

From the desk of the Director

Not your grandmother's library!

The Lebanon Public Library is expanding and changing and we are no longer your grandmother's library! Technology is here! One way we are embracing technology is through wireless Internet service. The library received a Wireless Internet Grant through the Indiana State Library's Library Services and Technology Act. When patrons and residents of Boone County bring in their wireless-ready laptops, they will be able to access the Internet without even plugging in! A book business no longer, the library has changed into the information business. Books are no longer hidden under the desk where staff has to retrieve them for patrons. The OPAC (the online public access catalog) has replaced the old card catalog. Now books, newspapers, and magazines share space with growing and rapidly changing audio visual materials: records changed to cassettes, and now we have music on CD's; first we had videos, and now we have DVD's; digital information has morphed from CD-ROM's to free and wireless Internet Service. The public Library is no longer bound by walls! Programs are held in the schools and preschools through the library's outreach programs. The library has electronic resources that can be tapped into from the patron's home or office via their library card.

Changes are coming in our physical space as well. One of the next things to come to the library will be self-checkout. The new library will also offer a place to read a newspaper or book and have a cup coffee. The no-food-allowed-in-the-library rule is becoming a thing of the past. The genealogy room is being enlarged to meet the growing needs of families researching their families. The new space will allow the genealogy materials to be digitalized, so that it will be easier to look up your grandmother's history. The library is no longer a place where you hear "ssshh!". While preschoolers and their mothers are meeting for a play-date, groups of students discuss their school projects, and a college student can do research for a paper that is due when he gets back to college.

If any of our patrons ever have questions, the reference librarian is able to find information on almost every subject. Do not forget that she is available on the phone, in person, or via email at the library. If she finds she can not answer the question, she may send for a book through Inter-library Loan, or email a colleague to get the answer that is needed. Not sure how to use the Internet? The library offers classes for beginners. A patron can even reserve or renew books online.

No, it is not your grandmother's library. It is the library for the twenty-first century, and a library that offers programs for babies to grandmothers. The best part of the new library is still the books that will fill many hours of enjoyment for the avid reader.

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Lebanon Public Library 2004 Annual Report

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Circulation Department

MONTHLY CIRCULATION - CHARGED ITEMS		
MONTH	2003	2004
JAN	12,122	12,405
FEB	11,581	12,649
MAR	14,110	14,608
APR	12,500	10,187
MAY	11,697	13,540
JUN	16,817	19,696
JUL	16,465	19,329
AUG	12,003	13,066
SEP	12,431	11,942
OCT	13,732	13,835
NOV	10,812	12,456
DEC	9,772	11,007
TOTAL	154,042	164,720



Circulation Statistics at a Glance	
Information Request	11,419
Reference Questions	15,312
Computer Users	17,793

Technical Services

The Technical Services department went through one great major change in 2004 which was the changeover to the SIRSI automation system from our old Galaxy system. It was a big change, but a very positive one. It's been great to see the library staff adapting so well to the new system. Everyone seems to be doing very well! Additionally in our department, there have been several changes in staff in 2004. We are still cataloging all the library's materials! We are looking forward to another great year in 2005.

268 Memorial Items were cataloged in 2004.



Reference Department



The Reference Department houses a variety of Reference materials such as Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Indiana Code, Almanacs, Medical Books, Chilton's Auto Repair Manuals, Art Books, Music Books, Value Line, Momingstar, Standard and Poor's Register, Weiss' Rating Guides, and Kelley Blue Book to name a few. Questions may be answered in person, over the phone, or even asked through our web site www.bccn.boone.in.us/LPL under the Reference Department email. We try to answer all questions in a timely manner and accurately. There are no dumb questions at the Library! No, we don't know everything, but we can direct you to the information that you need 9 times out of 10. Referrals are also made from the Reference Department to an Agency that would better answer the need at the time.

The Reference Department answered 12,116 questions, and gave 4,079 informational answers in the year 2004. Stats were not quite as good as I was sick for a month. Over 19,000 tax forms and instructions were distributed to the community from January thru the 15th of April. Many forms were also printed off of the Internet during the same course of time. Forms are also needed by many people throughout the year, which is why the numbers are so high.

