

**Baldwinsville Public Library**

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday - Thursday

9 am - 9 pm

Friday

9 am - 5 pm

Saturday

10 am - 4 pm

Sunday

1 pm - 5 pm



**Budget Vote & Trustee Election**  
**Thursday, April 26, 2012**  
**9 a.m. - 9 p.m.**



**2012-2013**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**AND ANNUAL REPORT**

## Library Expenditures and Revenues

| Expenditures                                | 2012-2013               | 2011-2012               |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Salaries                                    | 744,920                 | 739,410                 |
| Benefits                                    | 221,910                 | 241,055                 |
| Building and Equipment                      | 244,005                 | 247,790                 |
| Library Materials and Programs              | <u>248,725</u>          | <u>234,925</u>          |
| <b>Total:</b>                               | <b>1,459,560</b>        | <b>1,463,180</b>        |
|   |                         |                         |
| <b>Less Other Revenue</b>                   |                         |                         |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes                   | 38,335                  | 53,000                  |
| Fines and Lost Materials                    | 38,000                  | 38,000                  |
| Interest from Investments                   | 500                     | 1,000                   |
| Cash Grants                                 | 7,800                   | 7,500                   |
| Local Revenues                              | 27,000                  | 22,000                  |
| Appropriated Fund Balance                   | <u>65,000</u>           | <u>50,000</u>           |
| <i>Total Revenues Before Property Taxes</i> | <u>176,635</u>          | <u>171,500</u>          |
|   |                         |                         |
| <b>Property Tax Levy</b>                    | <b><u>1,282,925</u></b> | <b><u>1,291,680</u></b> |

The library fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 each year.

The proposed library budget for 2012-2013 is \$1,459,560. It is anticipated that the **total library tax bill** for 2012-2013 for homes with \$100,000 assessments in Lysander, Van Buren and Clay will be **\$58.51**. **This is an anticipated tax decrease over last year's bill.**

Taxpayers within the Baldwinsville School District are eligible to vote on the library budget April 26, 2012 if they are at least 18 years of age and have lived in the school district for at least 30 days prior to the election date.

## Our Broadbandexpress@yourlibrary (BTOP) Grant

The Public Computing Center was very busy in 2011. Here's just some of what we've been up to:

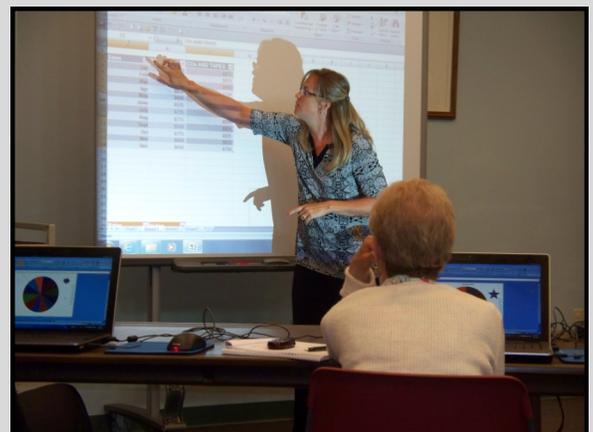
- We trained almost 600 people using the mobile training lab. Classes offered included Microsoft Word, QuickBooks, eBook training and Skype.
- To meet a growing demand for training, the staff began offering workshops on Friday afternoons in addition to Wired Wednesday classes traditionally offered by the library.
- Seventy-four people had one-on-one appointments with PCC staff for help with their resumes and for jobs online.
- Over 100 people had individual sessions with PCC staff for help with computer use.
- Approximately 170 patrons use the Public Computing Center Services each week. This includes workshops, individual sessions with staff and using computers to look for employment.
- A Small Business Resource Day featured agencies who assist small business owners in many ways.
- New telecommunications equipment was purchased in December. This gives the library the opportunity to connect with up to three other sites for training and other events. Stay tuned for more about this exciting new service!

Funding for this multi-year grant ends in September 2012. Please feel free to contact Nancy Howe at 635-5631 if you have ideas for the Public Computing Center....we'd love to hear from you!

### Broadband Technology Opportunity Federal Stimulus Grant

|                   | <b>Budgeted<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Expenditures<br/>2010 to Date</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Salaries          | \$137,163                  | \$ 92,851                            |
| Equipment         | \$ 23,042                  | \$ 17,815                            |
| Professional Fees | \$ 27,397                  | \$ 20,590                            |
| Supplies          | \$ 28,924                  | \$ 22,246                            |
| Benefits          | <u>\$ 27,991</u>           | <u>\$ 8,291</u>                      |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>     | <b>\$ 244,517</b>          | <b>\$161,793</b>                     |

**Please note: This grant provided services to the community beyond those that could be offered through the BPL operating budget.**



Christy Rohmer from New Horizons uses our new Smart Board during one of our very popular computer classes.

