

# Glen Lake Community Library



## 2017 Annual Report



*The Chicken Dance was a big hit at our polka concert in July*

### **Mission Statement**

The Glen Lake Community Library will bring people, information, and ideas together to support the evolving educational, intellectual, and recreational needs of Empire, Glen Arbor, and Kasson Townships. While preserving its traditional roles, the library will cultivate diverse experiences, services, and materials including the use of emerging technologies to link people to information.

[www.glenlakelibrary.net](http://www.glenlakelibrary.net)

# By the Numbers

While plans for the future unfolded, the library remained a valuable and well-used community resource.

## People

17,000 people came through our doors, with nearly 900 people checking out materials. 113 new card holders joined the library.

## Collections

At year's end, the library housed over 32,000 items, including 22,000 books, 4400 movies, and 3600 sound recordings. Digital collections grew, led by the Up North Digital Collection with 19,000 ebooks and audiobooks. All told, 28,759 items were borrowed.

## Technology

More than 1600 visitors used our public access computers, while another 650 took advantage of our WiFi. Offsite computers in Maple City and Glen Arbor provided even more access.

## Programs

Nearly 1000 people of all ages attended library programs, including weekly children's activities, movie screenings, author readings, and more.

# Highlights

During National Library Week in April we paired the documentary film *Nothing Like Chocolate* with chocolate tasting courtesy of **Grocer's Daughter**, and hosted local author **Jerry Dennis**.

Weekly kids programs over the summer included music, a gardening workshop, and nature presentations. Author **Kit Robey** also worked with young writers.

In September, **Vellamo** entertained an enthusiastic audience with their unique brand of Finnish folk music.

More than 100 people enjoyed a November screening of *Barn Raisers*, a documentary film cohosted by the Michigan Barn Preservation Network

# Building Plan

In 2017, big strides were taken in planning for our building renovation and expansion. An objective space needs assessment was conducted, under the guidance of a library design specialist, and public input was gathered at two community workshops.

After a thorough search, Quinn Evans Architects was hired to design an updated facility. QEA developed a series of building concepts, with a final vision nearing completion at year's end.

Another critical step was the establishment of a Capital Campaign committee, which will manage fundraising efforts to finance the building project.

The steady progress on our building plan was due to the dedication of our Building Committee. Drawing on their diverse experiences, this group worked tirelessly over the course of the entire year.

**Linda Young**, chair

Doug Baker Ann Davey

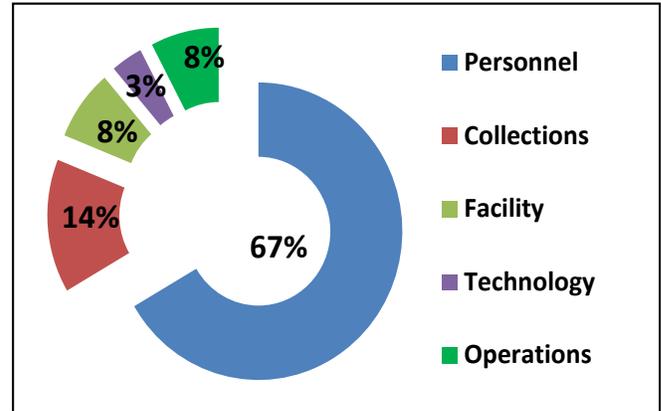
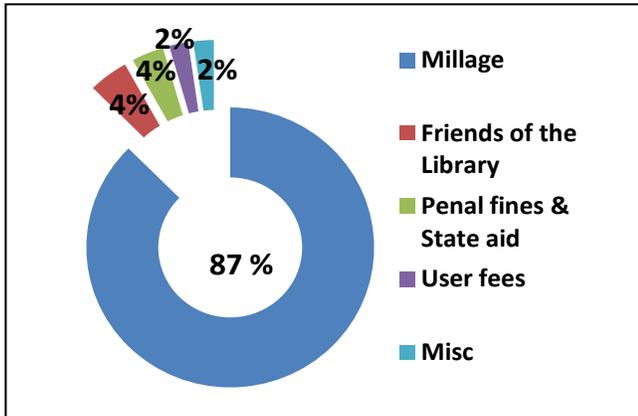
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# Dollars & Sense



The library enjoys very strong local support. **Income** from property tax millage (*approved in 2016*) provided the bulk of our total income of \$225,152.

Careful oversight of **expenses** kept operating costs at \$172,363, resulting in a budget surplus. With long-term operating costs uncertain, this financial cushion will be vital.

## Board of Trustees

Representatives from all three townships in our district provide oversight of library policy, personnel and finance.

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## Friends of the Library

Our long-time partners continued their tradition of supporting and promoting the library. During the summer, their used book sale and Home Tour raised thousands of dollars, as did Spring and Fall newsletter appeals. Thanks to their effective fundraising, the Friends were able to sponsor our weekly Stories & More program, and provide a generous donation to our general fund. The Friends also coordinated our volunteer program, supplying nearly 1000 hours of support to library staff. The Friends are led by co-presidents Sue Boucher and Barb Fowler.

## Milestones

2017 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of our library, and the 20<sup>th</sup> year in our current facility. Library staff also completed a combined 30 years of service here at the GLCL. Each day, we see the community spirit that has allowed the library to thrive here on Front Street. We look forward to a bright future at your public library.

David Diller, library director

Janette Berkshire, assistant librarian