Letter from the Director

I am extremely excited to write that the Livonia Public Library is now in the process of planning an essential expansion and renovation project! For years, we have consistently been at or near the top in circulation and program attendance within Livingston County. However, we have operated within a building that has the second smallest square footage of any library in the county. We are bursting at the seams! This future renovation and expansion will provide much needed space, technology and utility updates, meet current ADA requirements, and facilitate a library that the Livonia community will be able to enjoy for another century; all while keeping the integrity and character of the building intact. Within the scope of facility planning, numerous aspects of the contemporary public library will be thoroughly explored. Libraries of today, and more importantly tomorrow, are more than books. They are destinations of solitude and personal enrichment; yet at the same time have become community centers and social hubs. Rethinking the way a public library enhances a community with its services, along with a perpetually adapting collection of various media types, is crucial to the planning of the expansion project and the future of the Livonia Public Library. Community input and informational meetings will soon be scheduled and I look forward to hearing the numerous fascinating ways we can improve and transform your library for decades to come.

As always, please stop in or email any questions you may have on library services, programs, or the expansion project.

Hope to see you at the library!

Sincerely, Frank Sykes
Fizz, Boom, READ!
2014 Summer Reading Program

Readers of all ages will experiment with what’s fizzing, popping and booming as Livonia Public Library presents “Fizz, Boom, Read,” the theme for the 2014 Summer Reading Program! This event is a wonderful way to motivate kids to read and helps maintain their literacy skills over summer break. All school-aged children are invited to participate. This year’s reading program will include performers, reading logs, story time, crafts and an end of Summer Reading party and much more!

Sign up continues throughout the summer. Program schedule runs July 8-August 16. Stop into the library to register and pick up a Summer Reading packet!

Summer Reading Program Special Events Schedule

- July 8 12:30-1:30pm Spin, Splatter, Paint!
- July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12 Make and Take Crafts
- July 17 10:30am Moreland the Magician
- July 23 1:00pm Wildlife Defenders
- July 28 10:30am Bottle Rocket Launching
- August 11 11:00am Rochester Museum and Science Center presents: “Energy!”
- August 16 11:00am-1:00pm End of the Summer Reading Program Party!

For more information on these and other exciting events, check out www.livonialibrary.org or stop in to the library!
Friends of the Livonia Public Library

Friends of the Livonia Library are a dedicated group of volunteers and we are passionate about our community library. We organize annual book sales, and raise funds to help support library programs and to purchase equipment and materials. In 2013 we sponsored several programs including an American Girl Party, Antique Road Show, Wii Wednesdays, and various computer classes. We purchased an e-Reader to help patrons learn how to download e-books and audio books and we also held a raffle for a Kindle Fire. In July we helped support the annual Summer Reading program, purchasing prizes and sponsoring programs. In October we held our popular Silent Auction to celebrate National Friends of Library Week as well as our annual Safe Halloween Event. In December we sponsored the Santa visit at story hour. The new zoo carpet in the library was purchased by the Friends, as well as the children’s bookmarks and magnets that are available at the circulation desk. We always welcome new members! For information on how to join or volunteer, pick up a copy of our newsletter at the library and be sure to visit our website, friendsoflivonialibrary.wordpress.com.
2013 in Numbers

Collection

Adult Books 10,602
Children’s Books 8,233
DVDs & Blu-rays 1,191
Books on CD and Music CDs 1,724
OWWL2Go (digital audio & eBooks) 252
Other 624

Total 22,262

Circulation

Print Collection 43,617
DVD, Blu-ray, Books on CD, Periodical, Other 26,878
OWWL2Go (digital audio & eBooks) 3,599
Public Access Computers & FREE Wifi access 5,225

Total 79,319
Livonia Materials loaned to member libraries (ILL) 7,900
Materials borrowed from member libraries (ILL) 10,876

Library Operations

Open 6 days, 53 hours a week
Patrons 4,582 (59% of chartered service area population!)
Library Website Visits 23,866
Library Facility Visits 41,125
Revenues $231,450 (local funds, county and NYS grants, fines, donations)
Expenditures $223,710 (communications, materials, OWWL costs, personnel, print and non print media, supplies, utilities)

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