

The Future is @ Your Library

Did you know? Facts About the Hillsdale Community Library

- 1,032,063 books have been checked out of the library since 1990
- 7,531 children have participated in children's programs since 2000
- 11,386 books have been purchased since 2000
- Over 9,000 residents of Hillsdale (and surrounding townships) have library cards

Library Board of Trustees

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HCL 2004 Annual Report

Director's Report

2004 marked our first full year of residence in the new MacRitchie Library Building. As we further acclimate ourselves to the new building, we are constantly faced with opportunities that were never possible in our previous home. The expansion from the 5,365 square feet of the Mitchell Building to the 17,060 square feet of the new facility certainly provides us with ample room for growth in terms of our collections; however, the new space also provides us with the possibility of adding new services and programs that will hopefully help make a positive contribution to the Hillsdale community at large.

Highlights of 2004

Total library visits rose 28% from 2003.

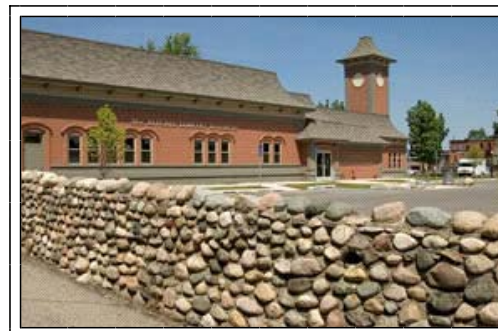
Circulation statistics are up approximately 11%.

The number of children participating in our children's programs is up 6%.

We added 11% more titles to our collection than in the previous year.

We were able to successfully reach an agreement to bring Cambria Township residents back into our service area.

We redesigned our library website (www.hillsdale-library.org), offering access to our card catalog online, information on programs and services, and added a monthly calendar for our children's



programs. Since launching the website we've received approximately 3,700 hits a month, a dramatic increase from the previous year (In 2003 the total number of hits for the year was 6,638).

The Mitchell Research Center moved to the second floor of the Mitchell Building (located at 22 North Manning Street) and now utilizes the old Children's Library as well as the Louise Hawkes Historical Room.

The library was the recipient of the generous donation of a collection of approximately 1,500 medical books and scientific resources.

Watch for our Summer Newsletter for further details on what to expect to see from the HCL in 2005.

2004 Library Statistics

Library Services Statistics

Total Library Service Population: 10,198 people
Total Library Visits: 41,197 (29,546 in '03)
Total Library Circulation: 60,793 (54,355 in '03)
Children's Program Attendance: 1,410 (1,330 in '03)
Public Access Computer Usage: 15,381 people
Reference Transactions: 12,480 (10,303 in '03)

Financial Statistics for Fiscal Year 2004

Total Library Revenue: \$248,808
Total Operating Expenditures: \$223,083

Collection Statistics

Total Library Collection: 37,959
Adult Fiction: 5,567
Adult Non-Fiction: 8,851
Children's Books: 9,331
Reference Books: 734
Young Adult Books: 2,455
Large Print Books: 1,117
Newspapers & Magazines: 55 Subscriptions
Audio Books: 1,387
Videos: 764

The Hillsdale Community Library is dedicated to providing access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational materials and services in a variety of formats and technologies and to providing receptive service to the public library needs of the community. Our doors are open to give responsive customer service, to provide programs for children and adults, to help navigate worlds of information and to assist in lifelong learning.



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Groups that Used the HCL Meeting Rooms in 2004

Domestic Harmony
Hillsdale Community Schools
Hillsdale Community Theatre
Hillsdale Co. Chamber of Commerce
Hillsdale Daily News
Hillsdale Garden Club
Hillsdale Habitat for Humanity
Hillsdale Women's Club
Rep. Joe Schwarz's Office
Will Carleton Academy

Is your group interested? Contact the Library @ 437-6470

Library Board of Trustees Report

2004 was indeed a busy and exciting year for the library.

In June, Sharron Kase officially retired from her position as the Assistant Director of the library, a position which she has held since 1990.

In July the Library Board of Trustees hired Mark Maier as the new Assistant Director with the intention of promoting him to the Director position effective January 1, 2005. Jacie Morris, who has served our community as Library Director since 1998, will continue working in the library as a Library Assistant.

Mark (a graduate of Hillsdale College) was born and raised in Michigan and moved back to Hillsdale from Charlotte, North Carolina, where he and his family lived

since 2000. Mark received his Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of South Carolina and has a professional background in both academic libraries and in school libraries. In addition to his responsibilities at the library, Mark is in charge of web development for the City of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities. We are very pleased to have Mark onboard, and we are looking forward to working with him in the future.

In 2004 we also saw the addition of two new board members, Sharen Mayers and Don Dunlop. Sharen, who replaced Susan Mitchell, was appointed by Mayor Ingles in January, while Don, who replaced Fran Tipton, was appointed to the board in July.

Jack Vettel, Board President

