## Avon Lake Public Library

# Discovery begins here 2013 Annual Report

#### **General Fund Revenue**

	<b>GF Total</b> :	\$3,001,510
5% · Miscellaneous ^		\$165,226
20% • Public Library Fund		\$610,585
75% • Local operating levy		\$2,225,659

<sup>^</sup> Fines, fees, interest, etc.; includes a one-time health insurance refund of \$88,000.

### **General Fund Expenditures**

	<b>GF Total</b> :	\$2,861,094
Building Fund transfer		\$300,000
4% · Carry-forward		\$108,693
1% · Supplies		\$23,456
3% · Technology/Capital		\$61,990
11% · Materials		\$283,862
15% · Operations/Contract	ts/Dues	\$386,456
66% · Salaries/Benefits		\$1,696,637

**Building Fund Expenditures** \$77,259

#### **2013 Highlights**

- ➤ Statistics: The Library circulated just over 627,300 items....presented 687 programs with attendance of 16,400+....and was visited over 273,600 times. Visits to DiscoveryWorks exceeded 34,000. The Children's summer reading program had just over 1,100 participants who read for a total of 8,165 hours or 340 days.
- ➤ The Library's most heavily-used meeting room, the Waugaman Gallery, got a makeover with new wall covering and carpeting; new carpeting was also laid in the contiguous hallways, and on the ramps and steps.
- Lighting in the Waugaman Gallery and lower-level Parke and McMahan meeting rooms was upgraded for cost savings and energy efficiency.
- ➤ The Library participated in two county-wide programs: "Lorain County Reads Local" with an emphasis on local history, and "Follow the Fish," a public art and marketing campaign for Lorain County.

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The mission of Avon Lake Public Library is to connect the community to the world of knowledge, information, entertainment and experience through life-long learning.

#### Ten Facts about Americans and Public Libraries

The Pew Research Center [PRC] - a non-partisan fact tank and subsidiary of The Pew Charitable Trusts – conducts research on behalf of its *Internet & American Life Project*.

In December 2013, the PRC published the results of a survey focused on "How Americans Value Public Libraries in Their Communities." From that survey of 6,224 diverse Americans, ages 16 and up, the PRC learned these **10 facts about us and our relationship with reading and our public libraries**:

- 1. E-book reading is growing, but printed books still dominate the reading world.
- 2. The rise of e-book reading is tied to the steady increase in ownership of tablet computers and e-readers. (Over 50 percent of adults own a tablet or e-reader.)
- 3. Americans appreciate libraries, especially for the role they play in communities.
- 4. Mothers love libraries!
- 5. Access to books, media, and quiet, safe reading places top the list of favorite library services.
- 6. The public's highest priorities center on children and literacy.
- 7. Library websites are catching on.
- 8. Older teens and young adults are sometimes the most likely to desire new library technologies.
- 9. One challenge libraries face is simply making people aware of all the services they offer.
- 10. Library use ebbs and flows for many Americans.