



Groversville Public Library

2005-2006 Annual Report to the Community

Programming

Programming, in-house and outreach, also kept the staff hopping:

- ◆ 101 Adult programs with 1,166 attendees
- ◆ 243 Children's programs with 6,795 attendees.

Adult Programming

A free memoir writing class was offered in September by local author Virginia Ward. It was so popular that plans and grants were undertaken for a 16-week summer series entitled "Writers All Around Us" for 2006.

November saw a book signing in the lobby by local author Marcia Buffet for her work of fiction "They Came From the Mountains," a story about Adirondack folk during the Civil War. In January, the Library hosted a reading of short stories by local author Louis Fagan underwritten by Poets & Writers. In March, the Friends of the Library hosted an Adirondack evening in the Reference Room with storyteller Don Williams and musician Tom Hoover.

GED classes sponsored by HFM BOCES continued. Literacy Volunteers of Fulton County used the library for tutoring and began an "English as a Second Language" conversation class.

Children's Programming

Nursery school and day care visits doubled. Class visits increased slightly with more teachers scheduling trips for their students. Outreach to various organizations including the school district also doubled as more partnerships were developed and more shared projects were undertaken.

Two examples of these partnerships are Author Fest and the 2nd Annual Literacy Day.

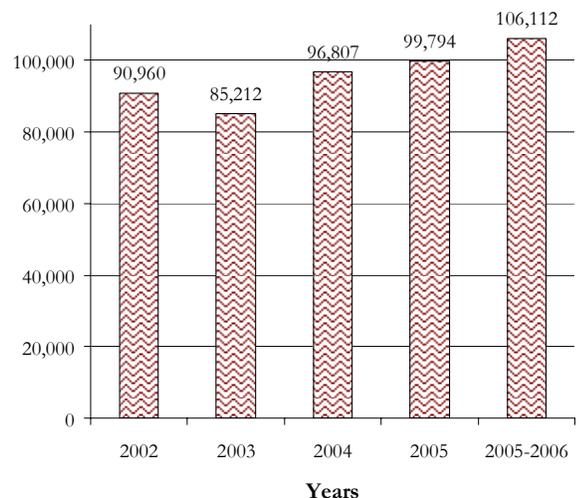
Author Fest 2006 was a revitalization of a project from a decade ago. It was a program offered by the school district for children in grades Pre-K through 8th. Five well known authors, Joseph Bruchac, Jennifer Armstrong, Patricia Lankin, Michael Buckley, James Preller, illustrator Vincent DePorter (Sponge Bob Squarepants and Scooby-Do) and storyteller Elizabeth Harr gave talks to over 500 children and parents on a Saturday in March.

Having children interact with authors is a fantastic way to get them enthusiastic about reading and literature. It was a pleasure working with the district on this event.

2nd Annual Literacy Day was a cooperative effort between the Library, Head Start, WMHT and the school district with the Friends and Stewarts Shops providing some financial sponsorship. The event was for children Head Start through first grade. The event was held in the library with various stations highlighting book characters and themes. Each child received a Polaroid photo with Clifford the Big Red Dog, a balloon and a bag of goodies containing information for parents and children about reading as well as a book. The event was held on a Saturday in May and during those two hours over 850 children and parents trooped through the building.

The Library hopes to continue projects such as these and expand its outreach in this community through programming.

Library Visitors



MISSION STATEMENT

The Groversville Public Library commits itself to the residents of the Groversville Enlarged School District to be a community resource that provides access to information and technology, educational and cultural events while remaining a center for research and recreational pursuits.

Computer Use

During the Fall of 2005 wireless access was added to help accommodate the needs of the community. Still, 5,122 patrons used the computers in the library for Internet access with some patrons being allowed to use the Internet in the Children's Room to meet demand. Numbers were significantly higher during the summer months and waiting lists 10 to 15 people long were common.

