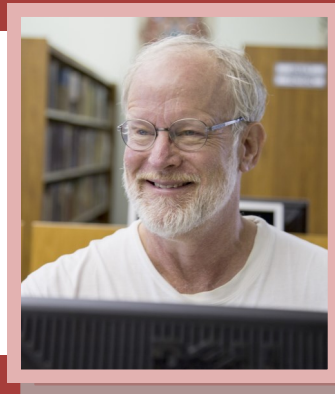


Suttons Bay Bingham District Library

2014 annual report

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From the President of the Board of Trustees



If I were asked to create a slogan for the SBBDL it would probably be, “What’s In It For You?”

I could then go on to describe the collection - the things we buy and you borrow - and what such a facility means to the community. A volunteer recently described it as a candy store for patrons. I also tend to think of it as eye candy for those who might consider moving here.

Either way, it is a community treasure regarded as one of the finest, small, rural libraries in Michigan. In collection and technology, we are certainly among the best.

It is amazing though, that I still I run

into people who have never been to the library. They have no idea of the services we offer for the bargain price of a free library card. I am tempted to tell them about our varied collection and the many capital improvements made over the last couple of years from restroom renovations to a renovation of the lower and first floor spaces. The building likewise sports a new paint job, roof, and smoke detection system.

I am also anxious to brag about our Friends of the Library Preview Party that now kicks off our annual booksale on Friday night as well the “Lights, Bites, and Books” Gala fundraiser initiated this past year. Both were

hugely successful and are likely to become annual events. Our programs for tots, teens, and adults are getting better and better attended each year.

All of this is a direct result of the energy and enthusiasm displayed by our Director, Staff, Friends, and Volunteers. Their professionalism is remarkable and contagious. Not to put too fine a point on it, this group has an abundance of grit and knows absolutely no quit.

After all, I would conclude, it really is your library. Isn’t it about time you found out what’s in it for you?

~ John Krug



Volunteer profile: Mary Pat Fontaine

Tell us a bit about yourself? I'm a mother of 2 and a grandmother. I spent 12+ years working at a large Chicago area hospital as an administrative assistant prior to moving here. My husband Gene and I came to Suttons Bay at the end of 2003 after spending my whole life in and around Chicago. We enjoy life here so much, especially all the great people we've met.

Why do you volunteer? I started in 2006 and I enjoy being around books and chatting with people who come in and helping them find what they are looking for. My favorite part is just spending time at our beautiful library and also having access to all the new books

Are there any recent books you have read that really stand out? I recently read “South of Superior” by Ellen Airgood about life in the U.P. and just finished “The Museum of Extraordinary Things” by Alice Hoffman. I've read quite a few of her books; there's always something magical in them.

What do you do when you are not at the library? I tend to my many houseplants and flowers growing outside. I also enjoy reading, movies, crossword puzzles, knitting and embroidery. I have had the opportunity to see a bit of Europe in the last several years. I also love my iPad!

If you were granted one wish, what would it be? Continued good health for me and my husband in order to continue to enjoy life here.

Do you want to find out about the newest items right when they arrive at the library or keep up to date on library programs?

Now you can get weekly updates sent right to your email. Sign up for Wowbrary, our email newsletter at the Library’s website.

How You Use Your Library



27,816

Total items were checked out between
7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014

20,437 of those items were books saving you \$61,000

4,849 of those items were DVDs saving you \$4,900

2,070 of those items were audio books saving you \$62,000

578 of those items were magazines saving you \$2,312

526 of those items were eMaterials saving you \$30,000

729 items were interlibrary loaned by you and **726** interlibrary loan items were sent to other libraries saving you \$19,000

129 programs were held at the library such as Wiggles story time, technology classes, the family movie series, author visits, poetry readings and much, much more. These programs were attended by over **1,275** of you!

**Altogether, your library saved you over
\$179,000!**

Another year in both Suttons Bay and the Library has somehow flown past and boy was it a doozy!

The summer of 2013 brought loads of swimming, gardening, biking, and hiking personally as well as a jam-packed library.

We had over 100 children of various ages read over 1,000 books as part of our summer reading challenge. This more than doubled both participant numbers and books read compared to the summer of 2012. Top that off with over 450 children and adults attending fun and educational summer programs and I certainly think the season could be called a success.

But then the winter came. Despite having grown up in Petoskey, like all those that experienced this winter's deep freeze, it was something altogether different. At one point, the snow piles in front of the library nearly covered our 6 foot high windows!

Yet the cold and snow didn't stop us from hosting our first ever "Lights, Bites, and Books" Gala fundraiser in December which not only transformed the library for an unforgettable night, but helped raise over \$9,000 to support the replacement of many of our dated computers, ongoing computer classes, and membership in a downloadable eBook and eAudiobook consortia.

However, that wasn't all that was accomplished this past year. More open hours, more programs, and ebooks were the biggest demands reported in our community survey two years ago and all three of these demands were met this past year. And all without increasing the Library's budget!

Altogether, I certainly think this last year saw a strong continuation of the library's mission to be a vibrant community center that provides you with the information, recreation, and culture that this fantastic community deserves.

~ Ryan Deery

From the Director



Get to know the Staff



Pat Wolters - Collection management, interlibrary loan manager, volunteer coordinator, maintainer of collective sanity.

Best Recent Read: *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. "It felt so authentic and has just stuck with me."



Suzanne Rogers - Circulation management, Saturday champion, and self described "doer of what she is told to do."

Best Recent Read: *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith. "I enjoyed the prolonged character development."



Madelyn Kohler - Library Page, craft and kid wrangler.

Best Recent Read: *Girl in Pants (Sisterhood of Traveling Pants Book 3)* by Ann Brashares. "It captured real life and real emotions."

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What Will Your Legacy Be?

You don't have to be rich or famous to make a difference in both our community and your neighbors' lives after you are gone. It just takes a simple decision. Whoever you are, whatever your situation, you can help the library and our community by remembering the library in your estate planning. There are many ways to accomplish this from naming the library as a beneficiary of your will to setting up a charitable remainder trust. But no matter how you chose to give, your legacy will live on.

Fiscal Recap

The Suttons Bay Bingham District Library's fiscal year began July 1st 2013 and ended June 30th 2014.

Income for this period was \$153,683 with support from most sources remaining constant.

Expenses for this period totaled \$158,500 with materials including books, DVDs, audiobooks and so on accounting for 16% of expenditures. This is slightly higher than the state average of 13%.

Expenses did exceed income as monies from a grant received in the prior fiscal year were expended during this fiscal period.

