I am impressed and pleased that the current Library administration has vigorously pursued plans to improve library facilities and programs that were formulated soon after World War II. I feel honored to have played a part in this ongoing process.

Ann Arbor has one of the greatest public library systems in the country, serving a community that expects and appreciates excellence.

Homer Chance
Library Director, 1951-1977
Vision

The Ann Arbor District Library provides collections, programs, and leadership to promote the development of literate and informed citizens through open and equal access to cultural, intellectual, recreational, and information resources.

Mission

The existence of the Ann Arbor District Library assures public ownership of print collections, digital resources, and gathering spaces for the citizens of the library district. We are committed to sustaining the value of public library services for the greater Ann Arbor community through the use of traditional and innovative technologies.

Values

- Excellence in customer service
- Providing, supporting, and advocating access for all
- Acting with initiative, creativity, and flexibility
- Working together, with enthusiasm and optimism, to reach goals
- Responsible stewardship of resources
It has been both an active and productive year at the Ann Arbor District Library.

Planning for future expansion to meet the needs of our dynamic community has been our focus this year. Construction began on our newest library, the Pittsfield Branch, which is scheduled to open in the spring of 2006. We purchased property in northeast Ann Arbor for a future building to replace the Northeast Branch, and began the search for an architect and construction manager to develop this site. Much of the year was spent preparing for the July 2005 premiere of the Library’s new automation system and website, aadl.org. We also signed new contracts with the two Library staff bargaining units. . . It’s been quite a year.

While all of these activities were in process, the Library and its staff continued to provide its award-winning service, and the Library’s reputation as an Ann Arbor destination spot continued to grow. The community’s use of the Library soared. Circulation increased at a pace faster than ever before, and visits to our website, program attendance, Internet use, and building visits rose to levels never before seen in Library history.

Speaking as President on behalf of the Library’s Board of Trustees, it has been a pleasure for all of us, and for the Library’s staff, to serve our community with the broad and expanding range of services that the Ann Arbor community expects from its library.

We all look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Edward Surovell, President
With the newly constructed Malletts Creek Branch flourishing, AADL began concentrating on plans for the new branch library on Oak Valley Drive, scheduled to open in 2006.

Groundbreaking occurred on October 29, 2004 and the future branch was named the Pittsfield Branch. Adjacent to Ann Arbor’s Ice Cube, the branch will be a one story building of approximately 14,600 square feet.

Looking to the future, the Library also purchased a 4.34 acre site in the southwest corner of Traverwood Drive and Huron Parkway. This will be the location for a new Northeast Branch and has a target opening date of 2008.

Improvements were also made in the Downtown Library with a free meeting space for area organizations and a new vending area.
Attendance at teen programs skyrocketed this year as the Library’s *Mario Kart* and other game tournaments brought teens to the buildings.

Several nationally known personalities visited AADL this year. Former *New York Times* editor Joseph Lelyveld; *MADtv*’s Debra Wilson; *Stone Reader* documentary filmmaker Mark Moscowitz; Pulitzer Prize winner A. Scott Berg and National Book Award winner Kevin Boyle were among the presenters at AADL’s diverse events.

Youth programs saw hundreds of youngsters attending the summer *Magic Carpet Mornings* at Liberty Plaza, as well as summer reading, storytimes and other youth events.
Circulation of Library materials increased over thirty-three percent to shatter previous records and surpass the 3 million mark for the first time in Library history.

There were also substantially more visits to Library buildings; increased use of the Library website; more individuals attending computer classes and Library programs; and skyrocketing sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program.

Staff spent much of the year working with Innovative Interfaces, Inc., provider of integrated library automation systems, preparing for AADL to replace the outdated circulation and online catalog system. Premiering in July 2005, the new system debut was planned to coincide with a new website designed by the award-winning creative studio Skidmore Inc.
Audio Books became the newest forms of accessible Library material during 2004/05. With just a point and a click, Library users had hundreds of titles available to them through their home computers.