Circulation

Adult Department

Circulation in the Adult Department increased for the fifth year in a row. I attribute this to two efforts. The first is the wonderful collection development performed by Deborah Bucholtz and Sherry Teetz. It has been said repeatedly that Gloversville has the best collection in MVLS. The second is the reader's advisory performed by the circulation staff. In adding not just the old favorite authors, but by selecting new names, talents and styles, and then promoting them, the adult staff has kept the collection fresh and active. Rotating displays showcasing certain authors or themes, and the shifting of shelves to expose dusty, forgotten titles, has resurrected interest in older volumes that often sit unread in the Main Stack area.

Teen/Tween Services

During 2005-2006 an effort was

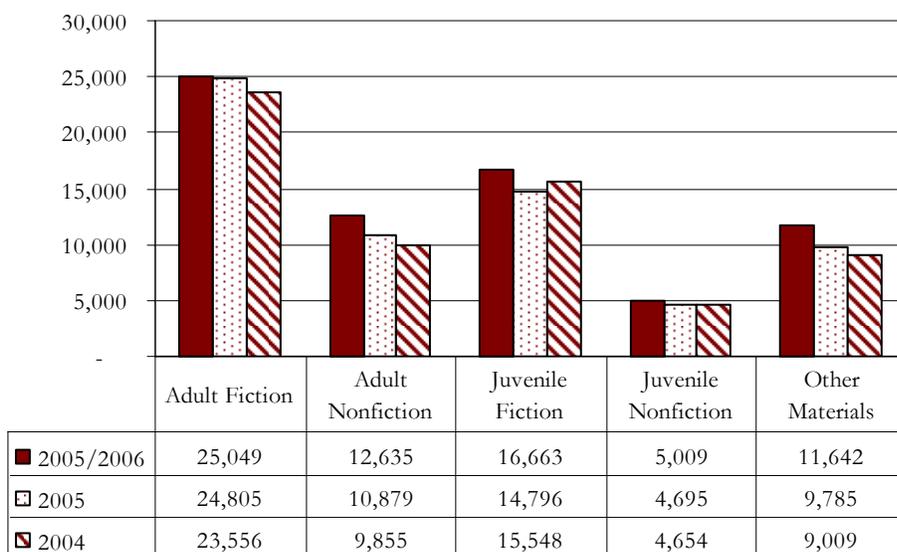
made to begin collection development of this area through the use of donations. There are currently 354 titles in this collection, and it is supplemented with collections from MVLS that rotate every couple months. One-on-one introductions as children and families came in looking to expand their reading scope worked well to promote this section. Before very long we had students coming in asking for the section as their friends passed on the word. This area saw 870 circulations during the year. As the Gloversville Enlarged School District continues to expand its 25 Books a Year reading initiative, our role in providing materials to these youngsters will grow requiring that Teen/Tween services and space become its own.

Children's Room

The Children's Room offers significant curriculum support for the area school districts through

the fiction, non-fiction and reference collections. Special holidays are highlighted with book displays and the Mohawk Valley Library System supplements the collection with bulk loans. For example, during March a batch of books by the authors invited to Author Fest were available. Another interesting collection that circulates from MVLS are "Starts with Science" kits designed to promote science and literacy among 3 to 5 year olds through stories and hands-on activities. These are very much in demand with the local day cares and nursery schools.

But libraries these days are about much more than books as numbers for "Other Materials" illustrates. This category includes books-on-tape and CD, videos, DVDs, newspapers, magazines, and music cds.



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Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June, 30 2006

Receipts	Budget	Amount Received to June 30, 2006	Over/(Under) Budget
Tax Levy	\$198,200.00	\$198,200.00	\$0.00
Investment Income	130,000.00	113,241.72	(16,758.28)
Foundation Income	0.00	22,458.17	22,458.17
Affiliations & Grants	15,000.00	48,184.56	33,184.56
Fines & Miscellaneous Income	2,000.00	5,187.71	3,187.71
General Donations	12,000.00	31,284.28	19,284.28
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$357,200.00	\$418,556.44	\$61,356.44

