



**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..."

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*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!*



**World Card Making Day - October 4, 2014**

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.

**LIBRARY COLLECTION**

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

**AUDIOBOOKS:** 1,576  
**MAGAZINES:** 95  
**DVDs:** 2,481  
**CHECK-OUTS:** 66,217

**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).  
World Book Encyclopedia, Tumblebooks, Do-It-Yourself Reference Centers, PowerSpeak (HLPL patrons).  
**LIBRARY REVENUES:** \$607,950  
**LIBRARY EXPENDITURES:** \$637,969  
**HOUGHTON LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY EXCELLENCE FUND-**  
Roscommon County Community Foundation  
Balance: \$20,716

**GRANTS**

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

**GIFTS & DONATIONS**

Greg & Linda Bodker \$125  
Class of '69/Becky Davis \$110  
Anonymous \$120  
Marra Family Fund \$110  
Donna Alward \$114  
FOE #3201 \$50

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



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



Author Jennifer Donnelly's discussion with library teens through Skype



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.



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.



## BACK TO THE BOX! August 16, 2014

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".



**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 the possibilities of design.

**Learning Opportunities:** Brandon Richards, Technology Coordinator/Trainer, provided training sessions in several different areas including: Internet Browsing Mastery, Computer Security, Tablet Buyer's Guide and more.



**Camp Fire up!  
Summer Reading Kickoff**  
Food, fun, and activities for everyone!  
We learned to navigate outdoors and be a hero! Met our local community heroes from the Fire Dept, MSU, DNR, and the Girl Scouts at our library bonfire!

