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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBER
Monday, July 18, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
4. Announcements
5. People from the Floor
6. Presentation – 2015 Annual Report – Mason Library – Cheryl Lyons
    - Motion – Accept 2015 Annual Report – Mason Library
7. Public Hearing
    A. Public Comments Regarding the Completion of the 124-140 East Ash Street Redevelopment Project
8. Consent Agenda
    A. Approval of Minutes
        - Regular Council Meeting: June 20, 2016
    B. Approval of Bills in the Amount of $ 629,480.58
    C. Motion – Approval of Street Closure Request – Sun Dried Festival
    D. Resolution – Approve an Increase to the City of Mason Utility Rates
    E. Motion – Approval of Directory of Charges
    F. Resolution – Approval to Waive the Formal Bid Process and Approve the Purchase of a New SCADA Computer and Backup Computer from Automation Engineering Ltd
9. Regular Business
    A. Resolution – Approve Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) by the City Council
    B. Resolution – Authorize the Purchase and Installation of a Municipal Complex Security Camera/Data Recording System for City Hall and the Fire Department Facility
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Correspondence
    A. Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report
    B. Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending June 30, 2016
    C. City Attorney's Report
13. Liaison Reports
    A. Planning Commission – Collection Bins Recommendation
14. Councilmember Reports
15. Administrator's Report
16. Adjournment

CITY OF MASON

STAFF AGENDA REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: July 18, 2016 **Agenda Item:** 6

AGENDA ITEM
Motion — 2015 Annual Report — Mason Library — Cheryl Lyons

EXHIBITS
2015 Annual Report – Mason Library

STAFF REVIEW
None

SUMMARY STATEMENT
The members of the Mason Library are justifiably proud of the outstanding service they provide to the community and would like the opportunity to share the success they have had over the past year. They are pleased to present the Mason Library's 2015 Annual Report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION BY CITY COUNCIL
Move to accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Mason Library and place it on file.

Capital Area District Libraries

Everything...right here.

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

REIMAGINING LIBRARIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Front row (L to R): Vern Johnson (Treasurer), Debora Bloomquist (Chairperson) and Quenda Story (Secretary)
Back row (L to R): Margaret Bossenbery, Jeff Croff and Sally Trout (Vice-Chairperson)

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Capital Area District Libraries
Marketing Department

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

One of the most important projects we undertook in 2015 was drafting a strategic plan, one that would reimagine library services and serve as a blueprint for the future of Capital Area District Libraries.

At meetings and strategy sessions, our Public Service Committee examined library trends, statistics, core services and more. We also sought feedback from staff, Board members, local government and our communities.

Results showed that although CADL patrons value and enjoy specific library services, some were not aware of additional services. Non-patrons often assumed that libraries remained the same as they were in the past, with a collection limited to printed books on shelves.

To help spread the message that today's library offers a wealth of both online and on-site resources, we are developing a publicity campaign called "Everything right here." It will encourage people to think of CADL as a cost-efficient and convenient way to meet their family's entertainment and information needs. Lansing singer-songwriter Taylor Taylor helped inspire the campaign's theme, and will help us share it on media outlets throughout Mid-Michigan.

We're proud of the work that went into our strategic plan, and anticipate that it will grow and change along with the needs of our communities. This annual report outlines many of the projects and initiatives that have already been accomplished, paving the way for the thriving, reimagined library system we envision in the years to come.

Maureen Hinton

REIMAGINING LIBRARY SERVICE

CADL MOBILE APP

Rolled out on iOS and Android in June, our new app was an instant hit. By the end of the year, nearly 6,200 people had installed it. They loved the convenience of accessing our services like never before. The app is now being used an average of 500 times per day.

In 2015, CADL introduced a number of improvements that made using our libraries easier and more convenient than ever before.

MOBILE FRIENDLY WEBSITE

Almost 45% of visits to our website were from a phone or a tablet. Staff from our IT Department worked with web developers to adapt our site, so that it dynamically reformats the content to fit on whatever size screen is being used.

UPGRADES TO PATRON COMPUTERS

To improve the experience for patrons using our public computers, IT staff worked on building a new configuration based on Windows 8. It includes Office 2013, a second web browser (Chrome), and additional flexibility for future improvements.

Our plan to improve the customer experience is not a static one—we will continue to add new features and make enhancements as the needs of our customers change.

