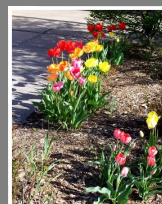
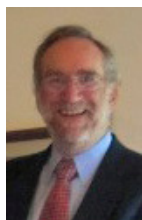


Fulfilling educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community.



Bayliss Public Library Annual Report

From the Director



This year has been a financial challenge. Penal fines are still down about 10% more 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 dealt with several building issues. Our sidewalk and landscaping project corrected several safety and drainage issues. Deteriorating brickwork on the exterior walls was also repaired. Our next, and we hope last, project will be the roof, scheduled for early in FY 11-12.

The Points of Pride section of this report lists accomplishments for the year. The all-time highlight is Susan James winning the Michigan Library Association's Walter H. Kaiser Award for her excellent work with our Program Committee. Congratulations Susan! Also we have kept up our (now Award-Winning) program series of authors, book clubs, support groups, movie series, and more. Just read the list. I am amazed at what this library staff accomplished in the midst of hard economic times.

The Pickford Branch opened in October and is doing well. So much so that we are contemplating adding more hours. 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. Other branches are doing well. Brevort Branch is expecting to have new quarters in the soon-to-be-built township building.

We cannot, however, maintain this level of activity with our present income shortfall. We serve most of Chippewa and Mackinac counties, but are still just a city library serving them by contract. We are beginning discussions about becoming a district library. This 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.

There is a bright future ahead for Bayliss Public Library. 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. Look for even more good things to come.

Bayliss Awards

**2007 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 2010-2011

**Tied for 1st Place in the
2011 Walk or Roll to Work Day -
Just Shoe It Winner Commuter Cup Challenge
Awarded to Library Staff**

Friends Fundraisers:

3 Book Sales (\$2,915 raised)
Valentine Sweets Sale (\$581 raised)
Silent Auction (\$900 raised)

Library Fundraiser:

Chart of Lake Superior Restoration Fundraiser

Grants:

Library of Michigan Foundation \$400 -
Michigan Notable Author Visit by M.L. Liebler
Wal-Mart Foundation \$450 - Large Print Books

Donations:

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

Programs:

Author Talks
Baka Squad for Teens
Bayliss Book Club
Brown Bag Family Book Club
Chippewa County Genealogical Society
Chippewa County Historical Society
Classic Movies Series
Family Movies
FILM@Bayliss (Foreign Independent Movies)
Food for Fines (over \$250 in fines waived)
Sault Yacht Club
Sierra Club

Points of Pride . . . continued

Summer Reading & StoryTime
 Superior Poetry Café
 War Memorial Community Education Classes

Additional Services:

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

Support Groups:

Creative Endeavors (Writers and Artists)
 Visually Impaired

Volunteers at the Library:

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

Other Services:

AARP Tax Aide
 Computer Classes (12 different topics)
 Six additional public computers
 Computer Workstation for Visually Impaired
 MSU Extension Project Fresh
 National Weather Service Weather Spotter Training
 Office hours for area legislators
 Park & Read Program
 Sault Winter Farmers' Market (\$552)
 Social Security and Finance Seminar
 U.S. Census Testing and Training

Outside the Library:

Historical Society of Michigan-
 U.P. History Conference
 Lakerpalooza
 Pink in the Rink
 Sault Summer Farmers' Market (\$578)
 Sault Summer Arts Festival
 Transition Fair
 Sault Tribe Environmental Fair
 WSOO Interviews

Branches

Brevort Township Community Library
 Curtis Library
 Drummond Island Library
 Engadine Library
 Les Cheneaux Community Library
 Pickford Community Library

Bayliss Public Library

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 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
 906.632.9331
www.baylisslibrary.org

Statistics at a Glance

Bayliss Public Library Circulation:

Adult Material - 65,997
 Juvenile Material - 27,384
 Total - 93,381

25% Increase in Books Read during
 Summer Reading Program
 26% Increase in Downloadable Material
 (E-books and audiobooks)
 46% Increase in Library Program Attendance

Branch Libraries Circulation:

Adult Material - 32,024
 Juvenile Material - 19,955

Budget Summary

(unaudited)

Income	Bayliss	Branches
City of SSM	220,436	
Millage (Portage Twp., Drummond Is.)		47,900
Penal Fines	88,470	55,789
Other	75,473	56,159
Expenditures		
Personnel	256,014	100,041
Materials & Programs	51,955	39,508
Operations	101,589	41,934
Trust Funds		
Bayliss Trust (building improvements)	74,898	
Seal Trust (children's books)	116,126	

Library Board of Trustees

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

Library Staff

	Branches
Ken Miller ~ Director	Bernice Peterson ~ Brevort
Susan James ~ Assistant Director	Linda Blanchard ~ Curtis
Debbie Lehman ~ Children's Librarian	Nicole Call ~ Drummond Island
Amber Clement ~ Reference Librarian	Janice Wagner ~ Engadine
Nancy Steinhaus ~ Office Manager	Jane French ~ Les Cheneaux
Pam Flood ~ Head Circulation Clerk	Diane Rakowski ~ Les Cheneaux
Maggie Johnson ~ Clerk	Michelle Satchell ~ Pickford
Jennifer Lucas ~ Clerk	
Carolyn Person ~ Clerk	
Ann Marie Smith ~ Clerk	
Ashlie Fonger ~ Page	