

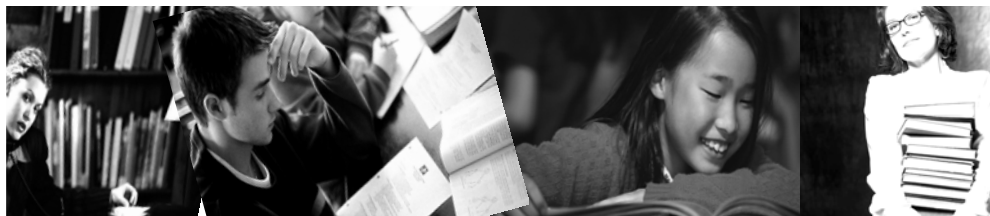
Kitchigami Regional Library

Annual Report 2005



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President's Message...

2005 will be remembered for many years as a year of challenges and how they were met! Two subjects dominated our communications and the Kitchigami Regional Library Board's activities.

First, we triumphantly put our new, large mobile library on the road early in the year – to enthusiastic public response. In November a terrible accident did extensive damage to the vehicle and injured our employees. We were able, however, to borrow an interim "Readmobile" which, although it is much smaller, is maintaining our rural service until our mobile library is repaired.

Second, we proposed changes that would improve our financial ability to provide library services. After several meetings with city and county representatives, we proposed a revised joint powers agreement and a new funding formula to our participating municipalities. Although our proposal did not succeed, with a better understanding of its existing agreement and the financial challenges of KRL, the board moved forward by returning to the original financing guidelines in its existing agreement. This has been controversial, but it was a necessary step to providing equitable, quality library services.

In 2005 more patrons than ever before made more visits to our branch libraries than ever before. Our "on-demand selection" process reduced our interlibrary loan activity by replacing borrowing with purchasing – our library patrons actively helped shape our collection of books/magazines/DVDs. We enhanced our public technology and, with the assistance of our employees, began to review and streamline our operations.

The partnership that exists between the cities and counties that form Kitchigami Regional Library, and the support of the thousands of patrons who use our library services, keep us strong. This cooperation helped us meet the challenges of 2005, and will continue to help us provide growing, changing library services in the future.

David Mattila, President 2006



Library Leadership

Kitchigami Regional Library Board 2005: Randall Burg (President), Dawn Stattine (Secretary), Dan Olson (Treasurer), Paul Carlson, Audrey Chelberg, Dick Devine, Jack Frost, JoAnne Henningsgaard, Dee Hillstrom, Leo Johnson, Robert Kangas, David Mattila, Marcia Olson, Tom Peterson, Lauren Annie Rowe, Rita Schuldt, Gary Walters; Vacant: Cass Lake, Pine River.

Administration: Marian F. Ridge, Director/Christy Loven, Administrative Assistant/ Allison Edgerton, Technical Services Manager/Happy Michéau, ILL/Mobile Library Manager / Donna Johnson, Bookkeeper

Branch Library Managers: BonaCarol Enstrom, Bemidji/Nance Kunkel, Blackduck/
Marta Mersereau, Brainerd/Bethany Norenberg, Cass Lake/Holly Somrak, Longville/Terry Zoller, Park Rapids/
Muriel Erickson, Pine River/Renee Frethem, Wadena/Carrie Musselman, Walker.

Our Libraries with or without walls...

Patrons visit our libraries in person or online to find books, information and much more. Our branch libraries are thriving community centers, where people of all ages use computers, borrow books/DVDs/videos/CDs, read magazines and newspapers, get help finding answers to questions, attend book clubs and author readings, and pursue lifelong learning. Our mobile library gathers small, rural communities into the world of information by bringing books, magazines and wireless access to their doors.

In 2005 we expanded our website, www.krls.org, to include more information and easier methods for finding and placing reserves on our collection. We also added automatic telephone/email notification for available reserved items and overdues. The ELM (Electronic Library of Minnesota) business, education and current affairs databases grew in popularity; 28,646 online searches were made in 2005. We increased our online access by adding NoveList – an online source available at our libraries or from home – to help our thousands of fiction readers; they responded by making 11,244 searches on this wonderful resource.

