

**2008 Annual Report**  
**WELCOMING**  
 GRANDPARENTS  
 TEENS  
 TWENTY  
 SENIORS  
 ADULTS  
 CHILDREN  
**diverse**  
**Canton Library**  
 REMARKABLE COLLECTIONS  
**leisure study borrow**  
**Adult Summer Reading**  
**Lucky Day Collection**  
**Storytime**  
**Book-a-Librarian**  
**Bookstling**

“Just Plain Great!”

It has been said that public library use increases during economic downturns. That was certainly true at the Canton Public Library in 2008!

We set a one-day checkout record this year. You checked out more than 12,000 items over the course of a single day — an average of 1,014 items each hour. In 2008, you checked out 1.8 million items, 11% more than in 2007. Increased demand for library services led to more than 8,800 new library cards issued, 200 storytime sessions added, 3,000 museum passes distributed, the removal of checkout limits on most items, expansion of our Lucky Day collection, more book club kits and videogames for all age groups, and more events for adults, families, and tweens.

Everyone in Canton is struggling to do more with less, and your library is no exception. Through the hard work of staff, increased partnerships, and old-fashioned belt tightening, we are positioned to continue to serve you with excellence despite these tough economic times. The Library Board of Trustees voted in fall 2008 to reduce the taxes you pay for library services, and will continue to lead the way in demonstrating careful stewardship of public tax dollars. We remain committed to the library's long-term sustainability through our Endowment Fund, which in 2008 surpassed the \$200,000 mark thanks to \$25,000 — largely book sale proceeds — contributed by the Friends of the Library.

We've worked to be good stewards of our environment, setting an example by eliminating plastic bags and moving to library-branded canvas bags; expanding our “green resources” sections to provide you with energy and money-saving information; providing Kill-a-Watt devices that you may checkout to monitor your home energy use; and continuing our Abitibi paper recycling program.

We partnered with Canton Township Leisure Services on 100 Days to Health, Fun in the Sun, senior book discussion groups at the Summit, and our Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at the Village Theater. We partnered with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and local private schools to bring more than 1,200 first graders to the library. We partnered with the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History to provide Family Science Adventure Programs, and with the Canton Chamber of Commerce to offer a Business Users Workshop to educate local businesses about our services, such as Book a Librarian, databases, and chat reference.

What you'll see in this annual report is proof that it takes a great community to make a great library. On behalf of everyone here, I thank you for your support and your generous donations, whether they are monetary donations to our Endowment Fund or donations of your time by volunteering with the Library, the Friends of the Library, or the Secondhand Prose used bookstore. All of these contributions together make us one of the best libraries in the nation, and one of the best values in the community.

*Eva M. Davis*

FROM THE  
**Director**



# Friends

The Friends of the Canton Public Library is a nonprofit volunteer group made up of members of the community who support the library's goals and services. They advocate for the library and raise community awareness. Through their efforts, the Friends bridge the gap between a good library and recognition as a great library.

The Friends help the library by sponsoring the Adult Contemporary Book discussion group, Summer Reading program, homebound book delivery, youth and adult programs and more. They purchase needed equipment and materials and donate generously to the library's endowment fund.

## Friends's Board

- Peg Britz, President
- Rhoda Wolshon, Vice President
- John Spencer, Secretary
- Larry Hoelscher, Treasurer
- Shirley Reynolds, Nancy Spence
- Patty Jenkins, Bob Bulmer, Trustees
- Linda Garrett, Past President/Membership



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Left to right: Don Turner, James G. Fausone, Michael Stegrist, Colleen Van Aiken, George Snow



A six-member Library Board of Trustees governs the Canton Public Library. The Board is responsible for setting policy and keeping the library true to its mission. It is made up of community members who are elected every four years on a nonpartisan ballot. Canton residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, held at the library the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

