From the Director

A little library history: Organized in 1934, the Van Buren County Library System had its beginnings in a room at the county courthouse. Covert Township added its local library to the county system in 1945, followed by Bloomingdale, Bangor and Gobles in 1946, Lawrence in 1947, and Antwerp in 1957. Decatur and Lawrence share the distinction of having the earliest local libraries (1870s), while Gobles and Bloomingdale were 1934 Depression-era WPA initiatives.

Oftentimes, early township libraries consisted of a collection of a few hundred books in a downtown storefront or office, contributed by way of donations or local fees and appropriations. Today’s Van Buren District Library system, consisting of seven busy branches scattered around the county, has its roots based on a network of small local libraries begun by like-minded folks who recognized the importance of literacy and the value of a library in their town.

Libraries of course have changed dramatically since the 1930s and our Van Buren patrons today expect facilities, collections, services and programs that reflect modern trends found in a more digital world. Printed books and a love of reading still form the foundation of the library; however, we must also continue adapting to the growing demand for digital books, audios, movies and music. VB DL’s circulation numbers in 2016 continued to mimic nationwide trends of fewer printed books being checked out and an increase in materials being downloaded or streamed. Our libraries continued to be key providers of high speed Internet access through public workstations and Wi-Fi, and sometimes the only solution for families who have no access at home. The library’s Wi-Fi usage increased significantly last year as more patrons convenient-ly sought out the Internet on their own devices.

As a result of a new operational millage passed in November 2015, VBDL was able to provide enhanced open hours and newer collections. All branches now offer six-day service with more consistent hours and a significant increase in the availability of popular new titles. This is an added convenience for patrons who appreciate both the large selection of available titles and shorter waiting peri-ods for brand new titles or authors. More new titles are now available with the introduction of “Hot Picks,” a collection of new titles that cannot be reserved, have a shorter checkout period, and are available on a first-come-first served basis. Another new offering in 2016—“Hoopla”—features a huge selection of streaming movies, audios, music, and books that helps those patrons who prefer to sup-plement their library usage by way of tablet, phone or computer. Digital checkouts or downloads increased 68% in 2016 compared to the previous year.

In early 2016, the Library Board and several library staff members reviewed and revised the 2014 Strategic Plan. The most significant change was the addition of a new goal to “Provide a Foundation for Reading Success from Birth to Adulthood.” Objectives for this goal include establishing the library as a recognized literacy resource and to constantly encourage a love for reading. As a result, all branches offer consistently scheduled and early litera-cy-based story times, makerspace (STEM-based) activities for elementary-age kids, and monthly adult book-discus-sion groups. We’re especially striving to find ways to intro-duce the library to non-users and get books into children’s hands. After-school programs, “1,000 Books before Kindergarten,” and the Great Start-sponsored “Birthday Book Club” are all initiatives designed to do just that!

It is important that EVERY branch of the Van Buren District Library remain VITAL pieces to their respective communi-ties and continue to be interesting, exciting and useful places. VB DL staff and board are ensuring this happens by adapting to new technology, planning for unique and beneficial library spaces, offering new collections and inno-vative services, and promoting a love for reading!

Ryan Wieber

Van Buren District Library’s 2016 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Three staff members were recognized for their achieve-ments in 2016.

The 2016 Employee of the Year is Jeffrey Babbitt, Library Clerk and Marketing Associate at the Antwerp Sunshine Branch, Mattawan. The honor is annually given to the staff member who demonstrates consistent hard work and achievement, provides an outstanding level of service beneficial to the library and patrons, exhibits energy and passion for the job, and whose actions have made a posi-tive difference.

Babbitt employed his talents and motivation during the past year to organize a teen writer’s group, actively participated on the organizing committee for the area’s first GeekFest, and he was select-ed as a top five finalist in the SOUP competition at the Michigan Library Association Conference. Besides work-ing for VBDL, Babbitt is enrolled in the Library and Infor-mation Science program at Wayne State University.

Recipients of the 2016 Customer Service Award and Genius Idea Award were Mollie Barkovich and Bobbi Martindale, respectively. According to Library Director Ryan Wieber, Barkovich, Branch Manager at Webster Mem-orial Library, Decatur, was instrumental in expanding the library’s outreach and programs, and she demonstrated infectious enthusiasm among staff and patrons.

Martindale, Bangor Branch Librarian, was recognized for her start to finish involvement with the Children’s Sto-ry Walk event in Bangor. A story walk is an innovative, fun way to experience nature, exercise and storybooks through the placement of laminated, colorful pages along a trail in a local park.

