

# Suttons Bay Bingham District Library



2016  
Annual  
Report

# Running The Numbers

## Visitors to the Library

**33,760** people visited the library last year. That is **650** visitors a week.

## Items Checked Out

**29,075** items were checked out. That includes **2,251** eMaterials, **5,144** dvds, & **17,180** books.

## Items Added to the Library

**2,236** items were added worth **\$34,400** including **261** kids books, **800** adult books & more.

## Interlibrary Loan

**463** items were sent to our library and **393** items were sent to other libraries.

## Programs

**98** library programs with over **1,600** attendees and over **1,000** of the attendees were kids.

## Summer Reading

Over **350** kids participated in the Summer Reading program.

## Community Meeting Room

The Community Meeting Room was used over **250** times last year, nearly **5** times a week.



## A Message from the President of the Board

Those of us connected to the library as patrons and volunteers often find it difficult to understand why more people don't visit frequently. After all, it is a great source of education, information, and entertainment -- all for the price of a free library card.

Despite our efforts and success to attract new patrons, the fact is the library is different things to different people. Some think we are too small and should offer more services and hours. Others believe we are right sized for the community and wonderfully integrated into it. Some believe, what with kindles and smart phones that it's not really necessary to enjoy the perfume of ink on paper. Others, like me, can't live without it.

Parents find the library a safe, comfortable place for their kids to enhance reading skills and enjoy programs tailored to them. Adult programming lists a variety of topics including computer tutorials and yes, entry level yoga instruction. Book and board game clubs likewise dot the events calendar. Others don't seem to care a whit about any of it. Odd eh?

Our staff and volunteer group take real pride in our facility and demonstrate great resolve in keeping it relevant and up-to-date. If you can't stop in to see what we offer first hand, be sure to visit our website at [www.suttonsbaylibrary.org](http://www.suttonsbaylibrary.org). It might just encourage you to drop in. And that would be a good thing.

~ John Krug



*"I appreciate that they invite kids club to come down to check out books and they have some books that others don't. The people are nice there too. I like that there's a library cause libraries are awesome!"*

~ Cole Anderson



## A Message from the Director

I was drawn to being a librarian by great stories. Both the amazing tales I read, but also, all of the great stories I heard from other librarians. Tales like helping an adult craft a resume landing them their dream job; helping a teenager that had just lost a beloved grandparent scan and share priceless photos; or reading stories to enraptured children while slowly watching them grow into adults whose own life stories brought return smiles.

In my fourth year at the Library, I and my fellow team members have been lucky enough to serve you in each of these aforementioned ways. Yet what struck me most this year, came about due to a drastic change in my own story.

I became a father. And despite many wonderful years taking great joy in reading stories to others, becoming a dad somehow changed even that.

This year alone, I had the pleasure of reading to all of the elementary students at both the Suttons Bay Public Schools and the Leelanau Montessori multiple times.

I was lucky enough to visit the school's Little Norsemen program monthly and felt like I won a prize when the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Benodjenh Child Center began bringing their preschoolers to the library every month for stories. I was just as ecstatic when the local migrant program called to ask if they too could bring their kids down for regular stories.

And last week, when my daughter attended her first official library story time at the Suttons Bay Farmers Market, the understanding of both how *amazing and important* it is to pass on great stories and their connection with ideas, places, and emotions beyond ourselves, nearly made me cry.

~ Ryan Deery

*"My son and I spend our Saturdays at the library. We read books, play board games, and use the educational computer. The children's space offers so much inspiration!"*

~ Tanya Firestone

## Did You Know...

You can learn **80** languages with **Pronunciator** our online language learning software.

You can check out passes to state parks and museums like the Dennon Museum with the **Michigan Activities Pass**.

Individuals with mobility issues can sign up for delivery with our **Homebound Delivery** program.

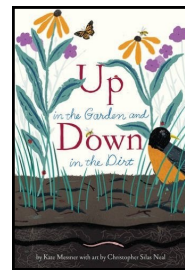
## Most Checked Out Items



Adult Book: *The Drummond Girls* by Mardi Jo Link



Adult DVD: *Still Alice*



Kids Book - *Up in the Garden Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner.



