

Annual Report SY2014

A COMMUNITY PILLAR

For over 100 years, the Glen Ellyn Public Library has strived to provide the highest level of programming, services, and materials to the Glen Ellyn community. With a knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and friendly staff, the library builds relationships within the community.

A Note from the Director

It is official. The Glen Ellyn Public Library fiscal year now matches the calendar year — meaning it begins January 1 and ends December 31. In order to make this change, we had to have one, eight month short year. We refer to that short year as SY2014.

SY2014 covered the period beginning May 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014. Comparing eight months of statistics or financial reports to the previous year FY2014 (which contained 12 months of data) would not be productive. However, I can share that over the course of eight months we had 244,807 visitors and circulated 461,491 items. This is a 4% increase in circulation over the course of the same eight month period the previous year. Usage of our digital books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, music and newspapers continues to climb.

I am pleased to say the library board and staff accomplished a great deal during the eight month short year. For example, we held a successful *Read to Rescue* Summer Reading Program, challenging the community to meet a predetermined reading goal which would result in a monetary donation to Willowbrook Wildlife Center. *Read to Rescue* saw 586 adult participants reading a total of 4,207 books and 2,308 children participants reading a total of 69,878 hours, triggering a donation from the Friends of the Glen Ellyn Public Library in the amount of \$1,000 to Willowbrook Wildlife Center.

We also renovated two floors of the library starting in June and wrapped up the majority of the work by the end of November. New staff office space was created in underutilized space on the 3rd floor. Staff formerly in offices on the 2nd floor were moved to new offices on the 3rd floor. This in turn opened up a considerable amount of square footage on the 2nd floor, allowing us to create a series of individual study rooms, including a reading lounge and conference room. In addition to creating these new study spaces, the remaining area on the 2nd floor was renovated — replacing the carpet, repainting, upgrading the lighting, adding a greater variety of seating and increasing the overall seating capacity. We remained open for service during the entire construction project. If you have not been in to see the newly redesigned space we invite you to do so. We are happy to report that the new space is being heavily used and we have received wonderful feedback about the changes.

Also during SY2014, a new strategic plan for FY2015-FY2017 was created. This plan can be reviewed at gepl.org. Click the *About* tab then select *Mission and Vision*. You will find a link to the new Strategic Plan. We look forward to another busy year in 2015. If you have not been in to visit or looked at our website recently — we encourage you to do so. Check it out and see for yourself that the Glen Ellyn Public Library is...*So Much More Than Books*.

- Dawn Bussey, Library Director

SERVICE FOR ALL

Youth

The Youth Department continued its commitment to convenient and accessible services by launching a new self-check machine in July of 2014. In this past year alone, nearly 24,000 items have been checked out by families in the Youth Department. Youth staff have been busy supporting other technology-related needs, as seen by the dramatic increase in number of 3D printing requests by the community.

The use of digital content throughout the library is steadily increasing, and the Youth Department explored new online resources to fulfill the changing needs of its young learners. Library cardholders now have access to new language learning online resources,

such as *Muzzy* and *Little Pim*. In addition, two new online resources called *ScienceFlix* and *Culturegrams* support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) learning for children of all ages.

For the first time this summer, the library participated in the Summer Food Service Program. Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, this program provides healthy boxed meals to sites across the state of Illinois. During July and August, the library was an open meal site for any child 18 years or younger. The library hosted 25 summer meal programs and distributed 790 lunches to a total of 500 children in need of a free and healthy lunch.

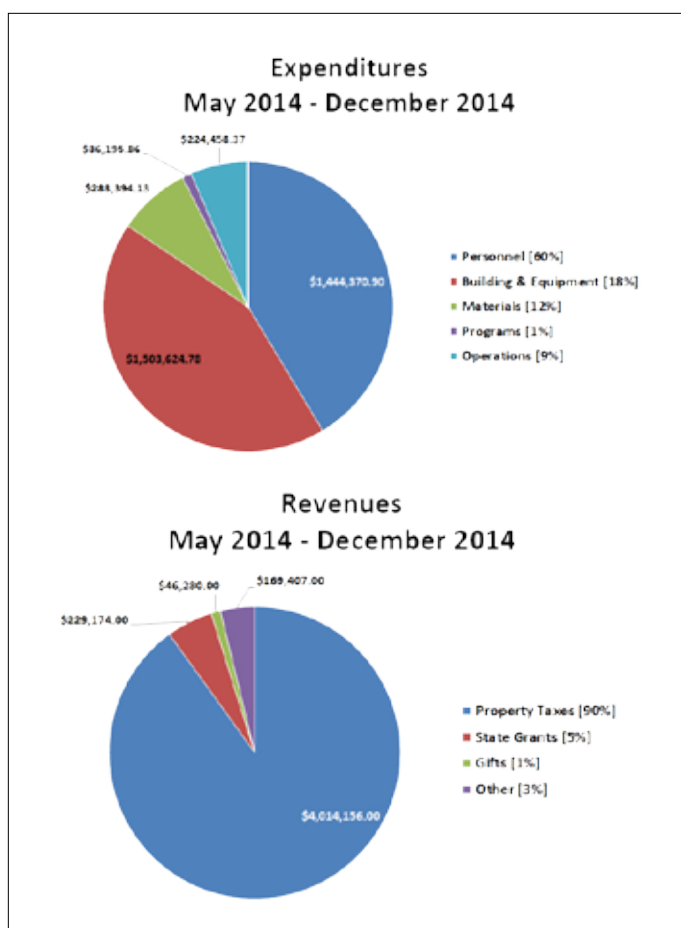
The Youth Department works hard to provide programs and opportunities for children of all ages and their caregivers. This year's program highlights include the *Harry Potter Ice Cream Social*, the *National Teen and Tween Lock-in*, a children's author event with *Sherri Duskey Rinker*, *Stories with Santa at the Glen Ellyn Fire Station*, and our first ever *Preschool Fair*. *Read to Rescue*, the library's second annual philanthropic summer reading program, encouraged children to record their reading and work towards a community-wide goal in support of the animals of Willowbrook Wildlife Center. Congratulations to all 2,308 children participants who read nearly 70,000 hours!

