

Director's Message



Greetings!

On behalf of the board and staff of Rocky River Public Library, I wish you a very happy holiday season, one filled with joy and peace.

Rocky River Public Library has much to be thankful for this season. Because of you, the citizens of Rocky River, we have been able to provide the same level of service that you experienced before the economic downturn of 2008. Your support of past levies and bond issues has allowed us to avoid cuts in library services, unlike many other libraries in our county and state. For this we are very grateful!

It has been an exciting year here at the Library. New lighting was installed both in our parking areas and in front of the building along River-view Avenue. A modest renovation of our Technical Services area and off-floor work areas also took place.

The Rocky River Public Library Foundation purchased a new Honda Element to support our Outreach Service to homebound residents in Rocky River. We have expanded the service due to the strong support of our Foundation.

The Women's Committee of Rocky River Public Library finished a year-long art project with the purchase of a painting created for our Community Room by noted local artist Jeff Yost. Since 2008, the Committee has donated 18 pieces of art to enhance our Library. The Women's Committee also continues their ongoing book sale in the lobby—an important project that funds Library needs not afforded through public funding alone.

The Friends of the Library continue to support our Adult, Children's

and Teen programming, including a new independent and foreign film festival scheduled for spring.

In addition, Sally Case, beloved member, treasurer and historian of the Friends, passed away in September 2008. Sally's family established a memorial fund to benefit the Library. As a result, we were able to purchase a "virtual" aquarium for the mezzanine of the Children's Department. Sally was a huge fan of our children's area, as well as someone who loved the sea, beaches, and all things aquatic. The beautiful "aquarium" is a great hit! Please stop by and see it soon.

Last August, we had a visit from six Swedish librarians who came to Ohio to study the impact of technology on American public libraries. They loved our Library and spent two days with us. Concurrently, we hosted the **Digital Bookmobile, a high-tech 18-wheeler traveling from coast to coast, educating patrons about downloadable digital materials.** The bookmobile was of special interest to our guests from Sweden, along with hundreds of patrons who thoroughly enjoyed the interactive learning and new technology.

As you can see it was a wonderful year filled with great happenings at the Library!

Please visit us this winter. We have many fun items to keep you busy on cold winter nights—great books, DVDs, Blu-Rays, music CDs, entertaining programs for the whole family, and our Cowan Pottery Museum. We're always here for you!

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Lonsak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John A. Lonsak
Director