

From the desk of the Director

The Lebanon Public Library strives to preserve Boone County culture in some way through its collections and in the building itself, which stands as a foundation for a literate community. In 2005 the Lebanon Public Library celebrated a century of service to the community, and the new addition and the renovation will reflect the library's history, as well as embody the dreams and hopes that the Library Board and the staff have for the future success of the library while preserving the library's historical integrity and making the building larger, practical, and more user and technology friendly.

By adding on and renovating the Carnegie library, and maintaining its historical appearance, the Lebanon Public Library will continue to be a source of community pride with new features such as the Sugar Bowl (a program room, social gathering place, and reading room for young adults and adults), an expanded Heritage Center for genealogy, the Avon Audio-Visual Department, the Children's Activity Room, the Children's Story Pit, and additional space for books. These improvements offer patrons a functional, up-to-date facility. The new library preserves, protects, and respects the Carnegie library's history while completely remodeling the library's interior to meet and serve the future needs of the modern library user.

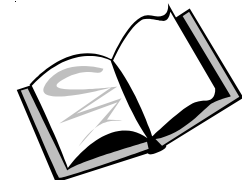


Lebanon Public Library 2005 Annual Report

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Circulation Department

CIRCULATION STATISTICS 2005 MONTHLY CIRCULATION - CHARGED ITEMS			2005 Circulation Statistics at a Glance	
MONTH	2004	2005		
JAN	12,405	12,079	Phone calls In	6817
FEB	12,649	12,780	Reference	14507
MAR	14,608	16,094	Information	4230
APR	10,187	12,725	Phone Requests	258
MAY	13,540	12,758	Computer Usage	13234
JUN	19,696	17,354		
JUL	19,329	16,282		
AUG	13,066	13,338		
SEP	11,942	11,542		
OCT	13,835	12,282		
NOV	12,456	10,462		
DEC	11,007	9,659		
TOTAL	164,720	157,355		



Technical Services

The Technical Services department went through another major staff change in February 2005. We were down to two persons holding the fort. With one clerk cataloging all incoming books and audio books and another clerk cataloging all magazines, the two took care of most of the business in the department with some assistance from other department heads. The two worked well together and were able to put out memorial books, New York Time's best sellers, reserved books, and other popular books on the shelf in a timely fashion.

In the fall, an AV department head was hired. She and her staff started to catalog AV materials to cut down the back log of all AV items in the department. By the end of December, all our supplies and materials were packed. We were ready for our temporary move to the new part of the library, while our department and the old part of the library were to have a face-lift.

Technical Services Statistics at a Glance
 Items cataloged (books, audio books and magazines): 5,927
 Memorial items cataloged: 186
 Acquisitions (books and audio books): 2,739
 Volunteer hours (mainly from "cover" girls): 279.5 hours
 Books repaired: 114
 AV repaired: 16

Reference Department

During 2005, the Reference Department answered 14,614 questions, an average of about 54 reference questions per day in January, and 62 reference questions per day in June! Questions range over a variety of subjects and types and are answered with reference and non-fiction books, as well as online sources such as websites, links on the library website, and databases.

At the same time, the Reference Department answered 3,205 informational questions, such as: where is __?, what are the library's hours?, etc.

Fifty-one phone requests were answered, and notary services were provided to 66 patrons.

About 19,110 tax forms and instructions were distributed, most of them between January and April, but others throughout the year, as needed by patrons.

The Reference Department provided programming for 275 children and 95 adults.

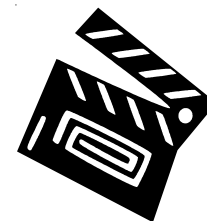
Audio Visual Department

The Audio Visual (AV) department is for those patrons who want something a little different than a print book. The AV department is filled with a diverse collection of books on tape/CD, music, and movies (fiction and non-fiction).

The AV department is now located on the lower level next to the Children's area. During the relocation of the AV area we re-organized the movies to be in alphabetical order and the music to be in genre/artist order. This re-organization has helped patrons find things quickly and easily. Our AV staff is also dedicated to helping patrons find things for their viewing or listening pleasure whether for education or purely entertainment purposes.

In the near future we will be expanding our current collection even further, and will begin having various AV related programs. Be sure to keep an eye on the library web page or come in to keep up with what is happening in this exciting department!

Circulation Statistics for 2005	
Book on CD	1,224
Book on Tape	2,622
DVD	8,429
Video	12,591
Music CD	1,229
Total AV	26,095



Heritage Center

The Ralph Stark Heritage Room saw growth in program attendance and genealogical requests/ research questions. The last quarter was spent preparing for the move of the department to the Cragun House. In November 2005, the Heritage Room packed most of the collection and placed in storage. The department along with the core genealogy collection moved to the Cragun House.

Statistics for January – December 2005

Patronage – 1181

Genealogical Requests: 415

Program Attendance – 332

Volunteer Hours – 176

2005 Programs

Monthly Genealogy Workshop (Jan – Oct)

Research Trips to the Indiana State Library

Genealogy After Hours

Cinco de Mayo

History Camp

Spanish Classes – Summer Reading

Veterans History Program

Cragun House Tours

Time Capsule Ceremony

Donations and Gifts

Photograph – Class of 1922 Advance High School

Darnell store records

Panoramic photos of Herr Farm

Adler fire photos

4th of July parade photos

Boone Co. Home Ec Club 1938-39 Scrapbook

Collection of records from Union Twp. Churches

Clements Family history book

Collection of biographies of LPL board & staff

Time capsule contents

1897 Photograph and newspaper articles

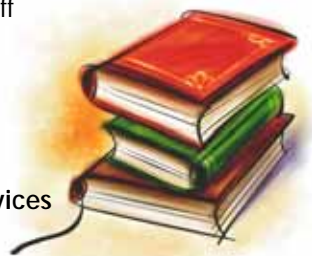
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Adult Department

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 our Taste of Home cooking group. In 2005 there were 81 programs with 1618 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.

