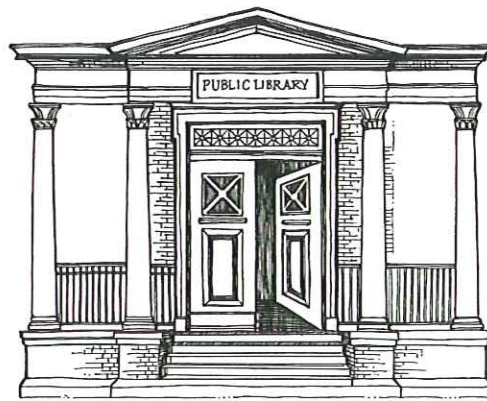


PETOSKEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2008

ANNUAL REPORT



2008 Annual Report Milestones of 2008

MeLCat

MeLCat, the statewide catalog is a database that allows patrons to initiate loans from other participating libraries throughout the state. In the past Interlibrary Loan (ILL) was handled by Reference. While it has become very popular with our patrons, staff continues to adjust to its many demands. This year we processed over 3,500 MeLCat items. When you add MeLCat and the PAC2 items together we processed over 41,000 items – this wonderful service continues to see strong growth especially in these tough economic times. Since we started MeLCat in January 2008, its use has doubled.

E-Mail Notification

To save paper, postage and staff time, we now email notices for pre-due, overdue, and holds – the library patrons love it, especially because it reminds them ahead of time when their items are due!

Robison Case Materials Donation

In May we received a donation of research materials regarding the Robison murders from Mr. Richard Wiles for our local history archives. It is an exhaustive collection of newspaper articles, police reports, crime scene photos and many other documents related to the case. The collection was added to in August with the donation of research materials by Mardi Link, author of *When Evil Came to Good Hart*. The attention paid to the 40th anniversary of the Robison murders has brought a steady stream of people in to review these files, sometimes multiple requests for access in a single day. We have one person who has been coming in several times a week to use the collection.

PAWS to Read

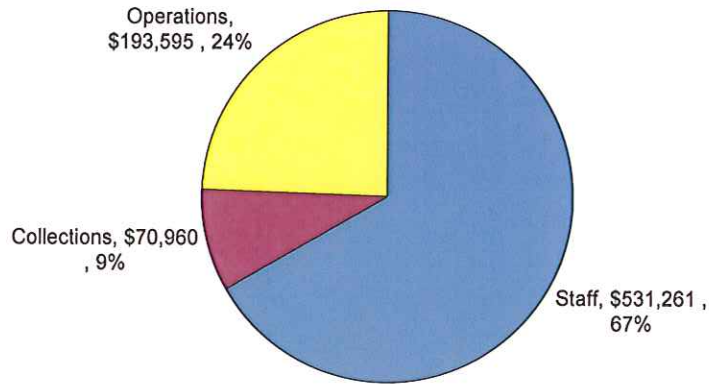
We have established the “Paws” reading program, in which children sign up to read to a therapy dog. These take place on the first and third Saturday of the month from 2-4:00 p.m. We’re just beginning to generate some interest in this. Dr. Janet Burns and her dog, Millie, Lou Pollie and her dog ToutDoux and Karen Sherrard and her dog Boo are making the program go right now. The idea behind this program is that children with reading issues feel comfortable reading in a non-judgemental setting and the dog is reassuring.

