

# FY08 Annual Report

## LEOMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

- Offered 3,280 hours of service
- Loaned 388,251 books, audio-books, DVDS, video cassettes, compact discs, museum passes, and discovery kits
- Answered 34,904 information/reference questions in-person, by telephone and via the Internet
- Presented 355 programs attended by 12,963 patrons of all ages
- Processed 31,837 network transfers & interlibrary loans for Leominster Library patrons
- Provided 34,788 sessions of public computer use
- Provided full library service to 25,337 registered Leominster residents
- Utilized 2,648 hours of volunteer assistance
- Added 10,349 new items to the library's collection
- Booked the library's meeting and group study rooms 1,760 times for community groups, non-profit organizations, and individuals
- Increased Friends organization to 704 members

*Demand for services in the newly expanded and renovated library, opened June 10, 2007, skyrocketed. Increases include: circulation up 50%; meeting room use up 290%; public computer use and information requests up 60%; interlibrary loan up 70%.*



**Alex the Jester kicks off the ceremony for the dedication of the Dr. Martin T. Feldman Children Room on September 9, 2007**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gilbert Tremblay  
Chairman  
Term Expires: 4-15-10

Carol Millette  
Vice-Chairman  
Term Expires: 4-15-10

Nancy Hicks  
Secretary  
Term Expires: 4-15-11

Kathleen Daigneault  
Term Expires: 4-15-09

Robert Salvatore  
Term Expires: 4-15-09

Jeanne Zephir  
Term Expires: 4-15-11

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND STAFFING SUMMARY DATA

Fiscal Year	Budgeted	Adopted	Percentage
F.Y. 2008	18 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%

*Thank you very much for introducing the library to us. We are very glad that we can study in this library. This library is very big and beautiful. There are many kinds of books here. The most surprising thing is that there are so many Japanese cartoon here! We love this library because it is really useful and helpful for all the people. We hope this library will always be fine.*

*Best wishes,*

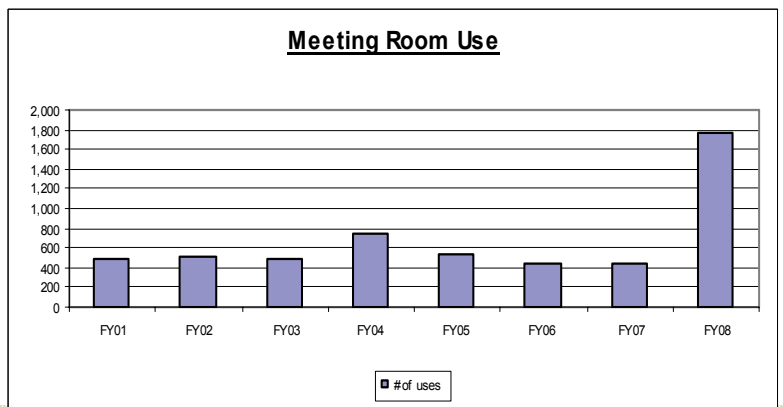
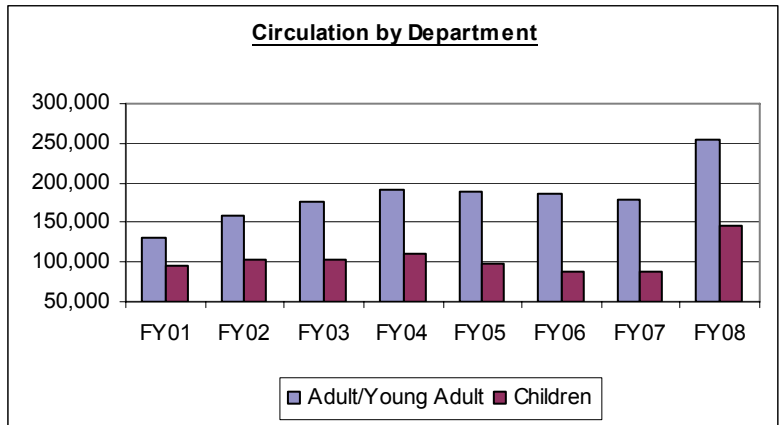
*The students and teachers at  
Baoan Middle School in  
Shenzhen, China*



**Children are entertained by a magician during the dedication celebration of the Dr. Martin T. Feldman Children’s Room**

**NOTEWORTHY**

- During the first five (5) weeks the new library was open to the public, it circulated 48,000 items, and issued 1,231 new library cards.
- The library successfully reached its \$1.2M fundraising goal for the new library’s furnishings, fixtures, and equipment.
- Through the ongoing generosity of the Feldman Family, the library dedicated the Children’s Room in honor and memory of Dr. Martin T. Feldman on Sunday, September 9th with a celebration attended by over 300 children and caregivers.
- \$109,000 was taken from the following trust funds to finish the library’s building project: Cook Charitable Trust (\$57,000); Marjorie Watkins Trust \$28,500) and William Dodge Trust (\$23,500).
- In the first ten (10) weeks the new library was open, over 200 community groups and organizations used the library’s public meeting space.
- LATV donated a flat-panel monitor, a DVD player, an audio-visual cart, 45 episodes of *Our Neighborhood* – LATV productions on Leominster’s history, and other locally produced programs.
- The library, through a private donation, presented its first Sunday musical concert on Mother’s Day in memory of Clara Lane, founding member of the City’s Thursday Musical Club. Over 125 people enjoyed the performance by internationally renown pianist Virginia Eskin.
- The library was awarded \$13,000 Gates Foundation grant to purchase additional public access computers.
- The library was awarded a \$1,200 grant for a Path Finder project, which supports school curriculum.
- The library’s expansion and renovation project was mentioned in an article on Carnegie Libraries, which appeared in the fall issue of *Commonwealth* magazine.
- The library hosted the annual library legislative breakfast attended by nearly 70 librarians, library supporters, locally elected officials, and the district’s senators and representatives..
- The library partnered with the Worcester Review and Worcester County Poetry Association to present a series of programs on local author Robert Cormier.



**FY08**

**Total Library Operating Income**

Municipal	\$1,123,911
State Aid	\$ 66,096

**Non-Recurring Income**

Friends	\$ 30,173
Arts Lottery/NEH grants	\$ 1,975
Trust Funds	\$ 5,558
Monetary Gifts	\$ 18,274