

From the desk of the Director

Even though the library has added a new addition, they have gone beyond those walls by moving their book collections and services into places where they are needed and can be used to support a diverse community. The Young Adult librarian goes



to the Middle and High Schools to give book talks and join in book discussions with the students, and through a book blog students from all over learn about the young adult books at the library. The Children's Librarian takes books to the Methodist Children's Home, Morning Base, and programs to the elementary schools. Every month the Roving Books Librarian supplies books and programs to 13 major day cares and Headstart. Through Roving Books the library has partnered with Witham Hospital to supply their patients with books. Homebound Services makes sure that patrons who are unable to come to the library can have books delivered to their home. Adult Services supplies books and programs to nursing homes, and has a Reader's Advisory blog that serves people from all over the world. The library works with Judge David's In-Service to bring quality programming to all agencies in Boone County who work with and serve the youth of the community. The library's Genealogists partners with the Historical Society to make the library's and the Historical Societies collections accessible to everyone in the county and the state. Both the Heritage Center and the Reference Department have databases that can be used by patrons from their home such as Chilton's Online which is popular with professional and lay auto mechanics. By shifting collections throughout the community the library insures that its collections and services reach a variety of users.

The Lebanon Public Library is always working on creating great alliances among schools, day cares, community centers; and key associations, departments, governments, and clubs in the community. With the new addition and the renovation the library is in the position to thrive. Everything is constantly changing and the library is no longer just an extension of the past. The library has evolved many times over the last one hundred years that it has been serving the community, and it is doing it again. But one thing that has not and will not change is the library's flexibility, functionality, and strength in supporting adult literacy, expanding access to technology, providing a safe and engaging place for youth of all ages, making government services and forms available, and by becoming a community hub. The Lebanon Public Library supplies books, programs, community learning, and interpersonal interactions with its patrons, but there are literacy levels and services that the Lebanon Public Library has yet to imagine.

- Kay Martin, Director

Lebanon Public Library 2006 Annual Report

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Circulation Department

Circulation Stats by Month

| MONTH | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| JAN | 12,079 | 5,723 |
| FEB | 12,780 | 12,634 |
| MAR | 16,094 | 14,398 |
| APR | 12,725 | 13,784 |
| MAY | 12,758 | 13,663 |
| JUN | 17,354 | 18,762 |
| JUL | 16,282 | 18,046 |
| AUG | 13,338 | 13,729 |
| SEP | 11,542 | 16,834 |
| OCT | 12,282 | 15,917 |
| NOV | 10,462 | 14,444 |
| DEC | 9,659 | 12,815 |
| TOTAL | 157,355 | 170,749 |



Circulation Service Stats by Month

| | Totals |
|--------------|--------|
| Phone | 5,338 |
| Info | 2,100 |
| Ref | 1,105 |
| Ph. Req. | 153 |
| Computer | 13,892 |
| Wireless | 137 |
| Registration | 2,104 |

Technical Services

2006 was a busy year for the Technical Services Department. The department continued to be staffed by two persons until a new Department Head was hired in early November. Work in Technical Services continued to revolve around ordering materials, processing newly arrived items, cataloging and adding said materials to our database and physically preparing items for check-out. A fair amount of time was also devoted to acquiring and processing memorial books, a service which continues to be popular with our community.

While the AV Department continued to catalog most of their own materials as well as DVDs, videocassettes and CD-ROMs for the Children's Department, Technical Services focused its energy on cataloging and processing all books, periodicals and audiobooks.

With the addition of a third person and the expansion of the library's collection, the department looks forward to taking on more responsibilities and meeting more challenges in the future.

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| Items cataloged (books, audiobooks, magazines) | 6,159 |
| Memorial books | 251 |
| Acquisitions (books and audiobooks) | 3,940 |
| Volunteer hours (mainly for book covering) | 302 |

Reference Department

2006 was a year of change and growth in the reference area. The amount of floor space tripled in the reference area, tables and chairs for study were added, and an OPAC computer for online catalog searching was installed. The reference area is now equipped with both wireless and plug-in internet connection. With the new amenities, the reference area is now a favorite destination in the library for middle school and high school students and adult learners.