~Sheryl Knox, Technology Director

REIMAGINING OUR SPACES

One of the goals included in CADL's strategic plan is to assure that our branches serve as comfortable, welcoming spaces where people can learn, relax, create and connect. Making improvements to our facilities is an ongoing project.

CADL AURELIUS

Renovations included new carpet, paint, shelving upgrades and a circulation desk. Aurelius Township and the Aurelius Friends group made contributions toward this project.

CADL DOWNTOWN LANSING

A 50-year-old patron elevator was modernized, and the lower roof was replaced. Following a cleaning and renovation project, a room in the lower level was turned into patron meeting space.

CADL DANSVILLE

With financial support from the Dansville Friends group, a custom circulation desk was designed, built and installed.

CADL STOCKBRIDGE

Upgrades to this branch included the installation of mobile shelving and additional electrical outlets. We also added new computer chairs, signage and staff furniture. The Friends group contributed a new CD storage unit.

REIMAGINING OUR COLLECTIONS

RAISING READERS BACKPACKS

Not all the additions to our collection in 2015 were high tech. Some of our most popular items were teddy bears and bathtub books! These are just a few of the goodies tucked into our Raising Readers Backpacks, designed to help parents practice early literacy skills with their preschoolers.

We added 30 more backpacks this year, thanks to funding from Target Corporation and a private donor. They are rarely seen on our shelves, however, since they are almost always checked out and in the hands of eager little readers.

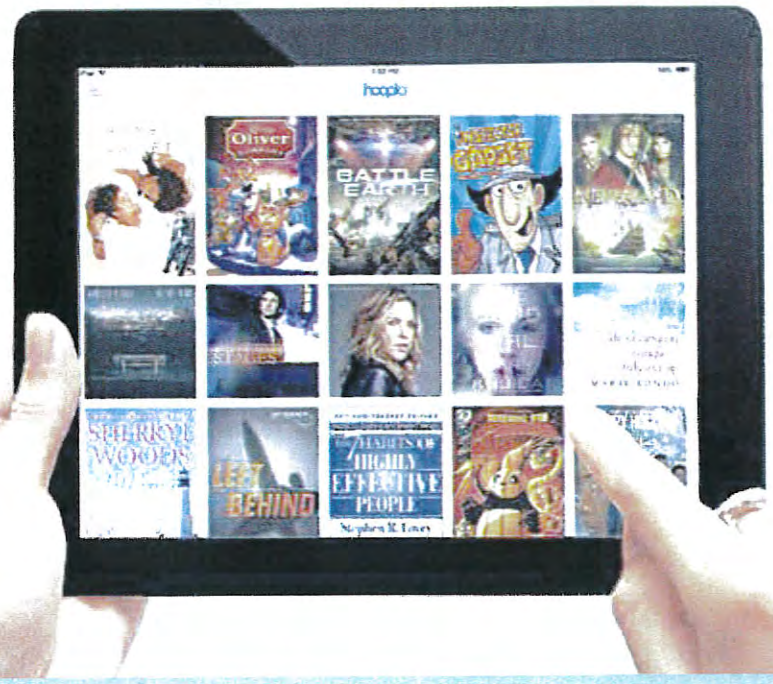
DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

This year saw a 43% increase in checkouts of our digital collection. Part of that increase was due to a new streaming service called hoopla. In addition to e-books, it offers 24/7 access to music, movies, TV and comics. Hoopla was an instant hit with our users. In the fall, the service added a large selection of Disney movies and newly-released films to their list. That helped hoopla finish strong for the year, with over 5,000 titles being checked out in December alone.

Zinio, our eMagazine service, remained popular in 2015. We added several Conde Nast titles to the collection, including The New Yorker, GQ, Vanity Fair and Wired.

We seek to continually expand our content so that it matches the reading, listening and viewing interests of our patrons.

~ Scott Duimstra,
Senior Associate Director



ADDING VALUE

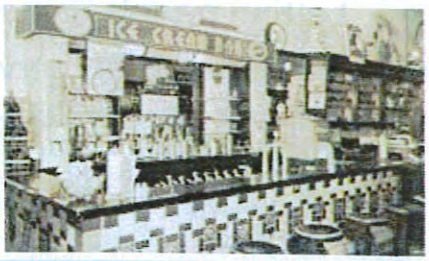
The value of a CADL card skyrocketed in 2015, with the addition of new services and subscriptions that save our cardholders hundreds of dollars.