INSPIRE, Indiana's Virtual Library, is available to every Indiana Resident! If you do not have Internet connection at home, the Library has computers that you may use at no cost. We do charge 10 cents per page for printouts. INSPIRE offers electronic magazines, encyclopedias, and other resources for your information needs. Research current events, science, business, health, notable people, hobbies, and much more from your library, school, home or office. Hoosier Heritage is the newest addition to INSPIRE. In July of 2004, the Library Board approached me to become a Notary for in house and patron usage. From July through December, I notarized 26 items. Visitors are very happy that the service is available here.

Reference Statistics at a Glance

Questions Answered:	12,116
Informational Answers:	4,079
Tax Forms Distributed:	Over 19,000
Items Notarized:	26

Ralph W. Stark Heritage Room



The local History room at the Lebanon Public Library became what is now known as the "**Ralph W. Stark Heritage Room**" in 1976. Mr. Stark was a Lebanon businessman for 34 years, an active conservationist and an archivist. He spent many years researching the history of Boone County which earned him the title of honorary historian of Boone County.

The Heritage Room at the Lebanon Public Library was a center of genealogical activity in 2004. Folks with Boone County roots have researched family history files, obituaries on microfilm, yearbooks, city directories and various local history sources. Genealogists came prepared with files and folders and hopes of finding a document or photograph that will tell them more about their ancestors. Boone County folks who settled here to attend school, to build churches, to farm or own businesses, to work hard and raise their families.

Donated Items:

Books, church records, family history files, high school graduation announcements and photographs, family manuscripts and photographs, postcards, scrapbooks and yearbooks were donated from patrons in 2004.

Programs offered in 2004 include:

- *Monthly Genealogy Workshops
- *A week of History Camp
- *Creating Heritage Albums
- *Hat Style Show at Homewood Healthcare
- *Monthly State Library Trips
- *Library History – Roll Call for Centennial
- *State Archives Trip
- *Cemetery Workshops
- *Lineage Societies
- *Spanish and ESL classes

Statistics for January – December 2004

Patron Visits – 1193
Genealogy Requests (e-mail, Letter, phone) – 313
Program Attendees – 178
Volunteer Hours - 342

Adult Department



The Adult Services Department is located on the upper floor of the library, and has much to offer. There are numerous and varied programs available for our adult patrons. Our goal is to make available a balanced variety of topics to our attendees. Some past programs were author talks and book signings, basket making, a tea celebration and monthly ongoing programs such as a "Life Stories" writing class and our Taste of Home cooking group. In 2004 there were 96 programs with 1908 attendees.

There are numerous outreach programs available to our adult patrons. Those who are homebound receive a weekly delivery of materials from the library. We also provide programs to local senior residential facilities and civic groups.

The Adult Services Department also promotes a monthly book discussion group that meets on the second Monday of each month. We also sponsor two adult reading programs, one in the winter and one during the summer. There were 41 participants in the winter reading program and 76 participants in the summer reading program. The "United We Read" Program is a community wide reading program. In 2002 "Wish You Well" by David Baldacci was the selected title and Walmart and AOL Time Warner were community partners in this program which had 484 participants. In 2003 "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd, a surprise best seller, had 333 participants. In 2004 "The Red Heart" by James Alexander Thom was the selected title and again the Lebanon Walmart was our community partner and there were 177 participants.

The Adult services Department has a varied selection of materials. The collection contains, books, magazines, newspapers, audio books, VHS and DVD movies. Our "Hot Books to Go" section provides additional copies of the most popular books on a "first come, first served" basis with a one week checkout, no renewals and no reserves.

The Adult Services Department also tries hard to provide all materials requested. If we don't have a particular item in our collection we attempt to either purchase it or secure it by using our Inter Library Loan System. In 2004 we were able to fill 231 requests for items not in our collection.

The Adult Services Staff makes patron service their top priority. Their goal is to give each patron friendly and competent service and make our library a destination for information and fun.

