The Rochester Hills Public Library provides up-to-date materials and information to people of all ages for their recreation, education, and lifelong learning. The library emphasizes efficient access and courteous, professional service in welcoming surroundings.
Highlights of 2014

• Construction began of a 6,600 square foot addition to the library. The primary reason for the construction was to correct the approach to the drive up window and book return. The additional space will also allow the library to install an automated materials handling system which will check in returned library material and sort that material into bins. The second floor space will be used for the Friends’ of the Library used book sorting and sale. The addition is being paid from the library's savings account along with a $50,000 gift from the Friends of the library. The building will be complete in March 2015 and the parking lot will be finished later in the spring depending upon weather.

• RHPL received the Sunrise Pinnacle Award for “Outstanding Community Service”. Created by the Rochester Regional Chamber, the Sunrise Pinnacle Awards offer a way to honor area businesses and leaders for their innovation, success and contributions to the quality of life in the community. Their are 23 categories of awards and RHPL won in their category.

• In February, we replaced the carpet on the stairs with terrazzo that is easy to maintain and will last for many years.

• RHPL’s logo was updated continuing to incorporate the tree as its centerpiece. The idea and importance that nature, community and knowledge play in the library’s role to the community can be seen within the logo.

• We passed our site inspection for officially becoming a Family Place Library, and now have the banner hanging above the youth services desk. Wendy Lehman, our Early Childhood Specialist, has been invited to give a presentation on Family Place libraries to the National Association of Education for Young Children.

• Over 175 library users were assisted with one-on-one appointments for downloadable ebooks, music and magazines.

• The digital magazines in the Zinio service increased to 256.

• Two databases were added, National Geographic for Kids and Consumer Reports. There were over 110,000 hits to our RHPL databases in 2014.

• During the building construction that prevented drive-up window access, outreach staff personally delivered library materials to customers with disabilities that restricted their ability to come inside the building.

• MYLE (Make Your Life Easier) kits were added to the Outreach collections. These kits are thematic and are designed to offer a sampling of products that have the potential to make life easier for persons dealing with Parkinson’s Disease, arthritis and other health issues.
The Community Bookmobile partnered with the local chapter of Blessings in a Backpack. Blessings coordinated their food distribution time with the Community Bookmobile’s Borden Park summer stop. Families were able to pick up their food delivery, visit the Bookmobile and have park access simultaneously.

The Oakland Talking Book Service migrated from a sub-regional library to an Outreach & Advisory Center. This transition allows more staff time for custom BARD downloading and outreach efforts. OTBS total circulation increased 39% over the previous year.

A free library was temporarily installed in the skating shelter at Spencer Park. Several more of these “free library” sites will be established this Spring at Spencer and Bloomer Park. They are available for anyone to take a book, leave a book, or take one to read while in the park. The park staff are very enthusiastic about this partnership.

Grants

- We received a grant to become a host site for the Umigo educational program. The grant includes an iPad Air and a $1000 stipend. The grant is from the US Department of Education as part of the Ready to Learn Program.

- Outreach Services received a $1,000 literacy grant from the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society. The money supported the library’s Next Chapter Book Club for residents who have developmental disabilities.

Programs

- Approximately 25,683 children, teens and adults attended library programs sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library in 2014. The programs offered include author visits, musical performers, storytimes, video gaming, crafts, and more.

- We successfully hosted our largest Polar Express to date with approximately 1400 attendees and over 112 volunteers assisted library staff at this event. Participants were treated to a trolley ride through Rochester’s Big Bright Light Show, a photo with Santa, cookies and games, in addition to a reading of “The Polar Express”.

- The 2014 library-wide Summer Reading Program had 2,407 children, teens and adults participate, a record number for this annual program.

- In April, the 13th annual Everyone’s Reading featured author Chris Bohjalian and his book, Before You Know Kindness.

- A Teen Advisory Board was created to help plan teen events.

- We hosted twice-monthly Managing Your Digital Photos class.

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Volunteers

- The Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library raised $175,000 in 2014. With their support, the library was able to fund children and adult programs, the building construction, printing costs, computer equipment and aquarium maintenance.

- Over 100 volunteers were recognized at the library’s annual luncheon for giving approximately 12,000 hours of service during the year. The hours volunteered equals the value of six full time employees.

- Over 116 teen volunteers contributed 582 hours of time to assisting youth events.

- Roberta Sanger Stelmaszek updated the Story Room in the Youth Department with a beautifully illustrated hand-painted mural.

Public Support

Comments are always welcome and we receive hundreds throughout the year. Here are a few of the comments we received this past year.

*Great Library! Helpful staff. Thank you!!*

*My debt to you keeps multiplying. For the third time the system has chosen your library to fill one of my Melcat requests. I do want you to know how grateful I am for the expenditure of time and money you have incurred through sharing your large print editions.*

*I recently moved to the area. Each time I come into RHPL, the staff has been very obliging, courteous & very customer service oriented. Kudos to such a great staff.*

2015 Library Board

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Library Usage

Library Cards
- Rochester Hills: 45,659
- Rochester: 8,326
- Oakland Township: 11,597
- Non Resident: 4,328
- Michicard: 218

Library Card Distribution
- Rochester: 12%
- Rochester Hills: 65%
- Oakland Township: 17%
- Non Resident: 6%
- Michicard: 0%

Circulation

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Library Holdings
- Total Items: 296,821
- Print: 229,546 (77%)
- Audio: 20,824 (7%)
- Video: 46,069 (16%)
- Other: 382 (<1%)

Circulation By Holding Type
- Print: 957,099 (58%)
- Video: 488,578 (29%)
- Audio: 93,193 (6%)
- e-Materials: 116,199 (5%)
- Other: 7,543 (0%)

Library Usage
- Print: 229,546
- Audio: 20,824
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- Other: 382
2014 Donations

Ken, Cheryl, & Zachary Adams
Ken & Raina Adams
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Paul & Susan Burback
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