



# Clinton Public Library

Information & Imagination

2008 Annual Report

## Library Director's Report for 2008

2008 was a very good year at Clinton Public Library, as you can see by the cumulative statistics for 2008 as listed on the back of this sheet. The Clinton Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff are proud that the library is serving more people than ever.

But statistics don't tell the whole story. Clinton Public Library is a place where people of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. The library has something for everyone, whether they are coming into the library to use our public computers to search for employment, research a school project, bring their preschooler to storytime or to check out books or other materials for enrichment and entertainment.

In 2008 two great new services were added:

- RockCat - the new system-wide online catalog allowing our citizens to view the holdings of all the public libraries in Rock County and to place holds online.
- Overdrive - an online service for downloading audio books, music and video to your computer.

Programming for children and teens continues to be a priority including providing services to an ever-increasing Hispanic population. We received a grant in 2008 to hold a summer library program at the Shady Hills Trailer Park where many Hispanic children do not have transportation to the library.



*Respectfully submitted by Michelle Dennis, Library Director*

If you would like to take a tour of the library or learn more about what we are doing, please don't hesitate to call.

## Clinton Public Library 2008 Annual Report Statistics

**2,443 Clinton area residents have CPL library cards**

**36,684 items checked out**

### **47 adult programs were offered**

Programs included book discussions, a family game night, computer classes, an author event, a series of tax information programs, a gardening program and more.



ALS Computer Trainer Sheryl Oberle teaching at CPL

### **243 children's programs were offered**

A total of 2,667 children attended programs including storytimes, arts and crafts, movies, a field trip, entertainers and more.

Our summer library program for children was a great success with 200 children participating in reading incentive and enrichment programs.

### **Crossover borrowing payments have been eliminated.**

The 2008 payment was the last one. All the libraries in the Arrowhead Library System have developed a new way of lending and borrowing materials within the system that is fair and saves our library thousands of dollars a year.

### **Public Relations**

Besides our in-house efforts, we receive PR support from Arrowhead Library System, this includes posters, brochures, newsreleases, and public service announcements. Our website is frequently updated to reflect activities and new services. We have had a library MySpace page and in 2009 will have a Facebook page.

### **Computer classes**

The library offers free computer classes on a regular basis covering topics such as Introduction to Computers and beginning and intermediate Word-processing, Internet, Email and Spreadsheet. Free wireless Internet available.

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