Kids DVD - *Minions*



# Suttons Bay Bingham District Library

## Fiscally Speaking

### Financial Year

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

### Totals

Income was **\$164,592** and expenses were **\$160,217**.

### Income

**74%** from Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships.

**15%** from Grants and Donations.

**11%** from Penal Fines, Library Fees, and State Aide.

### Expenses

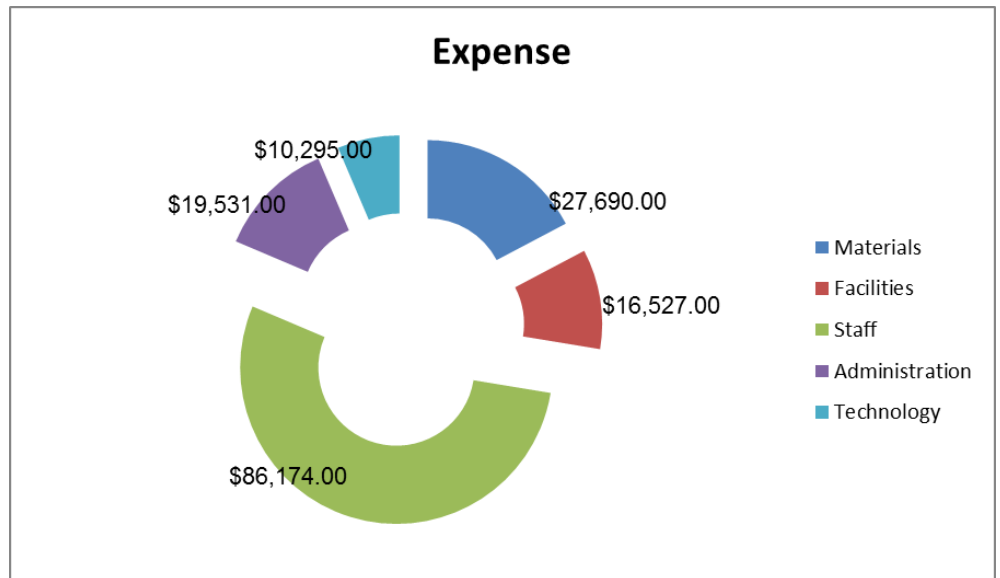
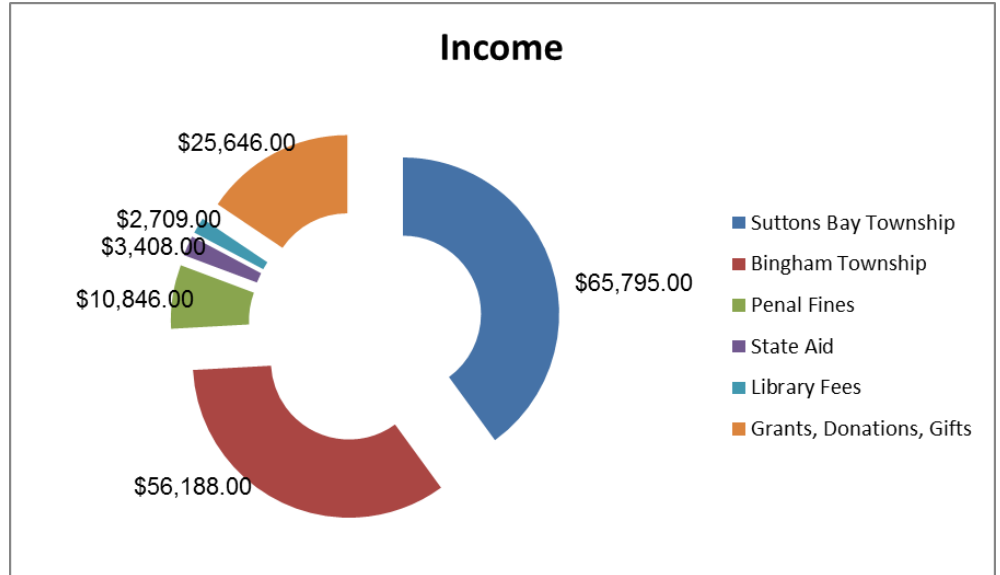
**17%** on Materials like books, DVDs, ebooks, and CDs.

**54%** on Staff.

**10%** on our building.

**12%** on administration.

**6%** on Technology.



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