

A Message from Board President Frank Marasco

We have a lot to be grateful for here at the library. We completed a \$1.9 million dollar renovation/expansion project, coming in nearly \$164,000 under budget, without having to ask you, the taxpayer, for any funds.



Careful saving, investing and securing local Recovery Zone bonds paid for the improvements.

We constantly strive to meet the community's needs by improving the physical environment, services and programs. And as you can see from "The Numbers" in this annual report, you are using your library more than ever before, and we love that!

The library staff continues to improve and expand its involvement in the community, partnering with organizations like Character Counts, F.I.S.H. Food Pantry, Best Buy, School Districts 15 & 156, the Chamber of Commerce and civic groups.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Executive Director Jim Scholtz, we are proud to serve you, the public, in making your library one of the preferred resources and gathering spots in the area. Thank you for a very successful year!

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McHenry Public Library District Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010/2011



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*Yesterday's Wisdom, Today's Knowledge,
Tomorrow's Dreams*

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The McHenry Public Library isn't just a quiet place to read. These days the library is:

- a place for a student to come to after school to do homework;
- where the unemployed can search for a job or conduct an interview and where those who can't afford a computer or had to give up their Internet access at home can check their email;



Kids enjoy the picture book area.

- where young moms bring their pre-schoolers for literacy programs and where community groups use a public meeting room;

- where anyone can still find a good book, magazine, newspaper or movie.

For many people, it's the only free, educational, informational and recreational resource they have in these tough economic times.

Population served:

2010 Census: 42,023

2000 Census: 35,293

That's a 19% increase in potential users!

The Numbers

New library card registrations		Percent Increase:
FY 2010/2011	3,486	33%
FY 2009/2010	2,625	
(We currently have more than 19,000 cardholders)		
Items checked out		Percent Increase:
FY 2010/2011	626,654	20%
FY 2009/2010	521,444	
Program attendance		Percent Increase:
FY 2010/2011	9,752	79%
FY 2009/2010	5,439	
Public computer use		Percent Increase:
FY 2010/2011	44,328	31%
FY 2009/2010	33,753	
Wireless network use		Percent Increase:
FY 2010/2011	9,344	88%
FY 2009/2010	4,963	
Study room use in hours		*First year available
FY 2010/2011	2,541*	
FY 2009/2010	n/a	