LOCAL HISTORY ONLINE

This fascinating new database is the result of hours spent reviewing and scanning the historical photos and documents housed in CADL's Forest Park Library & Archives. It currently contains more than 7,500 images—all curated, indexed, and available to CADL cardholders free of charge.

LYNDA.COM

In February we launched lynda.com, an online service offering unlimited access to more than 4,500 instructional video courses. Taught by recognized industry experts, the videos cover topics in business, technology and the creative arts. That meant CADL cardholders could brush up on skills or learn new ones at their own pace, including 3D animation, photography, logo design, data analysis and much more. Using this service instead of purchasing an individual subscription saves cardholders an average of $300 per year.



ABCMOUSE.COM

Another new CADL service targets our youngest readers. ABCmouse.com is a subscription-based early learning site for ages 2–7, created by Age of Learning, Inc. Completely child-safe and free of advertising, the site features over 3,500 learning activities, including reading, interactive learning activities, games, puzzles, songs, art activities and more. An individual subscription to ABCmouse.com costs $79 per year; CADL patrons can access it for free in any of our branches.

RAISING READERS iPADS

Strong reading skills form the basis for learning, so it's critical to help children develop them even before starting school. Although many helpful tools for strengthening early literacy skills are found online, CADL patrons don't need to purchase software or devices to access them—they are now available via the Raising Reader iPads found in every CADL branch. Geared for ages 3–8, the iPads are loaded with apps that help children sound out and write their letters, make music, make up stories on a virtual "flannel board," put on a tea party and more.

Letting people in our communities know about the value, services and events they can find at CADL kept the Marketing Department busy throughout 2015.

Our challenge is to show how the library meets today's entertainment and information needs.

~Trenton Smiley,
Marketing & Communications Director

RADIO FOR READING

To connect with radio and TV audiences, we filmed popular DJs talking about our services. These spots were then aired on local TV stations, along with our website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. This project was made possible with support from Townsquare Media Lansing and MacDonald Broadcasting.

LINC'S LIBRARY CARD CHALLENGE

To show school-aged children the benefits of having a library card, we challenged them to sign up as a class to get limited-use cards. Visits to two Haslett elementary schools, along with The Boys and Girls Club of Lansing, helped generate over 400 new signups.

FEATURED EVENTS

SUMMER READING

This year's hero theme recruited nearly 9,400 kids, teens and adults signing up to read for fun and prizes. That was an increase of 26% over last year, due in part to adding an adult track. Together they logged an impressive 79,200 hours of reading time.

People also visited our branches by the thousands for activities like Cartoon Physics and Superhero Academy. Actor Roscoe Orman, Sesame Street's "Gordon," was here to kick off the fun at many of our branches, sponsored in part by a donation from MSUFCU and media support from WKAR.

Dozens of local businesses donated prizes and incentives for Summer Reading. Major supporters included Impression 5 Science Center and NCG Cinemas; media partners included WLNS-TV, ABC-53 and the Lansing State Journal.

AUTHOR VISITS

As author of the popular *Michigan Chillers* and *American Chillers* horror series, Johnathan Rand is a rock star among readers ages 8-14. Along with their parents, they turned out by the hundreds to meet him and listen to his stories at Holt Middle School in September. The event was supported by WKAR.

In November we hosted a visit from Pulitzer Prize-winning and bestselling journalist David Maraniss. Close to 500 fans filled the auditorium at Kinawa Middle School in Okemos to hear the renowned historian discuss his work, including 2015's *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story.* The event was co-sponsored by the Lansing State Journal.

REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES

One of our most important core services at CADL is "Community Involvement." Here are a few of the ways we reached out to connect with library users and non-users in 2015.

MSU SCIENCE FESTIVAL

CADL offers a wide variety of STEM resources and events. To bring attention to these services, we partnered with MSU on their annual Science Festival, a five-day family event with more than 150 science-themed presentations. We sponsored a popular stage show called Wacky Science and offered hands-on experiments to kids who stopped by our booth.

FAMILY FUN EVENTS

This year staff hit the road in our Bookmobile and traveled to several communities in our service area that don't include a library branch—Wheatfield Township and Onondaga Township. Families were invited to join us for an afternoon of stories, games, face painting, music and crafts. We shared information about our services and encouraged library card sign-ups for all ages.

