Building on Our Strengths
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
Pittsfield Branch opened on March 20, 2006, drawing record crowds. In its first week, over 15,000 items were checked out or renewed, while 1,200 individuals enjoyed opening week events—which ranged from Middle Eastern dance to a Broadway revue.

The one-story 16,500 square foot branch is the first in the district to be built outside the city limits of Ann Arbor. It was designed by Luckenbach|Ziegelman Architects PLLC, constructed by Skanska USA Building, Inc. and landscaped by InSite Design Studio, Inc.

Visitors to the Branch enjoy several unique landmarks of the facility:

- The *Homer Chance Reading Room* honors the former Ann Arbor Library director who initiated branch expansion in the district while serving as director from 1951-1977.
- The towering *Interactive Bernoulli Exhibit*, commissioned by the Library, allows visitors to maneuver brightly-colored balls through a stainless steel vortex-shaped structure. It was constructed and installed by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.
- A tiled mural, entitled *The Boy Reading*, produced by Motawi Tileworks of Ann Arbor and dedicated in memory of Fred Walter by his family, graces the wall of the youth area.

Located in Pittsfield Township near the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, the Branch serves as a community-based learning center that delivers superior customer service, primarily to the residents of the southwest quadrant of Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township.
Programs, Services & Staff
December 2006 marked the 10th anniversary of the District Library—ten years ago the Library separated from the Ann Arbor Public Schools and became its own entity with its own governing board.

Since that time, the Library has continued to expand, not only in its building expansion, but in its services, programs and usage.

Of particular note this past year:

- Circulation statistics rose 61% over the previous year. The number of checkouts, renewals and online renewals reached an all-time high of over 5.2 million. Visits to Library buildings were among other noted increases—rising 8% to 1.4 million.

- Library staff continued to win accolades. Highlights of 2005/2006: Youth Librarian Laura Pershin Raynor was awarded the Michigan Library Association’s distinguished Children’s Services Division Award of Merit, and Network Administrator John Blyberg was named one of the 2006 Library Movers and Shakers by Library Journal.

- Jonathan Weiner, author of the 2006 Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads book *The Beak of the Finch*, and scientists Peter and Rosemary Grant, whose work was the subject of Weiner’s book, drew capacity crowds at two off-site community events.

- News journalists and political commentators Cokie and Steve Roberts spoke to a crowd of 325 about their careers and book, *From This Day Forward*. This special Library event was held at The Ark and cosponsored by the Jewish Community Center.
The Library’s website, aadl.org, which includes the catalog, research databases, events information and more, was extensively re-designed in July 2005. Skidmore Inc., an award-winning creative studio headquartered in Royal Oak, Michigan, worked with AADL staff members for five months to determine site goals, create a new site logo, conduct public usability studies and develop simple administrative tools for maintenance.

The website promptly garnered national attention:

- In September 2005, scarcely 2 months after the website went live, a prominent article in *Library Journal* praised AADL’s blogs, which encourage the public to take part in discussions about Library collections, events, services and happenings. The blogs are now a major communications tool. Staff members throughout the system participate on a daily basis—initiating and quickly responding to discussion threads on Library issues, books, media and community happenings.

- By June 2006, the site had been selected as the best Library website in the country by the American Library Association (ALA), winning the 2006 Swap and Shop Public Relations Award for best in the Web Page/Home Page category for larger library systems. The award was presented in June at the American Library Association’s annual conference in New Orleans.
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For the Ann Arbor District Library, the year 2006 marked the completion of its first decade as an independent institution. Although there has been a public library in Ann Arbor since just after the Civil War, it was only a 1994 change in the Michigan Constitution that mandated our separation in 1996 from our parent, Ann Arbor Public Schools.

The most visible and enduring change the Library’s mission has created in the greater Ann Arbor community is an expanded system of library branches. To replace the three modest branches in existence in 1996, we have planned for a new system of three to four full-service facilities of up to 18,000 square feet each. The second of these new buildings was opened to the public in March, and land acquisition and design have been completed for our third new facility to be located near our present Northeast Branch.

Although construction has commanded much of our attention in the last few years, what has been going on inside our facilities has kept up with the dramatic changes occurring worldwide in communication and in public libraries nationwide. That is the story we have to tell you in our 2006 Annual Report.

Edward Surovell, President
The workforce of the AADL is one of its finest strengths. Currently, two hundred and forty-seven people work hard to fulfill the strategic values adopted by the Library Board:

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We are committed to delivering the best possible public library services to our community in clean, safe, well-maintained buildings—and to do it with a smile. Many of you take the time to let staff members know directly that you appreciate their efforts. Many more of you take advantage of our patron comment form at aadl.org to tell us how well we are doing and what we can improve.

