

# Glen Lake Community Library

## Annual Report 2011



### Mission Statement

*The Glen Lake Community Library provides access to information for all community residents on an equal, publicly funded basis. The cultivation of a diverse collection of reading materials is central to our role, as is the utilization of electronic media and online resources. By preserving our traditions while also embracing technology, the library strives to meet the evolving needs of our community.*

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## By the Numbers

The library continues to be well-utilized by the community. All key statistical measures have held steady over the past few years, while the collection continues to grow.

### Usage

Materials borrowed	26,874
Active borrowers	994
New cards issued	145
Number of visitors	17,868
Public Computer users	3430

### Collections

Total volumes	30,437
Books	21,021
Movies	4510
Music CDs	1407
Periodicals	1769
Recorded books	1730
Items added	2444

### A Great Value

As illustrated by the Library of Michigan's library value calculator, our service is a bargain. Here's an example of what you can save in a typical month by taking advantage of our resources.

Quantity	Service	Value
5	books borrowed	\$150
4	movies borrowed	\$40
2	audio books borrowed	\$60
5	music borrowed	\$75
6	magazines read	\$24
2	computer hours used	\$12
	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$361</b>

## Service essentials

### Circulating materials

We offer a diverse, exceptional collection of books and other media.

### Interlibrary loan

Resource sharing with libraries near and far allows us to provide virtually any title.

### Periodicals

We subscribe to nearly 50 magazines & newspapers. Back issues of magazines can be borrowed for two weeks.

### Children's services

Our library is very kid-friendly, with over 7800 titles to borrow, Stories & More every week for preschool children, and numerous puzzles, games and puppets.

### Electronic access

Public computers provide fast Internet access and Microsoft Office, along with free WiFi. Various services are accessible via our website.

### Programs

Our Lakeshore Readers book group meets each month, while special presentations are held periodically throughout the year.

### Photocopier, printer & fax

The price remains the same: 10¢ per copy or printout, 50¢ per fax page.

### Digital Projector

Nonprofit groups may borrow this for use in meetings & demonstrations.

### Off-Site Resources

In Glen Arbor, we offer a public computer and a drop box. In Maple City, we also maintain a public computer, along with a collection of self-serve books.

## 2011 highlights

### Up North Digital Collection

Our latest online venture expands our collection into the digital age. Through this shared regional catalog, our patrons have access to over 4000 electronic books and audio books. Titles can be downloaded to a variety of eBook readers and other devices.

### Homebound Delivery Service

As of January 2012, we are able to deliver materials to elderly residents in our district that are unable to travel to the library. There is no charge for this service, and all materials from our collections are eligible.

### MeLCat

The Glen Lake Library is now a full participant in this state-wide online catalog, allowing our patrons to directly request materials from hundreds of Michigan libraries. Last year patrons borrowed nearly 200 items from libraries all over the state.

### Stories & More

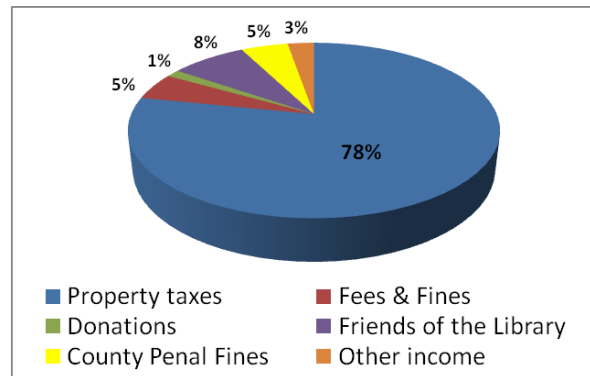
This weekly program for preschool children is now into its 10th year, thanks to support from the Friends of the Library. Each year, a new group of young children discover all the library has to offer through an engaging session of stories, music and other activities.

### Wireless Internet

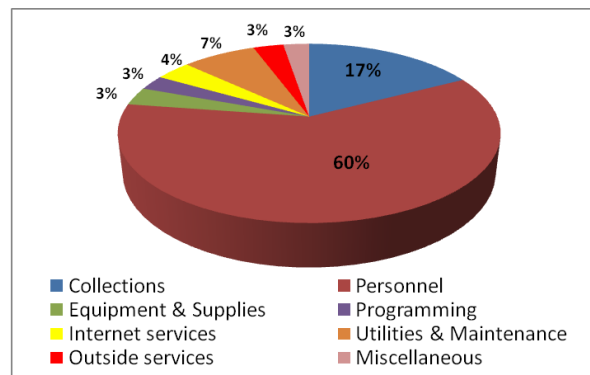
Demand for our free wireless Internet access has increased steadily. During the past year, over 1000 people made use of our WiFi, which is available 24 hours per day to library visitors.

## Finances

The library's total income for 2011 was \$154,268. While local tax revenue has leveled off over the past few years, it is still very adequate to meet our expenses. Support from the Friends of the Library is also critical.



Operating expenses have been managed to maintain our service levels, while also allowing us to dedicate more resources to electronic access, such as our web-based services and off-site computers.



Careful stewardship of our financial resources by the Board of Trustees has also allowed us to begin planning for the future growth of the library, with facility needs being studied in the context of evolving service priorities.

## Board of Trustees

All policy, personnel and financial matters are governed by our Board, with representatives from all three townships in our service district. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

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## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Glen Lake Community Library provide valuable fundraising, through events such as their annual books sale, along with volunteer support. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:15 am.

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