

Dear Citizens of the Waukesha community:

2004 was another impressive year at the Library. Even though customers had to search for parking, brave bitterly cold days, and locate the temporary entrance, library usage remained high.

Thankfully, Spring is imminent and our beautiful new copper and acrylic entrance, covered by a glass canopy, will welcome library customers. At that time, there will be some reshuffling of parking areas as the first floor interior renovation begins.

Soon you'll be able to browse, read, visit with friends, and watch the world go by. The new interior will showcase our popular collections of music CDs, movies, and more. There will also be expanded room for new book displays and Spanish materials. "Tweens and Teens" soon will find an exciting glass-enclosed space designed especially for them.

Thank you for your continuing support during this important renovation!



Jane Ameal  
Library Director

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### "A Year of Growth & Opportunity"

- ◆ *Most Valued Partner Award*  
Honored by the School District of Waukesha
- ◆ *Concrete Smashing Event*  
Celebrated the start of the Phase One Renovation
- ◆ *Friends of the Waukesha Public Library*  
Commemorated 40 years of support of the Library
- ◆ *"The Sixties: A Decade of Crisis and Change"*  
This successful series attracted 1200 people, including numerous high school and college students.
- ◆ *"Stories Jubilee, Science Sundays, and Go for the Gold!"*  
These popular children's programs entertained and educated a record number of children and families.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Rated #1 among comparable Wisconsin libraries by the HAPLR Index (which compares U.S. public libraries).
- ◆ **1,616,292** items circulated to customers:  
Another Record!
- ◆ 505,647 people visited the library
- ◆ 23,522 people attended children's programs
- ◆ 128,902 reference questions were answered

#### CAFÉ: Catalog Access for Everyone

Our partnership of libraries continued to grow in 2004. Customers are able to search on-line for the holdings of all CAFÉ members. A universal library card acceptable at all member libraries will soon be available.

Member libraries now include Big Bend, Brookfield, Butler, Mukwonago, Muskego, Sussex/Lisbon and Waukesha. Seven additional libraries are expected to join the CAFÉ group in August 2005.