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Your Board of Trustees Officers

Board elections were held in December, 2008. Marie-Anne Azar Ward continues as board president; Martha Spear has assumed the vice presidency; Bethany Krawiec is secretary; and Jan Ward was re-elected treasurer. These positions took effect January 1, 2009.

Featured Volunteer



Joan Turbek is the artist behind many of the bulletin board displays in the children's section. If you haven't seen the current Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates feature, you should stop in and join the many admirers of this work. Earlier bulletin boards featured Sherlock Holmes, Spring, Bugs, Fall, and other creative and timely themes.

Joan has also baked for our Books, Antiques, Food & Things sale, as well as manning a sale station.

Thanks, Joan, for brightening the library.

Program News



Terry Young exhibited his etchings, drawings, and books in November and December. During his artist reception he described his journey into papermaking, book binding, and housing for finished works, one of which can be seen above. Then he demonstrated his various techniques for making book covers assembling the pages, and binding. Terry generously donated a collection of his hand-bound pamphlets and books. They are for sale on the round table; proceeds will benefit the library. Thanks, Terry.

Through February Meg Stone is exhibiting her intricate woven, antler-handled baskets as well as delicate paintings and



silk-screened notes. The note cards can be purchased from Karen; the other items should be purchased through Meg.

In March and April Kathy Donnery will display nature and other photographs in her debut exhibit.



December's Tea & Talk program, "Christmas Programs and Pageants" was well attended. Participants reminisced about Upper Jay's community Christmas tree, church pageants, and school celebrations.

In another trip down memory lane, "Old Advertising Slogans and Jingles" was the topic of January's Tea & Talk. Attendees went through a list of ad slogans and jingles to see if they could remember the product being advertised.

The Tea & Talk program, on Wednesday, February 11, at 1:00, is "Childhood, Silly, & Camp Songs."



Martha Gallagher's October concert, "Songs from the Stones," enchanted the audience with its poignant and heartfelt pieces inspired by cemetery headstones. If you missed the concert, Martha generously donated the CD, which can be checked out. Thanks, Martha, for a lovely concert and for the CD.

"What's the Big Idea," part of the Mother Goose math and science program for children ages 4+ meets from 3:30-4:30 on the last Tuesday of each month. Carole McDowell directs this program.

Writer's Collective, under the leadership of Bob Segal, meets at 7:00 the third Tuesday of each month. Writers in any genre are welcome to come and share their work.

Quilters Gathering continues to meet monthly at the library. Check with Bethany Krawiec (946-1295) for dates and times.

The SABLE club meets 12-1:00 every Saturday through March. If you wish to become a member, you can sign up with Karen.

Library News



The Christmas Sale was very popular this year—our best year ever. This year we included new non-Christmas gift items in the sale, and they were very much in demand.

Thanks to Kay Kowanko, Yvonne Farmer, Hope Stone, Fran Driscoll, Ellen Metcalf, Sylvia Norton for setting up the sale, and to all those who donated and bought items.

Elisabeth Ashley won our fall “guess the number of candy corns in the jar” contest. Her guess was closest to the actual number; her prize was the jar of candy corns.

We sent cartons of leftover sale books to the Essex County Jail, Adirondack Correctional Facility, Altona Correctional Facility, Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility, and Camp Gabriels for inmate libraries.

Some new websites available through the library are: Auto Repair Reference Center; Home Improvement Reference Center; and small Engine Repair Reference Center. Karen has posted these websites, plus a description, at each computer.

Thank You

- Donations of books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs: Vicki Moore, Christian Brammer, Jean Wyman, Bill Meyer, Barbara Oettgen, Nan Amstutz, Marilyn McDonald, Jodelle LaCombe, Esther Flynn, Marie-Anne Azar Ward, Joe Kahn, Nancy Edmonds, Cassandra Smith, Joe Honigmann, Sylvia Norton
- Plants & Pots: Jean Snow, Fran Driscoll, Ruth Kuhfahl, Yvonne Farmer, Carol Whitney
- Snow Removal: Don Morrison, Joe Kahn, Sandy Dupree, Joe Honigmann, Scott Stone, Karen Rappaport
- Library Maintenance: Don Morrison for air conditioner removal and storm windows installation; Bruce Bosland for fixing chair
- Events Refreshments and Setup: Jan & Bruce Bosland, Ellen Metcalf, Sylvia Norton, Hope Stone
- Beautification: Don Morrison for cornstalks, lighted wreath and garland; Yvonne Farmer for weeding and pulling out marigolds
- Sid Ward for a continuing donation of beautifully hand-crafted cutting boards

Local Authors

“The Exuberant Garden, Portraits of North Country Flowers” by Nick Woodin, beautifully illustrated by Alea Corbalis, is an informative description of garden flowers. Nick generously donated a copy of this exciting work for library patrons to enjoy.

