



# 2016 Annual Report

## YEAR IN REVIEW

Continued renovations, relocated collections, and a booming inter-library loan service has guaranteed a busy year for Ishpeming's public library!

With 36,440 visits to the library, 51,206 items checked out, and 4,143 cardholders at the end of the year it is clear that the library is a well-used resource in our community. One area we've noticed a great increase in is our inter-library loan service. This year alone we loaned 2,248 and borrowed 5,762 items! Even though we did see a drop in library attendance, we have had increases in circulation.

Our collection grew by 2,062 items this year making for a total of 45,132 items according to our automated system, though we are still working to remove "orphan" records (the record is listed, but the item is no longer on the shelf).

We are continuing with our weeding projects in conjunction with purchasing according to our collection management policy to cultivate a well-rounded, up to date collection with wide appeal.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST FOR 2016

- The library loaned 2,248 and borrowed 5,762 items
- 3,269 items were discarded
- 41,324 print books in the collection (according to Workflows)
- 274 periodicals on hand
- 2,962 items of other formats available for checkout
- 127 outstanding lost items from 2016
- 3,880 resident cardholders
- 263 non-resident cardholders



## BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Renovations seemed to be on the downhill slope in 2016. While there were several projects, those pertaining to accessibility have all been completed! This year the six large windows were replaced. Most people don't even notice, which is a sure sign that they blend in.

An attempt to return the

outside pillars to their original sandstone was partially completed in the late summer. All of the paint was removed and the lower foundations were reformed in places where they had eroded. Unfortunately, there was a problem with the application of a product on the lower third and that portion of

*Inter-library loan requests have increased 26% in just three years!*

### 2016 STAFF

Jessica Shirtz,  
*Library Director*

Kelsey Boldt,  
*Assistant Librarian*

Heather Lander,  
*Children's Librarian*

Heidi Sand,  
*Library Assistant (left July 2016)*

Alina Karuzas,  
*Seasonal Library Assistant (left Sept. 2016)*

Taylor Freeman,  
*Library Assistant (hired Oct. 2016)*

Rachel Pascoe,  
*Library Clerk (left January 2016)*

Nicole Johnson,  
*Library Clerk (hired January 2016)*

## BUILDING RENOVATIONS, CONT.

the pillars turned white! This will be re-attempted (and hopefully corrected) in spring of 2017.

A dusk to dawn light was installed outside the Children's Room entrance making it much safer to enter and exit the building at night and during the winter months.

Additional outlets were also installed in the Children's Room, Dundon Reading Room, and Community Room.

The Friends of the Library voted to pay to have all of the tables and chairs in the Chil-

dren's Room refinished.

They look beautiful and should hold up well for a very long time. The group also voted to use funds donated in memory of Shirley Nardi to purchase an overhead projector and surround sound speakers for the Community Room.

We are continuing to declare surplus and dispose of unneeded or unusable furniture and items in the library to make better use of space, particularly storage space which is always at a premium.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library continued to support Library programs and services in 2016. The group donated a whopping \$800 to our Summer Reading Program and give \$300 quarterly for other programming at the Library.

This year the Friends hosted a tea party and Crock and Rocker fashion show. Tickets went super fast! In the future they may hold this program off-site due to space restrictions.

The Friends also held third, and final, Christmas Tree Decorating Contest around the Holiday season. Several local groups and individuals signed up to decorate a tree to enter the contest. Voting was done by donation, especially during their Holiday Open House. This program has ended due to a lack of storage space for the trees.

The group also organized a Donor Thank You Night for those who had donated to the Library's Renovation Campaign. It was

## LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board continues to oversee the operations of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library and they are strong advocates for the continued success of the Library and its services.

Our Library Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.