POTTER PARK ZOO

Hanging out at Potter Park during their annual Zoo Days event gave staff a chance to meet families from all over Mid-Michigan. We challenged visitors to a game called Read Around the Zoo, encouraging them to read exhibit signs and answer trivia questions for prizes. Then we headed back to Potter Park in October for their Boo at the Zoo event. Eager trick-or-treaters took home library information along with stickers and candy.

INGHAM COUNTY FAIR

In August we turned the Ingham County Fair into a destination for Linc's Little Reading Railroad. Families attending the fair on Kids Day were treated to a free train ride, plus a Frisbee stage show sponsored by CADL. Our Bookmobile made an appearance, too, with staff handing out free giveaways and library card information.

COMMON GROUND

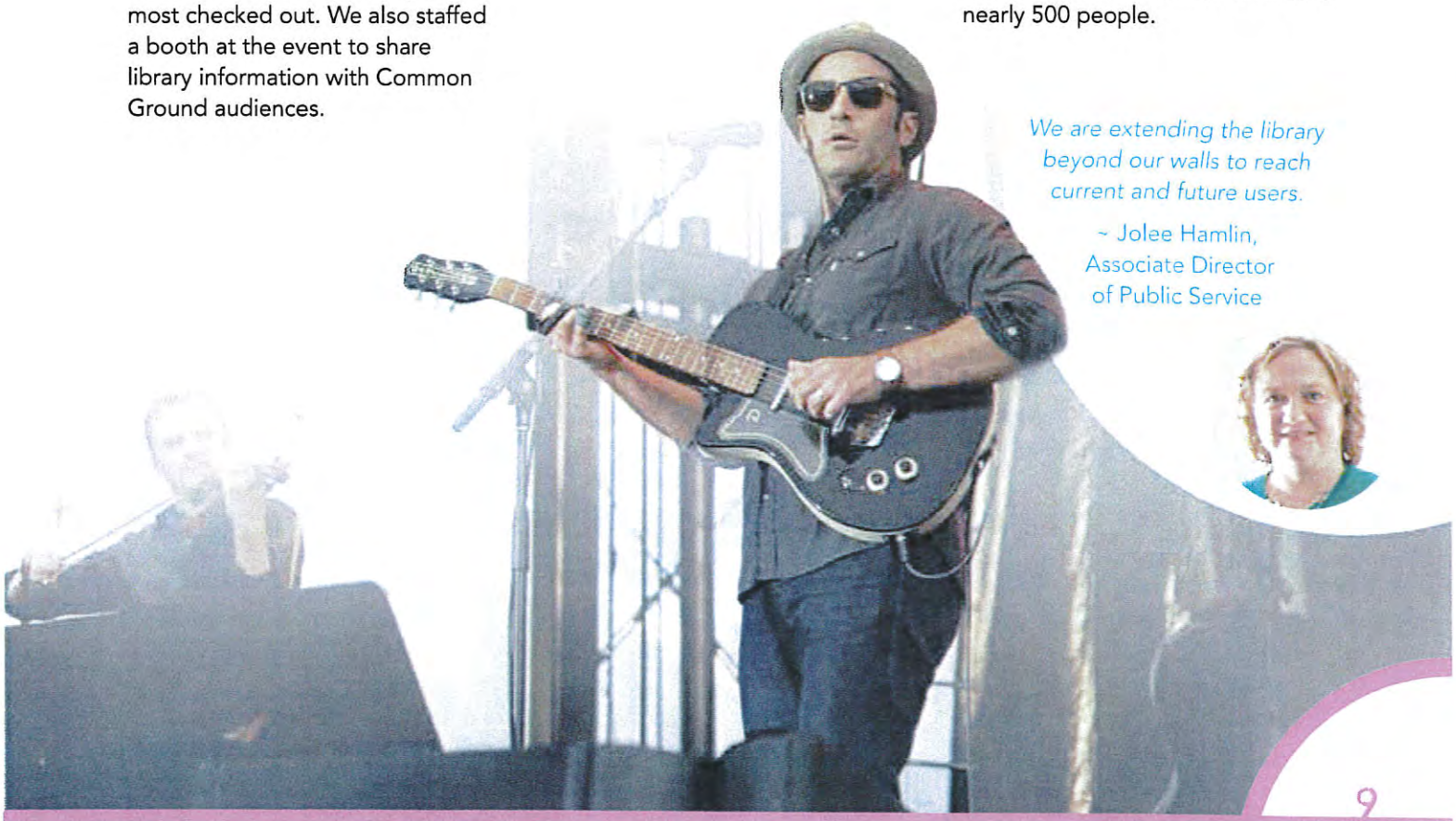
Participating in mid-Michigan's premiere music festival was a perfect way to promote hoopla, our 24/7 music streaming service. We launched a Summer Soundtrack Sweepstakes, offering a chance to win VIP tickets by checking out albums from Common Ground performers. As a result, six of those albums were in hoopla's top 20 most checked out. We also staffed a booth at the event to share library information with Common Ground audiences.