Roger Mitchell’s new book of poems, “Lemon Peeled the Moment Before,” contains new and selected poems 1967-2008. The cover painting is by Linda Fisher. Thanks to Sylvia Norton for purchasing this book and donating it to the library. Roger’s inscription accompanying his signature reads “To the Wells Memorial Library, a lamp in the valley.”

Archives

We have an early indistinct picture of the inside of the Upper Jay Methodist Church. Mark Ellis used his equipment and skills to enhance the picture, which he donated to the library. Thanks, Mark, for bringing the beautiful interior to life.

State of the Library, 2008

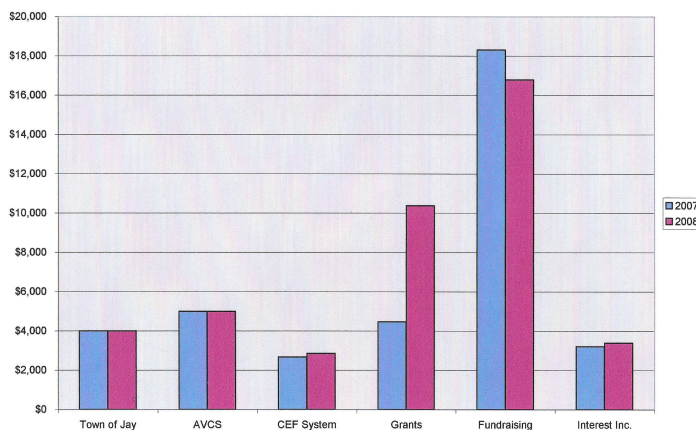
Summary

2008 was a busy year. We hosted a number of family events and partially underwrote the seventh annual Children’s Theater Workshop. We continued to offer popular programs for different age and interest groups, and made our space available for various local groups. We replaced 3 sagging bookcases, stained/repainted part of the library’s interior and exterior, converted 4 traverse rods to more suitable rods-and-rings, and planted 40 trees along the riverbank for long-term stabilization.

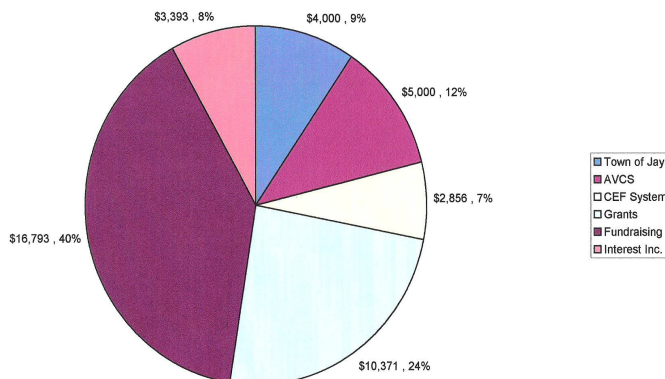
Operating Income

Although our Annual Fund revenues declined, operating income rose 13%, due primarily to increased grant funding. Once again over 70% of operating income was generated from our fundraising efforts, grant writing, and investments.

Wells Memorial Library Operating Income 2007 & 2008



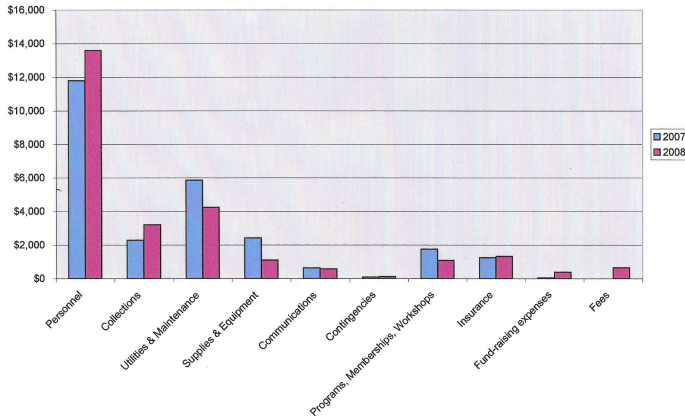
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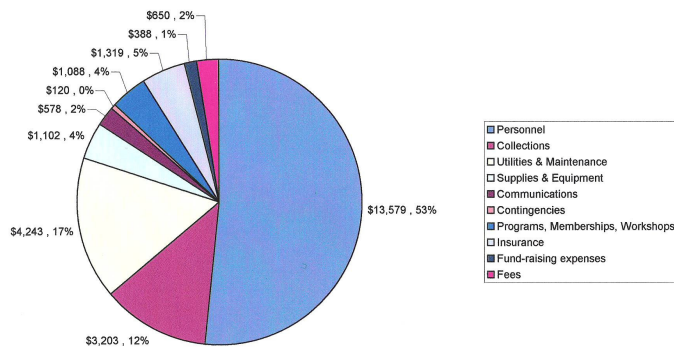
Operating Expenses

Operating expenses rose less than 1%, primarily in personnel and secondarily in collections. Utilities and maintenance costs, along with supplies and equipment, declined. 75% of our expenses are associated with staffing and the library building itself (staffing accounts for over half our expenses).

