

From the Director:

Once again the Baldwinsville Public Library was a busy place in 2012, with attendance up almost 6%, to 318,061 visits. Usage increased in many other areas as well, including items checked out, program attendance, number of active patrons, and reference questions answered. The total number of items provided to our patrons from other libraries totaled 64,844, almost 21,000 people used the public Internet computers, and more than 11,000 individuals used our meeting rooms. Collection size increased, with the total number of electronic books available for downloading more than doubling, to 7,552.

Although our federal stimulus grant concluded in September, we were very fortunate to retain two of our grant employees. This allows us to continue our successful and popular programs such as computer training, employment and resume guidance, technical assistance with various electronic devices, and community outreach to the business community. The grant also made it possible for us to purchase equipment for use in our newly-configured training lab and videoconferencing equipment for use by community members and in cooperative library programs with other locations.

During 2012 the library installed cameras and a new video surveillance system, as well as a new internal telephone system, offsite computer back-up, and expanded shelving for music CDs. Program registration and the events calendar are now available online. Repairs included new railings for the outside handicapped ramp, sealing the elevator pit, reupholstering the easy chairs, and stabilizing the fiction shelving. Policies and by-laws are being revised and updated.

The Library Board works hard to balance community needs with fiscal responsibility. The proposed budget for 2013-2014 is anticipated to result in a **total** tax bill of \$61.67 for homes in the Baldwinsville School District with a \$100,000 assessment. This is a **total** increase of \$1.88 per year over the current tax rate of \$59.79 per \$100,000 assessment. To reduce costs, the Board has also recently signed a new contract with BOCES for greatly reduced electric rates and secured a Library Construction Grant providing for insulation of the wall-ceiling interface throughout the building. They also hold fundraising events during the year.

This year marks my 30th year as Director, and I am planning to retire this summer. I have been very fortunate to serve the Baldwinsville community, which has always been so supportive of the library, from the approval of the current building to providing the funds to operate it successfully. I am thrilled to have overseen the growth of the library and its services, and so lucky to have had the cooperation of the wonderful and dedicated people on the Board and staff.

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Coming Next...

- Development of a strategic plan, with community input, to help the library meet the challenges of a rapidly changing environment and new demands for services
- A mobile app for the library, providing access to the catalog, calendar, and book lists
- A self-checkout station at the circulation desk
- Circulation of eBook readers
- Refurbishing of the landscaping in the front of the building

Thank You....

- 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 bake sales and candy and nut sales table in the library. In 2012 they purchased a hopscotch rug for the children's area, book covering machine, end panels with display slatwalls, magnets with library hours, a conference telephone for use in webinars and programs, and a presentation cart for the training lab, in memory of Friend Robert Kehoe.
- to our many **Volunteers**, who ably help us with book sales as well as providing assistance with various library functions.
- to our **Library Board Fundraising Committee** who organized the fourth annual Seneca River Cruise in July and the fifth annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair in November.

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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 25, 2013

9 a.m. - 9 p.m.



2013-2014

PROPOSED BUDGET AND ANNUAL REPORT

| Library Expenditures and Revenues | | |
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| Expenditures | 2013-2014 | 2012-2013 |
| Salaries | 794,440 | 744,920 |
| Benefits | 258,195 | 241,055 |
| Building and Equipment | 219,950 | 244,005 |
| Library Materials and Programs | 260,825 | 248,725 |
| Total: | 1,533,410 | 1,459,560 |
| Less Other Revenue | | |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 40,000 | 38,335 |
| Fines and Lost Materials | 38,000 | 38,000 |
| Interest from Investments | 600 | 500 |
| Cash Grants | 12,000 | 7,800 |
| Local Revenues | 28,000 | 27,000 |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| <i>Total Revenues Before Property Taxes</i> | <i>183,600</i> | <i>176,635</i> |
| Property Tax Levy | 1,349,810 | 1,282,925 |
| The library fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 each year. | | |

The proposed library budget for 2013-2014 is \$1,533,410. It is anticipated that the **total library tax bill** for 2013-2014 for homes with \$100,000 assessments in Lysander, Van Buren and Clay will be **\$61.67**. This is an anticipated increase of \$1.88 per year.

Taxpayers within the Baldwinsville School District are eligible to vote on the library budget April 25, 2013 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.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS



Focus on **Computer Skills** in our dedicated computer learning lab complete with laptops and SMART Board technology

- Classes in Open Office, Windows Excel, PowerPoint, Word
- Friday Tech Help Drop-In
- Wired Wednesday four times monthly on subjects ranging from eBooks to pictures to email
- Offering one-on-one sessions for resume and computer help

In additional we offer public computers and printing.



