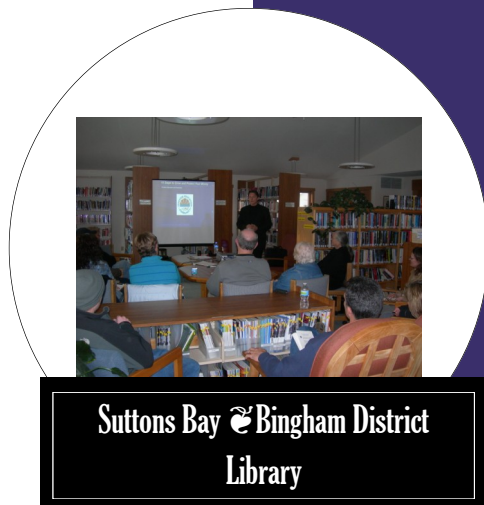


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...and still, there's more

You might have noticed the library underwent some changes over the summer. As the saying goes, it takes a village to move a library so the building may be renovated—well, not exactly. Exactly it takes a small army of volunteers, good patrons, visitors, children who love books, young adults who need community service hours—or not, a couple of troops of Boy Scouts, Suttons Bay School, Friends of the Library, the Suttons Bay-Bingham District Library Book Group, The Library Board of Trustees, and a really hard working staff. Oh, and some very good neighbors, grocers, pharmacies, and package stores from Acme to Suttons Bay who regularly saved boxes (lots of boxes). There are not enough words to thank them—even if words were sufficient. All I know is when the Suttons Bay-Bingham District Library needed them; they were there, with gloves, screwdrivers, muscles, boxes, storage space, knowhow, ideas, baked treats, and good humor. These dedicated folks donated as much with their time as those organizations which helped fund to make the renovation possible. The project would have never happened without you, and certainly would never have looked so good when completed.

It took a village, and two townships, Suttons Bay and Bingham, and a number of visiting others to move a library. And because of them, your Suttons-Bay Bingham Library is open for everyone. I truly hope you like it.

A few finishing touches were added—a brand new touch-screen children's computer, loaded with games, new kid's books for the opening sent by the Libri Foundation, oh and a new website (same addy) went live. And still, there is more to do. Additional shelving to be added, better lighting, a collection that needs maintaining—and additions—computers that require constant maintenance and upgrades, a 30 year old building that needs exterior staining, and a new roof.

And the new, new thing—e-books. Once again, the library is asking for your input and assistance. If you are interested in seeing e-books become a part of the collection, would you contact the library? SBBDL would like to start an E-reader club, and have dues and instructional times to make e-books available for use for all here in the district. And again, Thank you!

—Virginia Roberts, Library Director

Message from the Board

"I would think you were nuts." That's the answer. Here's the question, "What would you think if I told you that about three years after both millage defeats, the library would boast three remodeled restrooms while the main floor realized an overall renovation and improved layout with new carpet and paint throughout?"

Well, it all happened thanks to the library director working closely with trustee and friends boards doubling down on the idea that the library's future was too important to be put on hold. These capital improvements were paid for by Friends of the Library support, local grants and donations from individuals and firms known to support such worthwhile community projects.

Those of us who volunteer time and treasure in the library's cause prefer not to think what would have happened had both boards decided to sit back, lick angry wounds and pray for a successful millage boost in the future. Clearly the library and its thoroughly professional staff and volunteers would have been worn down if not worn out. It would have impacted their enthusiasm and translated inevitably to a decline in customer service. Whew, Glad that didn't happen.

It is said, in adversity, there is opportunity. The library is not home free. It's operating budget is down from last year and, if the economy remains unimproved, there is not much hope for a significant turnaround next year. Yet a boost in operating revenue is key to addressing the most often heard patron demand—more open hours, and the rapidly encroaching second—"do you have e-books?". To that end, there is certainly another millage question in our future and the library board of trustees shall be looking at it carefully.

In the meantime, the board is grateful to all who made our most recent capital improvements possible and assure once again, the trust and confidence expressed is not misplaced.

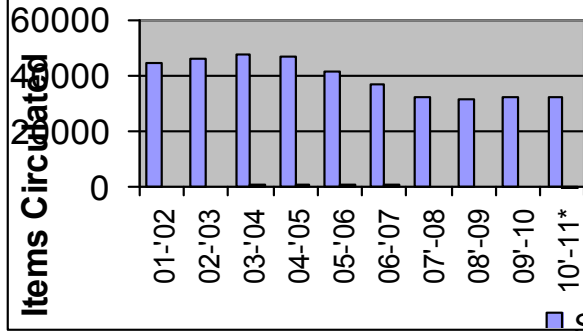
John Krug, President

Community Living Room



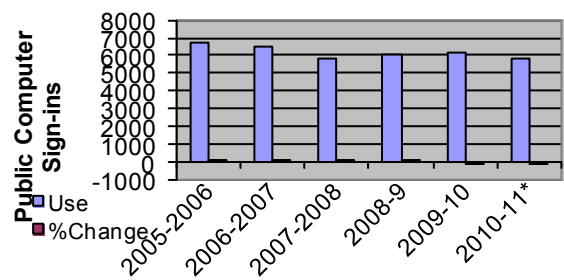
Before and After!

