

# Romulus Public Library



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*2015-16 Annual Report*



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# About Us

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Romulus Public Library provides resources and services to inform, educate, enlighten and entertain the members of its community and serves as a place for all to discover the joy of reading.

## CORE VALUES

### Lifelong Discovery

We provide programs and services that facilitate the exploration of personal interests and encourage lifelong discovery for people of all ages.

### Access

We provide free and open access to library resources, programs and services which interest, inform and enlighten.

### Community Engagement

We serve the community as a resource for information and a place to gather. Our involvement and leadership in the community are extended through partnerships with city departments, businesses, institutions and local organizations.

### Teamwork

We value our staff and work together as a team, treating each other with respect, integrity and fairness.

### Customer Service

We are committed to meeting the needs of our patrons and providing the highest quality library service to all.

## 2015-16 Library Board of Directors

Jim Napiorkowski	President
Midge Prybyla	Vice President
Debra Hoffman	Treasurer
Sylvia Makowski	Secretary
Barb Phipps	Trustee

## 2015-16 Library Staff



## 2015-16 Friends of the Library Board

Marie Charles	President
Phyllis Kreft	Vice President
Sue Dossette	Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy Dick	Book Sale Coordinator



## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday - Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

**Open Six Days a Week**

# From the Director



Dear Friends,

**Customer Service** is perhaps the most important of the Library's five Core Values. It states, "*We are committed to meeting the needs of our patrons and providing the highest quality library service to all*".



To that end, open hours were expanded again this year and the Library is now open 54 hours per week for the first time in its history! Many new services were added with the purchase of a new public copier, indoor and outdoor book returns, upgraded indoor signage, outlets and USB ports added to study tables and an additional check-out station, to name a few.

In keeping with our commitment to Early Childhood Literacy, the children's area received many fun, educational enhancements with the inclusion of a new puppet theater, puppets, puzzles and games, Duplos and an ABC/123 magnetic board. Thank you to the Friends of the Library and the Romulus Rotary Club for funding this exciting project!

Collections were enhanced as well with the addition of an Anime DVD Collection and fresh, new titles added to all areas of the collection. With the addition of *Freegal Music*, patrons have access to a catalog of three million songs that can be downloaded or streamed for free with their library card!

The generous support of our area partners, allowed us to establish several new programs this year including a Teen Anime Club, Lego Club, Senior Book Club, Seed Library and the Romulus Garden Club. In addition, a new Read Box was installed at Lajko Park in our Huron Township service area that is managed and maintained by library staff.

Our website and social media sites offer timely reminders of events and information on services offered, including resources for businesses and job seekers and links for parents to help prepare their children for kindergarten. These are just a few examples of the services our dedicated and experienced staff offer —inside the Library, outside the Library and online.

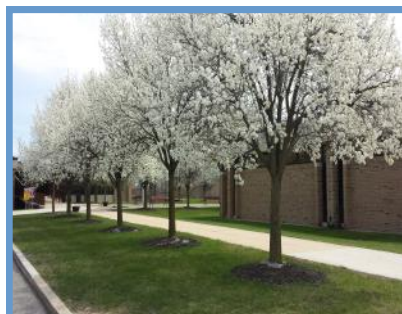
I am grateful to the staff, volunteers, board and Friends of the Library for their commitment to our community and its Library. Together we achieved the accomplishments described in this report. Visit us soon and experience the many benefits your library card provides you!

