Letter from the Director

The effect a public library has in a small community is a challenging thing to measure. However, if you have visited the Livonia Public Library within the last few years, you have probably already witnessed that impact. Kids are happily learning on the Early Literacy Computer Stations, the 3D printer is busily creating the work of a child's imagination, an older patron is being taught how to use a computer for the first time, the meeting room is filled with activity from a local organization, tutors are providing a little extra support to students to help them pass an upcoming test, and residents are getting together to chat and catch up. Although public libraries will of course continue to offer the newest best seller, unforgettable classic, and books to help you build a deck while making a roast in your slow cooker; the public library is an active place that has been more than just books for decades. It is now more of a true community center than ever before.

The Livonia Public Library Improvement Project groundbreaking is planned to take place within the next couple of months. This exciting endeavor will not only enlarge the library's facility, but more importantly, increase the library's ability to offer more classes, speakers, technology events, and a wide range of other enhanced programs and services. In your new library, patrons of all ages are sure to find something that they will thoroughly enjoy and have a lasting impact on their lives. An entirely new children's library will headline the planned improvements. With size appropriate seating and shelving, new technology and activities, families will adore visiting the library for years to come. A 1200 square-foot public meeting room will be the new home for numerous community organizations like the Girl and Boy Scouts, social programs, author visits, performers, and exciting children's and teen events! But the new library is not just about improvements for children and teens. Other planned spaces include a "Fire-side reading lounge" (yes, a working gas fireplace!), an eight bay computer connect center, tutor rooms, outdoor reading patio and a parking lot.

This endeavor has truly been a community-wide partnership. The Town and Village of Livonia governments, Livonia Public Library Trustees, and numerous community residents have worked tirelessly together to see the culmination of this project and improve the daily lives of people in Livonia. With the strong support of Senator Cathy Young and Assemblyman Bill Nojay, we are extremely excited to say that we will soon embark on the construction phase and are looking forward to the grand opening when Livonia residents will soon be able to enjoy their new library!

See you at the library!

Frank Sykes - Director
Friends of the Livonia Public Library  
by Sally Collins

The Livonia Friends support the library through fundraising, outreach and literacy programming. Toward that goal, in 2015 the Friends purchased LittleBits to supplement the popular Legos program (another brainchild of the Friends group). We began the year with a Mother & Daughter Tea, in partnership with Livonia Girl Scout Troop 51020 and in February asked our patrons "Why Do You love Your Library?" The Friends also hosted the annual "Take Your Child to the Library Day." Children signed up for library cards, took part in a scavenger hunt and enjoyed some fun activities and treats. In March the Friends helped support the cost of the Pioneer Library System bus to Albany on Advocacy Day. In June, Ralph Parker taught an old-fashioned game of croquet on the library lawn. Players ranged from ages 6-75! Friends presented a scholarship at Graduation. Congratulations to the 2015 recipient, Kathleen Fenton! In October we held our annual Safe Halloween Event and in November our popular Silent Auction during National Friends of Libraries Week. Some purchases include card keepers and tote bags for the library. Are you interested in becoming a Friend of the Library? We always welcome new members; please call Mae Sharman, 346-2511 if you are interested in joining. Visit us on the web at friendsoflivonialibrary.wordpress.com.

Maker Spaces, Participatory Learning at the Library

The Livonia Public Library now offers Maker Space events! This is a great way for the community to engage in fun and imaginative STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, and Mathematics) activities. During our workshops, makers construct contraptions and gadgets, take electronics apart, and learn computer programming. We’ve used LittleBits (electronic building blocks) to build an RC car, a pinball machine, a robot that makes art, and many other gadgets. Our makers have designed and assembled Lego mazes, cities, spaceships, and a myriad of other Lego builds. The 3-D printer we’ve had on loan from PLS has been utilized to print 3-D photographs, moveable parts, and other exciting items. We’ve had computer-programming nights where our coders built a side scrolling computer game, similar to Mario Bros, using Scratch coding. We’ve even built a computer using Raspberry Pi, a tiny, inexpensive computer, and turned it into a retro gaming station. In the future we would like to expand our Maker Space, limited only by our imaginations. We envision more computer programming including web design, electronics dismantling station to learn how different electronics are constructed, 3-D printing, digital media creation and editing area for audio, photos, and video, and even a place to quilt and sew. We imagine our Maker Space as a place where the community can come together to imagine, design, and create in the 21st century! More information to come soon!
Message from the Library Board of Trustees President