Scanning for the new online digital collection pictureAnnArbor, featuring photos gathered from the Washtenaw County area, also began this year.

Live television broadcasts of Library events on Community Television Network and opportunities for youth to read to a dog from Therapaws were also among the several new services introduced this year.
Leo Africanus, by Amin Maalouf, was chosen for the 2005 Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads. AADL collaborated with the Ypsilanti District Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Public Schools, a host of area businesses, educational institutions and community organizations for a three-month celebration of the theme, Cultural Treasures of the Middle East.

In addition to its own events and activities, AADL created a Library Pavilion at the 2nd annual Ann Arbor Book Festival. Public, University and Special Libraries of Washtenaw County exhibited and presented lectures, plays, readings and a celebrity spelling bee at the Pavilion to promote awareness of library opportunities and resources to the public.
A visiting delegation from Ann Arbor’s Sister City of Tübingen, Germany was treated to a delightful reception at the Downtown Library as part of a tour of the city. Tübingen’s Lord Mayor Briggitte Russ-Scherer mingled with Library Director Josie Parker, Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje and other dignitaries in an event that will be remembered for years.

The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, the Kerrytown BookFest, the Washtenaw County Solar Tour and the Ann Arbor Summer Festival were four of several established annual Ann Arbor events that elected to hold programs at AADL.
In October 2004, AADL, Troy Public Library and the Portage District Library were honored with awards by the Library of Michigan Foundation at the Michigan Library Association Conference. AADL was presented with a Library of Michigan Foundation Citation of Excellence—one of the most prestigious library awards in Michigan.

AADL received the honor for environmentally-friendly branch expansion projects achieved within its authorized millage; the creation of innovative new services; analysis of internal processes to restructure collection development policies and procedures; an organized plan for training every employee in customer service principles and the impressive growth in community collaborations.

Other awards include the American Institute of Architects of Michigan Honor Award for Sustainability for the design by Luckenbach|Ziegelman Architects PLLC of the Malletts Creek Branch; design awards for AXIS, the AADL teen brochure designed by Skidmore Studios; national and state design awards for the work of AADL graphic designer Rachel Levenberg; and The Ann Arbor News bronze People’s Choice awards for best place for Kids under 12 and Best HotSpot (Wired).
Libraries are increasingly in the national news—and we welcome the community awareness this brings to the challenges facing public libraries. As we strive to remain responsive and relevant, we find ourselves precariously balanced between generations, some whose modes of communication are blogs, email, and IM, the others engaging us in discussions on the virtues of the card catalog. How do we look to the future in response to the needs of all of these avid library users and loyal supporters?

The key is in the planning. Over the past year, your Library Board and Staff have asked you to serve as sounding boards and participate in surveys and focus groups when we developed a strategic plan, offered new services, designed branches, or overhauled aadl.org. We seek your involvement through conversations with you, whether those are face-to-face or by blog, letter, phone call, or email.

Our asking and your answering are vital, but more important, and more informing, are your asking and our answering. Last year we placed patron comments, questions, and suggestions online with our responses concerning everything from parking, circulation receipts and fines to storytime hours and title selections. Accountability is humbling.

As we make decisions concerning the growth and expansion of library services and facilities, we are responding to what we learn from our work with you and what we glean from the many ways the collections and buildings are used every day.

Our community counts on management decisions that will sustain a fine library system. The Board and Staff work hard to deliver on that expectation every day, valuing your input.

We thank you for caring so much.

Josie Parker, Director
Library staff provide quality service and are active locally, statewide and nationally.

Seventeen staff members, representing departments throughout the AADL system, participated in the Annual United Way Day of Caring. Using this event to focus on community needs, the staff spent a late summer day doing yard work and cleaning at the IHN/Alpha House homeless shelter.

Fall is the time for the annual staff training day. One hundred and ten staff members spent a day learning about national publishing trends, area businesses, local literacy efforts and AADL’s strategic initiatives.