2004 Adult Department Statistics

Programs	96
Program Attendees	1908
Winter Reading	41
Summer Reading	76
United We Read	177
Filled Item Requests	231



Young Adult Department

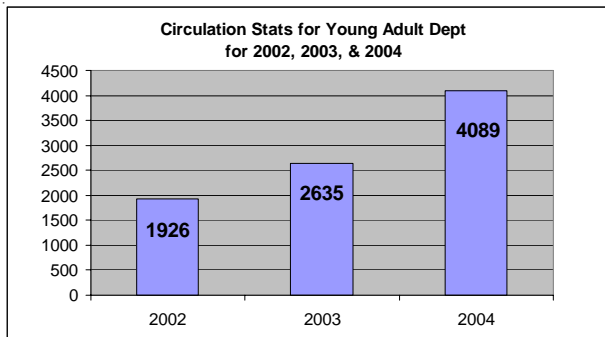
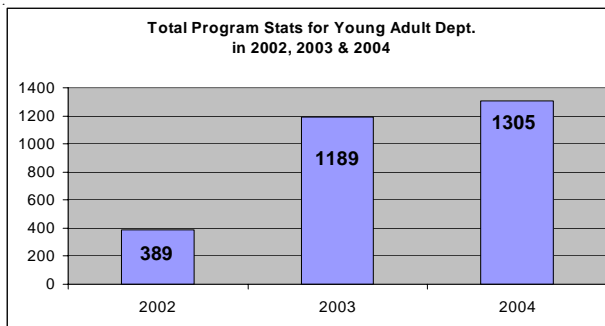


The Young Adult department is here to serve those patrons who are no longer challenged by the collection in the Children's department, but are not yet ready or interested in the concepts introduced in the Adult Collection. We also tailor many programs specifically for this age group such as poetry readings, craft programs, art programs, Teen Advisory, community service programs, and programs that offer volunteer opportunities for teens. The Kenworthy Reading Camp is one such volunteer program that gives the teens of the community a chance to help out over the long summer

months. Also in the summer, the Young Adult Department builds the library float for the 4th of July parade (we won Second Place in 2004!). Our last summer hurrah always

includes a party that the Young Adult Department hosts for the Children's Dept. Our Lemony Snicket Party in 2004 was a great success! Some other good programs from 2004 were our fall arts and crafts programs and the Summer Lock-In.

We are still growing and changing! Be sure to look at the Young Adult Dept. Charts to get an idea of how much we've been growing!



Circulation Programs			Circulation Programs		
Jan	166	18	Jul	598	255
Feb	340	41	Aug	335	0
Mar	307	60	Sep	254	32
Apr	228	185	Oct	377	34
May	369	307	Nov	316	75
Jun	548	255	Dec	251	43

Children's Department



Opportunities abound at the Lebanon Public Library Children's Department for local children to partake in a variety of enriching activities. In 2004 the children's department held 549 programs. These programs were attended by 17,650 children and 2,599 adults. From Stay Times to Scrapbooking classes and Wild Animals to Water Shows, we have provided numerous possibilities for fun and learning.

With our diverse selection of resources, we provide children with the opportunity to fulfill their entertainment and educational requirements. A varied collection of materials are available that reach beyond our quality award winning books. These materials include magazines, movies (both VHS and DVD), computer software, and learning kits, such as Hooked On Phonics and Reading Rainbow Backpacks. We also offer a large collection of resources for Parents and Teachers.

Serving the children in our area is very important to our staff. Personally connecting with a child or caregiver to give them the superior service we strive to offer is one of our proudest accomplishments. The children's Department answered 2,606 reference questions, and fulfilled 5,769 requests for information in 2004. Our computers stay occupied on an hourly basis, with 3,255 total users in 2004. This number does not include the month of March as our computers were unavailable at that time. We spend many hours each week on outreach services, including our Roving Books Daycare Outreach Program. This program along with other regular school and preschool visits, ensure that we are reaching groups of children that may otherwise go unserved.

As we look ahead at the many and greater opportunities that we will have to serve and provide for the children of our community, we are excited by the possibilities we see. As we strive to provide our community with greater educational, cultural and recreational resources we are looking forward to a bigger and brighter future. In planning for the future the Lebanon Public Library Children's Department will continue to strive to be the place that kids not only belong, but a place they want to be.

Children's Stats at a Glance

Programs: 549	Reference Questions: 2,606
Attendees: 17,650 Children	Information Requests: 5,769
Attendees: 2,599 Adults	Total Computer Users: 3,255