MOVIE EVENTS

We partnered with NCG Cinemas for special screenings of Disney's Cinderella and Avengers: Age of Ultron. Discounted pricing and free refreshments were offered to anyone who showed a CADL card or signed up for one.

GREATER LANSING BOOK DRIVE

During National Literacy Month in September, CADL partnered with the Lansing State Journal and other community partners to sponsor the Greater Lansing Book Drive. This project encouraged people to fight childhood illiteracy by giving books to underprivileged children in the Greater Lansing area. CADL also hosted an appearance by children's author Johnathan Rand, which drew nearly 500 people.



We are extending the library beyond our walls to reach current and future users.

~ Jolee Hamlin, Associate Director of Public Service

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GREATER LANSING AREA DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION

CADL was pleased to support the commission's 30th annual celebration luncheon, featuring keynote speaker Henry (Hank) Thomas. As one of the original 13 Freedom Riders, Mr. Thomas holds a special place in American history and the struggle for civil rights. To honor him and several of his fellow Freedom Riders, CADL created and distributed commemorative bookmarks to everyone in attendance.

IMPRESSION 5 SCIENCE CENTER

The local science center is a perfect partner for our mission of reaching out to families in CADL's service area. In 2015, we worked with I5 staff to offer monthly science storytimes held at the center, free to anyone with a CADL card or an I5 membership. I5 also made a generous donation to our Summer Reading program, giving a free admission pass to every child and teen who signed up. In September, the lucky winners of a Summer Reading contest enjoyed a special party at I5, complete with a slime-making workshop and access to all their exhibits.

DELTA DENTAL

To help provide health information to parents and kids, we partnered with Delta Dental to present special storytimes. These featured a dental hygienist, some fun activities, and free oral health supplies. Delta Dental also donated tickets to a Lansing Lugnuts game, which were used as incentives during our Summer Reading program.

CADL CARES

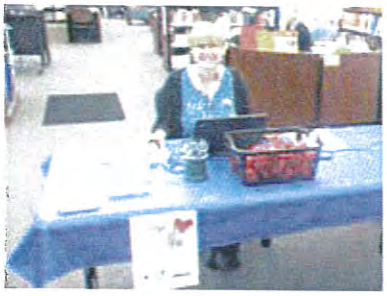
CADL's presence in our communities includes supporting local charities and service organizations. Some of the groups that benefitted from our CADL Cares initiative include:

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Two of our branches teamed up to encourage life-saving blood donations. At special events held at CADL Okemos and CADL South Lansing, the Red Cross provided staff so adults could donate at the library and be entered into prize drawings. Kids who recruited an adult received appreciation gifts.

U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE: TOYS FOR TOTS

This annual project benefits local families by collecting and distributing new toys to low-income families during the holiday season. Many CADL branches served as collection points, and patrons were encouraged to make donations.



MICHIGAN ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY

For the fourth consecutive year, CADL was proud to support the Michigan Libraries for Life campaign, helping spread the word about the critical need for organ donations. From Oct. 5-9, visitors at seven of our branches could get information and sign up to become donors.

CAPITAL AREA LITERACY COALITION

On selected Fridays, CADL staff is encouraged to "go casual for a cause." For a $1 donation, they can wear casual clothing, with proceeds supporting the Capital Area Literacy Coalition.

Other organizations receiving support from CADL Cares included local food banks, Haven House, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Give a Kid a Christmas, Leslie Community Outreach, Greater Lansing Heartland Hospice, and Stockbridge Community Outreach.

STAFF CHANGES

Eli Klein was hired in January to fill the vacant position of Social Media & Public Relations Coordinator in the Marketing Department. After earning a Professional Communication degree from Siena Heights University, Eli worked as a tutor at Lansing Community College's Writing Center, and as a Library Assistant at CADL's Foster branch.