Our children's librarian, Corrinne Needham, and Fran Sylvester with a special friend.

Our **children's area** continues to bustle with activity.

- 2084 kids used the computers
- 3500 children attended storytimes
- 1352 participated in our summer reading program

Popular Programs included:

- 2nd Mondays Book Club
- Vacation Movies
- Holiday Crafts and Programs
- Camp Book Worm Overnight
- Cupcake Wars and Gingerbread Houses

Adult Interests:

- Your Family Tree
- Mystery Readers, Books for Breakfast, Last Thursday Book Club
- Rubber Stamping
- Beading
- Scrapbooking
- Basketmaking
- Quilting, Needlework, Knitting Groups
- Reiki
- Composting
- Health Care Rights
- Financial Planning
- Alzheimer's Disease Information Sessions



Young Adult:

- College Planning Workshops
- SAT Prep
- Onondaga Otaku, Yu-Gi-Oh
- Teen Photo Contest
- Programs on Finding a Summer Job
- Summer Reading Program
- Programs on Dr. Who, The Hunger Games

Meet The Author:

- Lynda Meyers
- Joelyn Cornwell
- Troy Harrington



Meg Van Patten (Raggedy Ann) and Nancy Howe (Santa's Elf) as the library hosted the village tree lighting party this year.

Community Events:

- AARP Driver Safety Courses and Tax Help
- Summer Concert Series on Paper Mill Island
- Men's Garden Club Shows
- Weavers' Guild Show
- Boy Scout Sign Up and Girl Scout Meetings
- Volunteer Center Recruitment Fair
- Christmas Bureau Registration
- Little League and Soccer Sign-ups
- YMCA Planning Meetings

- Our Broadbandexpress@yourlibrary (BTOP) Grant Continues**
- **The library has two well-established one-on-one help services, one for digital literacy (basic and more advanced) and one for the jobseeker. Each session is tailor-made to meet the needs of the individual.**
 - **Tech Help Drop-In on Friday mornings is another service begun during the grant period. Every Friday morning from 10 am to 12 pm patrons can bring in a device or ask a question of the two librarians available.**
 - **In 2012, the smaller public access computer room was converted to a training lab. The SMART Board and a digital projector were mounted to the wall, an additional projector was purchased and the laptops which were bought with BTOP funds in 2010 are used as permanent training stations.**
 - **As a result of partnerships with both PEACE Inc. and the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) the library continues to be a vital part of the community. Several people have come to the library for assistance in finding work through referrals from PEACE Inc, which has discontinued its own resume/cover letter assistance program. Nancy Howe is now serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors as Secretary.**
 - **Two librarians, Nancy Howe (PCC Project Librarian) and Robert Loftus (PCC System Training Assistant) are now permanently on the staff. Nancy is working full time as the Public Relations/Outreach Librarian and Robert is the half-time Information Technology Librarian.**
 - **Retaining these positions has allowed the library to continue and enhance the work that was begun by the BTOP grant.**

| Broadband Technology Opportunity Federal Stimulus Grant | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <u>Budgeted Amount</u> | <u>Final Expenditures</u> |
| Salaries | \$117,425 | \$ 142,959 |
| Equipment | \$ 17,815 | \$ 17,815 |
| Professional Fees | \$ 58,535 | \$ 31,181 |
| Supplies | \$ 28,924 | \$ 28,924 |
| Benefits | \$ 21,818 | \$ 21,512 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 244,517 | \$242,391 |
| Please note: This grant provided services to the community beyond those that could be offered through the BPL. | | |



Our Seneca River Boat Cruise, a popular annual fundraiser for the library.

Information on programs is available inside the library and through the schools with our printed calendar.

Our calendar is also available online at our website: www.bville.lib.ny.us .

You can register for programs, browse the catalog, place holds and renew your items through our website.

| By The Numbers... |
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| Total items checked out: 436,265 |
| Library Visitors: 318,061 |
| Interlibrary Loan Requests Filled: 69,477 |
| Reference Questions Answered: 20,245 |
| Program Attendance: 13,297 |
| Computer Users: 20,922 |
| Active Patrons: 15,953 |
| Collection Size: 146,709 |
| Community Room Usage: 11,273 |