### 2016 Library Board:

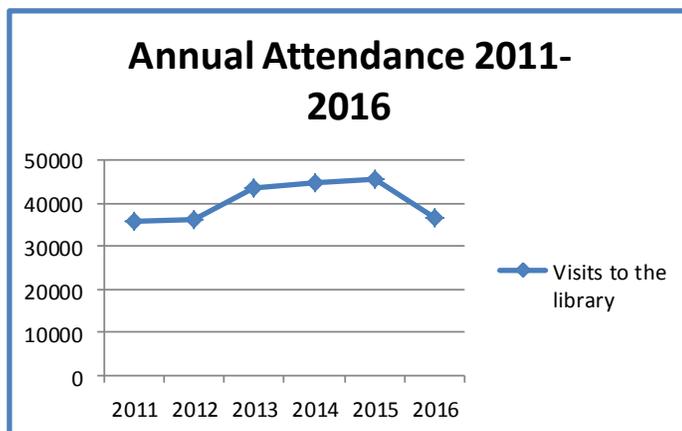
Paul Olson,  
*President*

Karen Kasper,  
*Secretary*

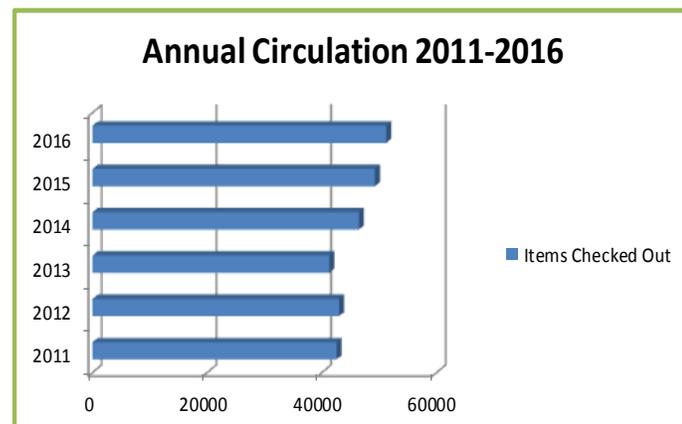
Elyse Bertucci,  
*Trustee*

Darren Boldt,  
*Trustee*

Joanna Heliste,  
*Trustee (resigned Oct. 2016)*



*Annual count of visits to the library from 2011 to 2016.*



*Annual count of items checked out, including downloadables, from 2011 to 2016.*

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library continue to actively support the programs and services of the Library.

Officers of the Friends of the Library in 2016:

Carol Anderson,  
*President*

Kathy Merrill,  
*Vice President*

Nancy Anderson,  
*Secretary*

Kathy Geier,  
*Treasurer*



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, CONT.

well attended and appreciated by staff and donors alike.

Friends book sales now take place in the Ray Leverton Community Room, which allows them to last for multiple days which has been received well by the community.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

Our adult programs remain steady. While continuing staples such as our Adult Book Club, Coloring Club, and Film Series, we have expanded our programming for adults in 2016.

Outside speakers have come in during Summer Reading, local musicians were invited to attend our Jam Sessions on Saturday afternoons, and Library Board President, Paul Olson, once again offered his Life Drawing class.

For the second year we of-

fered programs surrounding National Novel Writing Month in November. Coordinating with Negaunee's Public Library, we took turns hosting sessions in which writers could find assistance or simply a quiet place to write.

The Adult Summer Reading Program continues to be popular! We had 75 registrants and 27 attendees at 7 programs.

## TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Attendance and checkouts of teen materials have continued to drop this year prompting us to relocate their books to a more inviting, easily accessible area.

After a year of holding a Teen Book Club with no attendees it was disbanded.

There were 28 teens who signed up for our 2016 Summer Reading Program. We had 72 attendees at 11 different programs!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Children, and their parents, continue to make up the largest segment of our program attendance.

In 2016 we continued to offer Tot Tuesday, Library Lapsit, and Family Storytime. Regular outside performers have cultivated a following as well, such as Yoga Storytime and Let's Get Moving!.

