

## HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT-2007

We are pleased to report another busy year! In 2007, the library served 4,804 patrons. Circulation was heavy, with 2,214 materials borrowed during the year. There were an additional 211 transactions through the Interlibrary Loan System. The library's high-speed computers were available for access to 1,265 computer users. Students of JDBS were provided with weekly library time for Literacy Skills and book exchange. For those new to town, our public library has served as the school's library for the last five years.

In 2007, the library continued to make progress in meeting the needs of our community. The children's section was restored with much needed shelving in February, through a grant from the Lakes Region Charitable Foundation. This organization also provided funding for new shelving in the adult section of the library as well as a new photocopier available for public use. The most remarkable event was the change made to the library schedule in October. As the result of a survey conducted in 2006, Library Trustees agreed to open the library for an additional day. Residents now have access to the library 32 hours per week.

Our Summer Reading Program, "Reading Road Trip USA!" was very successful. A total of 222 children and adults participated in the activities and entertaining events that were offered. We couldn't have done it without the support of volunteers, local businesses, the Friends of Hill Parks & Rec., and of course, the taxpayers of Hill. We thank you all.

We'd also like to express our appreciation to the "Friends" group for their efforts to support and promote our library. The group funded a performance by Professor Read-a-Lot during the library's Open House in the fall. "The Friends" sponsored a *Caroline B. Robie Memorial Book Project* in which titles are randomly chosen and purchased from a list of patron suggestions. For the fifteenth year, the group donated new library books in honor of all babies born in Hill. A digital camera was purchased for recording all of our memorable events, thanks to our "Friends".

In closing, we'd like to mention a few ongoing programs available at the library. Our book club continues to meet monthly. Please call for information. The Interlibrary Loan System is a great resource for our library as well as many others all over the state. If you can't find what you're looking for here, we'd be glad to borrow it from another library. Please watch for the new Town of Hill website where you'll find information on all happenings at the library. Don't own a computer? We have four available with high-speed Internet access, the Microsoft Office Suite, and color/black & white printing capability. As always, we urge you to check out the Hill Public Library!

Respectfully Submitted,

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