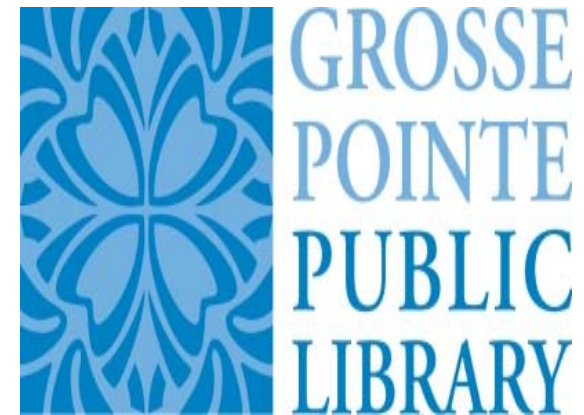


GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

# ANNUAL REPORT

2008-2009



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The Mission of the Grosse Pointe Public Library is to serve people of all ages by actively providing easily accessible information, materials, services, and programs designed to meet the community's evolving educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs.

## ADULT DEPARTMENT

The Adult Programming Committee began its fourteenth year with a program on Old Books-Trash or Treasure sponsored jointly with the AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch. October's program was a discussion on The Loss of Identity in Horror Films with Anthony Ambrogio. In November, author Patrick Livingston discussed his book, *The Boblo Island Story*. Other programs through the year included:

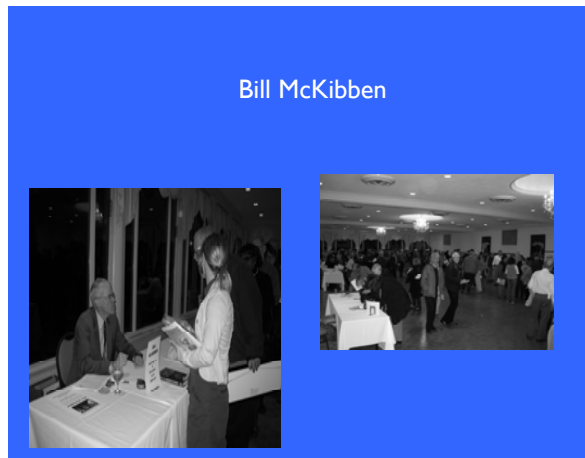
- Oscar Night at the Library
- A special program by Anca Vlasopolos discussing her book, *New Bedford Samurai*.

The year ended with environmentalist Bill McKibben on "Saving The Planet and Maybe Even the Auto Industry."

All programs are well attended by the public.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- Book Discussion Group at Central
- Great Books at Central
- Book Discussion Group for kids ages 10-14 at Central
- Mother-Daughter Book Discussion Group.
- Book Talks



Your Grosse Pointe Public Library circulated 760,411 items .

Over 675,816 people visited a Grosse Pointe Public Library.

## Operating Budget for the Grosse Pointe Public Library

### REVENUE

Local Taxes	\$3,897,021
County & State Aid	\$88,402
Late Fees & Rentals& Other	\$130,143
Interest	\$92,613
Library Development Donations	\$78,282
Gifts	\$9,069

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**Total Revenue** **\$4,295,530**

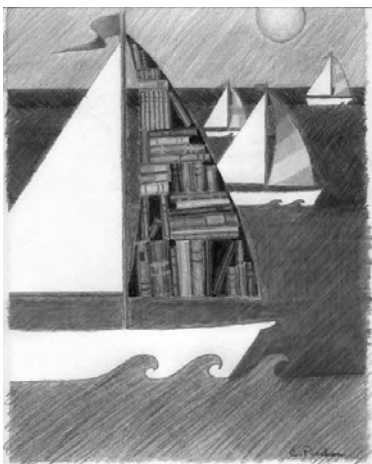
### EXPENSES

Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$2,344,773
Materials & Programs	\$843,677
Purchased Services & Insurance	\$153,642
Repairs & Maintenance	\$203,903
Utilities	\$211,794
Supplies & Postage	\$99,349
Furniture/Equipment	\$8,177
Development Programs	\$ 64,773
Other	\$2,224

**Total Expenses** **\$3,932,312**

## 8TH ANNUAL BOOKS ON THE LAKE

This program was funded with donations received through the Annual Fund Campaign. The program included talks by three authors: Kim Edwards, James Grippando and Joe Konrath. The event was held at the War Memorial on September 27. Over 400 people attended.



Joe Konrath, Kim Edwards, James Grippando

## FUTURE OUTLOOK

Space constraints will continue to be a problem in fiscal year 2009-2010 as it has been in the past for Central Library.

## OTHER SERVICES

The Reader Dog program is very popular. A total of 106 sessions were held.



The Customer Service Committee hosted author, John Nelson, who spoke on *What Color Is Your Parachute For Retirement: A New Approach For Hard Times.*

### Teen Advisory Board

TAB assisted the library in volunteer activities including the Friends Books Sales and hosting crafts at the Halloween Costume Sale. The Summer Jam Teen Concert had nearly 400 attendees.

John Nelson



### In 2008, your Grosse Pointe Public Library:

- Answered 88,198 reference questions
- Answered 29 reference email questions
- Had a total customer registration of 29,300
- Loaned 12,728 items to other libraries
- Borrowed 12,778 items from other libraries

## YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services librarians had guest author Gloria Whelan for a speaking engagement in May and author/musician Jim Gill in April. Additional programs were held during the year.

Programs Included:

- Animal Magic
- Doll Tea Party
- Hit, Catch and Throw Like A Pro
- Poetry Slam for Teens
- Anime Movie Nights and prom
- Gaming Tournaments
- Book Discussion Groups



*Doll Tea Party*

Story Times are held three times a year for six week periods, and films are shown once a week at each branch for 16 weeks of the year. The Summer Reading Club this past year had 1556 participants. The Teen Summer Reading Program had 102 participants.



*Gloria Whelan*

## ANNUAL FUND

The goal for the Annual Fund this year was \$70,000. The library achieved that goal thanks to the generosity of the donors of the community. Books On The Lake and Senior Symposium are sponsored through this fund.

## SENIOR SYMPOSIUM

The Senior Symposium was held on three Wednesdays in May in celebration of Older Americans Month.

Topics included stress reduction techniques, warning signs of heart attack and stroke, and Mel.org, Michigan's Electronic Library. A light snack was provided for all attendees. There was an average of 50 people at each lecture.



Thomas J. Karas

## OUTREACH

The major thrust of the Outreach Program historically has been the delivery of library materials to those who, were it not for the Program, could not benefit from all that the Library has to offer. Currently there are thirty people on the roster. A total of 252 outreach visits were made during this year. The large print collection continues to be well used. A small collection of materials from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is kept in this area as well.