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Green & Gold Craft Event



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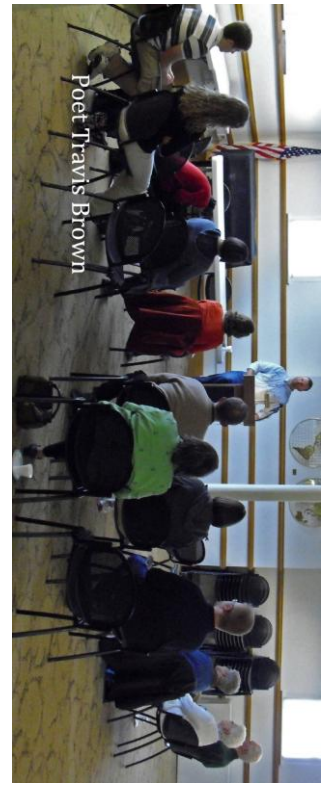
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T.B. Scott Free Library

Annual Report 2012



Poet Travis Brown



New AWE Early Literacy Stations



Read Across America Book Winner



New Range-end Shelving



School Class Visit

OUR COMMUNITY USES T.B. SCOTT FREE LIBRARY:

147,104 **library visits** were registered in 2012
(by the automatic counter installed at the security gate near the library's main entrance).

12,789 **attended library programs or classes**
held at the library or presented by staff members off library premises-
a modest increase from last year.

4,931 **used our meeting rooms**
for non-library programs or classes.

24 **exams were proctored**
by library staff for off-campus **university students**.

The library is now an **official Wisconsin Cooling Center/Shelter**
registered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services-Division of Public Health.

WE HAVE THE MATERIALS & RESOURCES PEOPLE NEED:

82,920 **print** items and
12,079 **nonprint** items
were **available for checkout** at the end of 2012.

5,074 **large-print** books
187 **Playaways**
1,650 **books on CD** and
789 **audio cassette** books

extend the joy of reading to **visually impaired** patrons, truck drivers, travelers, runners, and more.

21 **newspapers** and
136 general and special interest **magazines**
provide up-to-date local, regional, national and international **news and information**.

OUR MATERIALS ARE USED:

-**T.B. Scott Free Library's circulation is very solid** compared to Wisconsin peer libraries.

-In 2011 (the last year for which statewide data is available), T.B. Scott Free Library's **total circulation** was 264,544 items, over 9% higher than the 241,853 average for T.B. Scott and ten other Wisconsin libraries serving similar (9,138-11,247) municipal populations. The 2011 **Youth Services** circulation of 110,019 was more than 17% higher than the 93,528 average for those similarly-sized libraries.

-Comparing our circulation by **Total Service Population**, a number developed by the state that **includes County and City residents**, our 2011 circulation of 264,544 (to a Total Service Population of 21,307) exceeds by 8% the 244,458 average for T.B. Scott and ten other libraries with similar (20,405 – 23,358) Total Service Populations.

-**Circulation per capita** for our Total Service Population was 12.4 items in 2011, 9.7% higher than the statewide average of 11.3.

WE'RE HERE 7 DAYS A WEEK FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

-**Sunday library service** from Labor Day to Memorial Day, resumed in September 2009 for the first time in decades, continued to be an important public service. Patron traffic and circulation reaffirm the value of providing the community with library access seven days a week.

-**Computer users** especially appreciate the opportunity to use technology on Sundays. Seven **Words Worth Hearing series programs** were scheduled on Sunday afternoons in 2012.

TECHNOLOGY EXPANDS OUR WORLD:

Public Internet and PC Access:

-Internet access at the library exceeded expectations in 1998 with the installation of a **T-1 line**, and did so again in 2009 when a **second T-1 line** was added to meet heavy Internet demand. As a result, 21 public access PCs in the library have Internet access.

-Our **wireless** capability, in place since February 2007, was enhanced by a major upgrade in December, funded by an LSTA grant secured by WVLS (Wisconsin Valley Library Service) providing Internet access to almost anyone who brings a laptop PC, smart phone or other portable device to the library. Our wireless network generated an average of **28 new users monthly**.

-The library's **hard-wired public access computers** provide secure access to the Internet and other applications critical to the educational, practical, and entertainment goals of our patrons.

-An **additional public PC** provides word processing and other applications software for resumes and other offline projects.

-In place since 2010, **PC Cop computer timing software** provides a no-hassle experience for patrons, including an automated waiting list and self-service registration, and optimizes staff efficiency.

-**Use statistics for hard-wired public computers (in hours)**; note that 2011 was the first full year in which numbers were PC Cop-generated (earlier statistics compiled manually), more accurately reflecting patron use.

	Adult Public PCs	Youth Services PCs	All Library PCs
2010	15,085.75	3,932.0	19,480.75
2011	13,870.0	4,094.75	18,439.5
2012	14,073.0	3,754.95	18,162.7

Digital Microform Reading Technology:

-In the local history & genealogy room, microfilm and microfiche users employ the library's state-of-the-art **Scan Pro 2000 microform scanner**, deployed in mid-2011, to capture images digitally or on paper, with easy-to-use cropping, brightness adjustment, and other controls. 334.75 **hours** were logged on microfilm readers, including the Scan Pro unit, in 2012.

Online Information via BadgerLink:

-**BadgerLink**, a huge information database available via the Internet from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, continues to provide access to thousands of full-text periodicals and many other resources.

eContent—Becoming a Mainstream Service:

-53,364 **ebooks**, 9,650 **digital audio books**, and 319 **downloadable videos**, made available by the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium-Digital Download Center, an online service provided through WVLS (Wisconsin Valley Library Service), can be selected from and downloaded by our patrons to their personal computers and an ever expanding array of portable devices. Merrill patrons **downloaded** 3,141 eBooks, 1,961 eAudiobooks and 15 eVideos from the download center.

-In November, the library contracted with **OneClick Digital** to make over 4,000 audiobooks available for free through T.B. Scott Free Library's website. Interested patrons, directed to One Click Digital's website, can download and check out audiobooks to their computer and thence to their MP3 device, iPod, iPhone, iTouch, or iPad. Library patrons **downloaded** 64 eAudiobooks from this new service.

The Library's Online Presence:

-The library's **web page**, located at www.tbscottlibrary.org, continues to be an attractive and useful tool for library users, maintained and regularly updated by Webmaster Donna Hertel. In 2011, Simmons College students asked to use our website as a target for a website updating exercise; the new website unveiled in late 2012 has a fresh look and enhanced functionality that brings the library firmly into the 21st century.