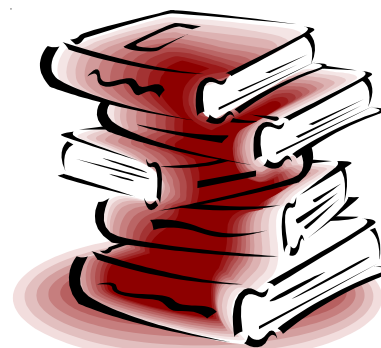
The “United We Read” Program is a community wide reading program. In 2005 “Wish You Well” by David Baldacci was the selected title and there were 484 participants. In 2004 “The Red Heart” by James Alexander Thom was the selected title with 177 participants.. In 2003 “The Secret Life of Bees” by Sue Monk Kidd, a surprise bestseller, had 333 participants.

The Adult services Department has a varied selection of materials. The collection contains, books, magazines, and newspapers. 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 2005 we were able to fill 183 requests for items not in our collection.

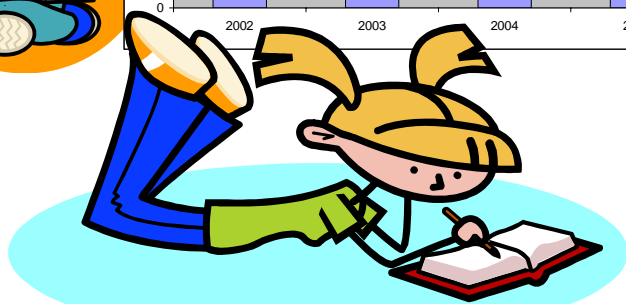
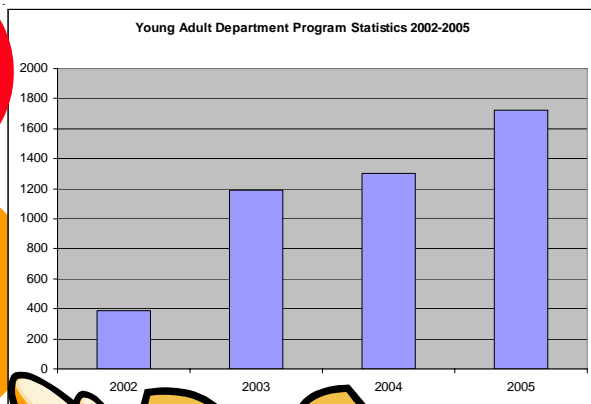
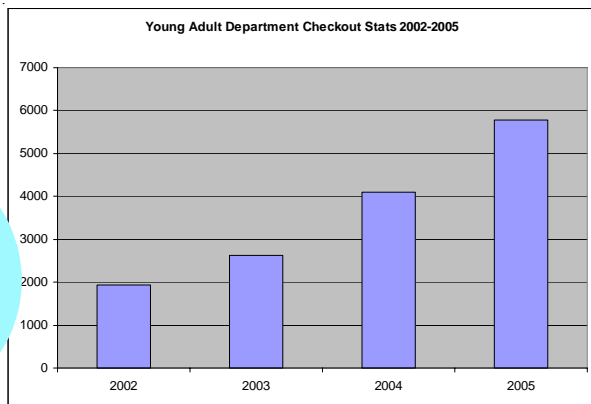
The Adult Services Staff makes patron service their top priority. Their goal is to give each patron friendly and competent service and make our library a destination for information and fun.

The Adult Services Department looks forward to the upcoming library expansion which will provide expanded library space and services.



Young Adult Department

The Young Adult Department had a great year in 2005. We were getting ready to move and had great strides in programming and check-out statistics. Some memorable programs include the start of Knit and Natter, our sewing program, Tin Can Lanterns and candy dipping! We were so excited to beat our check-out statistics by over 40%! What an amazing increase! This was simply due to increased buying power for the Young Adult collection. We also enjoyed a 32% increase in our programming stats due to more programs and more teens attending programs. We ended the year looking forward to 2006!



Children's Department

What an exciting year 2005 was for the children's department! With the construction of the new addition to the library the children's department was the first to see changes as our southeast corner was blocked off to begin preparations for the new public restrooms which had to be completed before any other work could begin. This meant losing valuable space and shelving and shrunk our department by about 25 percent. There was barely room to move through the shelves!

With all the commotion of the construction and move into the new space our programming for the year only took a small dip as we strove to continue providing our patrons with the excellent service they have come to expect. Providing everything from craft classes to history camp and animal shows to presidential presentations, opportunities to participate in a variety of activities were rich at the library. In 2005 the children's department held 366 programs. These programs were attended by 13,189 children and 2,361 adults.

The children's department was lucky enough to be able to squeeze everything into our limited shelving so that we did not have to store any of our collection out of the library during our remodeling. This kept our diverse selection of resources available to everyone. Our collection includes such varied items as award winning books, magazines, movies, audio books, 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.

As the building project moved forward we became excited at the opportunities we would be able to provide to our patrons. Having a dedicated children's activity room provides greater prospects of new and exciting programs.

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 3,778 reference questions, and fulfilled 6,079 requests for information in 2005. Our computers stay occupied on an hourly basis, with 5,508 total users in 2005.

We spend many hours each week on outreach services, which is highlighted by our Roving Books Outreach Program which visits area daycares and summer camps. This program, along with other regular school and preschool visits, ensures that we are reaching groups of children that may otherwise go unserved by the library.

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; a future in which 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.