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

Branch District Library

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2004 Annual Report
Significant Events of 2004

2004 was the year that Branch District Library inaugurated its wireless Internet service in the technology area, and its new Outreach Service for library users unable to leave home.

Total circulation for 2004 was 175,692, a 7.6% increase overall, with the Sherwood branch showing a 27% increase!

Childrens Services

“Discover New Trails at Your Library” was the theme for 2004’s summer reading program. Dr. Anson Pantz paid the children a visit as part of the program.

The Reading Zone project was completed during 2004, identifying reading levels in the lower level children’s’ materials, making it easier for parents and others to identify ability-appropriate materials for beginning readers.

5,379 patrons attended 386 children’s’ programs offered by the library system. The Red Cross Babysitting workshop was popular in 2004, and will be returning in 2005.

Where it Comes From (Revenues)

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In spite of the continuation of a depressed economy in Michigan, the library continued to see increased funding from penal fines from the Branch County Court System during 2004. A slight increase in interest rates this year may result in increased revenue from that source.

The library was again in a position to add slightly to its fund balance at the end 2004. In view of the challenges that face the library in terms of needed building repairs, this is money that will be well-used in the near future.