Disbursements	Budget	Amount Disbursed to June 30, 2006	Over/(Under) Budget
Salaries - Full Time Employees	\$140,000.00	\$131,164.11	(\$8,835.89)
Salaries - Part Time Employees	57,000.00	45,441.22	(11,558.78)
F I C A & Medicare Tax	15,000.00	13,800.12	(1,199.88)
Unemployment Insurance	1,400.00	1,336.27	(63.73)
Disability Insurance	700.00	562.80	(137.20)
Medical Insurance	20,000.00	15,875.16	(4,124.84)
Pension Expense	20,000.00	22,490.50	2,490.50
Heat	10,000.00	9,445.73	(554.27)
Electricity	7,500.00	9,483.66	1,983.66
Telephone	2,500.00	2,528.73	28.73
Insurance	6,600.00	6,014.52	(585.48)
Books, Periodicals, etc.	43,500.00	62,483.24	18,983.24
Computer & Automation Services	13,000.00	13,334.35	334.35
Library, Building & Office Supplies	6,500.00	17,188.33	10,688.33
Maintenance & Repairs	3,000.00	2,922.12	(77.88)
Financial Secretary	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
General Expense	3,500.00	3,818.93	318.93
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$357,200.00	\$364,889.79	\$7,689.79

General Fund

Cash Balance on July 1, 2005 (Transferred from Free Library)	\$89,333.99
Plus: Receipts Per Report	418,556.44
Less: Tax Levy Expense (Free Library)	5,315.84
Less: Dissolution Expense (Free Library)	5,578.49
Less: Expenses Per Report	364,889.79
Cash Balance on June 30, 2006	<u>\$132,106.31</u>

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Auxiliary Organizations

Board of Trustees

The Board was quite busy with the requirements handed down by NYS as a result of becoming a public library. There was NYS Civil Service, NYS Retirement System, preparation of the NYS Registration packet and learning the ropes of running our own election. Work with the Foundation on the dissolution of the Free Library and transfer of assets to the Public Library and Library Foundation should also be noted as these were lengthy processes.

Trustees for the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year

President – Christine Pesses
Vice-President – David Fisher
Treasurer – David C. Heacock
Secretary – Patricia Klohck
Elizabeth Batchelor
Jay Ephraim
Michael Ponticello

Gloversville Library Foundation

The Gloversville Library Foundation is an auxiliary organization established in 2005 to manage the Gloversville Free Library's endowment funds. The transfer of those assets was complete during the first quarter of 2006 with the dissolution of the Gloversville Free Library.

Foundation Board Members

Chair – Jeremiah Wood IV
Vice-Chair – Robert Maider
Treasurer – Robert Thaisz
Secretary – Dolores Fleischut
Ann Lee Clough, Mark Finkle
and George Morgan

Representatives from the Gloversville Public Library Board

David Fisher and Michael Ponticello

Non-voting members

Library Director Barbara Madonna
Friends' President John Blackmon

Friends of the Gloversville Public Library

The Friends of the Gloversville Public Library continued their wonderful work in support of the Library during the year.

They purchased an attractive trash can with ash tray, sign board and patron counter for the new entrance, a DVD player for the Carnegie meeting room, the Diane Gabaldon Outlander series on CD, a new book truck for the Children's Room and carpet cleaning for the main floor.

They sponsored a farewell luncheon for Edie Willcox, hosted an Open House for the community, provided refreshments for the dedication of the handicapped entrance and honored the staff during the holidays with Certificates from the Chamber of Commerce.

They continued to provide Saturday Craft Time once a month from September through May. In collaboration with the staff in the Children's Room, StoryTime was changed from 1pm on Thursdays to 10:30 am, resulting in a significant increase in attendance.

They sponsored, planned and hosted an Adirondack Evening in the Spring with storyteller Don Williams and musician Tom Hoover that included refreshments. And they provided \$200 toward the "Writers All Around Us" 2006 summer series.

Friends Executive Board Members

President - John Blackmon
Vice-Presidents - Lynn Kicinski & Patty Franco
Treasurer - Barbara Reppenhagen
Secretary - Donna Kuhner
Directors - Lillian Pierson-Cohen, Wanda Ellis and Rose Truesdell

Community Partnerships

I would like to thank our community partners who have joined the Library during 2005-2006 to provide programming and services to the residents and visitors of our area.