



A message from Library Director, Frank Novak

Here's a question for you. According to the fire department, how many people is the library allowed to have in its Children's area at any one time? We hear guesses of fifty, seventy-five, eighty, and so on, all the time. The correct answer is twelve.

How many of you have had more people gathered in your dining room and kitchen for Thanksgiving?

Sometimes it's the things you don't see or think about that matter the most in the life cycle of an organization. 2015-2016 was marked not by large projects or initiatives, but instead by efforts to make the library better by addressing issues like space utilization for those times when we have more than twelve people in the Children's area.

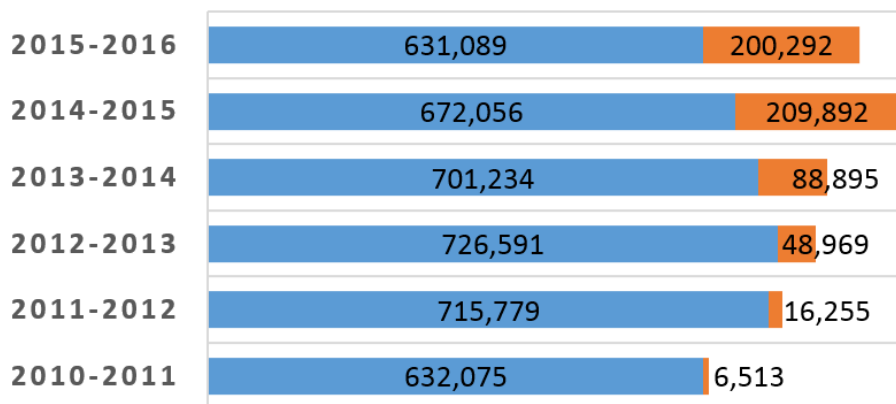
The library board started having regular philosophical discussions in 2015-2016 not only about space, but also about better defining our role in the community. These philosophical discussions started the library's process of putting together a framework for a new strategic plan. Although most library users will not jump up and down with excitement about a new strategic plan, once completed, the plan will be a guide for how we go about serving our community over the next couple of years.

The strategic planning process never really ends, of course, even with a new plan's completion. In the not so distant future, for example, the triple-wide trailer (the temporary structure where the Children's area is located) will no longer be able to be used. What then? Well, that future year of planning will look a lot like 2015-2016 did—building a framework for dealing with the most pressing issues of that time and moving the library forward from there to provide the best service and best value to the Huntley community.



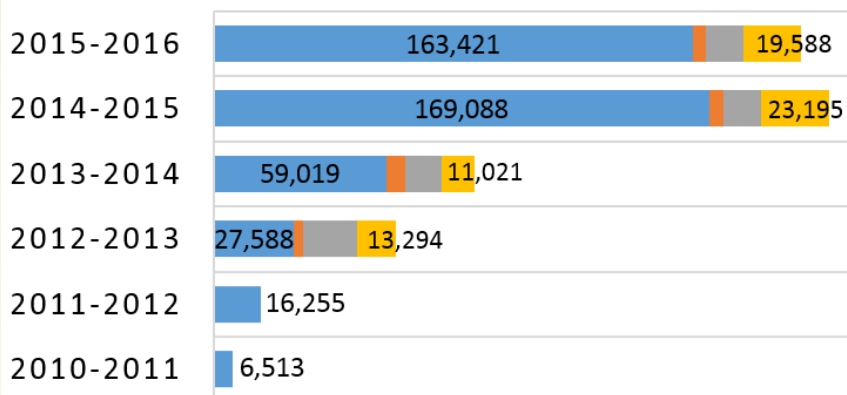
CHECK-OUT TRENDS BY TYPE

■ PHYSICAL ITEMS ■ DIGITAL ITEMS



DIGITAL CHECK-OUTS BY ITEM TYPE

■ E-books / E-audiobooks ■ E-magazines
■ Music ■ Database Use



What does this mean for the future of the library?

Libraries everywhere are struggling to find the niche in their own community and provide the resources and services that patrons want. No two communities are the same, so there is no cookie-cutter answer.

In general, use of digital content is rising, while use of traditional physical items is decreasing. Residents are interested in experiential learning and hands-on programs. One challenge we face is limited program space, so while the desire for programming is there, we are handicapped by space constraints on how many residents can actually participate in those opportunities.

Making residents aware of the many resources available through the public library will always be paramount as library offerings change over time to offer new and dynamic access to information and entertainment.