From all of us on the staff at AADL, thank you for your continued support of library services.
Financial Report  
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

revenues

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<td>Library Fines and Fees</td>
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<td>Grants and Memorials</td>
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<td>State Aid</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>$14,469,703</strong></td>
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expenditures

Employment Costs $6,965,184 40.0%
Capital Outlays 5,698,562 32.7%
Materials 2,078,281 11.9%
Purchased Services 848,173 4.9%
Operating Supplies 832,608 4.8%
Programming 303,994 1.8%
Rentals 261,761 1.5%
Other 232,826 1.2%
Repairs and Maintenance 209,666 1.2%

Total Expenditures $17,431,055 100.0%
### Statistics

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<td>Registered Cardholders</td>
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<td>New Library Cards Issued</td>
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<td>Cardholders as a percent of the population</td>
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<td>Patron Count (8% increase)</td>
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<td>Hours Open to Public</td>
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<td>Visits to Website (242% increase)</td>
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<td>Number of Programs Offered</td>
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<td>Summer Reading Game</td>
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<td>Children enrolled</td>
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<td>Teens enrolled</td>
<td>1,337</td>
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<td>Adults enrolled</td>
<td>1,817</td>
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<td>Computer Training Classes Attendance</td>
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<td>Systemwide Yearly Circulation (61% increase)</td>
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<td>Downtown</td>
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<td>339,963</td>
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<td>Outreach</td>
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**COLLECTIONS:**

**ADULT MATERIAL SYSTEMWIDE**
- Books: 254,388
- Compact Discs: 31,595
- DVD/VHS: 29,909
- Magazines: 11,596
- Audio Books: 10,010
- Language Materials: 1,443
- Pamphlets/Maps: 1,038
- Basic Reading Material: 889
- Art Prints: 512
- Art Print Carriers: 416
- Audio Cassettes: 269
- CD-ROM: 186

**YOUTH/TEEN MATERIAL SYSTEMWIDE**
- Books: 135,007
- DVD/VHS: 11,641
- Audio Books: 4,437
- Compact Discs: 2,963
- Magazines: 1,751
- Kits: 1,275
- CD-ROM: 464
- Audio Cassettes: 184
- Pamphlets/Maps: 12
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Nora Maloy

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In memory of Marcy Westerman
Albert & Barbara Cain
Marilyn Heers Larson
Colleen & Scott Westerman
Judith Westerman & Edward Silver
Timothy Shy

Youth Collection & Programming

Ann Arbor Doll Collectors
Darling Bridal Showcase
Edwards Brothers Incorporated

Doris Larson
Linda Lavastida-Kapp
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Sandra Nichols
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Clark Nugent
Marge Rutila
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Alpha Omega Robotics Team 470
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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
  Robert Bruce Dunlap Memorial Awards Fund
Ann Arbor Area Downtown Development Strategy Steering Committee
Ann Arbor Art Center
Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival
Ann Arbor Book Festival
Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor Public Schools
Ann Arbor Storytellers’ Guild
Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the Original

League of Women Voters
Main Street Area Association
Michigan Shakespeare Festival
Michigan Television
Michigan Theater
Mosaic Sphere Studio
National Association for Multicultural Education, Michigan Chapter
National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter
Neutral Zone
Nicola’s Books
Paradigm Quilters
People’s Food Co-Op
Performance Network
Pfizer
Purple Rose Theatre Company
Quality 16 Theaters
Rainbow Families Great Lakes
Redbud Productions
SafeHouse Center
SCORE, Counselors to America’s Small Business
Shaman Drum Bookshop
South University Art Fair
Target Corporation
Therapaws
Totoro Restaurant
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor Summer Festival
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
Ann Arbor Women Artists
Arbor Hospice & Home Care
The Ark
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Baron Glassworks
Bee Tree Consulting
Bello Vino
Bentley Historical Library
Borders Books and Music
BraveHeart Grief Services
Brewing Hope
Busch’s Valu Land
Car & Driver Magazine
Catholic Social Services
City of Ann Arbor
City of Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
Community Television Network
Dance Gallery Studio
DWOT Productions
Eastern Michigan University
Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library
Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County
Great Harvest Bread Company
Huron River Watershed Council
Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice
Jewish Community Center
Ladies’ Library Association
UM Center for the Development of Language and Literacy
UM Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies
UM Department of Near Eastern Studies
UM Depresson Center
UM Exhibit Museum of Natural History
UM Knight-Wallace Fellows Journalists
UM Life Science Orchestra
UM Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Affairs
UM President’s Initiative on Ethics in Public Life
UM School of Art & Design
UM Special Collections Library
University Musical Society
Washtenaw Community College
Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled
Washtenaw Literacy
Wizzywig Collectibles
Ypsilanti Brewing Company
Ypsilanti District Library