-In October 2012, T.B. Scott Free Library's page was established on **Facebook**. Facebook provides an important way for the library not only to promote its programs and services, but to interact with library supporters who, in turn, get to express their appreciation for us being an important part of their lives.

-In September 2012, the library became a **geocaching** site, making it a destination for still more patrons using the Internet.

Computer Coaching & eBook Coaching:

-To complement the countless ad hoc patron-staff interactions involving the use of computers and other related devices, T.B. Scott Free Library's technology-based training continued to satisfy a critical community need for free and unbiased technology assistance.

-87 individuals received a total of 112 **individualized hands-on training sessions** in basic computer and Internet skills in 2012 through the library's **Computer Coaching** workshops. Sessions were offered three days each month, including evening sessions. A monthly door prize (a 4 GB flash drive) is made possible by a community partnership with the Friends and Merrill Radio Shack.

-Computer Coachees provided feedback through **exit surveys**, responding as follows:

-To statements asking for a **satisfaction rating on a 1-5 scale** (from 1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree), the average responses were:

<i>-I learned something today:</i>	4.85
<i>-Today's session was worth the trip:</i>	4.89
<i>-I will be able to use what I learned:</i>	4.74
<i>-I plan to return for another session:</i>	4.40
<i>-I would recommend Computer Coaching to others:</i>	4.92

-To questions inviting a **written response**: "The strengths of this session was..." "My computer coaching experience could be improved by..." and "Tell us how you'll use what you learned from today's experience..." the following responses were representative:

- "very good educator—very friendly, a very good person to help me with my computer skills"**
- "explains things in a simple way"**
- "at a slower pace—is easier to follow"**
- "learning to send out my resume and cover letter through gmail"**
- "questions were answered in terms I could understand"**
- "great aptitude; comprehensive and constructive"**

-**eBook Coaching** was an exciting addition to the adult programming lineup in January 2012, and is now offered afternoons and evenings on two Thursdays each month. eBook Coaching addresses the rapidly growing number of patrons with units such as Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and other devices through which electronic books, audiobooks, videos, and music can be enjoyed. 119 individuals attended eBook Coaching sessions during 2012.

-The addition in late 2012 of the OneClick Digital service, which offered patrons access to more eAudiobooks from the library, prompted still greater demand for eBook-style coaching and instruction.

THE LIBRARY SURVIVES & THRIVES:

The Sprinkler Incident:

-On January 20, 2012, following (and perhaps triggered by) the season's coldest weather, a sprinkler burst in the atrium on the library's lower level, across from the circulation desk. Fortunately, the event occurred in mid-afternoon, and staff calmly and efficiently shut off the water supply, secured help, and minimized the damage. Not a single item from the collection was lost in the incident, and the atrium area has since been fully repaired, in no small part due to library staff's quick response.

The Library Turns Green with Energy Efficiency:

-A major upgrade to the library's HVAC system was implemented in 2011, funded by the city and the library's endowment fund, coordinated by Maintenance Supervisor Mike Schroeder. In 2012, the first full calendar year following the project, energy savings realized by the upgrade and other improvements (including the installation of UV-reflective window film on exterior windows) were impressive.

-Comparing 2012 to 2011, electrical usage declined by 17%, and natural gas usage declined by 11.5%. The reduction in energy usage resulted in a cost savings of \$8,081.22, meeting the target range of \$8,000-\$9000 in estimated savings when the project was proposed.

-Even in July, which was unusually hot in 2012, electrical usage declined from the previous year. Only in August was the energy savings not as dramatic.

Upgrading Furnishings for a New Century:

-It may seem like only yesterday, but a full eleven years have passed since the Ronald and Ellen Nicklaus & Family Wing opened in 2001. Some library furnishings, in many cases purchased for the 1969 addition, have been showing their age and/or reduced functionality in a modern setting.

-The Youth Services Department took the opportunity of a \$10,000 grant from the Mead-Witter Foundation to upgrade its furnishings. Outdated tables and chairs heavily used by their patrons were replaced. New chairs provided a more welcoming setting, important to making youth comfortable with using the library. The new tables feature rounded corners, adding an important level of safety to a space where our youngest patrons (and their guardians) should feel safe.

-In the Adult Department, a strategic process was begun to optimize furnishings for the Adult Department and adult collections. After intensive furnishings research, the library began a relationship with Aaron Scarce at A&R Furniture of Gleason, who has worked closely with library staff's custom designs to produce furniture suited to the library's needs, of outstanding quality, and at a cost less than commercially-produced items of lower quality.

-The Friends funded a prototype of A&R Furniture's first custom design, a range-end shelf for the third floor to be used for new book display. The library's endowment fund later allocated funding for nine more range-end shelves and subsequent stages of a plan to renew more adult department furnishings. Steps in that process completed in 2012 included:

- *Ten units of range-end shelving to accommodate relocating the library's new fiction and nonfiction books from the second floor.
- *Five CD cabinets, replacing worn out units, designed to accommodate either CDs or DVDs, providing superior access to items shelved in them.
- *Two public computer workstations, replacing less space-efficient equipment and facilitating use of the new range-end shelving. Data cabling was also upgraded in the process.
- *Removal of two of the library's three reference materials cabinets (the fourth, decommissioned in 2011, was repurposed by the Youth Services Department).

The Youth Services Department 2012

PROMOTING LITERACY AND LEARNING:

For Families:

-6 **Family Programs** were presented for children and families after school, in the evening or on weekends. Programs included storytellers, a ventriloquist, and a Wii gaming event.

-**Do-It-Yourself opportunities** were offered for children and families to participate at their convenience any time during the day or days of the programs. Youth services staff provided the directions and/or needed materials for the following:

- Bucks Reading Challenge for grades 3 to 10 during January and February with 22 participating
- Read Across America celebration on a weekend in March with 46 family members participating
- Crazy Craft Cleanup during school spring break week in March with 173 participating
- Funky Ice Cream flavor suggestion contest in August with 137 participating
- Guessing Jar each month from August through December with a total of 1161 participating
- Green and Gold Crafts on a weekend in December with 81 participating

- **Rodeo Queens and candidates** promoted the Summer Library Program by reading to children during summer kickoff week. 80 attended this event. Immediately following, a **Horse Safety Demonstration** was presented by Esther Trostle on the the library lawn with 85 attending.

-6 **Special Summer Library Programs** were presented in the Prairie River Middle School auditorium, including musicians, magicians, and live animals. Average attendance was 400.

For Preschoolers:

-Eight **parents of newborns** received a free board book. Packets are given to both Wausau area hospitals for distribution to newborn Lincoln County residents.

