

The Future is @ Your Library

Did you know? Facts About the Hillsdale Community Library

- The Library served as the headquarters for the county office of the Red Cross Society during World War I
- In cooperation with the American Library Association, the Mitchell Public Library sent 650 books and over 600 magazines to soldiers stationed at Fort Custer and overseas in 1918 and 1919.

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HCL Winter Newsletter

Director's Report

Highlights of 2005

New Clocks

The clocks have been installed in the clock tower and are functioning. Thanks once again to the generosity of former Library Board members Gene Herbener and Jim McCall.



Library Receives Award

The Library of Michigan recently awarded the Hillsdale Community Library a certificate of completion for meeting the Enhanced Level requirements of the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC). The HCL is only the fifth library in the state to achieve this level of QSAC certification. The library is also the first member from the Woodlands Library Cooperative (a consortium of 36 public

libraries in southern Michigan) to receive this designation.

New Reference Books

We've added over 500 books to our reference collection through donations from other libraries.

Library Card Numbers are Up!

In November we went over the 10,000 mark for active patrons in our system.

Increased Circulation

We had five consecutive months of 5,000 plus circulation (which has only happened two other times since 1990). As a result we ended the year with a 4% increase from the previous calendar year.

Library Services Year-End Statistics

Total Library Service Population: 10,198
Total Library Visits: 102,946
Total Library Circulation: 62,594
Number of Children's Programs: 155
Children's Program Attendance: 1,401
Public Access Computer Usage: 13, 973
Volumes Added: 3,755

Mark Maier, Library Director
February 3, 2006

Helping the Library

Michigan Tax Credit

The State of Michigan offers a tax credit for charitable gifts to Michigan public libraries. Michigan law permits individuals and businesses to reduce Michigan Income Tax or Michigan Single Business Tax by a credit of 50 percent of the amount contributed to the Hillsdale Community Library. The tax credits are subject to the following limitations:

Maximum of \$100 for an individual who is single or married and filing separately (based on a \$200 gift).

Maximum of \$200 for a married couple filing jointly (based on a \$400 gift).

The Michigan Tax Credit is in addition to the charitable contribution deduction for Federal income tax purposes. If you itemize your deductions, the entire donation can be deducted. For more information, consult your tax expert.

Volunteer Opportunities

While financial support is certainly welcome and appreciated, we also appreciate donations of time. For more information on ways you can support the Hillsdale Community Library by volunteering, please call 517.437.6470 or send us an email at info@hillsdale-library.org.



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We're on the Web!

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Library Hours:

Mon-Wed: 10am - 8pm
Thurs-Fri: 10am - 5pm
Sat: 9am-1pm

Groups that Used the HCL Meeting Rooms in 2004-2005

Domestic Harmony
Hillsdale County Art Guild
Hillsdale Community Schools
Hillsdale Community Theatre
Hillsdale Daily News
Hillsdale Garden Club
Hillsdale Habitat for Humanity
Hillsdale Women's Club
Rep. Joe Schwarz's Office
Will Carleton Academy

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