Programs

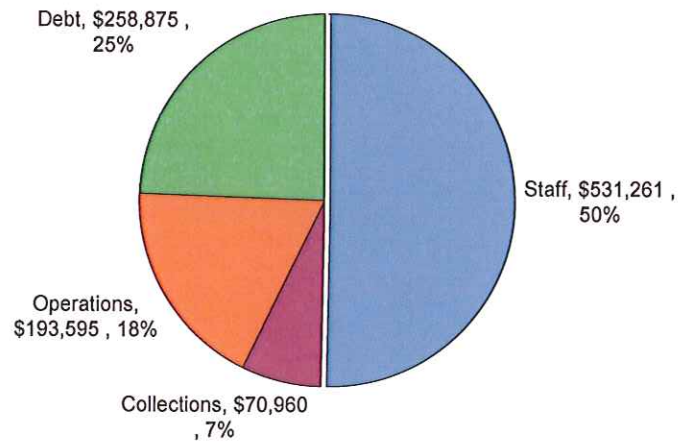
The programming for the adult and family groups continues to grow. With the help of the Friends, we are able to have our schedule set for the coming year completed before January. In 2008 there were 25 programs, 11 were Friends at the Carnegie events. We had 1,627 people in attendance in 2008. That is a 33% increase over 2007. Please see the list of events and attendance from last year that is attached.

The celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Carnegie Building will be continuing this year with participation in the 4th of July Parade and a reunion of the Lincoln School Kindergartens that attended class in the Carnegie’s basement while the **New** Lincoln School was being built.

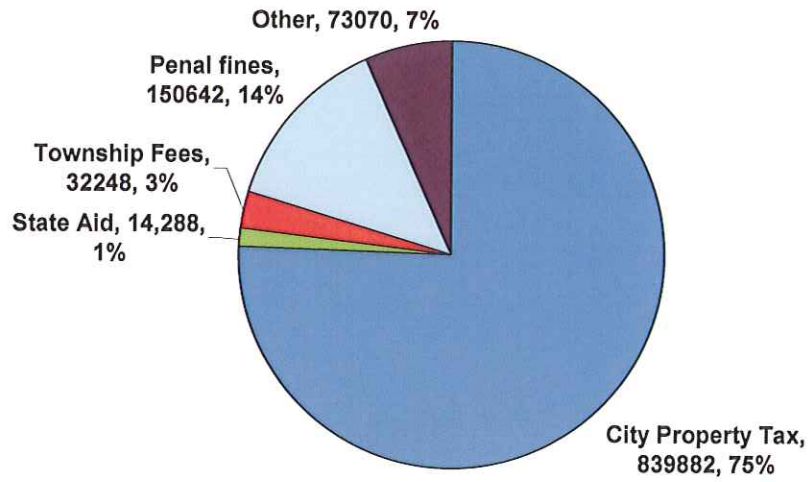
2008 Expenditures - Total Operating Costs \$795,816



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2008 Revenues--1,111,129



Other = Grants, Fines, Reimbursements, Interest, Building Rental, Booksale, Copies, etc.

Petoskey Public Library

Registered Borrowers

who used their cards in 2008	2006	2007	2008	% change
Bear Creek	1547	1504	1531	2%
Cross Village	32	37	37	0%
Friendship	100	104	86	-17%
Harbor Springs	141	134	135	1%
Little Traverse	345	348	331	-5%
Petoskey	1899	1805	1741	-4%
Pleasantview	95	99	103	4%
Readmond	66	78	74	-5%
Resort	619	682	657	-4%
Springvale	464	435		
West Traverse	209	217	225	4%
Total	5517	5443	4920	-10%
Paid Cards			61	
Education Cards		53	96	81%
Total Registered Borrowers			9732	

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Circulation Statistics 2008

	2007	2008	&change
City of Petoskey	37,858	38,361	1%
Bear Creek Township	31,324	33,168	6%
Resort Township	14,232	16,076	13%
Springvale Township	9,839	4,621	-53% 6 months
Little Traverse Township	8,077	7,897	-2%
West Traverse Township	3,007	3,637	21%
Pleasantview Township	2,254	1,522	-32%
City of Harbor Springs	2,116	2,901	37%
Friendship Township	1,769	1,785	1%
Readmond Township	1,613	1,380	-14%
Cross Village Township	535	527	-1%
Education Cards		2,058	
Other*	23,295	28,013	20%
Total 2008 Circulation	135,919	141,946	4%

*lent to other libraries, in house use, paid