The Margaret Welch Library in Longville completed an extensive renovation in June that added almost 1/3 more usable space. This project was possible because of the cooperation between the Friends group, the Longville Library foundation, the City of Longville, and financial assistance from the State of Minnesota.

Fast Facts...

Circulation

Branch	Adults	Juvenile	TOTAL
Bemidji	125,652	62,501	188,153
Blackduck	12,821	7,368	20,189
Brainerd	149,727	87,022	236,749
Cass Lake	7,516	1,955	9,471
Longville	10,902	4,572	15,474
Park Rapids	76,216	38,271	114,487
Pine River	20,158	7,028	27,186
Wadena	47,779	24,792	72,571
Walker	26,720	8,010	34,730
Mobile Library	19,369	8,481	27,850
Headquarters	3,019		3,019
TOTAL	499,879	250,000	749,879

Registered Borrowers

Branch	Adults	Juvenile	Misc.	TOTAL
Bemidji	11,285	3,611	28	14,924
Blackduck	978	297	14	1,298
Brainerd	14,635	5,056	230	19,921
Cass Lake	830	289	2	1,121
Longville	1,294	229	3	1,526
Mobile Library	973	322	3	1,298
Park Rapids	5,747	1,626	127	7,500
Pine River	2,495	701	54	3,250
Wadena	3,687	1,335	16	5,038
Walker	2,196	668	6	2,870
TOTAL	44,343	14,134	483	58,737

New Library Card Registrations 7,598

Interlibrary Loan

Items loaned to other libraries: 1,433
Items borrowed from other libraries/circulated to patrons: 2,780
Items purchased in response to public requests: 889

2005 Financial Summary...

Revenue

State Aid	\$ 455,617	
State/Federal Special Grants	<u>117,400</u>	
		\$ 573,017
County Levies	1,015,339	
City Levies	<u>224,259</u>	
		1,239,598
Interest	49,674	
City Automation Payments	33,954	
Sales (copies, faxes)	7,136	
Gifts and other	<u>78,972</u>	

169,736

Expenditures

		\$1,982,351
Branch Salaries	\$ 571,616	
Mobile Library Salaries	34,777	
Regional Salaries	386,103	
Employee Benefits	<u>196,825</u>	
		\$1,189,321
Capital including books, etc..	289,185	
Utilities and communications	34,889	
Vehicles and travel	40,963	
Building and maintenance	63,710	
Automation operating	100,985	
Library expenses	37,482	
Office supplies	4,423	
Miscellaneous	<u>63,561</u>	

635,198

1,824,519

Balance 31 December 2005 \$ 157,832

Restricted Funds at 31 December 2005

Automation	\$ 269,563
Mobile Library	75,280
Vehicles	95,923
Automation Maintenance	136,197
Loan Security	23,423
Building Maintenance	18,837
Accounting software	23,790
HQ Building	175,289
KRL Endowment Fund	57,894
HQ Gift	<u>277</u>
	\$ 876,473

More Fast Facts...

Collections

Branch	Books	Other	Total
Bemidji	60,544	11,072	71,616
Blackduck	14,121	1,885	16,006
Brainerd	55,328	11,982	67,310
Cass Lake	8,357	1,083	9,440
KRL HQ	241	99	340
Longville	21,083	4,694	25,777
Mobile Library	13,123	1,987	15,110
Park Rapids	25,489	9,655	35,144
Pine River	16,677	3,199	19,876
Wadena	14,919	2,069	16,988
Walker	16,271	3,575	19,846
Rotating	5,714	4,168	9,882
Total	251,86	55,468	307,335

Mission Statement

Kitchigami Regional Library System provides quality library services and resources, responding to the diverse needs of individuals and communities.

Serving:

Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, and Wadena counties

Partners in library service...

We gratefully acknowledge the many donations that we receive from individuals, townships and local library committees and their friends. These donations fund the Summer Reading Program as well as provide thousands of books and other reading and listening materials to library users throughout the region. Community library services are possible because of nine cities that provide and maintain facilities. And, of course, hundreds of volunteers contribute thousands of hours of advocacy, energy and countless supplemental tasks that help our library patrons – thank you for all you do!