Each recipient received a certificate of appreciation and monetary gift from the Friends of the Van Buren District Library.
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“I LOVE books,” Lori Thiede says. The enthusiastic patron enjoys coming to the library just to browse the stacks. She also says she benefits from the library’s programs such the monthly All About Town series featuring local stories and adventures, Webster Memorial’s monthly book club; jewelry-making classes, and special activities such as Blind Date with a Book. The variety of programs, offered in Decatur, allow her to do something else she loves – learn new things!

“VBDL adds to the quality of my life,” Thiede says. “I’m able to enjoy activities that I might not otherwise participate in if not offered at the library.”
The Skoropads have visited many libraries over the years in the different cities they’ve lived and places they’ve visited. Most of the libraries, however, were “a bunch of shelves with books in them and not much else.”

Since moving to Decatur twenty years ago, the Skoropads have had the opportunity to watch the growth of Webster Memorial Library. From their point-of-view, the library grows better each year. They especially appreciate the computers in the library and being able to access the catalog from home. They also enjoy the tech classes and special interest presentations.

The couple also commends the library for its exceptional service from the friendly and helpful staff, who the Skoropads say, “are the best we have encountered. The Decatur community is truly blessed to have such a wonderful resource.”

As a homeschooling mother of three children, Kelly Fischer finds the Bloomingdale Branch library “an invaluable resource for both entertainment and homeschool needs.”

Although Fischer’s family lives out of the library district, they appreciate the library’s services enough to maintain a VBDL card.

“Between the extremely helpful staff and our ability to order books, movies, and audiobooks,” Fischer says, “we will gladly continue to patronize the Bloomingdale branch.”

VBDL’s many resources, both in-house and online, are excellent reference sources for all students. For example, Britannica Learning Zone for kids in pre-school through second grade, offers activity-centered learning in the areas of reading, technology, numbers, shapes and geography. Learning Express, another online resource available through the MeL Databases, has practice tests for students preparing for college and non-traditional students looking for a career change or additional skills.
My husband’s job allows us the opportunity to move state to state every few years,” Sarah Meyer says. “When we moved to Mattawan, we joined the Antwerp Sunshine Library in hopes of finding books to keep us busy and entertained. What we found was so much more!” Meyer and sons, Anderson and Miles, consider the library as a place to find adventure as well as a homeschool resource.

“Visiting the library has given my children a love of reading,” Tonya says, “and a real interest in learning new things.” Tonya enjoys the variety of programs and services. “There are books to encourage our curiosity, a wonderful and friendly staff, and many activities to brighten the lives of many people.”

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“My older son enjoys getting lost in the aisles of books and finds the library a peaceful and favorite place to visit. My younger boy loves the easy access to picture books that he can enjoy over and over again.”

Meyer appreciates the friendly smiles from the staff and the safe, warm environment in which her boys can explore the world, book by book.

“The library has continuously provided our family with a space to learn and grow, and to feel like we’re part of the community.”
2016-2018
VBDL STRATEGIC PLAN

GOAL 1
PROVIDE A FOUNDATION FOR READING SUCCESS FROM BIRTH TO ADULTHOOD
Objectives
• Establish the library as a recognized literacy resource
• Constantly encourage a love for reading

GOAL 2
PROVIDE INNOVATIVE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PROGRAMMING
Objectives
• Assess and provide a wide range of programs for the public. Anticipate and respond to public program needs
• Improve communications and partnering opportunities with outside organizations
• Strive to provide more community outreach with increased hours, services to homebound patrons, other hours activities
• Regularly assess general needs, expectations of library patrons by way of surveys and by using demographic studies

GOAL 3
OFFER NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT TO STAFF AND PATRONS
Objectives
• Prolactively plan for future technology needs
• Improve staff training and building/location support
• Offer innovative technology to patrons
• Offer enrichment training for patrons

GOAL 4
CREATE A PERSISTENT AND CONSISTENT LIBRARY IMAGE IN ALL MARKETING EFFORTS
Objectives
• Establish a PR staff workgroup
• Refine current PR process and staffing to ensure consistency
• Prepare future budget for upcoming needs
• Create a new logo and transition to a new website

GOAL 5
MAXIMIZE STAFF RESOURCES
Objectives
• Implement regular staff development workshops on customer service, safety, time saving ideas, etc.
• Rotate the location for monthly branch meetings
• Implement opportunities for more branch visits by Decatur staff, and branch to branch staff visits
• Require regular branch library updates at Library Board meetings

GOAL 6
PROVIDE FINANCIAL STABILITY, ALLOWING THE LIBRARY TO MEET ITS MISSION
Objectives
• Maintain a 3-year Capital Improvement Plan
• Maintain communication with local communities to strengthen relationships, resulting in easier access for future support
• Seek grant opportunities and alternative funding for identified needs

VISION STATEMENT
WE WILL BE AN INNOVATIVE GATEWAY TO INFORMATION, CULTURE, AND ENRICHMENT.

