



"Library users are 'mind users.' The continued popularity of our library is a great indicator of its excellence."

Mayor Carol Lombardi

### Director's Report to the Community

2005 was an exciting year as the Library's entrance and first floor underwent an almost complete transformation. The scaffolding, the temporary plywood walls, and the droning of power tools are now history. The library has a fresh look that welcomes community residents and encourages them to stay to browse, read, research, go online or attend a program.

Despite the relative inconveniences of the past year, use of the Library by citizens remained high, and collections and services continued to grow. The Board, the staff, and I appreciated your patience and understanding during this transition. We thank you for valuing what a public library contributes to its community, and for supporting the Waukesha Public Library!

*Jane Ameel,  
Director, Waukesha Public Library*

### Highlights

- ◆ The Library's online catalog grew to over a million items owned by the fourteen public libraries in Waukesha County who formed the CAFÉ (Catalog Access for Everyone) partnership.
- ◆ The Library received the Wisconsin Library Association's WEBBIE AWARD for 'Best Site for Kids.'
- ◆ Einstein's Big Idea programs funded by a WGBH-PBS TV grant drew more than 1,000 interested community members.

### 2005 Achievements

- 1,562,404** items were loaned to citizens.
- 314,608** items are now in our collection.
- 130,910** reference questions were answered.
- 76,156** citizens have active library cards.
- 20,208** children & accompanying adults attended a library children's program.

**Waukesha Public Library:**  
more than a building  
[www.waukesha.lib.wi.us](http://www.waukesha.lib.wi.us)

### Key Features of Phase One Renovation

- ◆ A more spacious New Books & Browsing area.
- ◆ 'Music, Movies, and More', an expanded audio-visual area.
- ◆ 'Teen Zone', a colorful, teen-friendly area for young people.
- ◆ Improved lighting, furniture, and access to first floor collections.
- ◆ An expanded Spanish collection.
- ◆ Safer pedestrian access to the entrance.
- ◆ A drive up book drop that brings materials directly into the building.

### 2005 Library Partners

- ◆ Friends of the Waukesha Public Library
- ◆ City of Waukesha Park, Recreation, and Forestry
- ◆ Milwaukee County Zoo
- ◆ Waukesha County Recycling
- ◆ Reading Education Assistance Dog (READ) program
- ◆ School District of Waukesha
- ◆ Catholic Memorial High School
- ◆ Safe and Sound program
- ◆ WCTC Child Development program
- ◆ Waukesha Lioness Club
- ◆ Waukesha School District Planetarium
- ◆ Area nursery schools and childcare programs
- ◆ Literacy Council of Waukesha
- ◆ Waukesha JanBoree Festival
- ◆ Business Improvement District
- ◆ Channel 25 Public TV
- ◆ Badger Association of the Blind
- ◆ Milwaukee Bucks
- ◆ Waukesha County Federated Library System
- ◆ Kiwanis Club of Waukesha
- ◆ Cool Schools program

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