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MISSION

The Leominster Public Library is a service organization which provides information in various formats free to the residents of Leominster and the surrounding communities. The purpose of the public library is (1) to provide information, materials, programs, technology, systems, facilities, and services which are most wanted by the residents of our service area; (2) to provide safe, easy, and convenient access to these services and (3) to actively work to raise awareness and promote our services to the community and organizations within our service area.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Leominster Public Library for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007:

- Offered 2,781 hours of service, during which 117,920 patrons used the library (closed 4/16/07 to 6/10/07 for the move back to newly expanded and renovated library)
- Loaned 267,713 books, books-on-tape/cd, audio cassettes, video cassettes, DVDs, compact discs, museum passes, and science kits
- Answered 19,964 information/reference questions in-person, by telephone and via the Internet
- Presented 302 programs attended by 9,619 residents of all ages
- Processed 19,554 network transfers & interlibrary loans for Leominster Library patrons
- Provided 20,800 sessions of public computer use
- Provided full library service to 23,481 registered Leominster residents
- Utilized 870 hours of volunteer assistance
- Added 9,954 new items to the library's collection
- Booked the library's only meeting room 452 times for community groups and library programs



Renovated and Expanded Leominster Public Library
Opened June 10, 2007



Ribbon cutting at the dedication of the
Leominster Public Library

"This is a big deal," said state Senator Robert Antonioni, D-Leominster, to large applause from the hundreds of spectators who gathered to attend the dedication and ribbon cutting of the newly expanded and renovated Leominster Public Library. "Our history will be defined by certain moments in time, I would suggest one of those moments is occurring today," he said.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gilbert Tremblay
Chairman

Term Expires: 4-15-07

Carol Millette
Vice-Chairman

Term Expires: 4-15-07

Nancy Hicks
Secretary

Term Expires: 4-15-08

Kathleen Daigneault
Term Expires: 4-15-09

Robert Salvatore
Term Expires: 4-15-09

Jeanne Zephir
Term Expires: 4-15-08

MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND STAFFING SUMMARY DATA

Fiscal Year	Budgeted Staffing	Adopted Budget	Percentage Increase
F.Y. 2008	20 FTE	\$1,123,911	20%
F.Y. 2007	18.5 FTE	\$ 931,897	5.0%
F.Y. 2006	18 FTE	\$ 886,866	0%
F.Y. 2005	19FTE	\$ 884,679	6.4%

BUILDING PROJECT & PRIVATE FUNDRAISING

- Received approval from City Council for an additional \$1.3M in municipal funds to complete library expansion and renovation project.
- Closed temporary library located at Crossroads Office Park on April 16, 2007 to move back to newly expanded and renovated public library.
- Submitted required documentation for receipt of 4th state construction grant payment in the amount of \$302,145.
- Completed \$13M expansion and renovation of the Leominster Public Library, furnished through private donations.
- **Held public dedication and ribbon cutting on June 10, 2007 that was attended by nearly 700 people.**
- Launched sale of "I ♥ Leominster Library" blue and white silicone wristbands as a fundraiser and public awareness campaign in the City's public and parochial schools.
- Held fundraising event on October 14, 2006 at Kendall Tavern featuring historical play written by Mark Bodanza, Chairman of the Library's Building Comm.
- Raised over \$75,000 at a Gala Auction held in Leominster City Hall's Tata Auditorium for the library's Building Fund.
- **Reached \$1.1M of \$1.2M goal by the opening day of the newly expanded and renovated library, for the building's furnishings, fixtures, and equipment.**

NOTEWORTHY

- Offered a 6-week series of Spanish story times in cooperation with Fitchburg Public Library funded through a grant from Verizon.
- Partnered with the Leominster Community Coalition to present an anti-bullying series funded through a grant from the Anti Deformation League.
- Opened newly expanded and renovated library with the "Fresh Start" program, forgiving fines of \$20 and under through June 30, 2007.

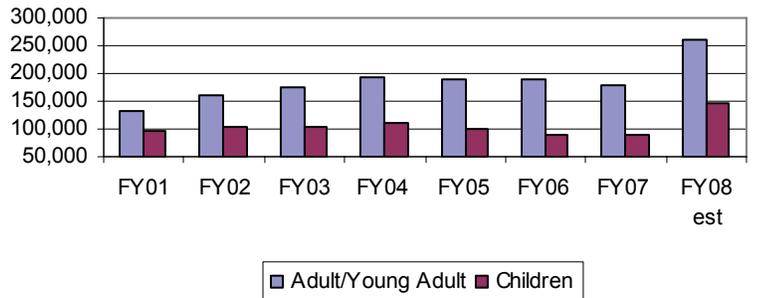


West Street view of the newly expanded & renovated library

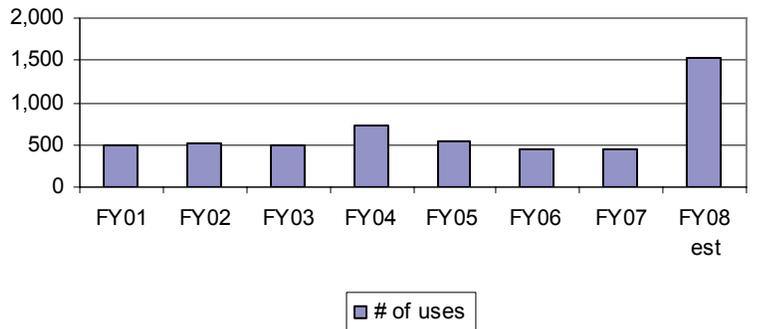
"The library is a hopeful thing, built and sustained by people who love books, and love what happens in their company, who know the importance of what we say and how we say it, who recognize that democracy thrives in places like this."

Adriane Nicole LeBlanc,
Author of *Random Family*
MacArthur Fellow 2006
Dedication of the Leominster Public Library—June 10, 2007

Circulation by Department



Meeting Room Use



FY07

Total Library Operating Income

Municipal	\$ 931,897
State Aid	\$ 66,075

Capital

Municipal	\$1,300,000
Construction grant	\$ 906,432

Non-Recurring Income

Friends	\$ 26,174
Arts Lottery Grant	\$ 475
Trust Funds	\$ 6,423
Monetary Gifts	\$ 7,681
Regional Net Lender	\$ 2,137