

A Year in Review

July 2013—June 2014



Romulus
Public
Library

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Board Accomplishments:

- ◆ Approved amended Circulation Policy.
- ◆ Approved hiring Library Design Associates of staff area renovation project.
- ◆ Approved contract for materials recovery program.
- ◆ Approved Library Purchasing Policy.
- ◆ Approved PC Support contract.
- ◆ Approved amended Internet and Computer Policy.
- ◆ Approved Library Closing Policy for inclement weather.
- ◆ Approved contract for rug rental.

Significant Accomplishments

- ◆ In July 2013, the Library contracted for a materials recovery plan; book delivery to Romulus Tower Apartments began; the Library partnered with Wayne County Community College District, Western Campus and Romulus School District to bring author, Teresa Irish to the Library; a part-time Adult Services Librarian and a part-time Youth Services Librarian were hired; Library staff completed another successful Summer Reading Program.
- ◆ In Sept. 2013, the Library completed a project to upgrade telecommunications cabling in the staff and public areas.
- ◆ In Oct. 2013, one additional public computer was installed and three older public computers were replaced.
- ◆ In Nov. 2013, a used public copier was acquired and installed with a telecommunications link for scanning documents to email.
- ◆ In Dec. 2013, Library staff volunteered and assisted the Goodfellows by collecting hats, mittens and gloves for those in need and Library staff held many holiday programs for the community.
- ◆ In Jan. 2014, an extensive renovation of the staff area was completed and the first Adult Winter Reading Program was held.
- ◆ In Feb. 2014, an upgraded wireless router was installed, providing better service to patrons and statistical information for staff.
- ◆ In March 2014, the first monthly electronic Library Newsletter was published; the Library hosted area library directors, the Mayor and city staff for a book discussion of "Traction: get a grip on your business"; the Library participated in "March is Reading Month" at Romulus Elementary School and kindergarten round-up at Cory School.
- ◆ In April 2014, the Library partnered with several community groups to launch the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside | Out program throughout the City of Romulus, bringing art to the outside spaces of the city; Library staff began using the "90-day Plan" as outlined in the book, "Traction" to move projects forward at a faster pace; in partnership with Gleaners Community Food Bank the Library collected 267 pounds of food for the Food for Fines campaign.
- ◆ In May 2014, the Library launched an online service called Zinio, giving patrons free access to over 200 electronic magazines and a summer intern joined the staff.
- ◆ In June 2014, Library staff kicked off the 2014 Summer Reading Program, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" with a record number of youth registered and a first-ever adult summer reading program; the Library partnered with the Romulus Chamber of Commerce for a Wine Tasting fundraiser to benefit the Friends of the Library.



Grants, Gifts and Awards

- ◆ The Library was nominated for the State Librarian's Excellence Award.
- ◆ The Library's Youth Services Librarian received a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council to support programming for Black History Month.
- ◆ EQ—Environmental Quality Co. donated \$1,000 to the Library which was used to launch an Adult Literacy Program.
- ◆ The Library received donations of over \$6,000 to support the Romulus Roman Newspaper Digitization Project.
- ◆ The Library received the Mary J. Ritter Literacy Award from the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society, which included a \$1,000 cash award to support the Adult Literacy Program.
- ◆ The Friends of the Library provided over \$4,700 in monetary support to the Library throughout the year.



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By the Numbers ...

- ◆ 11,615 library card holders
- ◆ Circulated 56,123 print materials and 4,962 e-books
- ◆ Issued 1,469 new library cards
- ◆ Provided access to 71,407 print materials and 3,184 audio and video items
- ◆ Subscribed to 24 print magazines and newspapers and over 200 e-magazines
- ◆ Answered 8,788 reference questions
- ◆ Assisted over 11,000 patrons at the circulation desk
- ◆ Connected patrons with 24,299 computer uses
- ◆ Connected 621 users to Wi-Fi (March-June)
- ◆ Celebrated 188 summer reading participants
- ◆ Engaged the community with 51 adult programs and 82 youth/teen programs and 2,460 program participants
- ◆ Shared 14,343 items through interlibrary loan (6,796 outgoing, 7,547 incoming)
- ◆ Provided meeting room space to 72 groups (non-library events)
- ◆ Volunteered at community events.
- ◆ Partnered with 46 organizations, community groups and businesses to present programs and enhance services.
- ◆ Thankful for over 30 volunteers.



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