WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating

100 Years of Service

1917-2017

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Welcome,

I hope you enjoy reading this Warsaw Community Public Library 2017 Annual Report about the varied services offered as the library celebrated its 100th year at the corner of Center and Detroit Streets.

On behalf of the library board, I extend grateful thanks to dedicated library staff, library volunteers, and “Friends of the Library” members for making this year so memorable.

In addition, special thanks for your ongoing use of and support of your local library.

Ann M. Zydek
Library Director

Library History: 100 Years Ago--1917

- January 1, 1917: Library at Central school (4,500 books) moved to new Carnegie basement.
- April 26: Building completed and main room opened to the public.
- Board President: Mrs. William Conrad.
- Librarian: Miss Miriam Netter.
  Assistant Librarian: Anna C. Fitch.
WCPL Vision

The Warsaw Community Public Library, as virtual and physical spaces, connecting people anytime and anywhere to educational, informational and entertainment needs and interests through:

♦ ACCESS: Access to the Internet, to technology, to special equipment, and to information
♦ RESOURCES: Patron-focused resources to enrich reading enjoyment, leisure activities, and stimulate imagination (i.e., read books, view movies, listen to music, and participate in programs)
♦ SPACES: Visit comfortable, safe physical/virtual patron spaces to read, study, relax, talk and meet with others

WCPL Mission

♦ To provide cultural, informational, and recreational services for all
♦ To build a basic collection of print and non-print materials with access to lesser used materials through library networks
♦ To provide services, that promote lifelong education, communication of ideas, enlightened citizenship and enrichment of personal lives.
Adult Programs

**Abraham Lincoln** – In February, "Abraham Lincoln," portrayed by Danny Russell, visited the library and told of his childhood in Indiana, his ascent from lawyer to politician to President and his struggles to lead a nation divided by Civil War.

**Craft Classes** – Craft and painting classes proved to be in demand in 2017. Examples included Creative Canvas, Paint with Carl Mosher, Primitive Crafts with Sally Reuter, Needle Felting with Rachel Kruger and Make It Take It with Sheila Ronk.

**Ted Yoder** – Local hammered dulcimer player, Ted Yoder, performed at the library in May. The previous year, Yoder went viral on social media time.

**Solar Eclipse** – Nature planned the perfect program for the library in August! The library gave away 1,000 pairs of glasses to safely view this phenomenon. More than 100 people from the community came the day of the eclipse to watch from the parking lot and lawn and to enjoy live video feed from NASA. Educational programming, including a guest speaker from the Warsaw Astronomical Society, led up to the event.

Teen Programs

**Teen Photography Contest** — After successful photography contests for Adults, the library hosted our first Teen Photography Contest in 2017. There were lots of fantastic entries, and it was great to see the art that teens can create behind a camera lens!

**Escape Rooms** — The library was excited to host our first Escape Rooms for both teens & adults during the 2017 Summer Reading Program! Participants solved puzzles & hunted for clues in order to unlock the mystery box! These programs were so popular, the library has begun to host Escape Rooms on a regular basis!
Drop In Zone — Long a popular event for teenagers, Drop In Zone saw an upgrade in 2017! Thanks to Tyson Barnett in IT, the library purchased an Oculus Rift Virtual Reality gaming system. This has proven to be extremely popular in the teen Drop In Zone and continues to encourage teens to explore and create in a virtual world.

Children’s Programs

Winter Reading Program — Our inaugural Winter Reading program for children was a popular success. Taking inspiration from other public libraries, we designed a bingo card of reading and learning challenges for children from birth through grade 6. 487 children signed up, and 168 returned to celebrate their bingo.

A Century of Children’s Literature on the Silver Screen — In honor of the library’s 100th birthday year, we offered a special program series to coincide with school breaks. Children and their families enjoyed creative activities while watching a movie adaptation of an acclaimed children’s book: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (April), The Wizard of Oz (July), Charlotte’s Web (October), and The Polar Express (December).

Santa Day — Santa Day, the second Saturday of December, attracted as many people to the library as the August Block Party! This year the Friends of the Library offered generous financial and volunteer support that enabled us to expand this popular program, offer activities throughout the entire downstairs, and give away 90 seasonal picture books to children who came to visit Santa.