# DONORS

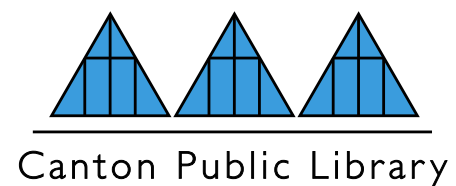
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| <b>Total 2008 Budget</b>   | <b>\$ 6,612,401.06</b> |
| <b>Revenue</b>   |                        |
| Property Tax   | \$ 6,129,157.16        |
| State Aid  | 49,855.94              |
| Penal Fines  | 79,197.34              |
| Overdue Fines  | 130,156.15             |
| Fees (Copy Room, Community Room, Replacements, etc.)                   | 59,641.34              |
| Interest (General Fund Only — No Endowment Fund Interest)              | 121,622.79             |
| Miscellaneous & Contributions (Café Rent, Miscellaneous, etc.)         | 42,770.34              |
|  | <b>\$ 6,612,401.06</b> |
| <b>Expenditures</b>  |                        |
| Salaries   | \$ 2,460,020.69        |
| Fringe Benefits  | 563,317.75             |
| Library Materials  | 736,943.72             |
| Debt Payment   | 487,285.00             |
| Professional & Contractual Services                                    | 177,890.07             |
| Capital Outlay   | 521,680.88             |
| Supplies   | 223,109.66             |
| Utilities  | 190,810.34             |
| Maintenance, Repairs, Building Improvements                            | 139,675.45             |
| Information Technology   | 157,705.28             |
| Communications   | 49,310.44              |
| Miscellaneous (Travel, Community Promotion, Printing, Insurance, etc.) | 904,651.78             |
|  | <b>\$ 6,612,401.06</b> |
| Endowment Fund Contributions 2008                                      | \$ 33,456.96           |
| Total Endowment Fund Value 12/31/08                                    | \$ 226,258.31          |

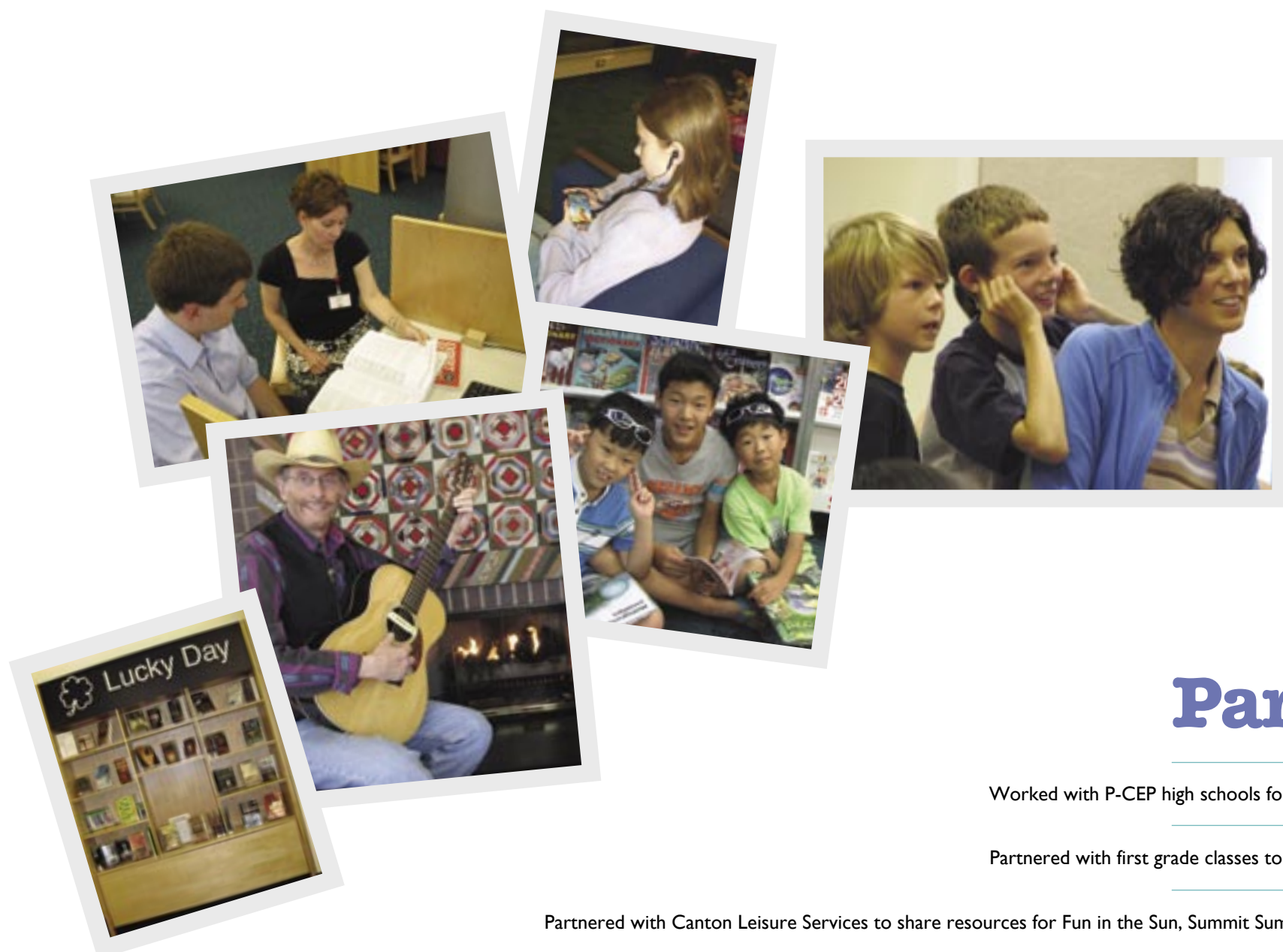
## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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## Partnerships

