# **Annual Report**

to our community for Year 2014





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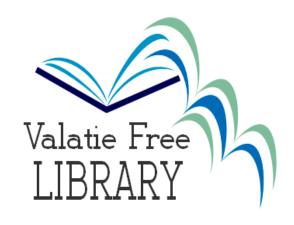
# Our Library Director Elizabeth Powhida

#### **Our Staff**

Becky Hoff, Assistant Director Lesley Hallenbeck, Program Coordinator Mimi Johnson, Part Time Staff Librarian

### Hours

Monday 12p - 7p Tuesday 12p - 6p Wednesday 12p - 6p Thursday 3p - 8p Friday 10a - 5p Saturday 9a - 2p Sunday Closed



#### 2014 In Review

2014 was a good year at the Valatie Free Library. Lesley Hallenbeck joined the staff as Program Coordinator just in time for the Summer Program. We were able to offer a variety of programs for kids and adults, and we realized some funding for our new facility. We are very grateful to those who donated to our ongoing fundraiser and who donated to the Christmas basket, the proceeds from which went to this project.

We continued our programming for kids with our weekly story hour, monthly kids' crafts, Mud Creek Environmental Programs and annual Doll Tea. 2014 saw our first Movie night, a presentation of The Aristocrats. We provided services for Head Start and Little Falls Day Care.

Throughout the year children and adults took part in chess, game nights, our annual Photo Competition and Exhibit, paper crafting and the Winter Walk. Knitting/Crochet and Book Clubs, which met monthly, provided decorations for the library - knit and crochet hearts hanging throughout the building in February from the former club, and many lively book discussions from the latter.

From July through mid-August our summer program included a Paws to Read program, Teacher Tuesdays with stories read by teachers from ICC and crafts, a Lego Robotics week, cake decorating wokshop, art with Margo, bedtime stories for kids and their stuffed animals after which the animal friends spent the night in the library doing all kinds of things. The older children created photo books to be enjoyed by our younger patrons, improved their chess skills, enjoyed game nights. There were Wednesday night family programs, featuring hands-on presentations about medieval machines, improvisational movement, volcanos and pond creatures. Master Magician, Doug Bartels, provided mystery and comedy in his Magic show. Finally, 60 kids signed up for our reading challenge. O'Kenny ice cream cone certificates were the reward, and the kids collected many and enjoyed soft ice cream cones throughout the summer.

From Monday through Saturday, the library was a place to visit to use our computers or our wireless connection for your own computers, to search for books, CDs and DVDs or just to sit and read the paper. Instruction on computer use from basic skills to more advanced programs, job searching assistance and use of e-readers was available.

## Fast Facts for 2014

Total Circulation Transactions: 20,777
Children's Items Borrowed: 7,313
Reference Questions Answered: 150
Total Items in Collection: 19,595

•New Library Acquisitions (all media): 2,899

Interlibrary Loans Received: 6,330Interlibrary Loans Borrowed: 3,199

● Library Programs: 158

Program Attendance: 2,653Registered Borrowers: 1,633

Library Visits: 10,272Weekly Hours: 36

◆Library Website Visits: 15,406◆Operating Budget: \$86,321◆Operating Expense: \$93,356

#### 2014 Income

Total Local Public Funds \$70,333 State & Federal Funds \$2,571 Gifts and Endowments \$1,110 Fund Raising \$301 Other Income \$1,456 Grants: \$10,550

2014 Expense
Staff \$50,970
Collection \$9,976
Interest Payments \$2,442
Building Maintenance/Utilities \$6,665
System Expenditures \$5,037
Miscellaneous Expense \$18,266

Capital Fund Balance \$23,433