In 2013 the Library expanded and continued our outreach initiatives to the entire community. We were very pleased to be able to partner with Akron Summit Community Action to establish a collection of juvenile books at Barberton Head Start, dedicated library space in the Decker building, and weekly on-site programming by BPL children’s librarians to every student. Another new outreach effort in 2013 was traveling to the Middle School for a new book club group, based on the High School Book Club model which has been ongoing for several years. Early literacy outreach to our younger students wherever they are is a key service goal and we will continue to look for opportunities to expand our reach in this area.

Efforts were ongoing to maintain and improve our building. The most visible change was the renovation of the public restrooms on the main and second floors. There are now larger, accessible, family-friendly facilities on each floor which are both more energy efficient and easier to maintain. I hope you had the opportunity to visit the Library in 2013. If you haven’t been by lately, I invite you to stop in or to visit us at www.barbertonlibrary.org.

Julianne Bedel, Director

Lisa Gilgenbach, Children’s Department Manager, reads to students at Barberton Head Start.

Mission Statement

The Barberton Public Library will promote independent thought and community interaction by providing services and resources necessary for individuals to pursue educational, creative, personal, and professional interests.

Discover Your Potential

The Library is a gateway to further educational, creative, personal and professional interests.

- Cooperates with 43 other library systems in the region to provide a collection of more than 10 million items to our local Barberton cardholders
- Teaches group and one-on-one computer and technology classes
- Fosters lifelong learning by providing a dynamic schedule of free events

Discover Your Community

The Library is a community gathering place where people of all ages can exchange ideas, learn and grow.

- Provides meeting room space for community gatherings, programs and events
- Collaborates with other Barberton entities to contribute to the standard of living in our community
- Actively seeks out ways to take the Library out into the community to reach individuals who may not be able to come into the traditional library building

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Your library consists of the Main facility at 602 West Park Avenue as well as the Community Health Library branch located at Summa Barberton Hospital. The population of our legal service area is 26,385. We serve the community with a staff of 27 dedicated full-time and part-time employees. (20 full-time equivalents)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Library Usage**
- 334,783 Items Borrowed
- 237,937 Library Visits
- 56,381 Computer Sessions
- 29,638 Questions Answered
- 20,285 eMedia Circulation
- 8,753 Attendees at Library Programs
- 512 Library Programs Offered

**Borrowers**
- 42,968 Registered Borrowers
- 36,942 Adults
- 6,026 Children

**Collection**
- 237,225 Items owned / Housed at Barberton Public Library
- 149,042 eMedia Collection
- 72,577 Printed Materials
- 15,606 Audio-Visual Materials

12,486 new items were added to the collection in 2013. As a member of the CLEVNET library cooperative, which includes more than 40 libraries in northern Ohio, Barberton Library users have access to more than 10 million items including books, movies, magazines and music!

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Revenue:** $1,330,464
- Public Library Fund: $782,129
- Local Levy: $415,786
- Homestead: $70,853
- Fines and Fees: $40,630
- Miscellaneous: $7,593
- Gifts and Donations: $7,045
- Interest: $5,928
- Grants: $500

**Expenditures:** $1,308,241
- **Library Services**
  - Public Services and Programs: $826,226
  - Collection Development: $162,446
- **Support Services**
  - Facilities Operation and Maintenance: $96,607

Kids were entertained by the Akron ZooMobile, which visited the Library for a fun and educational program during 2013 Summer Reading Club, “Dig into Reading.”

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