-From March through April and from September through November, **Two-by-Twos** programs for two year olds and their caregivers were presented by library staff. Each program included stories, fingerplays, and songs, with an average attendance of 17 per week.

-From March through April and from September through November, **One-by-Ones** programs for one year olds and their caregivers were presented by library staff. Each program included stories, fingerplays, and songs, with an average attendance of 11 per week.

-**Preschool Storytime** programs were offered weekly for three, four, and five year olds from September through April. A **monthly calendar** announced themes and activities. To include younger siblings and adults, this program is open to all ages. Average attendance was 29 per session.

-A **Preschool Peanut Butter Picnic** was held in June for 105 registered guests featuring songs, rhymes, movement activities, and sack lunches packed by teen volunteers.

-The Youth Services Department now has four **AWE Early Literacy Stations**, complete with colorful keyboard, mouse and touch screen capabilities, designed to be used by children age 2 to 10. Each user-friendly computer contains more than 60 educational software programs with a focus on emerging literacy skills, early mathematics, and problem solving.

-Youth services staff participated in two **programs outside of the library**: Washington Elementary School Lighted Schoolhouse and the annual Children's Festival at the Smith Center.

For Elementary Grades:

-The Milwaukee Bucks **Reading Challenge** program was again offered to students in grades 3-10 in January and February. 22 youth participated with 10 students reading 500 or more pages to earn tickets to a Bucks game.

-Youth Services staff **promoted the Summer Library Program** in 22 presentations during May and June to 1441 students and teachers in three parochial schools and all Merrill public elementary schools.

-414 children from preschool through grade 5 participated in the **Summer Library Reading Program**, "Dream Big-Read!" They recorded the number of minutes they read or were read to and spun the wheel for a prize. Decorations on the theme were provided by the **Prairie River Middle School art classes**.

-The **"Read to a Dog" program** gave children a chance to practice their reading skills by reading to "Ripper," a trained Therapy Dog, on six Monday mornings during the summer months. Total participation was 131. "Ripper," owned by Cindy and Dennis Timm, is a certified member of Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin.

-During June and July, 6 **"Lunch Bunch"** sessions offered stories, activities and crafts highlighting the theme "Dream Big, Read!" for children entering 3th, 4th or 5th grade, with total attendance of 131. A special guest from Council Grounds State Park presented a program on nocturnal Wisconsin animals.

-All Merrill **1st grade students** and teachers visited the library for a puppet show, brief tour of the library and a program on book care and how to choose books. Each received a book bag filled with brochures and activities to take home. Materials were provided by the Friends of the Library.

-All Merrill **3rd grade students** and teachers visited the library and enjoyed a presentation on using the library, a tour, time to browse and check out materials and a book bag filled with brochures and activities to take home. Bussing and materials were provided by the Friends of the Library.

-Twins in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades enjoyed a **scavenger hunt** to discover "Who Stole the Cheesehead?" as part of the Green and Gold Celebration in December. Green and gold book characters were portrayed by teen volunteers.

For Middle and High School Students:

-Four **special events** for teens were held during the school year: a Wii gaming session, Hunger Games Movie Pre-party, Duct Tape Creations, and an evening event where they read bedtime stories to children.

-Two **special summer programs** were held, including a murder mystery event and an after-hours Ghost Stories celebration with storytelling by guest Scott Mackin, and attending teens.

-**"Own the Night"** was the theme for the **teen summer reading program** for grades 6-12. 65 youth participated by reading three or more books in various genres to qualify for prizes.

PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS:

-87 **Teacher Book Boxes** were packed (2,069 items), some on specific themes, others for general reading. The boxes are used by teachers and children in day-cares, elementary, middle and high school classrooms.

-Also available are 16 **Story Boxes**, pre-packaged with books, puppets, puzzles, CDs and activities, all designed to help teachers and day care providers develop **reading readiness** in children at preschool and primary levels.

-209 groups of children and young adults--preschool, elementary school, middle school, and high school **classes and Scout troops**--visited the Youth Services Department for orientation, storytelling, instruction and/or materials checkout. Some came on a monthly basis.

-Monthly drawings were held to choose a **Youth Reader of the Month**, who received a new book as a prize. Also, one person was randomly selected as the **New Youth Library Card Holder** of the month and received a "**Rediscover T. B. Scott Library**" tee shirt. Photos of the winners were submitted to the Foto News and Merrill Courier.

YOUTH SERVICES WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY—TOGETHER CARING FOR OUR YOUTH:

-**25 businesses and community organizations** supported the Youth Services Department's **Summer Library Program** (For a complete listing, see **Page 13**).

-Youth services staff participated in two **programs outside of the library**:

- * Washington Elementary School Lighted Schoolhouse
- * The annual Children's Festival at the Smith Center.

-Youth Services Department Head Linda Schuster promoted Youth Services activities:

- * Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) new teacher orientation
- * As a speaker at meetings of the local Optimists, Rotary, and Lions groups.

THE LIBRARY AS A VENUE FOR COMMUNITY SHARING:

-The library served as a venue for several community-based organizations and initiatives to highlight their achievements and efforts during the year:

- * Prairie River Middle School students' entries in the National History Day competition were exhibited on the second floor.
- * An exhibition showcasing the long history of HCE-The Lincoln County Association for Home and Community Education (part of the UW-Extension, which celebrated its centennial in 2012) was displayed on the third floor.
- * A large quilt provided the visual focus for a display commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Holy Cross Sisters service in America, shown on the third floor.
- * After its exhibition at the Lincoln County Fair, the library exhibited a history of the Astrid Wegner Century Farm, sponsored by the Century Farm Recognition Program and the Merrill Historical Society.
- * An annual display highlighting Domestic Violence Awareness Month is exhibited by Haven.

WE COOPERATE:

-1998 marked the first step toward a **shared automated information system** in the seven-county Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) area when Medford Public Library's holdings were combined with those in T.B. Scott Free Library's Dynix computer database. Today, our holdings and those of 23 other WVLS libraries are accessible through the **V-Cat library catalog**. The **V-Cat Council**, which includes two T.B. Scott Free Library representatives, directs the shared system's activities. Our library had 56,382 **V-Cat transactions** in 2012.

-In 2012, the V-Cat Council agreed to change its ILS (integrated library system) software, which manages the system's collections, circulation, patron database, and library catalog. Horizon, a product of SirsiDynix, V-Cat's library software vendor since its inception in 1998, is being replaced by Sierra, a product of Innovative Interfaces. This momentous migration is scheduled for January 2013.

-The library Director serves as a member of the **Library Advisory Committee**, which provides input to the Board of the **Wisconsin Valley Library Service**. The director also serves as chair of the V-Cat **Bibliographic** Committee as well as the chair of the **Interface Committee** for the Sierra Migration.

