

SPIES PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Spies Public Library
940 First Street
Menominee, MI 49858
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www.uproc.lib.mi.us/spies



Snapshot of Library Use 2008-2009

Checkouts	74,655
Library Visits	66,948
Items in Collection	61,558
Computer Usage	17,830
Cardholders	6,071
Children's Program Attendance	1,842

Notable Events 2008-2009

- M & M Area Community Foundation Grant—"Dewey Decimals and Dance, Dance Revolution"
- Tom Pease/Stuart Stotts—Children's Performers
- GIVE-A-KID-A-BOOK
- Spies Book Discussion
- Summer Reading—BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY
- Linda's Garden
- Beauty of Menominee, Marinette and Peshigo

Friends of The Library 2008-09

The Friends continued their long tradition of enhancing library services by funding ongoing and special projects including::

- Flea Market
- Perennial Plant Sale
- Georgia Pecans
- River Cities Readers
- Basket Raffle
- Christmas Story Hour with Santa
- Valentine Cookie Decorating
- Coffee Maker/Cart
- Children's Performers/Tom Pease and Stuart Stotts

Resource Sharing 2008-2009

Items loaned to other libraries

5,459

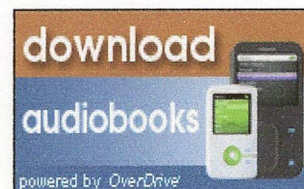
Items borrowed from other libraries

6,285

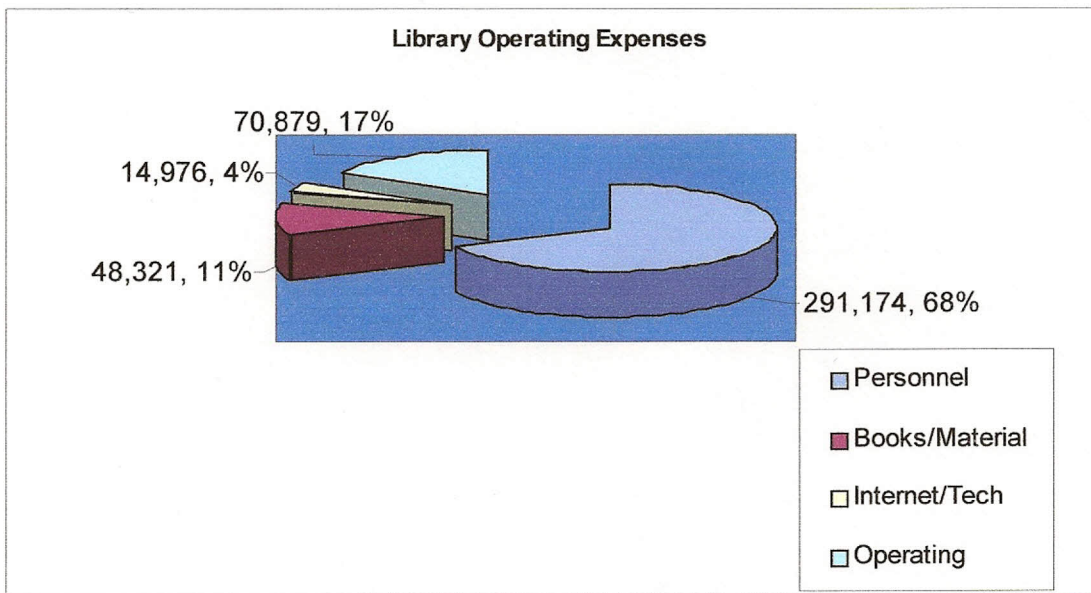
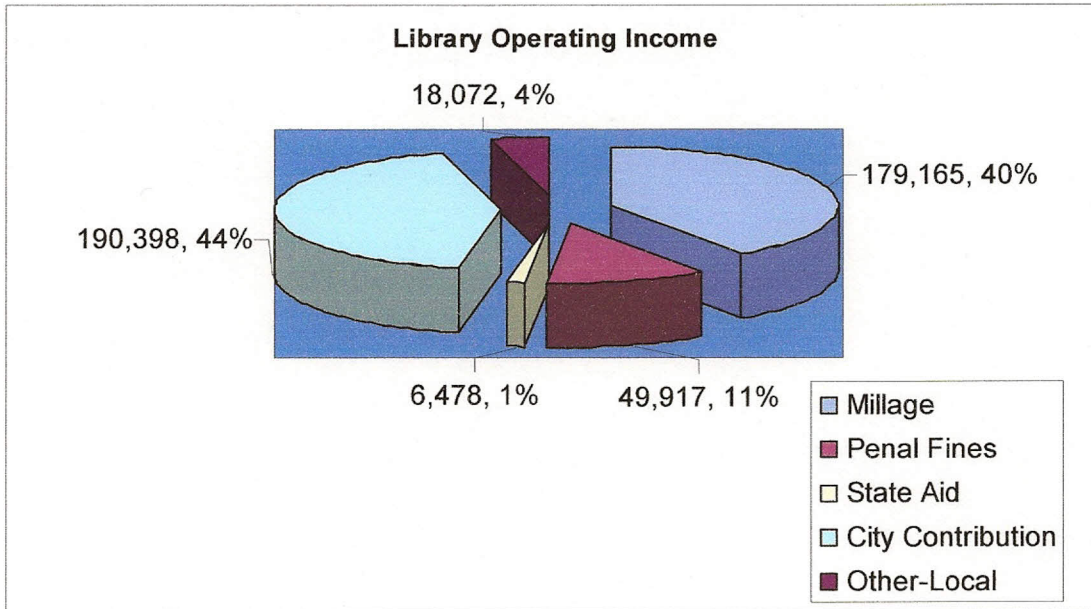
GREAT LAKES DIGITAL LIBRARIES DOWNLOAD AUDIOBOOKS