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Our mission is to encourage lifelong learning and to improve the quality of life in our community. We strive to maintain the highest possible standards of service by providing cultural, recreational, and informational resources to our growing and changing population.

The Friends' mission is to promote, aid, and support the Huntley Area Public Library District including literature and reading related programs for the library and surrounding communities.

Financial Position

The Huntley Area Public Library District continues to provide top-notch service to the community while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the area. It is important to understand that while other libraries typically levy for multiple tax funds, the Huntley Area Public Library District levies for only the corporate fund (or general operating fund). Additionally, Huntley does not receive any personal property replacement taxes. All in all, the Huntley Area Public Library District, its trustees, and its staff members have been good stewards of tax dollars. The following are excerpts from the district's audit for the most recently completed fiscal year.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	BUDGET - ORIGINAL AND FINAL	ACTUAL
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	\$ 2,707,764	\$ 2,755,906
Impact Fees	140,000	62,470
Grants	250,000	33,177
Fines, Fees, Interest and Other	290,000	108,176
Total Revenues	3,387,764	2,959,729
EXPENDITURES		
Personnel and Benefits	2,581,000	1,892,279
Library Books and Materials	485,000	359,129
Operating	630,000	208,880
Supplies	105,000	34,217
Contractual Services	34,000	8,391
Computer Services	390,000	153,569
Administration	649,000	84,269
Capital Outlay	200,000	-
Contingency	202,000	-
Total Expenditures	5,276,000	2,740,734
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (1,888,236)	\$ 218,995

Condensed Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis

	June 30,	
	2016	2015
Current Assets	\$ 2,384,102	\$ 2,164,789
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,195,340	3,306,062
Total Assets	5,579,442	5,470,851
Current Liabilities	-	-
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,195,340	3,306,062
Restricted	4,700	7,181
Unrestricted	2,379,402	2,157,608
Total Net Position	\$ 5,579,442	\$ 5,470,851

Condensed Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis

	For Years Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015
Revenues		
Property Taxes	\$ 2,755,906	\$ 2,646,757
Impact Fees	62,470	53,720
Interest Income	3,259	1,270
Grants	33,177	60,493
Fines, Fees and Other	105,235	117,023
Total Revenues	2,960,047	2,879,263
Expenses		
Personnel and Benefits	1,892,279	1,836,846
Library Books and Materials	126,746	105,330
Operating	186,764	178,270
Supplies	33,334	37,271
Contractual Services	8,391	7,800
Computer Services	127,678	106,042
Administration	84,269	87,848
Special Reserve - Capital Projects	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-
Contingency	-	-
Depreciation	391,995	388,485
Total Expenses	2,851,456	2,747,892
Change in Net Position	108,591	131,371
Net Position, Beginning of Year	5,470,851	5,339,480
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 5,579,442	\$ 5,470,851



Huntley Library Friends Foundation

The Foundation raises funds through annual campaigns and events, and advocates for the needs of the library. Board Members present a check to the Library Director each December at their membership Holiday Luncheon. In 2015-2016 the Friends Foundation donated a total of \$41,674 to the library to fund e-books, library programs for all ages, the summer and winter reading programs and smaller special projects, as needed.

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23,474 Residents
(60% of the District)
Have
Library Cards



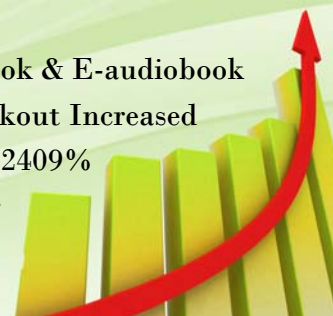
In the
Past Year



Library Visitors:
259,545



E-book & E-audiobook
Checkout Increased
by 2409%
Over
6 Years



Grants Received
\$60,493

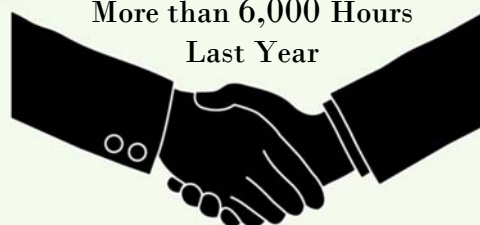


Net Expenses
Decreased
\$103,564
from last year



Fund Balance
Increased
\$110,722
from last year

Over 1,500 People Volunteered
More than 6,000 Hours
Last Year



Saving the Library About
\$138,000 in Personnel Costs