In March, Eyal Suseela was selected as Youth Outreach Librarian, a new position created to strengthen CADL's relationships with area teens. Eyal previously worked at CADL Leslie, as well as Southfield Public Library and Indiana University's Neal Marshall Black Culture Center Library. Her experience also includes working with ESOL and refugee customers.

STAFF AWARDS

Named for a founding member of CADL's Board of Trustees, our annual Dr. L. Robert McConnell Award honors staff members who provide exceptional customer service and/or innovations. In 2015, the Board of Trustees was pleased to present the award to two outstanding employees.

Adult Selection Specialist Sarah Redman was recognized with the Award for Excellence in Customer Service for her dedication to readers' advisory, her commitment to keeping our collections current, and her passion for providing patrons with the widest possible variety of materials and formats.

Youth Services Coordinator Thais Rousseau was given the Award for Innovation in recognition of her efforts to find creative ways of providing service to our younger patrons, and for her unwavering commitment to families in our communities.

Sarah and Thais exemplify CADL's outstanding service. It was our pleasure to honor their work in 2015.

~Julie Laxton, Human Resources Director

LIBRARY FRIENDS

Each of our 13 branches is supported by a volunteer Friends group, whose members work tirelessly to raise funds and advocate for their libraries. Their many roles include maintaining used book collections, running fundraising projects, providing materials or refreshments for special events, and much more.

Friends group members also serve as library advocates and ambassadors. They share the message that access to information and technology is at the heart of a successful community, and that libraries play a vital role in this success.

In 2015, our Friends groups collectively donated $34,199 to Capital Area District Libraries, enhancing our buildings, services and events.

Their support is crucial, not only to CADL but to the whole community.

~ Maureen Hirten, Executive Director

For the first time since 2009, tax revenue increased from the previous year. Along with an increase in penal fines, this resulted in our first year over year operating revenue increase since 2008. We also cut supply costs by over $15,000.

Spending on library materials was increased by $134,000, as demand for electronic materials continued to soar. We also spent $238,000 on capital projects.

Convenient credit card terminals were installed at our larger branches, and a new magazine vendor was hired, providing a higher level of service to our staff and patrons.

Our goal when choosing projects is to make library service as efficient and convenient as possible.

~Pat Taylor, Finance Director

GRANTS

- **Universal Service Fund** – $120,690 was approved for 2015 Internet Connections; $15,962 was approved for 2015 regular telephone services.
- **Celebration Cinema** – $5,000 was received when CADL was selected for the 2016 Celebrated Service Award.
- **MSUFCU** – $3,500 was received to help fund "Gordon & Friends" performances.
- **Target Corporation** – $1,000 was received to fund the purchase of Raising Readers resources.
- **Kroger Community Rewards** – $3,813 was received to fund our Summer Reading initiative.

OTHER MONETARY DONATIONS

In 2015, CADL received donations of $68,661 from individuals, Library Friends groups, and other organizations.

Salary & Benefits	$6,752
Materials	$1,362
Professional Services	$723
Tech/Capital Projects	$672
Maintenance/Utilities	$671
Supplies/Other	$243

Tax Revenue	$9,346
Library Fees	$309
Penal Fines	$701
State Aid	$141
All Other	$239

AURELIUS

HEAD LIBRARIAN

Jennifer DeGroat

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Aurelius Library is a valuable and vibrant member of the communities we serve. In 2015, our library staff:

- Partnered with staff from CADL Outreach and CADL Leslie to host a Family Fun Day in Onondaga.
- Provided storytimes at Precious Hearts Daycare and Little Ones Daycare.
- Shared events and information with Robbins United Methodist Church and Aurelius Baptist Church.
- Staffed information tables at spring and fall Parent-Teacher Conferences and Open House Nights at North Aurelius Elementary, reaching thousands of parents, teachers and students.
- Provided instructional support and materials for teachers at North Aurelius Elementary.
- Partnered with the Michigan Organ Donor Registry to sign up new donors.

THE TOP 5

These events and achievements were among the most notable in 2015:

1. We remodeled our building to make it more accessible and attractive.
2. Over 3,000 community members attended more than 60 outreach events.
3. We hosted a visit from actor Roscoe Orman, Sesame Street's "Gordon."
4. The number of our Summer Reading participants increased by 54%.
5. The number of CADL cardholders in Aurelius Township increased nearly 2%.