Teen

The Teen Scene at the Glen Ellyn Public Library continues to thrive. Hard-working Glen Ellyn teenagers filled the teen room and the new study rooms. They enjoyed pizza and coffee at *Late Night Study*, and coffee and hot chocolate after school on Thursdays during *Homework Café*.

Teens enjoyed entertaining programming as well — like when they teamed up with middle school students over the summer for the *National Teen and Tween Lock-in*. All attendees enjoyed virtual author visits and snacks. High school students separated to take over the second floor for some rousing *Nerf Wars*.

A great addition to the teen services at the Glen Ellyn Public Library has been the thriving volunteer program. Ten teens reached out before summer started asking to volunteer at the library, leading to a summer volunteer program during schools' summer vacation. Three volunteers stayed on as regular, weekly volunteers, doing everything from keeping the Adult Department staff organized and stocked, creating book displays, and writing book and movie reviews. They are a great asset to the library and the goal is to bring in more volunteers in the upcoming year to help expand teen services!



Adult

The second floor refresh is complete! After a summer of planning, in September staff offices were tucked away on the third floor, providing second floor space for eight small study rooms, a conversation lounge, and soundproof Media Lab. The second floor now enjoys new furniture, carpet and lighting, fresh paint, and new service desks. The seating capacity has increased and it is easier to plug in or charge your devices. Four of the new study rooms are equipped with Smart TVs on which you can project your work for your group to easily see. Individuals, students, tutors and groups have found these new spaces meeting their needs.

The online 24/7 library continues to flourish. Your tax dollars are bringing the best in books, movies, music, and magazines to your homes or offices around the clock. Reference materials have been carefully chosen to provide you authoritative information on any topic from A to Z. Usage of our financial databases including *LexisNexis*, *ValueLine*, and *Morningstar* continues to grow.

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Before construction got underway, the library was pleased to host a traveling exhibit provided by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Health on *Harry Potter's World*, exploring its roots in renaissance science. In September, the Adult Department welcomed best-selling author *Sue Miller* for a luncheon and talk, and in October, repeated the popular *Business Panel Discussions*, featuring local small business owners sharing their tips for starting a successful business in Glen Ellyn.

Through all the chaos of the construction, staff continued to find your books and movies, suggest the next great read, help you with your ereader, work with you one-on-one with your technology questions, and help you at the computers. Many thanks to all of you who suffered through the noise, dust, and moving books!

Materials Processing

The Materials Processing Department processed and added 14,565 new items to the GEPL collection. The department also removed 21,065 damaged, outdated, and non-circulating items. Overall the GEPL collection includes:

Books = 136,076 titles	E-Audiobook = 22,333 titles
Magazines = 7,238 titles	E-Music = 1,646 titles
E-Books = 19,356 titles	DVDs = 10,839 titles
E-Magazines = 72 titles	E-Video = 5,582 titles
Audio Recordings = 16,480 titles	

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Glen Ellyn Public Library received a total of \$198,279.01 in grant funding and received a total of \$67,938.18 in monetary gifts for the short fiscal year of 2014.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

The Glen Ellyn Public Library will be working diligently during 2015 to continue to provide the community with quality programming. During March and April of 2015, the 2nd floor will play host to the *Freedom Riders Traveling Exhibit*. In May 2015, the library will begin its popular philanthropic summer reading program, with 2015's theme being *Read for Heroes*. The library is working to make staff, programming and services mobile — working to meet those in need at the locations most convenient to them. These outreach efforts will continue throughout 2015. As always, the library will strive to continue its track record of providing exceptional service and materials, as well as exciting programs to all members of the Glen Ellyn community.

HAVE A SUGGESTION?

Visit the library or gepl.org/suggestions and let us know.

GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY USAGE NUMBERS FOR SY2014

WiFi Logins = 40,063

Database Usage = 123,416

Website Visits = 290,878

Loans of Materials = 461,491

Reference Inquires = 42,181

Library Visits = 244,807