Circulation 2001-2011



With adjustment for the renovation closing, this year proved to be as busy as ever. 29,046 items circulated, with over 28,000 people visiting your library. Over 5000 people used the computers and wireless on a regular basis.

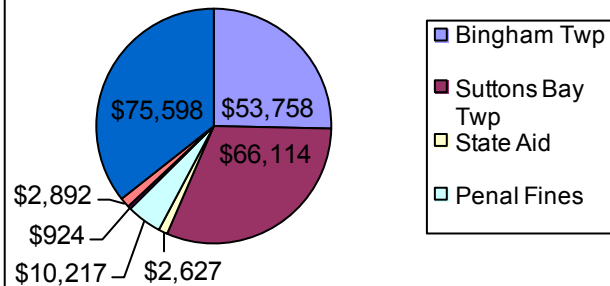
Computer Use@SBBDL



Library Funding

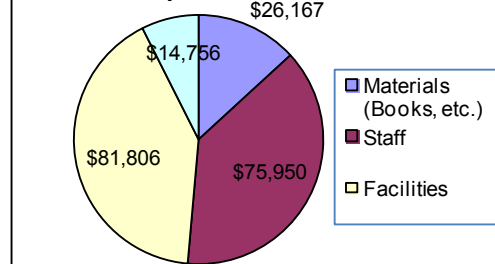
Support for the Suttons Bay & Bingham District Library is brought to the community, by your 3/10^{ths} of a mil property tax designated for your library as distributed by Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships, 1/4 of the Leelanau County Penal fines (not including court costs) and the .19/capita aid of the State of Michigan.

Income 2010-2011



Your library spent a total of \$198,679 due in part to grants from the Friends and area organizations and additional gifts from patrons. These funds went towards the interior renovation this year, accounting for almost half of the budget. Books and other library material accounted for 14.3% of library expenditures. Administrative costs were down slightly. Staff expenses have decreased 5% from last year.

Expenditures 2010-2011



Many Hands!

The following organizations and individuals are recognized for their generosity—Friends of the Library, The Suttons Bay Bingham Fund, Rotary Charities of Traverse City, The Libri Foundation, Dollar General, The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Traverse City Film Festival, The Bay Theater, The Suttons Bay Art Committee, Leelanau County Commission on Aging, numerous private donors, and the generous support and time all our volunteers. The library receives no federal funding.

Without generous grants and donations, your library would not be able to provide many of the materials and services available. This year, for example, grants and gifts provided for the new shelving, new computers, summer reading program, additions to the DVD, audio-book, children's and large-print collec-

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization that raises money for library projects. The Friends currently have 217 members who have contributed \$ 21,513 Its governing board meets the 4th Wednesday of most months and welcomes all member participation. The Friends' annual book sale, held to coincide with the Suttons Bay Art Fair, raised \$ 6,441 fully support the Summer Reading Program, and contributed matching grants to all materials and services mentioned herein. Its great to have FRIENDS! Become a Friend of the library today!



2010 Booksale Setup—Its good to have Friends

Friends Board

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| Julie Rhodes, Pres. | Monica Carman |
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Suttons Bay & Bingham District

Library Mission Statement

It is the purpose of the Suttons Bay & Bingham District Library to provide materials and services which will furnish opportunities for educational, informational, cultural and recreational enrichment to all of the people of the communities served by the library.

By committing themselves to excellence in all facets of the library's service and operation, the Board of Trustees and Staff of the Library reaffirm the democratic ideals upon which the American Public Library is founded.

Library Board

- John Krug, Pres. (Suttons Bay Township)
- Melissa Walton, V. P. (Suttons Bay Township)
- Margie Johnson Sec'y (Bingham Village)
- Marty Johnson, Treas. (Suttons Bay Village)
- Lynn Brach, (Suttons Bay Village)
- Clix Heerema, (Bingham Township)

Staff

- Virginia Roberts, Dir.
- Patricia Wolters
- Suzanne Rogers
- Zack Krantz, Intern
- Rachel Anderson, Page



Moving shelving—Volunteers

The Library Board and Director thank the more than 60 volunteers who give their time throughout the year to staff your library; monitor the computers, answer questions; process, shelve, inventory, and repair materials; organize; clean; maintain the website, furniture, building, carpets, and landscape; shovel, recycle, run errands; create children's programs; teach computer classes; and serve as members of the Board of Trustees and the Friends Board.



New kid's Computer!



Let a Story Be Told!—SRP