Over 6,000 reference questions were answered, as well as over 3,400 information questions. Fifty-two phone requests were answered. About 15,900 tax forms were distributed. Two new databases, Learning Express and Chilton's Online Manuals, were installed, are available, and are being marketed to library card holders who may access them from home or at the library.

Reference programming served 155 adults and 308 children. Many Lebanon elementary, middle school, and high school students are using the reference department for school research projects, notably the World's Fair and Science Fair projects. With its print and online reference sources, and INSPIRE database of published magazine, newspaper, and other articles, the Reference Department is a great place to start research projects!

Audio Visual Department

The Avon Audio Visual (AV) Department is filled with a diverse collection of audio books on tape/CD, music, and movies (fiction and non-fiction).

In 2006 our focus was on building the non-fiction movie collection. Some examples of the non-fiction subjects added to our collection in DVD are; travel, fitness, war, documentaries, biographies, and health. If we do not have what you are looking for let us know, we love suggestions!

We also started AV programming in 2006. Some examples of AV programs held in 2006 include; Monthly Movie Night, Guess the Oscars and Win, and Educational Film Night. The AV Department also participates in the Summer Reading and Winter Reading programs where you simply listen to audio books and you have the chance to win great prizes. We will continue these programs and will add to them in 2007.

We have a great web site where we post new materials added to the collection and program information. Be sure to keep an eye on the AV web site or come visit us to keep up with what is happening in this fun and exciting department!

AV Circulation Statistics for 2006

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|----------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Book on CD | 1,925 | Video | 10,387 |
| Book on Tape | 2,141 | Nonfiction Video | 776 |
| DVD | 16,497 | Music CD | 3,428 |
| Nonfiction DVD | 1,207 | | |

Total AV Circ for 2006: 36,361

Total Library Circulation: 161,588

AV's % of Library Circ: 22.5%

Heritage Center

2006 was a year of transition for the Ralph Stark Heritage Room. The department operated from the headquarters of the Boone County Historical Society at the Cragun House. The last two weeks of July the department closed, packed the genealogy collection and moved into the newly renovated Carnegie building. With the department functioning in tight quarters in a Victorian house it was impossible to provide library programs for the public. The all-department move took place in August. At that time the heritage collection that had been in off-site storage was returned to the new space. The work room, Heritage Room, office, circ desk, digitizing room and Heritage Center was set up and now operates in over 5,000 square feet. The library purchased subscriptions to Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest.com and a second microfilm reader was added.

Statistics for January – December 2006

Patronage – 3014

Genealogical Requests: 412

Program Attendance – 45

Volunteer Hours – 176

2006 Programs

History Tea – Grand opening

Donations and Gifts

LHS Cedars 1958, 1960-62

Pinnell Yearbooks

Dover Alumni 50th Anniversary

Young Family History CD

Elizaville Cemetery Records

Zonta Scrapbooks

Pinnell Alumni 1925-1694



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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 a "Life Stories" writing class and our Taste of Home cooking group. In 2006 there were 147 programs with 1861 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 2006 :""The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis was the selection and there were 90 participants. 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 2006 we were able to fill 206 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.

