ANNUAL REPORT
by Mary J. Hutchins, Director

Significant additions to the Branch District Library collections were made by numerous individuals, Lion’s Club, Altrusa, Friends of the Library, Rotary Club, and others. These donations vastly improved the range of print and audio/visual resources available.

The Library Board’s 1999 Technology plan made all systems Y2K compliant and upgraded the computers available to all six sites, accompanied by an LSTA grant funded by the Institute for Museums and Library Services, and administered by the Library of Michigan. This grant provided for the automation of the Algansee and Sherwood libraries and included computers to allow them to circulate online and have access to the system’s online public access catalogs, as well as access to the Internet, the LePac interlibrary loan system and other computer programs. For the first time, there is a unified database for the entire library system. This is a giant step forward and it took almost six years; having started in early 1994.

1999 Highlights

- 9.9% Circulation Increase
- 13% Increase in Attendance
- 4.5% Increase in Borrowers
- Over $16,000 in Donations

CHILDREN’S SERVICES
by Christie Kessler

1999 was a busy year with preschool storytime programs offered at Algansee, Bronson, Central & Quincy. 900 children read 15,000 books during the summer reading program and earned gate, ride and amphitheater passes to the Branch County 4H Fair by reading or listening to stories.

Branch District Friends of the Library raised $3,300 for new children’s books and summer reading materials.

At least 10,000 children throughout the county have benefitted from programs, tours, on-going activities, homework help, and other help from caring staff this year.

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT
by Christie Kessler

Congratulations to the dedicated Tech. Services staff at Central for being at the end of automating the library’s collection!! During the six-year project, almost 100,000 records have been converted to an automated format. Much needed inventory and weeding also resulted in 24,000 items being withdrawn. Many older titles were replaced with newer, reinforced editions of the same title.

At the same time, the number of new titles added each year has steadily increased - a whopping 400% from 1993 to 1999. We’re pleased to have a more up-to-date and accessible collection available to patrons. The library’s catalog is even available now via the Web showing if material is overdue and if it is currently in or checked out. Look us up at: www.bmlibrary.org

Branch District Library
System
1999 Annual Report

Headquarters
10 E. Chicago Street
Coldwater, MI 49036
1999 PERSONNEL

LIBRARIANS
Hutchins, Mary
Kessler, Christin
Guy, Bruce
Grill, Linda

PARAPROFESSIONAL
Burdick, Mary
Burkhardt, Mary
Cook, Mary
Cunningham, Sandra
Guy, Kimberly
Olds, Barbara
Rawson-Ketchum, Heidi
Riegel, Barbara
Sherfield, Loretta
Shoun, Ellen
Yennie, Denise

PARAPROFESSIONAL
Baker, Nola
Byers, Marilyn
Eichler, Shirley
Eash, Lynnell
Hudson, Linda
Miller, J. Tim
Mowry, Mary
Murray, Jodi
Patterson, Sandra
Robey, Mary
Sherfield, Ben
Smolinski, Richard

CLERICAL
Branch Supervisors
Madix, Carole
VanWormer, Linda
Veysey, Kathy

Branch Clerks
Davis, Stephanie
Hardy, Renee
Costoli, Pat
Kaminski, Patricia
Robbins, Carolyn
Eash, Lynnell

TITLE
Director
Children's/Technical Services Librarian
Automation Librarian
Adult Services Supervisor
Circulation/Reference
Reference
Bookkeeper
Technical Services
Technical Services/HHR
Reference
Reference
Secretary to the Director
Interlibrary Loan
Newsletter
Interlibrary Loan

BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY SYSTEM

1999 ENDOWMENT

TOTAL $61,233.00

REVENUES
Taxes (Miliage) $387,592.00
State Aid $54,929.00
Charges for Services $26,981.00
Penal Fines $196,519.00
Interest Earned $17,846.00
Miscellaneous $14,836.00
Total $697,805.00

1999 EXPENDITURES
Wages & Benefits $504,474.00
Operations $120,779.00
Materials $56,495.00
Contracted Services $21,439.00
Total $703,187.00

1999 MATERIALS EXPENDITURES
Branch Materials $8,901.36
Adult Non-Fiction $16,301.49
Adult Fiction $7,783.78
Reference $7,616.52
Juvenile $7,718.81
Periodicals $5,470.04
Audio-Visual $2,703.00
Total $56,495.00

REVENUES 1999
Taxes 55.50%
State Aid 2.66%
Charges 3.70%
Penal Fines 28.20%
Miscellaneous 7.90%

EXPENDITURES 1999
Wages & Benefits 72.95%
Materials 10.20%
Operations 17.15%

MATERIALS EXPENDITURES 1999
Adult Non-Fiction 28.8%
Adult Fiction 13.8%
Reference 12.0%
Audio-Visual 4.8%
Periodicals 9.7%
Juvenile 13.7%