*Happy Reading!*

*Patty Braden, Director*



**Earth Day**



**Library in Springtime**



**"I Got Caught Reading"**



# Significant Accomplishments



Huron Township  
Read Box



- ◆ Expanded library hours by opening at 10 a.m. on Fridays.
- ◆ Acquired new color copier for public use.
- ◆ Completed capital improvement project which includes indoor book return, outdoor book return, circulation desk reconfiguration, outlets in study tables, new open/closed sign, meeting room tables, bulletin boards, literature racks, shades in meeting room, additional check-out station and signage.
- ◆ Completed children's area upgrades to promote early literacy including two bulletin boards, new puppets, puppet theatre, four Duplo boards with Duplo pieces and a magnetic board for ABCs and letters.
- ◆ Additional public computer installed increasing our total to 17.
- ◆ Conducted patron survey resulting in update of non-fiction DVD collection, cozy mysteries, African/American Christian fiction, movies based on books and arts/crafts collection.
- ◆ Library connected to city computer system.
- ◆ Staff completed projects to improve and update our collections.
- ◆ Library Read Boxes featured in Detroit Free Press article.
- ◆ Established a new Senior Book Club held at Senior Center.
- ◆ Director served another year on Romulus Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
- ◆ Partnered with Michigan Humanities Council on the Great Michigan Read.
- ◆ Provided Black History Month programs in partnership with city staff.
- ◆ Developed a Seed Library allowing patrons to bring in and take vegetable, fruit and flower seeds for their gardens.
- ◆ Established the Romulus Garden Club in partnership with city staff.
- ◆ Acquired an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), emergency weather radio and updated first aid kits as part of Library Safety Plan.
- ◆ Participated in Pumpkin Festival, Earth Day, Eco-Fair, Person of the Year, Academic Fair and other area events.
- ◆ Established new Teen Anime Club and Lego Club for youth.
- ◆ Created new "Art in the Library" page on library website with photos and descriptions of library art.
- ◆ Commissioned and dedicated painting entitled "Bright Sky" by Romulus artist, Emilie Beadle in memory of long-time Friends member and library supporter Jan Conrad.
- ◆ Hosted CPR and Emergency Preparedness Training for library and city staff for Library In-Service.
- ◆ Unveiled the library's fifth Read Box at Lajko Park in Huron Township.

# By the Numbers



## Library Usage

- ◆ Visitors to the library: 64,664
- ◆ Library card holders: 12,684
- ◆ Library cards issued: 1,461
- ◆ Checkouts: 59,547
- ◆ E-book checkouts: 7,423
- ◆ E-magazine checkouts: 421

## Collections

- ◆ Print Materials: 50,089
- ◆ Audio/Video Materials: 4,402
- ◆ Print magazine and newspaper subscriptions: 26
- ◆ E-books: 18,327
- ◆ E-magazines: 235

## Services Provided

- ◆ Reference questions answered: 11,674
- ◆ Public computer sessions: 26,211
- ◆ Wi-Fi uses: 1,985
- ◆ Items shared through interlibrary loan: 13,669
- ◆ Meeting Room usage to non-library groups: 104
- ◆ Visitors to the website: 31,967
- ◆ Visits to the website: 150,423

## Programs and Outreach

- ◆ Summer reading participants: 197
- ◆ Youth and Teen Programs: 137
- ◆ Family Programs: 11
- ◆ Adult Programs: 84
- ◆ Program attendees: 3,041
- ◆ Partnered with 39 organizations, community groups and businesses to present programs and enhance services.

## Staff and Volunteers

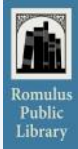
- ◆ Staff members: 10
- ◆ Volunteers: 25



Summer Reading Kick-Off

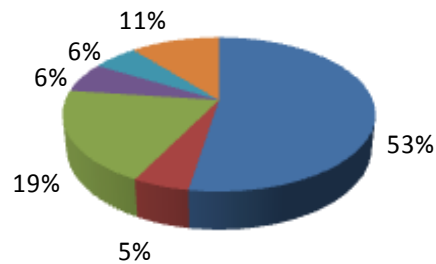


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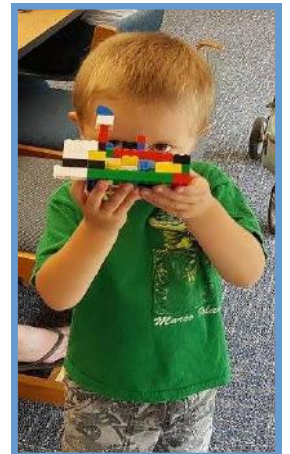
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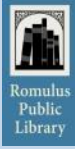
■ Personnel/Benefits	260,097
■ Supplies/Maintenance Contracts/Technology	24,439
■ Collections/Electronic Resources/Catalog	96,497
■ Utilities/Building Maintenance	31,394
■ Capital Outlay	27,581
■ Other Services	54,465