-Yvonne Welty, Adult Librarian

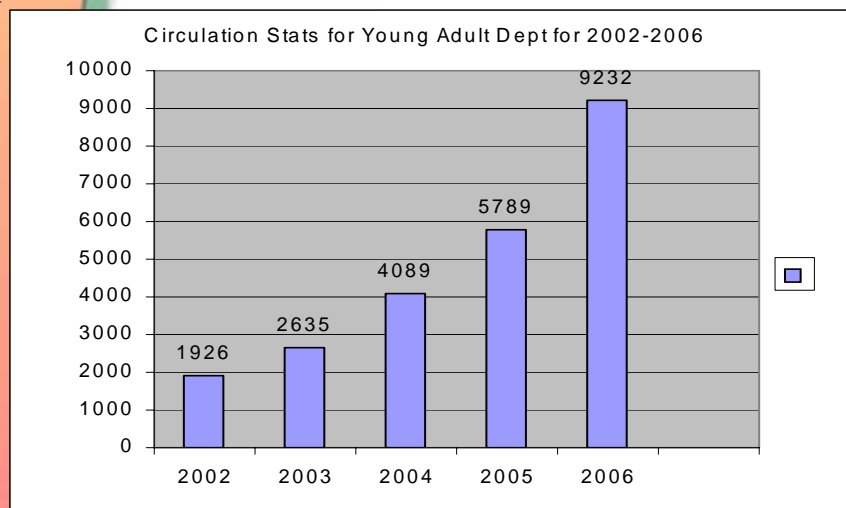
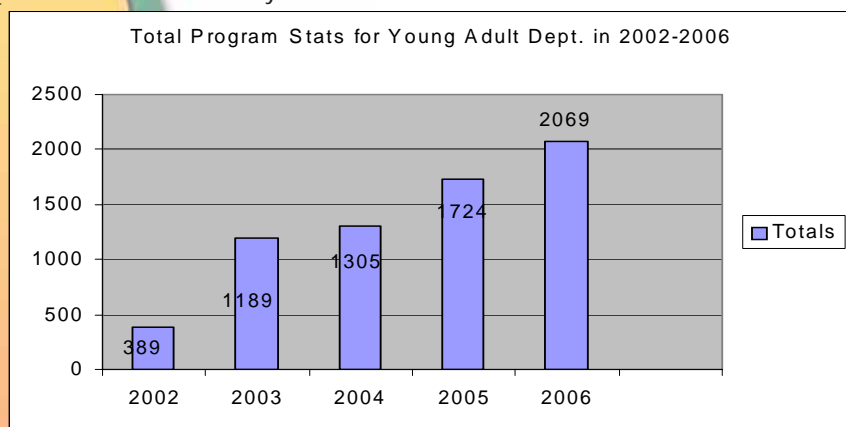


Young Adult Department

The Young Adult Department had another exciting year in 2006! Some highlights include our Youth As Resources Grant that we applied for and won through our Teen Advisory Group! We won over a thousand dollars to apply toward our Summer Reading Program for 2007! Watch for it cause we'll be "Reading Between the Lines!"

We also had a great year statistically. We increased our program stats by 20% and our circulation stats by 60%! In 2006 we were over 5% of the library's total circulation.

Teens are a big part of the library and we hope to continue to entice them to check out materials and participate in programs by offering a variety of stimulating items and programs that will interest a variety of teens. Can't wait to see where we'll be next year!



Children's Department

How thrilling for the children's department to finally be moved in to our beautiful new space in the new addition to the library. Our new room seems worlds away from our small little library in the old building. The children's staff worked diligently to move each and every item onto our new shelves and find a spot for everything. With so much more room we had many more options for organizing our collection. After many deliberations we came up with a plan that seems to suit our patrons well. From the Preschool Section to Intermediate Biographies, the children's department boasts a large and varied collection for kids of all ages.

This past year did have some challenges that our staff and patrons met with great patience and grace, such as the closing down twice to move, and waiting for office and storage space to open up in the old remodeled section. We moved our summer programming to the park as we did not have an activity room while the renovations of the old library were taking place. Some old staff members moved on to other exciting endeavors in their lives such as marriage and college. We then added several new staff members to match our new library.

While dealing with the pains of settling in to our new space, programming was slightly lower than usual at 169 programs attended by 10,645 children and 3,157 adults. Programs included, but were not limited too, Bedtime Stories, Writing Contests, Music Concerts and Magicians.



We look to the coming year with excitement at the opportunities we have to serve more community members and families. Watching our collection grow with new fresh items to entice patrons to come in to visit the library is a joy for us all. We look forward to the greater educational, cultural and recreational resources we can provide to our patrons. Our future is sure to be one in which the Lebanon Public Library Children's Department will be a place that kids not only belong, but a place they want to be.

- Chrissy Johnson, Children's Librarian