The Spies Public Library's download service is available via a 'Virtual Branch'; website. It is a service of the Spies Public Library and powered by OverDrive. You can browse, check out and download popular audiobooks! What You Need * An Internet-

connected computer * Valid Library Card *Free software available via our 'Virtual Branch' website. After downloading from the library, most titles can be transferred to a portable device or burned to a CD.



LIBRARY BUDGET 2008-2009



One Million Pennies

The Spies Library Foundation Inc. continues its quest to collect one million pennies. 755,000 pennies have been collected to date! When one million pennies (\$10,000) have been collected, the funds will be invested in the Foundation endowment fund.

UNIQUE MANAGEMENT, INC.

In January of 2000, the Spies Public Library began to use a collection agency to encourage patrons with overdue materials to return them to the Library. The cost of the service is passed on to each patron whose account is handled by the collection agency. This decision was made with fairness to all library

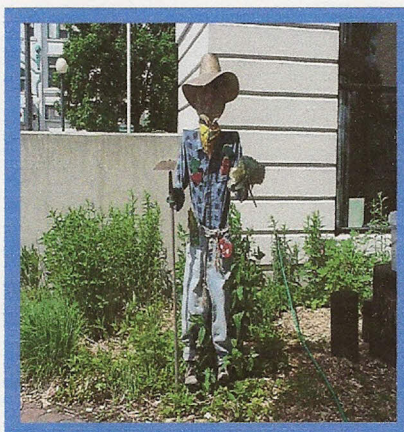
patrons in mind. Materials not returned are not available for others to use or borrow. Also, if materials are not returned, in most cases, money from the library budget is used to replace them. This same money could be better used to purchase new items for patrons use instead of replacing non-

returned items. To date 465 accounts have been submitted for collection. The total dollar amount due from all accounts submitted for collection is \$36,023.81. 70% of patrons have responded due to the collection process with \$14,000 being recovered in actual money or value of material returned.

LINDA'S GARDEN

The Spies Public Library is the home of Linda's Garden. Linda's Garden is a children's garden that was designed to trigger the natural curiosity of a child's mind through literature and gardens. Linda's Gar-

den has continued to evolve over the years with the main goal of joining the forces of gardening and literature to fuel a child's curiosity and teach invaluable life lessons.



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ONLINE HOLDS GAIN POPULARITY

Library cardholders have free access to millions of items outside the walls of the Spies Public Library. Through "UPCAT" a regional network of Upper Peninsula libraries and the Michigan e-library (MeL) patrons have "one-click" access to the holdings

of public and academic libraries throughout Michigan. Additional MeL resources are available to both remote and on-site library users including more than 40 databases for up-to-date news reports, magazine articles, health information, education

resources and more. To place a hold or access MeL, visit the library's website at www.uproc.lib.mi.us/spies



Library Staff

Cheryl Hoffman
Library Director

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Bookkeeper/Cataloger-
System's Administrator

Lynn Hammill
Children's Librarian

Laurel Buyarski
Library Assistant

Ruth Ann Wesoloski
Library Assistant

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Library Assistant

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Library Assistant

Denise Wangerin
Library Assistant

Maryellen Radloff
Library Assistant

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Custodian

Spies Public Library

Mission

"The mission of the Spies Public Library is to provide our community with resources and services for education, enrichment and enjoyment within a welcoming environment."

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SPIES LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.

We're on the Web

www.uproc.lib.mi.us/spies

Wi-Fi

Library Hours

Winter Hours

Monday, Friday, Saturday

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday

9:00 AM-9:00 PM

Summer Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM-6:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM-Noon

The Spies Library Foundation is a collection of funds providing revenues to support the Spies Public Library. It is designed to supplement but not eliminate library funding from the City of Menominee.

The Foundation exists to provide opportunities for charitable giving to benefit the Library and to provide funding for Library programs and projects otherwise not provided through local and state funding.



Spies Library Foundation, Inc.

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