### Grants Awarded

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council  
totaling \$560 in support of the 2016  
Summer Reading Program





# Donors and Volunteers

## Donations in Memory of Jan Conrad

This year, the library and the community lost a beloved friend, Jan Conrad. Jan supported the library in many ways. She generously volunteered her time and shared her talents by serving as book club leader, Friends member and library advocate. She managed summer reading programs, donated and organized craft supplies and worked our Book Sales. Because of Jan's desire to continue supporting the library, she requested that donations be given to the library. These donations were used to commission a beautiful, one of a kind painting by Romulus resident Emilie Beadle entitled *Bright Sky*, in memory of Jan. Thank you to all who donated and who loved Jan, especially her family, husband Bob, sons Brad and Sean, sisters Barbara and Lucy, her brother and the following:

Dale and Pauline Reeder	Arlene De Palma	Patricia Fair
Thelma Hoersten	Diane Hazen	Eugene Lauf
Friends of the Library	Carl and Gale Reinhackel	Susan Ericksen
Sheldon and Gloria Chandler	Clarke and Charlotte Ellis	Patty Braden
Dave and Lucy Pohlman	Irene Calvelage	Dorothy Hoersten
15 Hungry Women Book Club	Brad Conrad	Bob Conrad

*Bright Sky* by Emilie Beadle



## Special Thanks to Our Other Donors

- ◆ **Friends of the Library:** Children's Area Enhancements, Lego Club start-up, adult, youth and teen programming throughout the year.
- ◆ **Romulus Rotary:** Children's Area Enhancements, Lego Club start-up, children's books in honor of guest speakers.
- ◆ **Northville District Library and Canton Public Library:** Display units.
- ◆ **Diane Hazen:** Newspaper Digitizing Project.
- ◆ **Jim and Angelika Napiorkowski:** Building improvements.
- ◆ **Derrick Kenner:** Many hours of volunteer time.



## Summer Reading Sponsors

501st Legion  
 Chapatwala Family, McDonald's  
 Emagine Theater  
 Midway Sports and Entertainment  
 Romulus Athletic Center  
 Romulus Fire Dept.  
 Romulus Police Dept.  
 Skore Lanes  
 Services to Enhance Potential staff  
 Sportway, Westland  
 The Henry Ford/IMAX  
 Warrior 3 Comics and Games  
 Wings Financial Credit Union

**Thank you!**

Volunteers serve on a board, decorate for the holidays, tutor, help with book sales, attend Friends meetings, clean DVDs, assemble new shelving and so much more ...

## **Thank You to Our Dedicated Volunteers!**

Marie Charles	Debbie Hoffman	Mike Prybyla
Jazmine Danci	Mary Johnston	Gale Reinhackel
David Dick	Roger Kadau	Michele Rinehart
Kathy Dick	Derrick Kenner	Services to Enhance
Mary Dale Dickerson	Betsey Krampitz	Potential
Ginny Diepenhorst	Phyllis Kreft	Gayle Vardy
Dave Dossette	Candace Lewkowicz	Garry Vardy
Sue Dossette	Sylvia Makowski	Bill Wadsworth, Jr.
Judy Frederick	Pat Motley	Eva Webb
Tammy Garrison	Candace Myshock	
Taryn Garrison	Jim Napiorkowski	
Tammy Graham	Barb Phipps	
Francine Hampton	Midge Prybyla	



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