AADL staff efforts were also visible in national and state library associations and publications. Information and Access Systems Manager Eli Neiburger and Teen Services Librarian Erin Helmrich co-authored an article on Library Game Tournaments for teens for the national journal *Voice of Youth Advocates* (VOYA). Many staff members were elected, appointed or invited to serve as chairs, committee members, members of governing boards or conference presenters for the American Library, Public Library, Michigan Library and Music Library Associations.
The Friends continued to maximize giving to the Library while minimizing expenses. Even as we worked to rebuild our fund balance for emergencies, we were able to grant the Library $85,000 while adding an additional $10,000 gift for the new Pittsfield Branch, to be awarded over the next two years.

The Book Shop, our main fundraising source, open September to May, continued to have significant sales increases. Branch book carts, which we stock, witnessed significant sales increases as well. We also started an organized effort to sell some items on eBay. To show our appreciation for our membership we instituted a book limit policy for future Preview Nights.

The Friends are particularly grateful for all our volunteers who, during this past year have given us over 4500 hours of service. Volunteers are the backbone of our Book Shop operations, and vital to some of our less well-known efforts, such as Homebound Deliveries and the Read While You Wait program. Our success depends upon their devotion and hard work.

This past year Friends funds helped support the Summer Reading Program, the Zelda Fitzgerald Exhibit, Library Staff Day, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads programs, buses for the second-grade round-up program, prizes for the Mario Kart program, and the Library Annual Report.

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as president of the Friends over the last year, working with an energetic and innovative Board; Diane Clark, our enterprising Book Shop Director; and the phenomenal Library staff.

Eric D. Owen, President
**Donors**

**General AADL Collection**
- Ellie Cox
- William W. Currie (in memory of Mary Beth Doyle)
- Barb Foster
- Nora Maloy (in memory of Robert Teeter)
- Agnes Miner
- Jeanne and Tom Ogle (in honor of Linda G. Cramer)
- Richard Shafer (in memory of Robert B. Shafer and Jeanne Westerdale Shafer)
- St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society, No. 7007

**Youth Collection**
- Jeanne Chesky (in honor of Julie Miettinen)
- Bill and Jean Gosling (Malletts Creek collection)

**Fine Art Collection**
- Ladies’ Library Association
- Motawi Tileworks

**Branch Expansion**
- Maria Tendero

**General Gift Fund**
- Ann Arbor Women Artists (refurbishment of Library display cases)
- Sahag Avedisian
- Earl Barr
- Robert Bruce Dunlap Memorial Awards Fund (teen short story writing contest)
- Rachel Erdstein (in memory of Douglas Robert Bock)
- Phyllis and Dave Grummon and Family (in memory of Beth K. Clark)
- noodles & company
- Pfizer Community Grant (“Stories to Go” kits for youth)
- Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local No. 190

**Laurie Griffith Zimmerly Memorial Fund**
- James and Teresa Dezazzo (in memory of Janet Chown)
- Andrea and Bruce Laidlaw (in memory of Janet Chown)
- Roger and Pat Tucker (in memory of Janet Chown)

**Marcy Westerman Ann Arbor District Library Fund for Youth Programs**
- Arthur and Cyrlena Aldrich
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Susan Nordlinger
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Jeanne and Tom Ogle (in memory of Jane Moore Wilson)
Irene Olencki
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Nancy Sudia
Frank and Carolyn Tärzia
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Janet and Ronald Thiesing
Ned and Mary Jane Thomson
Helen Tibbals
Angela Vila
Robin and Harvey Wax
Judith Westerman and Edward Silver
Judy Westerman's Book Club
Marcy Westerman's Book Club
Nancy Williams
Noel Winkler
Phyllis Wright
Benjamin and Frances Wylie
Carole and Raymond Zakrzewski
Community Partners