Beliefs/Core Values
TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY’S MISSION, WE VALUE:

OFFERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN A WELCOMING, INVITING ENVIRONMENT

• PROVIDING VALUED LIBRARY SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITIES IN A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE WAY

• READING AS A FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

2016 NOTABLE HAPPENINGS

Beginning May 2016: All VBDL branches now open 6 days a week
Van Buren Reads author Kelly Fordson & her book “Garden for the Blind”
Addition of Hoopla Digital movies, audiobooks, books
An Evening of Bluegrass with the Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band
1,000 Books before Kindergarten
Bangor through the Years with Bob Emmert
Read around the Rink with Slappy
Antwerp Teen Writers’ Group
Messy Mondays at Webster Memorial
Prominent Van Buren County Women by Pam Pender
VBDL Day at the Ballpark
Bangor Brown Bag Book Talk
Pre-school Wiggle Time at several branches
Summer Reading 2016: “On Your Mark, Get Set… Read!”
STEM-STEAM-based Makerspace activities
Teen Creative Writing Challenge
Spring 2016 Open Houses at every branch
New addition: Global Road Warrior World Cultures Database
Antwerp Sunshine’s Very Ready to Read program
Learn to Juggle with Mr. Jim
Addition of “Hot Picks” popular titles collection
Titanic: West Michigan’s Connections program
Cheese-making program at Bangor
Paul Rood’s History of Covert
Miniature Golf Week at Webster Memorial
Biking the Territorial Road: Detroit to the Lake Michigan Shore
Antwerp Sunshine’s Non-fiction Book Club
Binder Park Zoo mobile visits
Writers Club Series with Amy Logan
Staff visits to local schools’ orientations
Gobles Garden Gab
Summer Birds with Wendy Jones of Fernwood
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Employee Genius Idea Award winner
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Children’s author Amy Logan and her book “Rock the Cape”
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Author visit by Amy Goodwin at Lawrence & Bloomingdale
New monthly program: “All about Town” in Decatur
Covert GYM. Get Yourself Moving
Jeffrey Babbitt presentation at MLA Annual Conference
Tai Chi classes at Lawrence
Sarett Nature Center demonstration at Covert
Fall in Love with Books… Again! Fall special programming
Geek Fest 2016 (partnership with several libraries)
A History of Gobles and Mill Lake
Lawrence Teen “Bookface” Photo Challenge
Facebook Tips and Tricks Classes
Friday Afternoon at the Movies
Local history: I Remember Decatur When…
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**NUMBER OF VISITORS:** 168,946

**NEW CARDHOLDERS:** 1,510

**TOTAL ACTIVE, REGISTERED CARDHOLDERS:** 17,962

**ITEMS LOANED BETWEEN BRANCHES:** 36,319

**ITEMS LOANED TO OTHER MICHIGAN LIBRARY PATRONS:** 9,306

**ITEMS BORROWED FROM OTHER MICHIGAN LIBRARIES FOR VBDL PATRONS:** 11,339

**TOTAL ITEMS BORROWED:** 268,539

**PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS:** 73

**NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMPUTER SESSIONS:** 9,565

**NUMBER PUBLIC COMPUTER HOURS:** 33,322

**WIFI INTERNET LOGINS:** 22,892

**COLLECTION SIZE BY FORMAT**

- **BOOKS:** 79%
- **DIGITAL:** 10%
- **DVDs:** 7%
- **AUDIODEOBOOKS:** 2%
- **MAGAZINES:** 2%

**COMPARATIVE BRANCH CIRCULATION %**

- **ANTWERP:** 27%
- **WEBSTER:** 26%
- **BANGOR:** 13%
- **LAWRENCE:** 11%
- **GOBLES:** 8%
- **BLOOMINGDALE:** 7%
- **COVERT:** 4%
- **DIGITAL:** 4%

**CIRCULATION BY COLLECTION**

- **CHILDREN:** 33%
- **ADULT:** 30%
- **AUDIO-VISUAL:** 25%
- **DIGITAL:** 8%
- **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** 3%
- **MAGAZINES:** 1%
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