

Branch District Library System

Serving you in:



Algansee

S. Ray Road
Quincy, MI 49082
517 639-9830



Bronson

207 N. Matteson St.
Bronson, MI 49028
517-369-3785



Coldwater

10 E. Chicago Street
Coldwater, MI 49036
517 278-2341



Quincy

11 N. Main Street
Quincy, MI 49082
517 639-4001



Sherwood

Sherwood, MI 49089
517 741-7976



Union Township

221 N. Broadway
Union City, MI 49094
517 741-5061

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10 East Chicago Street
Coldwater, MI 49036

A member of the



2003 Annual Report

Significant Events of 2003

2003 saw the replacement of long-time staff member **Bruce Guy** with **John Rucker**, and of director **Frank Hemphill** with **Bruce Mills**.

Total circulation for 2003 was **163,295**, a 7.3% increase overall, with the Algansee and Sherwood showing **30.3%** and **26%** increases respectively!

Childrens Services



“Laugh It Up at Your Library” was the theme for 2003’s summer reading program. The Acting Up Theatre Company paid the children a visit as part of the program.



The **Reading Zone** project was begun, to identify reading levels in the lower level children’s’ materials, making it easier for parents and others to identify ability-appropriate materials for beginning readers.

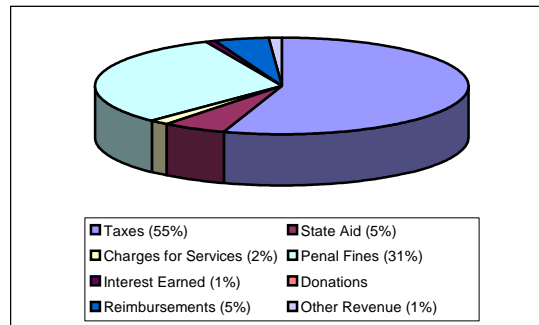


5,733 patrons attended **413** children’s’ programs offered by the library system, including the popular **Red Cross Babysitting** workshop.

Where it Comes From (Revenues)

Taxes	\$519,937
State Aid	\$50,991
Charges for Services	\$16,493
Penal Fines	\$293,256
Interest Earned	\$7,000
Reimbursements	\$45,819
Other Revenue	\$11,933

TOTAL \$943,629

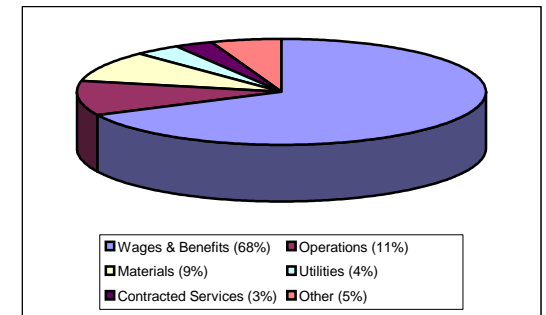


The library benefited from a significant addition to expected penal fines from the Branch County Court System during 2003. Given the current state budget crisis and the decline in interest rates, this increase could not have come at a better time.

Where it Goes (Expenditures)

Wages & Benefits	\$578,123
Operations	\$90,176
Materials	\$78,735
Utilities	\$32,330
Contracted Services	\$26,518
Other	\$46,317

TOTAL \$852,199



Thanks to prudent management of its tax dollars, the library was able to add to its fund balance at the end of the year in 2003. In view of the challenges that face the library in terms of needed building repairs (especially the aging roof), this is a most welcomed turn of events