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*"I love the library because it is like an open window- so many opportunities to look into. The story time has been great for my kids. They look forward to it weekly. I love books and PDS can get anything I want."*

~Martha

*"I like being able to check out all kinds of different books and videos for our family and not have to buy everything we want to read or see."*

~Pamela

*"The library is like a home away from home for us. With 2 little ones the walls at home close in at times—the library is an inviting, exciting, exploring place to visit . . ."*

~Dennis

*"I am continually amazed that even the most obscure book that I have asked for in loan (interlibrary) has been located and brought to this library!!! Thanks again"*

~Charles

*"The people are really nice and the teen stuff is really cool."* ~16 year old

*"I love to read and it is fun."* ~a younger library user

## Your comments are welcome!

If you have a comment, experience or suggestion to share, please contact Jennifer Endres, Library Director at 643-8318 or in person at the Prairie du Sac Library.



# Prairie du Sac Library 2006 Report



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## Strong & Growing

The Prairie du Sac Library continues to grow and change with the community. The library's efforts to provide enhanced service to the community in 2006 included the following milestones:

**Family Fun Night** was introduced. This program is held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month. In addition to providing a fun and educational evening activity for families to enjoy together, it also enables parents who are unavailable during the day to visit the library with their children.



**Wireless Internet** allows visitors to connect to the internet using their laptops. This service has been used 300 times since it was introduced in January 2006.

**44,495 different titles** were owned by the Prairie du Sac Library at the end of 2006.

**Clifford visited children** in grades K-3 and at library story times. A librarian accompanied Clifford on these visits in celebration of Library Card Signup Month. 90 people registered for their first library card during that month.



**Future Library Space** continues to be a key issue for the library. In 2006, the Library Board continued their efforts to find a location that will meet the community's needs into the future.

**In 2007**, the Prairie du Sac Library will strive to provide quality service to residents. The library will work to "build community" by focusing on community partnerships and collaborations with local organizations in order to enhance service.

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Community support and input have been fundamental to the library's growth over the past year.

**Thank you!**

## Value of the Library

The beauty of the Prairie du Sac Library is in the eye of the beholder, or more appropriately, the cardholder. Although the value of the library is intangible, the library's growth and importance to the community are evident in the following numbers:

Statistic	2006	2005	Increase
Items Borrowed	132,876	122,077	8.9%
Internet Use (# logins)	18,517	15,449	19.9%
Program Attendance	7,307	5,254	39.1%
Reading Program Participants	602	382	57.6%
Wireless Uses	300	0	NEW!

Increased library use has been an ongoing trend since the library opened in 1900. The number of items borrowed each year has nearly doubled since 1996 alone—growing from 67,284 to 132,876 items. As the community grows, these numbers will likely increase even more.

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Every day, people visit the Prairie du Sac Library for a multiplicity of reasons beyond those listed above; these numbers are only a glimpse into the roles that the library plays in the lives of our community members. Talk to your family, friends and neighbors to find out what the library means to them!

While the current library facility has provided a welcoming space since 1997, its 5,107 square feet is no longer large enough to best serve the needs of the community and their increased use of the library.

*On average, there were 61 logins to the internet computers each day.*

In 2007, the Library Board hopes to secure a location where the library will be able to meet the needs of the community for years to come.