# What Did Your Library Do for You in 2011?

## Entertainment for the Whole Family

- Boys of Wexford
- Paper Mill Island Summer Series
- Monthly Art Exhibits
- Vacation Movies
- Monthly Open Mike Night
- Community Band Concerts
- Christmas Sing-Along
- Men's Garden Club of Syracuse Spring and Fall Flower Show



## Education

- 87 computer classes on everything from web basics to eBooks plus individual assistance
- Monthly genealogy and local history programs
- Monthly craft classes include basket-making, scrapbooking & stamping
- Help with your new techie toys
- Business and financial seminars

## Kids and Young Adults

- The Amazing Dewey Race
- Kids Computers – 2077 uses
- Games: Wii, Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon
- Moreland the Magician
- Jitterbugs
- Milk and Cookies Concert
- 212 Story Times with 5716 participants
- Crafts for Kids

## By The Numbers...

**Total items checked out: 432,305**

**Library Visitors: 300,472**

**Interlibrary Loan Requests Filled: 71,557**

**Reference Questions Answered: 19,972**

**Program Attendance: 12,478**

**Computer Users: 24,022**

**Active Patrons: 17,265**

**Collection Size: 140,310**

**Community Room Usage: 10,827**

## Community Support and Networking

- Mommy and Me, the YMCA, Overeaters Anonymous, Writers Group and many sports teams use our community room for activities and sign-ups.
- We host support groups for mental illness; Tourettes Syndrome; fibromyalgia; panic, anxiety and depression.
- Job seekers find support and assistance through our jobseeker's lifeline programs as well as our Job Club. Resume help is also available.



Book Break with Meteorologist Wayne Mahar and Corrinne Needham, our children's librarian

## And of course, the classics

- Book Clubs for all ages
- Summer Reading programs for kids, teens and adults
- Our Friends meetings with fascinating speakers on a variety of topics
- Local authors Dennis Griffin and Ellen Yeomans
- Celtic Ceilidh

## Our electronic collection

- 1820 Songs downloaded through Freegal database in 2011
- 3502 eBooks
- 4,183 Downloadable audio titles
- 30 Reference computers
- 42 Databases, many accessible from home

## Did you know...

You can access the online calendar on our website from home. We'd be happy to keep you up to date with our library news by email. Just email us at [info@bville.lib.ny.us](mailto:info@bville.lib.ny.us) to sign up.



A Gathering of Harpists at our Celtic Ceilidh.

## From the Director:

Once again library usage increased in 2011, with visits to the library, items checked out, reference questions answered, program attendance, computer users, active patrons and collection size all on the rise. Despite claims that public libraries are becoming obsolete with the advent of eBooks and the Internet, just the opposite is true across the country as people are turning to their libraries for access to public computers, programming to help with computer skills and job seeking, meeting room space, leisure reading materials in a variety of formats and reliable information from purchased databases and trained professionals.

Baldwinsville was very fortunate to be among the 30 New York State libraries to receive the multi-year federal stimulus grant entitled **broadbandexpress@yourlibrary**, which is described inside this report along with a financial status report. The proposed budget includes the salary for a full-time person to continue some of the grant activities and partnerships will be sought in the community to fund others.

Weighing the increased demand for materials and services against the need for fiscal responsibility, the Board of Trustees has carefully formulated a budget that is asking the taxpayers for less than the 2% tax cap recommended by Governor Cuomo. The proposed tax for 2012-2013 is anticipated to result in a total tax of \$58.51 for homes with \$100,000 assessments in the Towns of Lysander, Van Buren and Clay. Last year's proposal, which was anticipated to be a total of \$60.33 in property taxes, was actually only \$58.91 due to continued growth in the Baldwinsville Central School District.

The Board has also actively sought other grants, such as a New York State Library Construction grant that provided part of the money for replacement of the damaged facade on the north side of the library; participated in a consortial energy purchasing contract through BOCES to save money on electricity; and held several fundraising events during the year, to mitigate the tax impact on local residents.

The Board and staff consider ourselves lucky to have wonderful community support in Baldwinsville for our library. We hope to see you in the library or making use of our online resources during the coming year to take advantage of all that we offer!

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### Coming Next...

- Videoconferencing equipment, purchased through the BTOP Grant, will be used for library programming and will be available for community groups.
- A self-checkout computer will be available for patrons to use.
- Program registration will be available online through new software.
- The eBook collection will continue to be expanded and readers will be available for instructional purposes.
- The Book Letters software program will be used to notify patrons of new materials.
- Lounge chairs will be reupholstered.
- CD shelving will be expanded.
- The library's internal telephone system will be replaced.

## Thank You....

to our **Library Board Fundraising Committee** who organized our second annual Seneca River Cruise in July and our third annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair in November. A big thank you to all who participated as well. These events resulted in a fireproof cabinet for local history and additional items for the collection.

to our **Friends of the Library**, who in addition to their monthly programs open to the public, continue to raise money for library projects through their book and bake sales and candy and nut sales table in the library. Friends purchases included a refrigerator, stove, microwave, computer, leaf blower, notebooks for Staff Development Day and die cuts for our children's programming.

to the Gates Foundation, who paid for our broadband costs and upgraded equipment in the second year of a two year grant.

to individuals who made memorial donations to the library.