Alaska Coalition
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
Robert Bruce Dunlap Memorial Awards Fund
Ann Arbor Art Center
Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival
Ann Arbor Book Festival
Ann Arbor Chinese Center of Michigan
Ann Arbor Chinese Dance School
Ann Arbor Civic Theater
Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor Public Schools
Ann Arbor Storyteller’s Guild
Ann Arbor Street Art Fair
Ann Arbor Summer Festival
Ann Arbor Symphony
Ann Arbor Women Artists
The Ark
ART PRO TEM
Barnes and Noble Booksellers
Bello Vino
Bentley Historical Library
Borders Books and Music
City of Ann Arbor
Community High School Jazz Band
Community Television Network
Consortium for Arab Arts
Domino’s Pizza
DWOT Productions
Exotic Cuisine and Bakeries
Folk Art International
Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library
Friends of the University of Michigan Libraries
Gerald Ford Library
Great Harvest Bread Company
HKO Media
Huron Valley Watershed Council
IMDiversity.com Asian American Village
Jewish Community Center
Kerrytown District BookFest
Ladies’ Library Association
League of Women Voters
Main Street Area Association
Mediterranean Market
Mervyn’s
Michigan Shakespeare Festival
Michigan Television
Michigan Theater
National Association for Multicultural Education, Michigan Chapter
Neutral Zone
Nicola’s Books
noodles & company
Peace Neighborhood Center
Quality 16 Theaters
Shaman Drum Bookstore
South University Area Association
State Street Area Association
Therapaws
University of Michigan
UM Center for Chinese Studies
UM Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies
UM Center for Russian & East European Studies
UM Council for Disability Concerns
UM Department of Jazz
UM Exhibit Museum of Natural History
UM Health System
UM International Institute
UM Knight-Wallace Fellows Journalists
UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum
UM Libraries
UM Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs
UM School of Information
UM Special Collections Library
University Musical Society
WAAM
Washtenaw Community College
Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled
Washtenaw County Sustainable Buildings Tour
WCBN-FM
Wizzywig Collectibles
Ypsilanti District Library
Zeitouna
Zingerman’s
Statistics

COUNT & CIRCULATION

DISTRICT POPULATION SERVED .................................................. 157,411
REGISTERED CARDHOLDERS ..................................................... 72,469
NEW LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED ................................................ 18,553
CARDHOLDERS AS PERCENT OF THE POPULATION .................. 46%
TOTAL PATRON COUNT (6% increase) ........................................ 1,293,233
VISITS TO WEBSITE (9% increase) ........................................... 5,496,353

CIRCULATION & COLLECTIONS

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Malletts Creek (47% increase-just for the Library Branch)
Northeast (12% increase) .................................................. 366,354
West (1% increase) .......................................................... 107,480
Phone materials (previously counted with Downtown) ................ 112,287
On-line materials (previously counted with Downtown) .......... 971,292
Downtown (14% increase-including materials) .......................... 1,285,013

CIRCULATION PER CAPITA ..................................................... 20.8

ADULT MATERIALS SYSTEMWIDE

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Collections

DISTRICT POPULATION SERVED .................................................. 157,411
M A L L E T T S  C R E E K  B R A N C H ...................................... 460,644
DOWNTOWN L I B R A R Y .......................................................... 987,292
N O R T H E A S T  B R A N C H ................................................ 366,354
W E S T  B R A N C H ............................................................... 11,091

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Revenues

PROPERTY TAXES ................................................................. $13,794,591
LIBRARY FINES AND FEES .................................................... 270,470
INTEREST ................................................................. 343,849
OPERATING EXPENSES ...................................................... 1,285,530
TOBACCO TAX ............................................................ 89,977
OTHER ............................................................. 4,753

Total Revenues ................................................................. $1,579,991

Expenditures

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ..................................................... 60.8%
CAPITAL OUTLAY ............................................................... 27.0%
MATERIALS ................................................................. 8.8%
OTHER ............................................................. 1.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES ...................................................... 100.0%

financial report

july 1, 2004 - june 30, 2005

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60.8% 27.0% 8.8% 1.4% 1.4% 1.3% 1.5% 1.7% 1.3% 21.0% 8.3% 5.3% 1.1% 1.3% 1.4%