-Our Computer System Technician/Circulation Coordinator is a member of the V-Cat **Network** Committee, V-Cat **Next Generation Migration** Committee, V-Cat **Cooperative Circulation** Committee as well as on the **Training Committee** for the Sierra Migration.

-In conjunction with the **Merrill Senior Center**, the "**Caring Corner**" has been established in the library since 2005 to provide information on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, as well as to offer helpful materials for caregivers. A bibliography of this collection's materials is available.

-In 2003 the library joined the **Central Wisconsin Digital Project** (CWDP) with other Lincoln and Marathon County institutions, with the objectives of increasing Internet access to local history material and the preservation of original documents and artifacts.

*CWDP received a 2005 LSTA grant to digitize local history materials relating to schools/education and libraries. Its digitization of 500+ area railroad history photos, compiled in 2008-09, is part of the Wisconsin Historical Society's digital collections. CWDP participated from 2009 to 2011 in a History of Rib Lake project eventually published by another group.

*The library is now pursuing digitization initiatives, assisted by library volunteers, that will likely result in CWDP projects. Early plat books, city directories, and historic photos have been processed or are being considered for processing with the ultimate goal of availability through the Internet.

WE COMMUNICATE:

-**Articles, press releases, and memorial book lists** appear in the *Merrill Foto News*, *Merrill Courier*, and *Tomahawk Leader* local newspapers.

-Library staff contribute **feature articles** to the *Wausau Daily Herald's* weekly "Merrill Focus" section every six weeks and submit items regularly to its Community Calendar. News items submitted to the "Merrill Focus" occasionally appear in the *Daily Herald* in print and online.

-Library staff are regular **radio guests** (2nd and 4th Fridays) on WJMT-AM's "**Our Town**" program.

-Library Board meetings, some story hour programs, and special programs are taped for **MP3**.

-Library staff write monthly columns promoting the library and large print books in the **Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center Newsletter**.

-During **WSAW-TV Channel 7's Your Town series** focus on Merrill from December 3-7, a Tuesday segment highlighted the Youth Services Department's Aaron Rodgers Day celebration, and Thursday's news featured the library: the 5:00 news anchors Jeff Thelen and Amy Pflugshaupt were live on location in the Carnegie Room, and library-based segments aired on the 5:00, 6:00, and 10:00 local Channel 7 news programs.

The Adult Department 2012

WORDS WORTH HEARING--ENRICHING THE COMMUNITY:

-The **Words Worth Hearing** (WWH) series provides quality adult programming by featuring authors and presenters, mostly local and regional, who share experiences, perspectives, and information not otherwise available to the community. This year's programs included:

***Bob Gruling** of Merrill, discussing the innovative historical and ecological exploration he co-authored, *The Headwaters: Rural Culture, Small Watershed Values, and Conservation*.

*Poet and UWMC instructor **Travis Brown** reading his work for National Poetry Month in April.

***Charles Schoenfeld** of Wausau, presenting hilarious and touching anecdotes from his book, *A Funny Thing Happened on My Way to the Dementia Ward: Memoir of A Male CNA*.

*Storyteller and musician **Bill Jamerson** of Escanaba, entertaining at the Friends' Annual Meeting with his dramatic presentation of the Civilian Conservation Corps experience.

*Writer **Yvonne Madden** of Schofield, sharing her historical novel *Emelia*, based on the life of her German immigrant great-grandmother.

*Memoirist and Christian fiction novelist **Arlo Janssen** of Phoenix, AZ, whose father served as a pastor in rural Merrill, sharing his work and local memories.

***Game On!** board games event, co-sponsored with the Central Wisconsin Gaming Enthusiasts.

*Author and paranormal researcher **Chad Lewis** of Eau Claire, presenting "Wisconsin's Most Haunted Locations."

***Jane Deau** of Merrill, hosting "My Life's Journey," a workshop on capturing family memories.

*Mystery author **Victoria Houston** of Plum Lake, presenting "The 3 Life Mistakes I've Made that Force Me to Write Fishing Mysteries."

*Wisconsin Poet Laureate **Bruce Dethlefsen** of Westfield, presenting a poetry writing workshop on Saturday and reading his own work on Sunday.

***New Game, New Year** board games event, co-sponsored with the Central Wisconsin Gaming Enthusiasts.

-2012 Words Worth Hearing program **attendance** totaled 414, an average of 35 per program.

-**Community sponsorships** with First Street Coffee Station, The Checkered Churn, and Half Baked Bakery at Ballyhoos provided Words Worth Hearing program refreshments.

-In June, the library began an innovative enterprise with **Christine Vorpapel** of Dynamo! Creative Marketing & Media of Merrill to sustain and develop library programming, especially adult programming, in an era of limited resources. Vorpapel has been retained as an independent contractor, supported by the library's Endowment Fund, to co-produce selected Words Worth Hearing programs with the library's assistant director, the series' principal impresario.

-Already, besides facilitating the continued production of the Words Worth Hearing series, Vorpapel has been instrumental in producing WWH **multi-generational programming**, as demonstrated by the August and December board game events co-sponsored by the Central Wisconsin Gaming Enthusiasts.

ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS— **ACTIVELY PROMOTING READING BY ADULTS:**

-The theme for the 11th annual **Winter Read-In for Adults** was “Reading In a Winter Wonderland.”

-**Winter Read-In statistics** show successful trends for entrants, new entrants, and number of entries:

Year	Total/New Readers	Total Entries/Books Read	Prize Winners
2010	61/--	135/675	38
2011	97/20	311/1555	42
2012	127/41	400/2000	26

-The 7th annual **Lincoln County Reads / Adult Summer Library Program**, run in conjunction with the **Tomahawk Public Library**, was themed “Between The Covers.”

-**Lincoln County Reads** (Adult Summer Library Program) **statistics** demonstrate successful trends for entrants, new entrants, and number of entries:

Year	Total/New Readers	Total Entries/Books Read	Prize Winners
2010	105/44	368/1965	49
2011	119/39	343/1705	45
2012	158/46	462/2310	38

-The 2012 Winter Read-In awarded 26 prizes with over \$300 in retail value, and 38 prizes were awarded in the 2012 Lincoln County Reads contest valued at over \$600. Besides Chamber of Commerce gift certificates provided by the **Friends of T.B. Scott Library**, prizes were donated to both contests by **Hardee’s Restaurant, Hugo’s Pizza, Culver’s Restaurant, and Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe.**

-New sponsors for the 2012 Lincoln County Reads were **Johnson Gifts & Home Décor, Family Chiropractic Clinic, and Merrill Hometown Pharmacy.** In keeping with the “Between the Covers” theme, the summer grand prize was a pair of quilts, one handmade by Sandy Lussenhop, the library’s Outreach Coordinator, and the other by Marie “Pinky” (Schotz) Kocoshis of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Merrill native and an Our Lady of the Holy Cross High School alumnus.