New programs for grades K-6 — We offered Minecraft for grades K-6 regularly throughout the year. We also partnered with Information Services to develop a monthly Maker Club for grades K-12. In the fall we rolled out a rotation of after-school drop-in programs: Kids Game Club (chess and other tabletop games), Kids Writing Club, and Kids Coding Club.
WCPL 100th Birthday Party
On April 11, 2017 we celebrated the library’s 100th year at the corner of Detroit and Center Streets with a birthday party open house where punch and birthday cake in the shape of a stack of books provided by the The Cake Lady was served.

On display were enlarged images of the library, both interior and exterior, the original blueprint for the 1917 Carnegie library, and a LEGO model of the original building built by Nathaniel Wise. The LEGO model is on display in the Children’s Department.

Special thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing five sheet cakes and helping serve refreshments. Special recognition to Joni Brookins, Robin Fosnaugh, and Renee Sweeny for their numerous hours planning every detail of the successful event, Laurie Voss for compiling a “100 Years of Service” brochure and display, Missy Chapman for creating a memorable “100 Years” digital show and archival display, and Bruce Hively for ordering and installing art strips in meeting room A/B for enlarged library images.
The Library celebrated the end of the summer reading program with a “Build a Better World” Library Block Party on August 4, 2017. Several months of planning went into making this event a fun evening for the over 400 people who attended.

There were activities for everyone. The Friends of the Warsaw Community Public Library held a book sale, the local fire department brought fire engines for all to check out and the library’s new 3D printer was on display and in action printing a plastic rocket for all to see. There were virtual reality units and escape rooms to try. The Washington STEM Academy brought Sphero app-enabled balls to try and the 4-H Robotics Club brought their LEGO robots for all to check out. Kids (and adults) were able to take selfies with members of the 501st Legion Star Wars. And there was food to enjoy — people could eat ice cream made by a tractor driven ice cream maker, popcorn from WCPL’s popcorn maker or soft drinks from the Winona Bike Works soda fountain.

Thanks go to all of the library’s staff, Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, and community volunteers who helped make this event a success.
The Friends of the Library is an organization that supports the library financially by holding book sales throughout the year and by volunteering at the library.

In 2017 the Friends:
- started the Puzzle Place project providing jigsaw puzzles for people to do while visiting the library,
- recognized library staff during National Library Week with a soup & salad luncheon,
- sponsored Santa Day, and
- purchased a variety of educational toys for the Children’s Department.

Friends of the Library Board Members (from left to right):
Merri Bottorff, Linda Campbell, Sue Williamson, Roxana Reffitt, Carol Noll
In 2017 WCPL began offering “Maker Club” programs for teens and children. One of the STEM activities involves using snap circuits as a hands-on introduction to electronics by building circuits.

The library also acquired a 3D printer that the public can use to print three-dimensional objects.

Toward the end of 2017 we also added our first VR (virtual reality) unit for people to explore and play three dimensional games.

We also purchased Cricut and Silhouette cutting machines. They are fantastic to use in creating scrapbooks, wall graphics, create patterns for sewing projects, or make iron-on transfers for t-shirts, pillows, or bags to name a few projects.
**Revenues/Expenditures**

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Front Row (left to right): Christopher Merrill (President), Barbara Beck, & Jill Beehler (Vice-President) — Back Row (left to right): Cathy Zdenek, Ben Rice, & Sherri Dalrymple (Treasurer) — Not Present: Paulette Sauders (Secretary)
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Community Partnerships

- Friends of the Warsaw Community Public Library
- Warsaw Community Schools
- Washington STEM Academy
- YMCA School Break Camp
- Kosciusko Literacy Services
- Warsaw Parks & Recreation
- Winona Lake Parks Department
- Kosciusko County 4-H Robotics Club
- Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory
- 501st Legion Star Wars
- Back to the Days of Kosciusko
- Edgewood Middle School
- Lakeview Middle School
- Penguin Point
- McDonalds
- Ritter’s Frozen Custard
- Culver’s of Warsaw
- Eastlake Skate Center
- Ft. Wayne Tin Caps
- Warsaw Astronomical Society
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Dupont & Associates
- Indiana Public Retirement System
- Lakeland Art Association
- Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana
- Center Street Community Theater
- Havrilla & Nolin, LLC
- Personal Safety Unlimited
- Kosciusko Community YMCA
- Kosciusko County Purdue Extension
- ACRES Land Trust
- Kosciusko County Animal Welfare League
- Express Employment Professionals
- Hoosier Lakes Radio Club
- Kosciusko County Historical Society
- Blue Pearl Antiques
- Francine’s Friends
- Blosser’s Photo Design Center
- Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts
- North Pointe Cinemas
- Cox Studio