

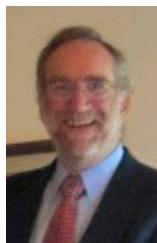
2011-2012

# Bayliss Public Library Annual Report

Fulfilling educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community.



## From the Director



This year our financial challenges have continued. Penal fines remained flat in both Chippewa and Mackinac Counties. This has continued the stress on our fund balance. We are fortunate to have enough in our "savings" to weather at least one more year.

Last year we replaced the roof, which, we hope, completes our capital improvements for a few years. This will help our fund balance recover. The upgrading of the air conditioning in the Community Room and a few exterior lighting improvements still remain. Then we can tackle interior painting and further carpet replacement.

The Pickford Branch continues to do well with a new, energetic manager. The entire operation is funded by donations and grants, with only a small amount of penal fine money and a small stipend from the township. It shows what can be accomplished when a community is determined to have a library. The citizens of Pickford, who continue with their financial and volunteer support, never cease to amaze me. Other branches are also doing well. Brevort Branch, for example, is now in new quarters in the recently finished township building.

We are well on our way to becoming a district library. The District Library Establishment Committee has met several times and a draft resolution has been written. It is in the correction stage right now. The District Library will change the governance of the library to reflect its regional character. It will also provide regional financial support by giving residents the opportunity to support the library through a district-wide millage. This will put our main library and branches on a firm financial footing. It will also include the existing service in Rudyard as part of the district.

We have the resources to continue as we move toward becoming a district library. The change to a district library will allow us to not only continue our award-winning library service, but to extend it to all of the areas that we serve.

Keep an eye on us as we move forward into the future.

## Bayliss Awards

**2007 & 2011 Citation of Excellence from  
Library of Michigan Foundation**

**Recipient of the Historical Society of Michigan's  
2010 Superior Award**

**Susan James recipient of the 2010  
Walter H. Kaiser Award from the  
Michigan Library Association**

## Points of Pride

**2011 & 2012 Walk or Roll to Work Day -  
Just Shoe It Winner Commuter Cup Challenge  
Awarded to Small Business, Library Staff**

### Friends Fundraisers:

- 3 Book Sales (\$2,498 raised)
- Valentine Sweets Sale (\$597 raised)
- Silent Auction (\$667 raised)
- Summer & Winter Farmers' Market (\$1,300)

### Library Fundraiser:

Chart of Lake Superior Restoration Fundraiser

### Grants:

- Chase S. Osborn Historic Trust
- Michigan Humanities Council Quick Grant
- Michigan Notable Author Visit by Scott Sparling
- Wal-Mart Foundation - Volunteerism Always Pays

### Donations:

- Chippewa County Genealogical Society -  
for Ancestry Library Edition Database
- Soo Co-op Credit Union - Family Movie
- Numerous memorials
- Numerous donations of money for materials
- Numerous donations of materials

### Programs:

- Author Talks -  
including Michigan Author of the Year, Gary Schmidt
- Bayliss Book Club
- Brown Bag Family Book Club
- Chippewa County Genealogical Society
- Chippewa County Historical Society
- Family Movies
- FILM@Bayliss (Foreign Independent Movies)
- Food for Fines (over \$179 in fines waived)
- People to People International

## Points of Pride . . . continued

Saturday Matinees  
Sierra Club: Three Lakes Group  
Storytellers Group  
Summer Reading & StoryTime  
Superior Poetry Café  
TAMS - Teen Anime Manga Sector  
UP Book Tour  
War Memorial Hospital Community Education Series

### Additional Services:

Downloadable AudioBooks and e-Books  
iPhone Apps  
Phone and Email Notifications

### Support Groups:

Autism Awareness Group  
Creative Endeavors (Writers and Artists)  
Visually Impaired

### Volunteers at the Library:

Friends of Bayliss Library  
Men's New Hope House  
Summer Reading

### Other Services:

AARP Tax Aide  
Computer Classes (12 different topics)  
Six additional public computers  
Computer Workstation for Visually Impaired  
e-Reader Classes  
MSU Extension Project Fresh  
National Weather Service Weather Spotter Training  
Office hours for area legislators  
Park & Read Program  
Sault Summer & Winter Farmers' Market

### Outside the Library:

EUP Senior Day  
Historical Society of Michigan-  
U.P. History Conference  
Lakerpalooza  
Summer Arts Festival - Teen Graffiti Art Contest  
Transition Fair  
Sault Tribe Environmental Fair  
WSOO Interviews

## Library Staff

Ken Miller ~ Director

Susan James ~ Assistant Director	Pam Flood ~ Head Circulation Clerk
Debbie Lehman ~ Children's Librarian	Maggie Johnson ~ Clerk
Amber Clement ~ Reference Librarian	Jennifer Lucas ~ Clerk
Nancy Steinhaus ~ Office Manager	Carolyn Person ~ Clerk
	Ashlie Fonger ~ Clerk & Page

## Bayliss Public Library

541 Library Drive  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
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www.baylisslibrary.org

## Statistics at a Glance

### Bayliss Public Library Circulation:

Adult Material - 64,208  
Juvenile Material - 26,939  
Total - 91,147

43% Increase in Microfilm Usage  
48% Increase in Downloadable Material  
(e-books and audiobooks)

### Branch Libraries Circulation:

Adult Material - 30,645  
Juvenile Material - 19,761  
Total - 50,406

## Budget Summary

(unaudited)

Income	Bayliss	Branches
City of SSM	220,335	
Millage (Portage Twp., Drummond Is.)		49,900
Penal Fines	84,400	53,455
Other	68,496	68,881
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Personnel	250,126	101,493
Materials & Programs	49,347	52,032
Operations	90,002	49,340
<b>Trust Funds</b>		
Bayliss Trust (building improvements)	28,600	
Seal Trust (children's books)	122,719	

## Library Board of Trustees

Cathie Chenoweth ~ President  
Melissa Belevender ~ Vice President  
Mark Dobias ~ Secretary  
Debbie Sirk ~ Trustee  
Dr. Shane Woolever ~ Trustee

## Branches

### Brevort Township Community Library

Bernice Peterson

### Curtis Library

Linda Blanchard

### Drummond Island Library

Pam Whiteman

### Engadine Library

Janice Wagner

### Les Cheneaux Community Library

Jane French

### Pickford Community Library

Ann Marie Smith