-The 2012 **Lincoln County Reads grand prize was drawn live on the radio** during an Our Town program on WJMT-AM 730, a successful innovation we plan to continue in the future.

MORE ADULT DEPARTMENT READING INITIATIVES:

-Audio books and large print books were delivered by the Outreach Department to **Bell Tower Residence** for their monthly book club meetings.

-A library staff member provides information to the **Cover to Cover book discussion group** to enhance the study experience and appreciation of their monthly book selections.

-The library director presented a program on **eBooks** to members of a Red Hat group in January and the Merrill Noon Optimists in August.

WE REACH OUT:

-The library's **Outreach Department** delivered materials to 61 homebound, handicapped, and senior citizens.

-5,688 items such as **large print books** were delivered by the Outreach Department. 2,750 of these items went to residents of the various institutions listed below, while the remainder went to individual homes.

-**Visits were made** by staff or volunteers to Pine Crest Nursing Home, Bell Tower, Gleason Villa, Park Place, Jenny Towers, Woodland Court (both houses), and individual homes.

-125 items were **delivered to homebound, handicapped, and senior citizens** living outside the Merrill city limits.

-Extra copies of donated paperback books and current, popular magazines were forwarded monthly to the **Lincoln County Jail**.

-In October, for the third consecutive year, the library sponsored a booth at **WJMT's Mature Adult Expo**, held at the Smith Center, bringing awareness of library services and collections to an estimated **400-500 attendees**. The library's exhibit featured Outreach services, as well as volunteer and Friends membership opportunities. Endowment Fund support enables the library to participate in the Mature Adult Expo on an ongoing basis.

WE GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY:

-**National Library Week** in April is an opportunity to celebrate libraries and thank the community for its support. **Refreshments**, including coffee provided by First Street Coffee Station, were available in the lobby all week.

-The **Food for Fines Program**, a National Library Week tradition at T.B. Scott Free Library for a 13th consecutive year, was again a success. Food for Fines forgives fines of library patrons who donate food items. A pickup truck filled with donated food was delivered to the Community Food Pantry. Fines waived in this program have totaled:

2012	\$418.94	2007	\$611.83	2002	\$509.40
2011	\$394.56	2006	\$339.78	2001	\$162.80
2010	\$798.96	2005	\$341.86	2000	\$181.38
2009	\$249.65	2004	\$389.37		
2008	\$472.64	2003	\$271.89		

-**Library staff give back** through **Casual Friday** donations. Since 2004, Casual Friday donations have generated **\$6,986** for community organizations. 2012 donations totaling **\$914** were distributed among charitable organizations including:

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| -Ronald McDonald House | -American Red Cross |
| -Lincoln County Humane Society | -HAVEN |
| -Help Center (St. Vincent de Paul) | -After the Bell |
| -Muscular Dystrophy Association | -Merrill Chamber of Commerce Hanging Baskets |
| -St. Vincent de Paul (Community Food Pantry) | -Relay for Life |

-The Library again participated in the community-wide **Ultimate Scarecrow Contest** (in 2012, a Andrew Carnegie scarecrow hosting a storytime) and the **O'Tannenbaum Tour** of decorated trees, wreaths, and other holiday decorations, both of which generated funds for worthy community causes.

GRANTS EXPAND OUR PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES:

Beyond Books: Community ArtShare Program:

A \$10,000 grant from the Mead Witter Foundation received in 2006 enabled the library to initiate the **Beyond Books: Community ArtShare** program. The grant funded display cases, easels and other items used since then to display the work of local artists in this series. An ArtShare Committee selects artists and plans the exhibits.

2012's Beyond Books: Community ArtShare exhibitions included:

- *Windows into Gaza – Photography by Skip Shiel was featured in January and February.
- *High School Senior Art was featured in March.
- *Woodburnings by Dale Belfiori were displayed in May and June.
- *Paintings by artists Ann (Vonderheid) Ruder & Susan (Nelson) Van Sleet, featured in June & July.
- *Artwork by Michael Kirkpatrick was on display in September and October.
- *Western & Sports Figurines in bronze & pewter on loan from a local collector were on display through the rest of the year.

It is the library's intent to continue this popular program, which gives the many artists and collectors in our area a venue for displaying their works to their community.

Midwest Art Conservation Center Mentoring Followup / Preservation Initiatives:

-A mentorship awarded in 2010 by the Midwest Art Conservation Center (MACC), supported by the NEH, permitted a MACC consultant to survey the library to review environmental and item-specific preservation needs, discuss our disaster plan, and advise about preservation-related grant opportunities.

-Although 2011 grant applications were unsuccessful in a difficult fiscal environment, the effort has still been fruitful. Endowment Fund monies appropriated in December 2011 were allocated to three projects implemented during 2012 designed to control harmful ultraviolet light:

- *3M VS70 window film was professionally installed on all exterior windows.
- *Plastic UV sleeves were installed on all fluorescent light tubes.
- *The library's valuable antique map collection and all other library framed/glassed artwork was professionally reframed behind UV-reflective conservation glass.

-Another preservation-related initiative, the rebinding of 68 Local History & Genealogy Room items by Grimm Bindery in Madison, was funded by the library's state aids fund. These local history items are in most cases held only by our library, in fragile condition, and/or difficult to find and care for properly. The rebinding strategy, modeled after that of research libraries, notably Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, IN, has been well received.

Walmart Literacy Grant

-A Walmart Literacy Grant was used to add 77 teacher-recommended books for beginning readers and 32 new and updated editions of the popular Eyewitness nonfiction books to the children's collections.

Mead Witter Grant

-This year, we were fortunate enough to be among 78 public libraries in central and northern Wisconsin to again receive a grant from the Mead Witter Foundation. The library was the recipient of \$10,000, which was used for furnishings for the Youth Services Department, replacing tables and chairs heavily used and greatly in need of updating.

OUR COMMUNITY CARES ABOUT ITS LIBRARY:

-Through the library's **Gifts and Memorials** program, 453 books, 59 audio books, 22 videos/DVDs, 2 CDs/CD-ROMs, 1 license for the performance rights for a licensed movie, and 1 fine payment resolution for a youth were donated to the library by individuals and groups.

-146 **Endowment Fund** donations were received. These gifts from individuals and groups honor or memorialize relatives, friends, associates, or personal celebrations.