Our Tween Book Club was reformatted into our Family Book

Club at the request of book club members. Now the Club is open to children of all ages and their parents with the goal being families reading and attending together.

This year's YOUNG AUTHORS program author was Jerry Pallotta. He visited the Library in May for a presentation and book signing.



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*Circulation of library materials has increased 20% over the past six years!*

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Summer Reading 2016 was huge! With 261 children registering for the program (from infants to tweens) we were incredibly busy! We had 1,240 attendees at 28 different programs!

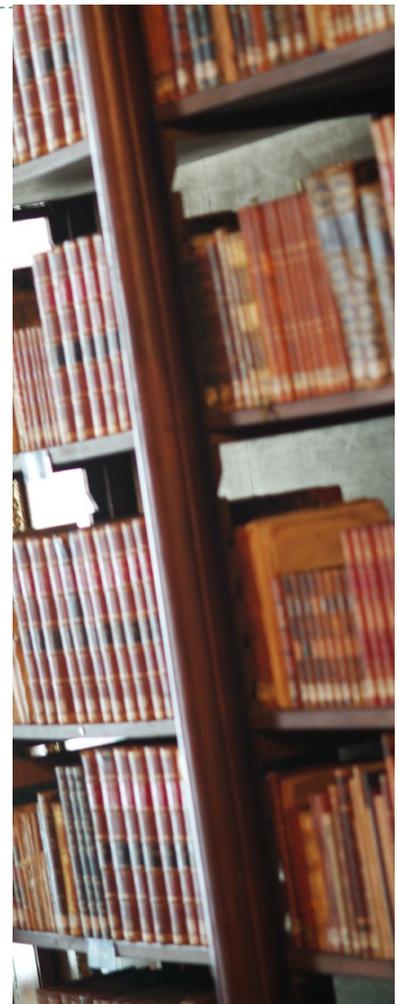
We had many large programs with outside performers during the summer. We visited a horse farm, had a bicycle repair workshop, had live birds with the Chocolate Raptor Rescue crew, and many, many more.

One of our most well attended programs of the summer was Meet Your Local Heroes, held at Al Quaal, at which children could meet local heroes and sit

inside their vehicles.

A surprise hit was a giant board game program. We laid out a checker board with painter's tape on the floor and used colored paper plates as checkers. We also had giant Yahtzee, tic-tac-toe, and Bananagrams.

Lastly, we continue to manage the children's collection to ensure access to quality materials. This year we assessed every easy reader and assigned it to a new leveling system to make it easier for parents and children to find books that are just the right level of challenging to keep them learning and interested in reading.



## LOOKING FORWARD

Many of our future plans involve reorganizing library space for its best use. We are planning to relocate our Teen section to the main floor as the loft has become far too crowded with the installation of the elevator. As a result graphic novels, science-fiction & fantasy, audiobooks, and paperbacks will all be shuffled to new or adjacent locations.

Another necessary improvement are the shelves in the Children's Room. Designed to fit books published in the mid 1900s, these shelves are not adequate for today's printed materials. Nearly half of our children's non-fiction section must be shelved with the book on its side making it impossible to see what it is without removing it from the shelf. This is a problem for patrons and staff trying to see what we have, find specific materials, and maintain order.

In conjunction with continuous weeding the library needs to begin implementing a yearly inventory of all of its materials. Not one has ever been completed with our library software (SyrsiDynix Workflows). An inventory will point out missing, misshelved, and uncatalogued materials and will finally put an end to our "orphaned" records problem.

