2016 highlights:

**Technology** updates included new public computers, a 1 gigabyte network for faster internet and more downloadable eBooks, eAudio, eMovies and eMusic. New technology classes included Identity Theft, 3D Design, Scratch for Kids, Google Drive, Cutting the Cord and more.

**Youth Education and Enrichment** included early literacy programs and activities, downtown concerts, Minecraft afternoons, a Children’s Tea, dance classes, Creative Kids day, homeschool art classes and outreach programs to area Head Start classrooms.

**Stop the Summer Slide** is a partnership with the public schools that involved 100 Camp READ children in summer reading activities. All children received three books and took part in 3 events.

**Adult Education and Enrichment** included the Shipwreck, Travel and Charlevoix History Lecture Series. Concerts included jazz and folk music. The Book Bash Reading Challenge was held during the winter and Michigan Notable Author, Scott M. Peters joined us in the summer.

**Public Art** focused on a page from a children’s book. The Magical Snow Garden was a public art installation at the main entrance that greeted patrons during the long winter months. **Art Exhibits** included CHS Art Students work, Lisa Howard and Bill Dietrich’s Photography, Larissa Flynn’s multifaceted art, The Liberated Threads NMTA and works of the Charlevoix Photography Club.

**Friends** of the Charlevoix Public Library contributed 3701 volunteer hours. Their work included the ongoing book sale that benefits the children’s collection, the Duerr Award Event that honored the Charlevoix Council for the Arts/ Waterfront Art Fair, and the introduction of Lifelong Learning Programs.

**Strategic Planning** was a focus throughout the year. Public input came from an online survey and several focus groups. Stakeholders took that information and created a working service plan for the next 5 years.

**The Brothers Play Lot** was added to the library grounds in the summer of 2016. This project, funded in it’s entirety by a local donor, brought the “living room of the community” outdoors. Physical play encourages children to make friends, develop verbal language skills and learn cooperation...all increasing literacy.

**Community Collaborations** included customer service training for local businesses, a city candidate forum, Stop the Summer Slide, downtown events, and the fall Farmer’s Market. The community rooms were booked 735 times for community meetings, programs and workshops.

The building celebrated it’s **10th Anniversary with an Open House** that highlighted resources, shared history, and filled the space with music and activities. Over 500 patrons came to show their support and pride.

"I love our library and all the staff and volunteers who work to make it special."

**Staff photo**
Michigan Beach
Spring 2016

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2016 Annual Report

Charlevoix Public Library
Connecting you to resources that educate, enrich and empower
Financial Outlook
Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Operating Fund:

Operating Revenues:

- Tax Revenue: 834,106
- Earnings on Investments: 321
- DDA Donation: 14,750
- Donations: 31,256
- Penal Fines: 26,472
- State Aid: 5,859
- Grants: 35,298
- Other: 70,593

Total Revenue: $1,018,013

Operating Expenses:

- Salaries: 441,560
- Fringes: 115,269
- Contractual Services: 34,958
- Capital Outlay: 94,737
- Occupancy: 153,012
- Supplies & Materials: 71,788
- Other Operating Expenses: 75,720

Total Expenditures: $87,044

Operating Fund Balance:

- 6/30/2015: $1,591,248
- 6/30/2016: $1,622,217

Debt Fund:

Debt Revenues:

- Current Property Taxes: 579,204
- DDA Donation: 10,250
- Interest on Debt Millage: 279

Total Revenues: $589,733

Debt Expenses:

- Bond Payment—Principle: 465,000
- Bond Payment—Interest: 95,205
- Other: 3,780

Total Expenses: $563,985

Debt Fund Balance:

- 6/30/2015: $106,045
- 6/30/2016: $133,793

Remaining Debt to be Paid:

- 6/30/2015: $4,545,000
- 6/30/2016: $4,080,000

138,281 people visited the Library in 2016, an average of 2659 people per week.

The library provided 541 programs attended by 9,915 people. Computer usage included 18,093 logins and an additional 14,842 wireless logins.

97,059 physical items were borrowed. Physical items include books, audiobooks, magazines, music, video games, kits, and movies. New items included snowshoes and wi-fi hotspots.

7,709 electronic items were downloaded in 2016. E-content includes e-book, e-audiobooks, digital music and movies.