-Both the **Merrill Courier** and the **Merrill Foto News** generously publish donations to the library.

-A combined 64 entrants to **adult reading** contests won prizes totaling \$950 in retail value. Sponsors included:

Friends of T.B. Scott Library
Hardee's Restaurant
Hugo's Pizza
Culver's Restaurant
Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe

Johnson Gifts & Home Décor
Family Chiropractic Clinic
Merrill Hometown Pharmacy
Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes
Cost Cutters

-Community sponsorships with **First Street Coffee Station, The Checkered Churn, Half Baked Bakery at Ballyhoos, and the Central Wisconsin Gaming Enthusiasts** provided **Words Worth Hearing** programming assistance and refreshments.

-The monthly **Computer Coaching** door prize (a 4 GB flash drive) is made possible by the **Friends of T.B. Scott Library and Merrill Radio Shack**.

-Texas resident and genealogist **Gordon Stevenson**, who has ancestry in Lincoln County, donated \$500 to obtain historical Merrill High School KEMOs and area directories for the collection.

-Area genealogists, coordinated by the **North Pines Genealogy Group**, continued with their donations to build the library's collection of the immigration series *Germans to America*.

THE LIBRARY EXTENDS A BIG "THANK YOU" to Merrill area sponsors for supporting T. B. Scott Free Library's 2012 Summer Library Programs for children and teens.

Prizes and Materials

Book World
Briq's Soft Serve
Chip's Restaurant
Cosmo Theatre
Culver's
Cup-N-Cone
Dairy Queen

Dave's County Market
Friends of T.B. Scott Library
Gruett's Appliance Center
Hardee's Restaurant
Hugo's Pizza
KFC/Taco Bell

Lincoln Lanes
McDonald's Restaurant
Pizza Hut
Salvo's Pizzeria
Subway Sandwiches & Salads
Wisconsin Woodchucks

Special Summer Programs

Friends of T. B. Scott Library
Merrill Noon Optimists
Park City Credit Union

River Valley Bank
T.B. Scott Free Library Board
Waves Full Service Hair Salon

Wisconsin Valley Library Service

THE FRIENDS OF T.B. SCOTT LIBRARY— OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS:

-The Friends of the Library again donated generously to the library, providing:

- * Book bags and funding for winter and summer adult reading program prizes.
- * Prizes for the Words Worth Hearing series “Games On!” gaming programs.
- * A camcorder for use in the youth services department.
- * The first of ten range-end shelves deployed on the library’s third floor.
- * New presentation easels for the Community Room.
- * Sponsorship for the library’s participation in the Ultimate Scarecrow Contest and the library’s O’Tannenbaum Tour entry.

-Bill Jamerson used slides, videos, and original music to tell the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps for the Friends of the Library’s annual meeting April 30th.

-For the seventh year the Friends provided funding for Youth Services Department programs including Family Storytimes, Preschool Storytimes, the Summer Library Program and bussing third grade classes to the library.

-The Friends continue to provide computer discs, USB drives and ear buds (headphones) at the both Reference Desks for patrons to purchase for use with library computers.

-The Friends continued to perform an important service to the library and the community by holding three book sales in 2012 to recycle donations and materials removed from the library’s collection, raising funds in the process--the Spring Fling (April), Crazy Daze (August), and annual (October) book sales.

-The library observed the seventh annual **National Friends of Libraries Week** by hosting an appreciation reception for our Friends group preceding the annual Friends book sale in October.

-Friends Board members include:

- Laurie Cottrell, President
- Denise Latzig, Vice President

- Judy Weaver, Treasurer
- Carolyn Cohrs, Secretary

-The five board members are:

- Lori Malm-Anderson
- Marie Marrier
- Mike Weckwerth

- Judy Frymark
- Gloria Ziolkowski

-Newsletter duties are shared by Kathy Colclasure, Laurie Cottrell (Newsletter Editor and Compiler), Judy Weaver & Stacy Stevens. Lori Malm-Anderson and Judy Frymark are Book Sale Co-Chairs, Denise Latzig is Membership Chair, and Marie Marrier is Publicity Chair. Stacy Stevens continues as the library representative to the board.

OUR VOLUNTEERS: WHAT A WONDERFUL GROUP!:

Our volunteers gave over **1,347 hours of their time** to help keep the library running smoothly, allowing us to provide special programs for children and take the library to people who can't come to us. **Library Volunteers** serving adults were honored at a **recognition reception** in December, serenaded by piano student Max Moore. Youth volunteers' efforts are recognized with a pizza party at the end of the summer.

We thank the following people for generously contributing their time:

Adult Department

(567 hours, including Adopt-A-Shelf volunteers and Beyond Books)

- Mary Lagerbloom updated the library's obituary index, used extensively by genealogists.
- Jerri Geiger helped with materials processing and other projects in the office.
- Phyllis Bauman cleaned discs.
- Terri Eirich worked on our scrapbook.
- Tanner Finnell, serving through an arrangement with Merrill High School, adopted a shelf, cleaned CD audio books, and proofread retyped historical works.
- Samantha Jourdan, a Wisconsin Works employee gaining experience while serving the library in a volunteer capacity, provided substantial assistance in weeding and shifting of the adult department collection and scanning materials to forward the library's digitization initiatives.
- Tanya Sliwinski, in addition to her Adopt-A-Shelf duties, agreed to help manage our botanical assemblage, and has wonderfully pruned, thinned, repotted, and generally infused our plants with TLC!
- Kristen Zastrow, a library science student now employed by Marathon County Public Library, was instrumental in the launch of the library's Facebook page in 2012, and has offered to assist us with our patron technology training.
- Jay Stapleton (Sept.) and Matthew Krueger, Local Engagement Officer with Frontier Communications (from Oct.) assisted Assistant Director Don Litzer in helping Computer Coaching session attendees. Matt, in particular, has made it possible to provide our Computer Coachees with quality experiences.