Wells Memorial Library Operating Expenses 2007 & 2008



Wells Memorial Library Operating Expenses, 2008



2009 Outlook

- We are planning a “conditions assessment” of the physical plant which will focus on needed improvements.
- The last of the traverse rods will be replaced by a more appropriate rod-and-ring system.
- A survey will be developed to assess how well we are meeting program, services, and collection needs.
- Archives materials will begin to be indexed, and genealogy holdings will be placed on discs.

Wish List

We are looking for a volunteer with an interest in local history to assist Bethany Krawiec in the archives: cataloging, organizing, cross-referencing, and recording archival items on computer disc.

Spring Fling

Circle your calendars. Friday, April 3, 10-1:00 and Saturday, April 4, 11-4:00 we will be having our half-price book sale. This is no April Fool’s joke: paperbacks will be 2 for 25 cents; hardcover books, 50 cents each. Stock up on reading materials to tide you over mud season!

Do You Know

We have a large number of oversized, “coffee table” books on a wide variety of subjects. They are located on the right as you pass through the reading room. These books are available for checkout.

Selected Recent Additions

Juvenile Fiction and Nonfiction

Chocolate for a Teen’s Soul, Kay Allenbaugh; The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi; Chasing the Dream, Ben Baglio; Heartland: One Day You’ll Know, Lauren Brooke; The Porcupine Year, Louise Erdrich; The Outdoor Adventure Handbook, Hugh McManners; Recipes for Art and Craft Materials, Helen Roney Sattler; Grandfather Tang’s Story, Ann Tompert; My One Hundred Adventures, Polly Horvath; Twilight, Stephenie Meyer; Counting Crocodiles, Judy Sierra; The Book Thief, Markus Zusak; The Tree, Karen Gray Ruelle

Adult Fiction

Santa Clawed, Rita Mae Brown; The Gatehouse, Nelson DeMille; The Bone Vault, Linda Fairstein; Protect and Defend, Vince Flynn; Dakota, Martha Grimes (LARGE PRINT); Compulsion, Jonathan Kellerman; Shimura Trouble, Sujata Massey; Lush Life, Richard Price (LARGE PRINT); A Journey by Chance, Sally John; Promise Me, Harlan Coben; Follies, Ann Beattie; Smokescreen, Sandra Brown; Run, Ann Patchett; The Moment She Was Gone, Evan Hunter; Double Cross, James Patterson; The Sister’s Hope, Wanda Brunstetter; A Salty Piece of Land, Jimmy Buffett; Wideacre, Philippa Gregory; Second Glance, Jodi Picoult; The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Mary Ann Shaffer; City Girl, Lori Wick

Adult Nonfiction

Wild Excursions: An Anthology of Adirondack Adventures; Twenty Common Mushrooms and How to Cook Them, George Coffin; Dewey: Thee Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World, Vicki Myron; Adirondack Birding, John Peterson; Owls: Their Natural and Unnatural History, John Sparks; King’s Views of New York 1896-1915 & Brooklyn 1905, Moses King; At Seventy, May Sarton; Failure is Not an Option, Gene Kranz; Golden Lilies, Kwei-li; Lies My Teacher Told Me, James Loewen; State of War: The Secret History of the CIA in the Bush Administration, James Risen

DVDs

American Splendor; Archangel; Being Julia; Charley Varrick; Combination Platter; The Emperor’s Club; Eve’s Bayou; From Dusk Till Dawn; Girl With a Pearl Earring; Grey’s Anatomy Season One; The Motorcycle Diaries; My Brother’s War; My Father’s Glory; National Treasure; National Treasure Two; The Squid and the Whale; Swordfish; Stop Bullying Now (NF)

Juvenile DVDs

The Chronicles of Narnia; The Fox and the Hound Two; James and the Giant Peach; Kit Kittredge and American Girl; Matilda; Nim’s Island; Wall-E; 101 Dalmatians II

Juvenile Books on CD

James Herriot’s Treasury for Children; Charlie Bone and the Shadow, Jenny Nimmo

Juvenile Books & CD or Cassette

Jam Berry, Bruce Degen; A Day in the Life of Murphy, Alice Provinsen; Anastasia at Your Service, Lois Lowry; Three by the Sea, Edward Marshall; Father Bear Comes Home, Else H. Minarik; Merry Christmas Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parish