In 2015 we continue to be a well-used resource in our community. Residents enter the library doors to avail themselves of the many educational services we provide, checking out materials and receiving help with online job applications. As a service institution, with a forward-thinking director and a dedicated staff we are able to provide community organizations with a place to gather, events and programming for all ages of our community, and a place to find needed information and help with a variety of services.

As a tax supported entity, we benefit from the consistent support we receive from our elected municipal officials, especially Supervisor Eric Gott and Council Member Angela Grouse. This support is essential to our success, especially at this exciting time of the Library Renovation and Expansion Project. In 2015 the project moved forward with Public Information meetings, to seek input from Town residents. Presentations from the Library Board, Building Committee and Passero Engineering took place on the Library Lawn in the fall. The Library Renovations/Expansion Fundraising Committee reached its goal in a very short time with support from Senator Cathy Young, Assemblyman Bill Nojay, and generous donations from residents of Livonia, and various boards.

As stewards of the library, the Library Board will continue to ensure the greatest possible value to the taxpayers of the town. Please feel free to contact us at any time, we welcome your input!

~Mae Sharman

2016 Summer Reading Program

“On Your Mark Get Set Read” is the theme for 2016’s Collaborative Summer Library Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program is a great way to motivate children to read and enables them to maintain their reading skills through the summer vacation. The program is open to all school age children. Registration begins June 27. “On Your Mark Get Set Read” begins July 5 and runs through August 6. The Library will offer Technology Tuesday’s, Make and Take Crafts on Wednesday’s, exciting performers, contests, incentives and an end of the Summer Reading Program Party on the library lawn! Information will be available on the Library’s web site, the Genesee Valley Penny Saver and at the Library. See you over the summer!

Summer Reading Program Special Events Schedule

**Summer Reading Program**

- **July 5-August 6**
- **Just Clowning Around!** Monday, July 11 at 10:30am
- **The Bubbleman!** Monday, July 18 at 10:30am
- **Magic Marlin!** Monday, July 25 at 10:30am
- **Tech Events!** Tuesdays in July
- **Make and take Crafts** Wednesdays in July
- **End of Summer Reading Program Party!**
  - Saturday, August 6 11:00am - 1:00pm

“One benefit of Summer was that each day we had more light to read by.” — Jeannette Walls
2015 in Numbers

Collection

- Adult Books 11,310
- Children's Books 8,653
- DVDs & Blu-rays 1,280
- Books on CD and Music CDs 1,761
- OWWL2Go (digital audio & eBooks) 346
- Other 1,419

Total 24,077

Total additions to collection 2,482

Circulation

- Print Collection 40,035
- DVD, Blu-ray, Books on CD, Periodical, Other 24,079
- OWWL2Go (digital audio & eBooks) 4,827
- Public Access Computers & FREE Wifi access 9,479

Total 78,420

Livonia Library Materials loaned to other member libraries 8,071
Materials borrowed from member libraries 9,313

Library Operations

- Open 6 days, 53 hours a week
- Patrons 3,748
- Library Website Visits 20,713
- Library Facility Visits 42,196

Total Operating Fund Receipts $248,614 (local funds, county and NYS grants, fines, donations)
Total Operating Fund Disbursements $248,614 (communications, Internet, materials, OWWL cataloging costs, print and non print media, programming, supplies, personnel, utilities, fund reserve)

Livonia Public Library Value to the Community

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Based on formula developed by the Massachusetts Library

Concept Rendering of Library Addition

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