-Adopt a Shelf Volunteers:

Volunteers check one or more sections of fiction or nonfiction books to make sure that books stay in the correct order, dust the shelves, and straighten the books. This service helps both staff and patrons locate books more easily. 2012 volunteers included:

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|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| -Susan Bauer | -Janice Hornung | -Allen Schattschneider |
| -Judith Boldt | -Diane Kienbaum | -Marilyn Schenzel |
| -Kelley Brand | -Lynn Muhvich | -Tanya Sliwinski |
| -Carolyn Byer | -Riley Olson-Sliwinski | -Louise Wix |
| -Mary Ann Coder | -Jesse Pearce | -Brenda Ziemke |
| -Brenda Gremler | -Mary Preston | |
| -Collin Harder | -Sarah Ritter | |
| -Jim Hornung | -Gail Scantlin | |

-Beyond Books: Community ArtShare Committee (Standing Committee):

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|---------------------|----------------|
| -JoAnn Opsahl | -Louise Schotz |
| -Dolores Preisinger | -Rita Wiechman |
| -George Preisinger | |

OUR VOLUNTEERS (continued):

Youth Services Department

(397 hours)

--Adults:

- Marian Attoe
- Cyndi Timm
- Dennis Timm

--Students:

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|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| -Kaitlyn Arndt | -Cassie McCallister | -Michaela Raleigh |
| -Logan Bennett | -Morgan McCallister | -Anna Schellpfeffer |
| -Bobby Brannan | -Connor Miller | -Cole Severt |
| -Ian Cohrs | -Ashley Mueller | -Ben Spiegelhoff |
| -Nathan Gibbs | -Nicole Mueller | -Jeremiah Steidinger |
| -Sarah LaBorde | -Will Opsahl | -Aidan Tautges |
| -Taylor LaBorde | -Justine Paulson | -Faith Wheat |
| -Sarah Lentz | -Tristan Prebeg | -Jenna Zamzow |
| -Morgan Marnholtz | -Brant Raleigh | |

Outreach

(315 hours)

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| -Delores Procknow (Park Place) | -Bonnie Prueser (paperback delivery to the jail) |
| -Loana Heinzen (Gleason Villa) | -Sr. Jeanne D'Arc Kilwein (Bell Tower) |
| -Ruth Dunphy (Gleason Villa) | -Judy Weaver (home deliveries) |
| -Mary Ann Huber (Jenny Towers) | -Nancy Meier (Woodland Court) |
| -Bill Lussenhop (home & site deliveries) | |

Library Board of Trustees

(64.5 hours)

- See listing of Board members on Page 21.

PATRON REGISTRATION

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Children's/Full Access Registrations:					
County	1,551	1,603	1,507	1,359	1,350
System/Other	160	267	257	203	204
City	1,971	1,814	1,699	1,545	1,537
Subtotal	3,682	3,684	3,463	3,107	3,091
Adult Registrations:					
County	3,472	4,424	5,165	3,987	4,203
System/Other	423	828	1,300	936	979
City	5,164	5,178	5,683	4,448	4,660
Subtotal	9,059	10,430	12,148	9,371	9,842
Total Patron Registration	12,741	14,114	15,611	12,478	12,933

Beginning in 2003, V-Cat registrations inactive for 3 years are removed from the system annually.

CIRCULATION BY PATRON RESIDENCE

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
City	167,129/57.1%	161,156/53.8%	129,677/47.0%	125,962/47.5%	119,737/47.3%
County	114,522/39.1%	117,415/39.2%	125,111/45.4%	119,566/45.2%	115,143/45.5%
System*	11,066/3.8%	19,737/6.6%	20,233/7.3%	17,994/6.8%	16,570/6.5%
Other/Unknown	0.0%	1,154/0.4%	667/0.3%	1,292/0.5%	1,505/0.5%
Totals	292,717/100%	299,462/100%	275,688/100%	264,544/100%	252,955/100%

*Patrons from other V-CAT libraries who check out materials on-site at T. B. Scott Library

CIRCULATION BY SOURCE

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Main Library, Adult	154,931	159,141	148,651	145,658	141,009
Adult Outreach Patrons	9,241	14,253	9,138	8,048	6,822
Interlibrary Loan	935	629	941	819	741
Main Library, Childrens	126,349	125,381	116,919	109,974	104,353
Story Boxes	176	58	39	45	30
Gleason/Irma Branches	1,085	-	-	-	-
Totals	292,717	299,462	275,688	264,544	252,955

HOLDINGS: Print Collection

Hardcover Book Collection Holdings:

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Youth Services Dept.	23,036	19,785	22,394	22,577	22,183
Adult Dept.	53,526	50,016	50,630	48,094	46,301
Total	76,562	69,801	73,024	70,671	68,484

Paperback Collection Holdings:

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Youth Services Dept.	(Included with	5,035	4,382	4,475	3,938
Adult Dept.	hardcover)	3,445	3,918	3,995	4,034
Total		8,480	8,300	8,470	7,972

Periodical Subscriptions:

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Youth Services Dept.	NA	36	25	24	20
Adult Dept.	NA	239	110	120	116
Professional	NA	NA	5	5	5
Reference	NA	NA	1	1	1
Newspapers	NA	NA	21	21	21
Total	233	275*	162*	171***	163***

*** Includes 5 duplicate subscriptions: Adult Dept: Brides, Consumer Reports, People;
Youth Services: American Girl, Seventeen.

* Includes 8 duplicate subscriptions

Magazine Holdings (issues):

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Youth Services Dept.	NA	1,198	618	587	576
Adult Dept.	NA	6,392	5,266	5,751	5,637
Total	NA	7,590	5,884	6,338	6,213

Cataloged Pamphlets:

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Youth Services Dept.	NA	0	0	0	0
Adult Dept.	NA	1,340	949	254	251
Total	NA	1,340	949	254	251

GRAND TOTAL PRINT : 76,562 87,211 88,157 85,733 82,920

CIRCULATION: Print Media

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Fiction	85,091	91,477	95,849	91,986	86,865
Paperbacks	70,742	35,873	23,907	22,303	19,197
Nonfiction Books	70,930	61,475	51,861	46,942	45,300
Magazines	17,148	13,965	10,219	9,819	10,506
Pamphlets	666	416	83	154	28
Interlibrary Loan	724	512	606	676	473
Total	245,301	203,718	182,525	171,880	162,369

HOLDINGS: Nonprint Collection

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Art Reproductions	67	0	0	0	0
Audio Books on Cassette	774	2,294	1,435	1,019	878
Audio Books on CD	0	0	1,209	1,447	1,650
AV Equipment/Cameras	21	21	14	14	13
Cassettes	1,000	134	0	0	0
Compact Discs	532	2,528	3,011	3,049	3,174
Computer Software	0	240	326	326	306
DVDs	0	132	3,198	3,685	3,996
Films	1	0	0	0	0
Filmstrips/Slide Sets	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Story Kits	0	0	0	0	0
Learning Games	143	205	216	211	202
Maps	123	*	*	*	*
Microfilm Reels	519	660	835	861	875
Multi-media Kits	72	0	0	0	0
Patterns	118	0	0	0	0
Playaways	0	0	119	151	187
Records	944	0	0	0	0
Story Boxes	16	23	23	23	16
Videocassettes	944	4,542	2,212	1,820	1,657
TOTAL	5,274	10,779	12,598	12,606	12,954

