2006 - 2009

Mission: Our mission is to offer innovative ways to make the library and its services accessible to our diverse communities.

GOAL 1
We will anticipate and satisfy the needs of our diverse community by providing a wide variety of materials and services.

GOAL 2
We will provide high quality programs on diverse topics to patrons at every age level.

GOAL 3
We will harness informational and instructional technologies for our patrons’ convenience and improved staff productivity and convenience.

GOAL 4
We will employ a staff that responds efficiently, courteously, and professionally to our patrons.

GOAL 5
We will make the library well-known, well-used, and well-respected by the community.

GOAL 6
We will work with local governments as they provide library buildings that are clean, attractive, comfortable and easy to use; and review, revise and rewrite the contracts with the municipalities in regards to health and safety concerns for staff and patrons.
Accomplishments of 2006

- Carolyn Nash began her new role as Executive Director of GDL.
- 22% more items were checked out in 2006 than in 2005. For the first time ever, more than 2 million items were checked out.
- A new strategic plan was adopted by the GDL Board of Trustees.
- All GDL libraries were WiFi enabled allowing patrons use of their own computers in the libraries.
- A ten station wireless computer lab was purchased to facilitate training of staff and public.
- Famous authors continued to visit Genesee District Library in 2006. The library hosted internationally acclaimed best selling authors, Amy Tan, David Baldacci, and Jennifer Chiaverini.
- Book signings were held by several local authors.
- Plans began for opening the Vera B. Rison Library, GDL’s 19th branch.
- GDL newsletters were delivered to subscribers’ e-mail. The printed newsletter was delivered with the Flint Journal.

Expenditures and Revenues

Audited Revenues for 2006
Total $8,731,301

- State Aid, $225,670; 2.6%
- Contributions and Bequests, $35,064; 0.4%
- Tax Revenue, $6,663,917; 76.3%
- Resource Sharing, $141,291; 1.6%
- Other Revenues, $486,750; 5.6%
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- Other Revenues, $486,750; 5.6%

Audited Expenditures for 2006
Total $9,740,879

- Salaries and Fringe Benefits, $5,578,634; 57.2%
- Library Materials, $1,824,814; 18.7%
- Operating Expenditures, $1,456,362; 15%
- Restricted Fund Expenditures, $19,828; 0.2%
- Contributed Facilities, $747,945; 7.7%
- Capital Outlay, $113,296; 1.2%

Statistics for 2006

- 2,380,854 items checked out including books: fiction, nonfiction, large type, children’s, teen’s, etc.
- books on tape and CD
- DVDs and videos

- 1,736,050 people entered GDL libraries.
- 337,315 reference questions were answered by our staff.
- 125,150 registered patrons carried Genesee District Library cards on December 31, 2006.
- 109,623 books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, videos, books on tape and CD were added to the Genesee District Libraries.
- 21,750 people attended Genesee District Library programs in 2006.