

# ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY 2010



**We have raised over \$775,000.00 toward our goal for our building addition! We look forward to breaking ground in 2011 to continue our theme of Building New Traditions.**

## **Many thanks to all our volunteers!**

Volunteers this past year have included 12 Honors students, interns, Participation in Government students, and community members. Thank you all for your time and support.

We also wish to thank all those individuals, businesses and foundations who have supported us with financial gifts and those who have remembered us through memorial gifts and bequests.

We appreciate all the support from our community.

## **At a Glance**

Circulation: 23,383 items  
Collection: 20,861 items  
Registered Borrowers: 4,203  
Library Visitors: 35,233  
Program Attendance: 2,419

## **Highlights**

- New Trustees Darby Tarr and Thomas Solomon
- Received ARRA grant for new Public Computing Center
- Received grant from Pratt-Northam Foundation
- Pratt-Northam Foundation supplied intern for Heritage Room project
- Partnered with Carthage Recreation, Augustinian Academy, Jefferson and Lewis county WorkPlaces, Long Falls High Rise, Jefferson Community College Express
- Improved our website with new format and features
- Joined Facebook

## **What is Your Library Worth?**

At retail values, our services would cost :  
Books borrowed: \$488,610  
Program attendance: \$19,352  
Computer use: \$64,752

## Summer Reading Program !

Our theme, “Make a Splash” at your library brought days of pirate fun, a day at the beach, stories about lakes, ponds, oceans, water science and sunny days getting wet with water balloons! In 2010 for the first time, we partnered with the Carthage Recreation summer program, led by Director Joanne Lazore. Counselors brought Rec kids every week to join in the fun.

Over the six week program, eighty six kids from pre-school through grades 6 and up, read (or listened to) 2,848 books!

Special visits from Curious George courtesy of WPBS television and Jeff Boyer’s “Bubble Trouble” added to the fun.



Pirate Week at Summer Reading program



## Book Battles

For the second year in a row, a Carthage team, from left Abdul Sanderson, Steve Wilson and Graeme Allen, brought home the trophy in the Teen Tourney, a quiz style contest about favorite books. Students from Carthage schools and homeschoolers also took part in Battles of the Books for grades 4 through 6 and for the first time, we held a Battle for grades 7 through 9.

We hold a variety of programs for all ages, all year round. This year we held an Afternoon with Local Area Authors, school vacation programs, movie nights and more.

## Pre-School Story Hour

Pre-School Story Hour held every Thursday, is a popular gathering time for children and parents alike. Pre-school age children listen to stories, sing songs, make crafts and make new friends. Story time leader Kathleen plans special days for holidays.



## **Our New Public Computing Center**

We received a grant through the NYS Education Department funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, as part of a state wide effort to improve digital literacy skills and assist in job training and job searches for underserved populations. We purchased 16 laptop computers and hired two staff members to set up a computer lab, teach classes and work on outreach and publicity. Chrystie and Jamie have set up basic computer classes, special classes for topics on genealogy, archiving photos, how to get the most out of library resources, art classes, using the internet, classes for small business, and classes for homeschool families. Volunteer trainers have taught classes in genealogy and Excel. Outreach is an important part of our Public Computing Center (PCC). Our staff brings their expertise to Augustinian Academy, Long Falls High Rise and the Workplaces in Jeff-Lewis counties. We also offer Career and Computer Assistance Walk-In Hours on a one on one basis.



12 Honors student volunteers Adam Bracy, Aaron Millard, Thomas Murphy and Wyatt Lofink help our staff at the Library's Public Computing Center with classes.

*"Your support provides our students with a real-life example of how service can truly make a difference in our community."*  
Sister Annunciata Collins, S.S. J. Principal, Augustinian Academy

## **Changing Faces**

This fall we welcomed new Board of Trustees members Darby Tarr and Thomas Solomon. Carthage native and long-time Library patron, Tom brings to the Board his knowledgeable experience of local interests and needs. Drawing from her career as an educator in local school districts as well as volunteering her time over the years for a variety of activities, Darby brings to the Board a fresh, community-minded perspective.

We look forward to a truly productive year now that there is a full and active Board meeting monthly!

We said good bye to Brenda Greenwood and Jessie Pettey, long time Library employees. Good luck to Brenda in her new job and to Jessie who has moved on to new challenges.

Joining us as Library Assistants are Donna Barber, taking on circulation desk duties and updating book records, and Kathleen Purington, also at the circulation desk and leading our pre-school story hour.

Heading up our new Computer Center (PCC), are Coordinator Chrystie Bockus and Training Specialist Jamie Peck, both certified teachers and teaching our new computer classes.