: 2,415 books, 71 music CDs, 252 audiobooks, 338 DVDs, and 1,152 magazines

LIBRARY SERVICES & BUDGET
PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: Total: 221-3,534
Adults: 51-747. Children: 170-2,787
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM: 263 reservations.
MELCAT: 5,556 items: 2,644 borrowed, 2,912 lent.
FREE ONLINE ACCESS: Mel Databases (Michigan residents).
LIBRARY REVENUES: $607,950
LIBRARY EXPENDITURES: $637,969
HOUGHTON LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY EXCELLENCE FUND
Roscommon County Community Foundation
Balance: $20,716
Roscommon County United Way—$500
Library of Michigan Foundation—MNB Author $100
IBM Foundation [matching grant] - $125
Rotary Club of HL—$400
Kirtland Community College Foundation—$700
Roscommon County Community Foundation—$525
Walmart Foundation—$250
Alderac Entertainment Group—$110
Rio Grande Games—$215
Total: $2,925

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GIFTS & DONATIONS
Greg & Linda Bodker $125
Class of ’69/Becky Davis $110
Anonymous $120
Marra Family Fund $110
Donna Alward $114
FOE #3201 $30
Kirtland Garden Club $150
Back to the Box $50
W.E. Hollingsworth $200
Eric & Kristen Hamp $100
Greg Bodker/ Employer match/$120
Total: $1,299

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!

Our Library community watched the garden grow after the Roscommon County Master Gardeners planted vegetables needed to make delicious salsa.

It was the ultimate battle of the Summer Salsa when R&J’s Best Choice Marketplace House Recipe went tomato-to-tomato with our Old-Fashioned Summer Reading Salsa. Dave Christian, Manager at R & J’s Best Choice Marketplace, and Sarah Maddox, Youth Services Librarian, battled it out with Dave’s salsa being declared the winner.

Crafters hosted its fourth annual card-making day for paper crafters who created “Thank You for Your Service” cards for area servicemen and women, veterans and those who are currently deployed.

World Card Making Day - October 4, 2014

Coach Paull Fry with Battle of the Books—Fry’s Lightning Readers

Author Jennifer Donnelly’s discussion with library teens through Skype
**Summer Reading Program** - 178 registered (135 Children, 43 Adults). Included "Camp Fire Up!" HLPL ComicCon and Super Hero Trivia!

**Story Times** - Includes Baby Time and Miss Sarah’s Storytime, designed to engage readers of many ages!

**Crafters** - Handcrafters met monthly to share and learn.

**Michigan Activity Pass** - Enabled library cardholders to print a pass, either from home or their local library, valid for one-time entry into any Michigan state park or recreation area and 100 participating cultural institutions including many museums.

**National Library Week** - PBS featured Michigan canoeing and kayaking author Doc Fletcher shared stories from his book *Paddling & Pastimes*. Perler Bead Art, where teens were encouraged to explore book building & designs.

**Learning Opportunities**: Brandon Richards, Technology Coordinator/Trainer, provided training sessions in several areas and 100 participating cultural institutions, including Michigan Activity Pass, Michigan Public Libraries, and the Library Trivia Challenge.

**Back to the Box!**

August 16, 2014

As part of the Houghton Lake Public Library’s 50th anniversary of public library service, the community gathered to reminisce with music from the original Music Box playlist and other fun activities on the campus of Houghton Lake Community Schools.

The Music Box, an outdoor dance pavilion, drew thousands of teenagers to Houghton Lake for nearly 35 years. Open on weekends and some holidays, "The Box" was the largest "teenage nightclub in Michigan".