OUR THANKS

Thanks to Aurelius Township and the Aurelius Friends Group for their generous donations and financial support of our library renovation project, and to all of our patrons for their support and visits.

DANSVILLE

HEAD LIBRARIAN
Melissa Cole

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Dansville Library is a valuable and vibrant member of our community. In 2015, our library staff:

- Partnered with the Willow Tree Family Center to host a twice-monthly Rural Moms Group.
- Partnered with the Dexter Trail Questers to provide history-themed presentations.
- Attended Dansville Elementary's Family Fun Night Sleepover and Back to School Bash, and the PTO's Bazaar.
- Worked with Dansville Elementary staff to create a collection in support of their character-building curriculum.
- Promoted library card sign-ups at the elementary school and presented our annual Battle of the Books program to 5th graders.
- Visited local preschools and daycares for storytime and book cart.
- Served as a collection site for Dansville Food Bank donations.

THE TOP 5

These events and achievements were among the most notable in 2015:

1. Our new accessible circulation desk and bookshelf were custom-built by members of the Williamston Sunrise Rotary.
2. We received a $200 donation from Meijer and a donation of organic plants from Foods for Living to start our Library Learning Garden.
3. Attendance at our events increased by 20.49%, while library visits increased 5.94%.
4. Participation of children and teens in our Summer Reading program increased by 18%.
5. This year we began offering Baby Storytime, and it has been very successful.

OUR THANKS

We would like to thank our patrons, Ingham Township, Dansville Village, the Friends of the Dansville Library, Dansville Public Schools, and local businesses and organizations for their continuous support and enduring loyalty. We would not be able to provide high-quality programming and service without you. It is an honor to be a part of such a wonderful community.

DOWNTOWN LANSING

HEAD LIBRARIAN

Kathy Johnson

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Downtown Lansing Library is a valuable and vibrant member of the community we serve. In 2015, our library staff:

- Initiated an ESOL series with the Capital Area Literacy Coalition (The Reading People).
- Worked with the Lansing Symphony to present a series of music and craft programs for families.
- Shared library information with Lansing School District administrators and students.
- Attended a number of family open houses sponsored by area Head Start programs.
- Represented CADL at many health events sponsored by the Capital Area Health Alliance and Community Partners in Health.
- Made monthly presentations on WLNZ's *Coffee Break* about CADL services.

THE TOP 5

These events and achievements were among the most notable in 2015:

1. With a grant from the City of Lansing, we started our first series of ESOL classes.
2. Our monthly Minecraft Game Nights drew capacity crowds of children and teens.
3. A visit from Sean Doerr, the photographer of *Lost Detroit*, drew an overflow crowd of 120 people.
4. Over 1,500 people visited our library during Lansing's Be A Tourist Day, and over 1,000 during Silver Bells in the City.
5. We made it a priority for staff to visit schools and attend community events in order to sign up new cardholders.

OUR THANKS

We appreciate the generous supplemental funding from the Friends of Lansing Libraries, which allowed us to expand our public programming. We thank the City of Lansing for its continued support. Thanks also to our many community partners who help us publicize our programs and services. And none of this would be possible without our creative, skilled and public service-oriented staff.

FOSTER

HEAD LIBRARIAN

Jean Bolley

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

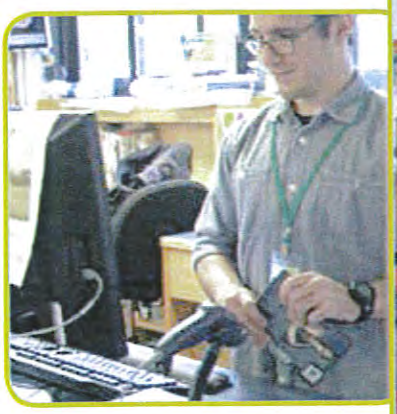
The Foster Library is a valuable and vibrant member of the community we serve. In 2015, our library staff:

- Provided storytelling for Lansing's Jazz Fest and Blues Fest, students at Gier and Post Oak Elementary schools, the Averill Elementary Halloween event, Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, and the Meridian Senior Center.
- Participated in March is Reading Month events at Forest View Elementary, and at the RIF event at Elmhurst Elementary.
- Staffed CADL information tables at the Ingham County Fair and at Lansing SAVE Night.
- Provided library card applications to students at Gier Elementary, Pattengill Elementary and Eastern High School.
- Read to the children enrolled in the Foster Community Center After-school Program.

