

St. Joseph Public Library

2013-2014

Annual Report

Preserving Yesterday
Informing Today
Inspiring Tomorrow

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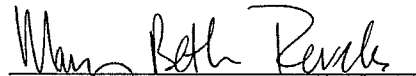
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The Friends organization is made up of over 100 volunteers and supporters. They use their resources to support the library and our programs. The Friends host ongoing book sales at the branches and the annual Fall Book Sale at the East Hills Shopping Center. They fund two ongoing adult book clubs. The book sets purchased each year for the clubs are made available to other book clubs the following year. The Friends give out free books to kids attending the Pumpkinfest and Juneteenth festivals. They gave the library nearly \$10,000.00 during the 2013-2014 year, all in support of the biggest and some would say, most important library program – the Summer Reading Program.

St. Joseph residents use and visit the library branches every day and new people come through the doors every day. During the past year over 800 new library cards were issued, that means at least two new library cards were given out every day during the year.

The library is proud to have had the support of St. Joseph residents for the past 124 years and is looking forward to continuing our good service to the community for the next 124.



Mary Beth Revels
Director
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was collected in research fees from people in 69 cities in the United States and four foreign cities. It used to be that people visited or called the Reference Department to have a question answered. Today questions can also be asked and answered through email, instant messaging and texting.

Library patrons checked out more material in the 2013-2014 fiscal year than they did the year before. Part of this is attributed to adding Sunday hours back at the East Hills Library but that's not all of it. The library strives to make available the books, movies and magazines people want and need to check out. These days that means the library checks out both print and electronic magazines. And books? Those come in print, large print, paperback, hardback, CD, and digitally as an ebook, e-audiobook or digital audiobook. The library provide so many different formats because these days not everyone reads a printed book, but that doesn't mean they still don't love a good book.

From the Baby Summer Reading Program to storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers, reading to dogs, art & science program series for older kids, crafts and bingo for kids, Legos and chess for all ages, crafts and movies for teens, adult craft card classes and the Pinterest Club, computer classes, Tuesday Night Movies for adults and monthly programs on local history and general interest topics, library staff provides varied and excellent programming for the citizens of St. Joseph.

The library is supported by two great organizations, the St. Joseph Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the St. Joseph Public Library. The purpose of the Foundation is to build an endowment that will support the library into the future. The Foundation Board is building that endowment through sound investments and fundraising projects.

years old to hang out and play with their parents. Play, not necessarily read because playing helps babies' brains prepare for reading. The Downtown Library offered Parent/Child workshops to help parents on a range of topics from nutrition to play to potty training. The St. Joseph Public Library Foundation provided the funding to begin the Family Place Library.

The East Hills Library continues to improve the Children's area. Personnel were repositioned to allow for a dedicated staff member in the Children's area. That dynamic staff member, Jess Gould, applied for and received a Racing to Read Early Literacy grant from the Missouri State Library. Grant funds were used to purchase additional early literacy toys and computers for the East Hills Library and provide classes on fun literacy-building techniques for parents.

The St. Joseph Public Library is dedicated to helping kids in our community get ready for school and excel. We consistently offer programs and storytimes at all library branches in support of that goal.

The library is a vital source for family and local history information in the community through the collection of materials in the Reference Department at the Downtown Library. Considering the unique history of St. Joseph and its people, it's a valuable resource our Reference Librarians are constantly working to build and promote. Because St. Joseph was once the gateway to the west, local roots run deep. Among other things, the collection includes newspapers on microfilm, city directories, yearbooks and family histories. The Reference Librarians help people locally and throughout the world discover information about their own family, St. Joseph, local buildings and homes. For people living outside of the library district, Reference Librarian Vicki Thornton, completes simple research on their behalf. Last year \$980.00

Branches

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

316 Massachusetts Street.....816-238-0526
St. Joseph, MO 64504
Monday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.;
Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.;
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

927 Felix Street.....816-232-7729
St. Joseph, MO 64501
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.;
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.;
Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Reference.....816-232-8151
Ask a Librarian through Texting.816-249-1377
TDD.....816-236-2160
Children's.....816-232-3812
Administrative Offices.....816-232-4038

EAST HILLS LIBRARY

502 North Woodbine Road816-236-2136
St. Joseph, MO 64506
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.;
Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.;
Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Community Services.....816-236-2107

WASHINGTON PARK

1821 N. Third Street816-232-2052
St. Joseph, MO 64505
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.;
Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Statistics

INCOME

Local tax income	\$3,041,059
State aid	32,532
Grants	24,089
Athletes & Entertainers	8,983
Donations	21,742
Fundraisers	1,417
Coffee Shop & CVB Rent	9,442
Other	<u>19,600</u>

Total \$3,158,864

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$1,658,336
Collection	242,230
Operations	676,335
COP payment	<u>618,437</u>
Total	\$3,195,338

*Pre-audited figures. For audits of the St. Joseph Public Library, please contact the director at 816-232-4038.

Population served:	65,064
Registered borrowers:	44,976
Total circulation:	373,137
Total library holdings:	282,109
Annual number of reference transactions:	17,424
Total internet users on library computers:	84,970
Annual program attendance:	33,912
Total number of programs:	749

The citizens of St. Joseph have supported and funded the St. Joseph Public Library since 1890. The branches, located throughout the community, are the Downtown Library (opened 1902), Carnegie Library (opened 1902), Washington Park Library (opened 1910) and East Hills Library (opened 2004). The services the library provides the community have evolved over the past 124 years.

Public libraries today have three major focuses:

1. Provide material for people to checkout either for fun or educational reasons.
2. Provide computer and Internet access to those who need it.
3. Provide fun, enriching and/or educational programs for people from babies through adulthood.

The library just completed year two of a three year strategic plan. Some of the goals are big, some small, and what follows are many of the activities accomplished this year in support of the plan.

We upgraded 48 of 94 public computers. All of the library's Windows XP desktop computers were replaced with Windows 7 computers. We also replaced 10 training computers that were eight years old with new laptops equipped with the Windows 8 operating system. Library staff immediately began teaching patrons to use the new Windows 8 and 8.1 operating systems. The library received LSTA grant funds from the Missouri State Library that paid 75% of the cost for the 48 new computers.

The library continues to focus on early childhood education because it is such a need in St. Joseph. Working with Success by Six and Parents as Teachers, the Family Place Library space opened at the Downtown Library in February 2013. This space is designed for children from birth up to six