*Now included in pamphlet collection holdings (p. 18)

CIRCULATION: Nonprint Media

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Art Reproductions	251	0	0	0	0
Audio Books on Cassette	6,873	13,190	2,686	1,737	1,173
Audio Books on CD	0		9,538	11,162	13,102
Cassettes	2,795	179	1	0	3
Compact Discs	4,767	18,132	13,734	13,465	12,014
Computer Software (circulating)	0	3,329	2,523	2,975	3,472
DVDs	0	3,445	53,860	54,637	54,357
Films	4	0	0	0	0
Filmstrips/Slide Sets	131	0	0	0	0
Interlibrary Loan (nonprint)	211	117	185	143	268
Learning Games	2,078	1,865	1,191	1,078	1,129
MP3	0	0	0	1	37
Multi-media Kits/Story Kits	52	219	27	32	17
Other (Equip., maps, etc.)	162	53	29	45	41
Patterns	130	0	0	0	0
Pictures	407	0	0	0	0
Records	1,193	0	0	0	0
Story Boxes	176	58	39	45	30
Videocassettes	28,186	55,157	8,629	6,576	4,147
Playaways	0	0	721	768	796
TOTAL	47,416	95,744	93,163	92,664	90,586

TOTAL CIRCULATION: Print and Nonprint

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Print	245,301	203,718	182,525	171,880	162,369
Nonprint	47,416	95,744	93,163	92,664	90,586
Total	292,717	299,462	275,688	264,544	252,955

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS DONATED

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Books	371	458	432	405	453
Videos/DVDs	0	17	8	19	22
Audio Books	55	21	3	1	59
CDs/CD-ROMs	0	2	0	3	2
Learning Games	0	0	1	1	0
Magazines	0	0	1	0	0
Books with CDs	0	0	2	3	0
Total	426	498	447	432	536

Service Highlight: Resource Sharing--INTERLIBRARY LOAN and V-CAT

Interlibrary Loans

ILL transactions are with libraries that are not part of V-Cat, our WVLS Shared Automated Information System. Not all ILL items requested and received are counted in Circulation statistics, e.g., photocopies are *given* to patrons, not "circulated." Materials we send to other libraries are not counted as circulations, either.

	<u>1992</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Materials We Requested:	1,102	873	890	845	1,161	1,029	926
Materials We Received via ILL							
*	935	1,991	743	719	957	954	825
*Includes both circulating and non-circulating materials.							
Materials sent by T.B. Scott							
to other libraries via ILL:	546	1,045	1,197	1,074	1,006	846	746

V-Cat Transactions

V-Cat is the shared system administered by the Wisconsin Valley Library Service giving patrons in member libraries direct access to materials in the collections of other member libraries. The combined collections total over 1,000,000 items. In 1999, the first year of V-Cat's existence, T. B. Scott Library's database was used to initiate the system; Medford was the only other member library.

WVLS libraries joined V-Cat as follows: Abbotsford, Antigo, Colby, Gilman, Greenwood, Loyal, Minocqua, Stetsonville, Thorp, and WVLS in 2000; Dorchester, Owen, Rib Lake, Tomahawk, and Westboro in 2001; Rhinelander and Three Lakes in 2002; Laona and Withee in 2003; Marathon County Public Library (including its eight branches) in August 2006; Crandon in 2007; Neillsville in 2011. Beginning in 2003, V-Cat transactions have been reported to the state as interlibrary loan transactions.

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Mats. Rec.for Our Patrons from	11,630	14,338	17,742	20,100	28,199	28,330	24,407	24,866	27,291	26,452
Other V-Cat libs.(Counted in our circ stats)										
Mats. Sent from TBS to Patrons at Other										
V-Cat Libs. (Not counted in our	<u>17,271</u>	<u>17,616</u>	<u>17,788</u>	<u>23,698</u>	<u>36,763</u>	<u>40,459</u>	<u>34,630</u>	<u>35,566</u>	<u>32,554</u>	<u>29,930</u>
circulation stats)										
Total V-Cat Transactions	28,901	31,954	35,530	43,798	64,962	68,789	59,037	60,432	59,845	56,382
TBS Net V-Cat Lending	5,631	3,278	46	3,598	8,564	12,129	10,223	10,700	5,263	3,478

WHO'S WHO AT THE LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mike Geisler--President (June 1995-)
Gene Bebel--Vice President--School District Appointee (Feb. 1991-) *
Richard Mamer--Financial Secretary for the Endowment Fund (July 1994-)
Katie Breitenmoser (July 2012-)
Anne Caylor (May 2008-March 2012)
Paul Gilk (April 2012-)
Chris Malm (April 2012-)
Tim Meehean (April 1995-) *
Kay Smith (May 2008-June 2012)
Jim Wedemeyer (July 1997-)
Donna Winker (February 2010-January 2012)
Vickie Yelle (February 2012-)
Bill Zeitz (May 2008-March 2012)

*Lincoln County Library Planning Committee member

STAFF:

Full-time Staff:

Stacy Stevens--Director (Jan. 2000-)
Don Litzer--Assistant Director/Head of Adult Services (March 2009-)
Linda Schuster--Head of Youth Services (Sept. 1998-)
Mike Schroeder--Custodial Supervisor (Jan. 1988-)
Donna Hertel--Head of Adult Reference/Webmaster (Jan. 1984-)
Eleanor Schwartz--Computer & Circulation Coordinator (Sept. 1974-)
Sarah Maerz--Bookkeeping & Purchasing/Circulation & Reference (Dec. 2011-)
Carol Wendorf--Technical Processing/Circulation & Reference/Interlibrary loan (Oct. 1999-)

Part-time Staff:

Youth Service Assistants

Faith Martinson--Youth Services Assistant (Jan. 2001-); Andrea Bennett--Youth Services Assistant (July 2008-)

Youth Service Department/Circulation & Reference

Terri Akey (April 1989-); Kay Andrews (May 2003-)

Adult Department/Circulation & Reference:

Sandra Lussenhop--Outreach Coordinator (Dec. 1979-Dec. 2012); Mary Weege--Interlibrary Loan (Jan. 1989-)

Circulation/Reference:

Ruthann Dunphy (March 2001-); Carol Engbretson (May 2006-); Jo Henrichs (January 2010-); Debbie Tidwell (March 2008-June 2012)

Library Aides:

Merrilee DuPlayee (Aug. 2007-); Lana Lowe (May 2010-); Karen Vecchio (Aug. 2006-)

Custodial Assistants:

Esther Trostle (February 2010-)