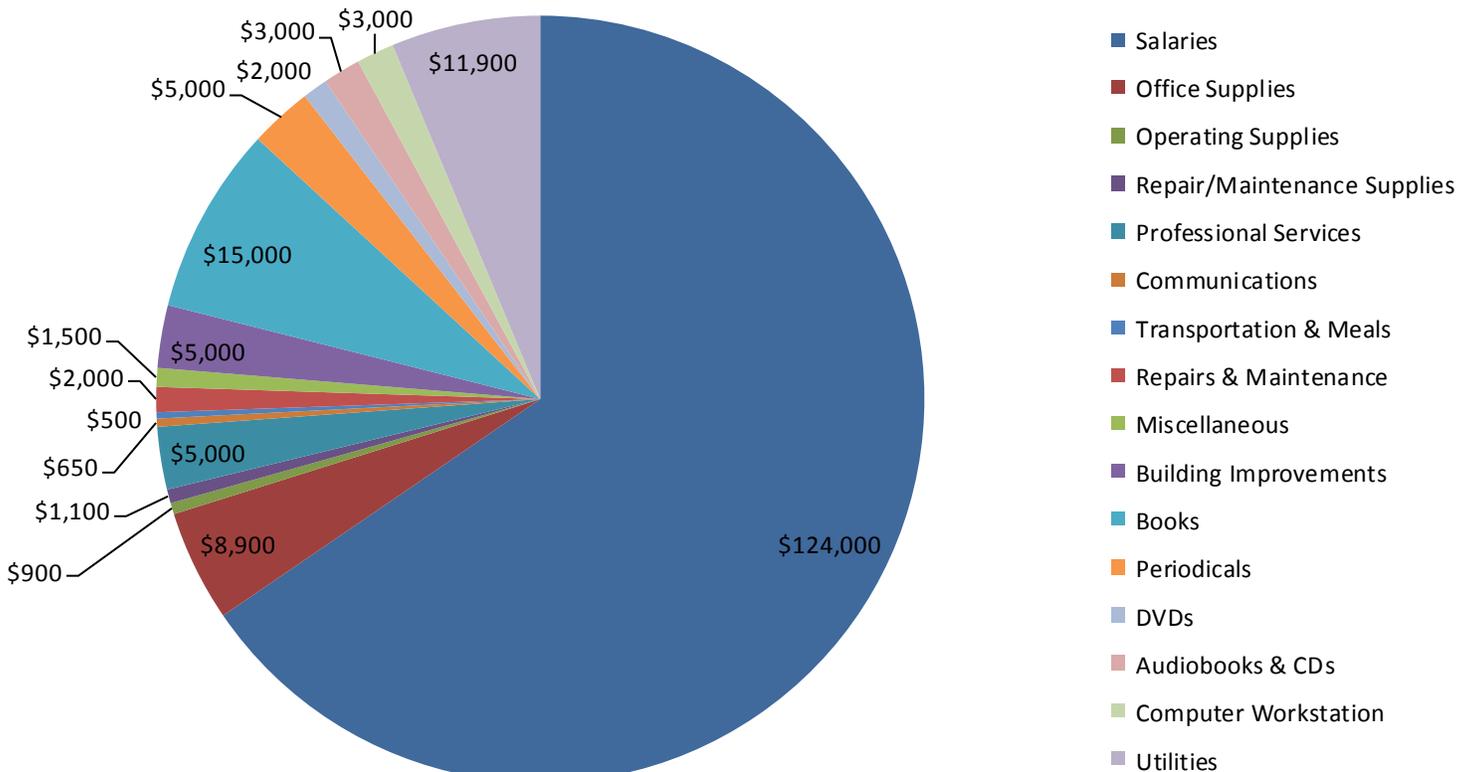
### CIRCULATION 2016

Adult Fiction: 16,544  
 Juvenile Fiction: 12,843  
 Downloadables: 4,619  
 Adult Nonfiction: 4,114  
 Young Adult Fiction: 2,916  
 Movies: 2,824  
 Juvenile Nonfiction: 2,395  
 Audiobooks: 1,663  
 Music: 454  
 Young Adult Nonfiction: 144  
 Magazines: 141

Other: 2,549

\*These numbers include inter-library loans.

### Library Expenditures 2016



**Total Expenditures: \$189,450**