THE TOP 5

These events and achievements were among the most notable in 2015:

1. Over 700 children, teens and adults attended 32 different summer events.
2. We expanded the number of programs offered to adults, including workshops on using Pinterest, Skype and iPhones, and a cooking demonstration with Chef Michelle Bommarito.
3. ITEC of Lansing brought their popular LEGO Robotics program to the library.
4. Our annual family events continued to be popular, such as the March is Reading Month Activity Calendar, Great Library Card Extravaganza, and Holiday Open House.
5. We offered seasonal craft programs, such as Valentine-making and pumpkin decorating.



OUR THANKS

We appreciate the continuing generosity of the Friends of the Lansing Libraries. Special thanks also go to the City of Lansing, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the staff of the Foster Community Center, and our loyal patrons for another successful year.

HASLETT

HEAD LIBRARIAN
Ann Chapman

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Haslett Library is a valuable and vibrant member of the community we serve. In 2015, our library staff:

- Reached out to senior citizens with a monthly trivia program at Wynwood Assisted Living and a book discussion group at the Meridian Senior Center.
- Introduced digital services to 420 Haslett Middle and High School students.
- Took the Michigan Reads! One Book One State selection (*Do Unto Others*) to 410 children at six different locations serving Haslett children.
- Presented storytimes for over 200 preschoolers at Little Lambs Preschool and Parkwood YMCA.
- Manned an informational table and provided the children's activity at the Meridian Winter Farmer's Market.
- Participated in year-round food collection for the Haslett Food Pantry, plus Two Men & A Truck's Movers for Moms campaign and the Marine Corps Toys for Tots initiative.

THE TOP 5

These events and achievements were among the most notable in 2015:

1. Students at Ralya and Murphy Elementary Schools accepted Linc's Library Card Challenge, resulting in 268 new library card signups. Each school was filmed by WLNS TV who ran the spots during National Library Week.
2. WKAR TV's Curious Crew cast members put experiments in the hands of over 75 young patrons.
3. Local history buffs enjoyed a presentation by Jane Rose, Executive Director of the Meridian Historical Village, on her new book *Images of America: Meridian Township*.
4. Chef Michelle Bommarito kept audience members laughing as they prepared and served her delicious recipes right along with her in a fantastic, informal event.
5. We welcomed over 1,000 super heroes to our nine Summer Reading performer events.

OUR THANKS

We are privileged to serve a community that recognizes the value of public libraries and fully accesses all of our resources. We appreciate the continued support of the Friends of the Haslett Library, Meridian Township and Haslett Public Schools Facilities for enhancing library services for all.

HOLT-DELHI

HEAD LIBRARIAN

Paulina Poplawska

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Holt-Delhi Library is a valuable and vibrant member of the community we serve. In 2015, our library staff:

- Collaborated with a range of community organizations, including Sam Corey Senior Center, Early Childhood Literacy Coalition, Kiwanis, Lions, the Holt Business Alliance, Oak Park YMCA, Holt Farmers Market, the Downtown Delhi Development Authority and Heartwood Schools.
- Participated in local events such as the Holt Hometown Parade, Kiwanis Halloween in the Park, the Holt Community Kids Day, YMCA Oak Park's Healthy Kids Day, Lion's Touch a Truck Day, Libraries for Life, and Holt High School's Student Panel Presentations and Mock Interviews.
- Visited more than 1,600 students at four schools to promote our Summer Reading initiative.
- Provided an ongoing collection bin for the Holt Community Food bank, participated in the Give a Kid a Christmas program, and served as a collection site for eyeglasses for the Holt Lions Club.

THE TOP 5

These events and achievements were among the most notable in 2015:

1. Staff worked with the high school and middle school librarians to sign students up for library cards, and met with each 9th grade class to introduce CADL's digital resources.
2. We developed key sponsorships that resulted in financial support from the Holt Kiwanis Club and Dart Bank.
3. Over 3,000 kids, teens and adults enjoyed more than 70 different summer events at the library.
4. Partnering with ITEC of Lansing resulted in a free videogame design camp for kids in our community.
5. Our Youth Services Librarian hosted a wildly popular "Murder in the Library" event for teens.

OUR THANKS

We are profoundly thankful to Delhi Township for their support, our Friends for being amazing advocates and caretakers, our patrons who are the greatest, the many organizations who provided financial support, and the staff of Holt-Delhi Library who offer nothing but excellence.