Worked with P-CEP high schools for One Book, One Park book talk for teens.

Partnered with first grade classes to offer library orientation for 1244 students.

Partnered with Canton Leisure Services to share resources for Fun in the Sun, Summit Summer Camp, character costumes and more.

Participated in the Museum Adventure Pass Partnership with Macy's and the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan to issue nearly 3,000 free passes to museums and attractions.

Collaborated with the University of Michigan for Family Science Adventure Programs.

Worked with Canton Township and the multicultural committee for Martin Luther King Jr. event.

Partnered with Canton Observer for MLK Essay Contest.

Business Users Workshop collaboration with Canton Chamber.

Partnership with Plymouth District Library to promote tutor.com, Learn-A-Test and other resources.

Circulation increase  
of 11.3% from 2007.

Circulated  
1,796,819 items.

Issued 8,835 new  
Canton Public Library  
cards.

New one-day  
circulation record:  
12,167 items checked  
out on June 16, 2008.



## STUFF WE'VE DONE

You can place **holds** on all available items.

You can check out as many **DVDs** as you'd like.

Added 200 **storytime** sessions.

**Expanded program** offerings for grandparents, children, tweens, seniors.

You can **Book a Librarian** for a one-on-one appointment.

Added **Book-Kit-in-a-Bag** for children and tweens.

Expanded **video gaming** collection to include Wii games, Xbox, PS3 and Nintendo DS.

Continued **paper recycling** program for library and public use.

Acquired a **Kill-A-Watt** energy device.

Added **Green Resources** to provide energy and money saving information.

**Upgraded** public computer software to Microsoft 2007.

Reduced library **millage rate**.

**Borrowed** 8,550 items from other libraries for our users.

**Expanded Summer Reading** for all age groups resulting in increased participation, including 900 adults.

Formed the **Tween Advisory Group**.

## Patron Comments

I just wanted to let you know how much we love the Canton Library. It is very well run, organized, clean and **JUST PLAIN GREAT!** Keep up the good work!

Just a note of **appreciation** to the finest library, librarians and staff. We need you more than ever in these difficult times.

I find this library as magical for me as I do for our grandchildren. There's always more to **d i s c o v e r . T h a n k s .**

I love the Canton Library. The staff is so helpful and also a great lift to my spirits with a smile for everyone.

I wanted to take a moment to express my **admiration and delight:** bustling crowds of diverse age and race, remarkable collections of books and media, welcoming environments for study, leisure, and quiet conversation. This is really an exceptional place.

### The Canton Public Library is as important as the police and fire departments.

I enjoy all that is here to **b o r r o w .**

**I love this library and all of its programs.**

Thank you for doing such a great job.

I am fortunate to live in Canton and have the **B E S T L I B R A R Y** of anyone I know. I am always bragging about it.

Your **staff** is excellent, helpful and very **professional**.

**This is the best library ever.**

**I'd pay to belong to the library.** It's like joining a health club for your mind.

Thank you. You are the most efficient organization that I know of. You certainly put airlines, hotels, and rental cars to shame. Great job!

**Adult Summer Reading** was great fun. I can't wait for next summer's program.

The **LUCKY DAY** collection is the best thing you've ever done.

I had the best library experience this evening while testing out the Wii system. Thank you! I look forward to more events like this one!



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## ANNUAL REPORT

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