

Year in Review

Royal Oak Public Library continues to offer an impressive array of services despite major budget constraints. This year, Royal Oak Public Library's revenues were the lowest since 2005. In June 2012, as a cost saving measure, ROPL's hours were reduced from 60 to 56 open hours a week. The library continues to be open six days including four evenings each week.

ROPL also sought ways to enhance revenue. The semi-annual fundraising letters continue to give library supporters opportunities to donate to the library. Additionally, people made donations to the Memorial Book Collection. A huge thank you goes out to those donors! Over 600 donations totaling over \$35,000 were made this year. The library also received a very generous bequest from the estate of Royal Oak elementary school teacher Jane Carpenter.

ROPL received substantial grants from the Ronald McDonald Charities of Southeastern Michigan and the National Ronald McDonald House Charities to purchase four early literacy computers for the youth area. A grant from Target funded a new book club for 5 - 8 year olds. The Friends of Royal Oak Public Library continue to provide essential support for library programs, materials, and equipment. Continued annual support for specific programs is received from the Royal Oak Kiwanis, OUR Credit Union, and the Royal Oak Neighborhood Schools. Royal Oak Public Library appreciates these partnerships!

If Royal Oak Public Library is not already part of your routine, visit and see what we have to offer!



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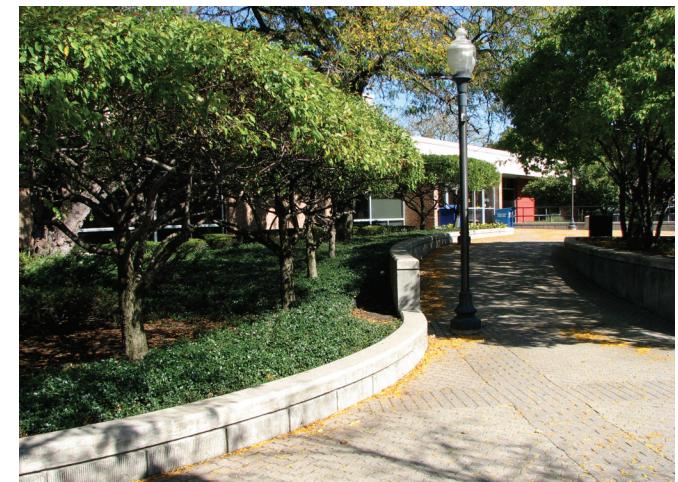
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The mission of the Royal Oak Public Library is to be an informational, intellectual, cultural, and recreational resource for all people; to inspire the spirit, educate the mind, and be a center of community pride.



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ANNUAL REPORT

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Library Revenues

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Library Millage	\$2,229,742	\$2,210,507	\$2,062,222	\$2,011,806	\$1,985,723
Penal Fines	\$86,165	\$80,317	\$76,657	\$73,675	\$77,047
State Aid	\$39,284	\$18,161	\$29,176	\$24,124	\$27,103
Fines, Fees, Misc.	\$73,116	\$67,742	\$86,895	\$85,510	\$79,942
Grants/Gifts	\$8,696	\$9,350	\$11,362	\$78,616	\$90,013
Interest	\$19,330	\$10,190	\$7,090	\$4,448	\$5,944
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$46,767	\$0	\$0	\$1,558	\$0
Total operating revenues	\$2,503,100	\$2,396,267	\$2,273,402	\$2,279,737	\$2,265,772

Library Expenditures

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Personnel	\$1,495,272	\$1,386,925	\$1,298,894	\$1,413,114	\$1,399,398
Books, music, video	\$283,739	\$234,780	\$153,333	\$161,518	\$138,036
Other expenses*	\$724,089	\$701,939	\$700,974	\$705,105	\$695,766
Total operating expenses	\$2,503,100	\$2,323,644	\$2,153,201	\$2,279,737	\$2,223,200

*Maintenance, services, supplies, utilities, debt service on bonds issued for 2006 renovation

Library Operating Activities

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	% Change FY 2011-12 to FY 2012-13
Visitors	618,279	653,482	651,552	640,957	519,595	-19%
Programs	556	539	510	515	521	0%
Program Attendance	17,438	16,750	16,172	15,679	15,441	0%
Reference Questions	39,908	41,700	42,741	43,790	39,469	-1%
Computer Uses	77,910	65,858	64,075	74,560	66,234	-11%
Lending Transactions	405,067	424,169	461,182	451,097	424,592	-5%
Card Holders	28,166	30,700	31,762	32,262	32,367	0%
Collection Size	163,176	172,773	177,803	186,885	189,135	1%



Interest in and usage of e-books continues to grow at ROPL.



The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society performs at the ROPL as part of the Live Music Series.



Read to the Dogs program.

Of Interest in 2012-2013

- Interest in and usage of e-books continues to grow. ROPL continues to offer free borrowing of e-books and audio books to Royal Oak Library card holders.
- ROPL's redesigned website debuted in June 2013.
- Discounted or free passes to Michigan cultural venues, free day use passes to the State Parks, discounted Detroit Zoo offers are all available through ROPL.
- Two more colorful mosaic panels created at the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce's Clay, Glass and Metal Festival were unveiled in the Youth Services area of ROPL. These represent the third year and fifth and sixth mosaic panels of this impressive community art project.
- ROPL's Live Music Series was presented on selected Saturday afternoons throughout the year.
- Book Buddies, a new book club for 5 - 8 year olds, was funded by a Target Grant.
- The summer reading program continues to encourage people of all ages to read for enjoyment during the summer. Over 1,100 children participated.



A young patron uses an AWE Early Literacy Station purchased through a grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities.