

Thanks for your support!

*"We love this library and use it often!"*

*~Bobbi & Steve*

*"Thank you again for your wonderful service."*

*~Jennifer*

*"After 3 children growing up in Sauk Prairie, our family has loved the Library and the resources it offers...Thank you for all the opportunities you have provided."*

*~Maribeth*

*"Whenever I have visited this library it has been a beehive of activity. It says a lot about this community's commitment and how much it values sharing knowledge & ideas."*

*~Orie*

**Your comments are welcome!**

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

## 2008 Highlights



## Prairie du Sac Library

560 Park Ave.  
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[www.pdslibrary.org](http://www.pdslibrary.org)

## Connecting Community

The Prairie du Sac Library serves as a gathering place & resource center for community members of all ages.

An estimated 74,000 visitors passed through our doors to connect with information, technology, and other community members in 2008.

Internet use grew to new heights with over 20,478 uses—more than double the use only 5 years ago!

8,415 people attended the library's 350 programs in 2008—more than ever before! Popular summer programs attracted as many as 135 people and had to be moved to the park to accommodate the large audiences.



## A Community Resource

The Prairie du Sac Library serves individuals from the Sauk Prairie community including those who live & work here as well as those who may be just visiting. While the greatest segment of use comes from Village of Prairie du Sac residents, individuals living in many neighboring municipalities are part of our community. The top ten neighboring municipalities whose residents borrow materials from the Prairie du Sac Library include:

	Municipality	% of Total Use
1	Sauk City, Village	12.1%
2	West Point, Township	8.7%
3	Roxbury, Township	6.7%
4	Prairie du Sac, Township	6.3%
5	Sumpter, Township	3.7%
6	Honey Creek, Township	3.0%
7	Merrimac, Township	2.5%
8	Troy, Township	2.0%
9	Mazomanie, Township	1.3%
10	Lodi, Township	.4%

## Supporting Education

The library offers programs and services designed to encourage young children to enter school ready to learn to read, write and listen. This includes three weekly programs for pre-school children & one for babies. Our new First Steps program promotes literacy through music & movement.



The library also provides materials & support that helps students and adults improve their literacy skills. We visit local schools to promote our summer reading program—in 2008, over 550 people participated! Froggy, a picturebook character, visited elementary schools to promote reading in the fall.



## Still Growing!

A record 137,118 items were borrowed from our library in 2008! This is more than double the 67,284 that were borrowed in 1996—only 12 years ago!

Our collection includes over 42,000 books plus audiobooks, movies, music & more!

The library continues to become a busier place as we grow & adapt to meet our community's needs. See how much we've grown in the past five years!

STATISTIC	2003	2008	%
Items Borrowed	112,351	137,118	22%
Library Visits	44,320 <i>estimate</i>	74,300	——
Internet Use (logins)	9,880	20,478	107%
Program Attendance	2,247	8,415	274%
Programs Offered	228	350	54%

In these tough economic times, library use is expected to increase even more! Imagine how much busier we will become in the next five years!

## For Everyone

Libraries aren't just for kids! The Prairie du Sac Library aims to assist everyone to continue to learn throughout their lives.

Of the 137,118 items borrowed from the library in 2008:

- ◆ 52% were for adults
- ◆ 43% were for children
- ◆ 5% were for teens

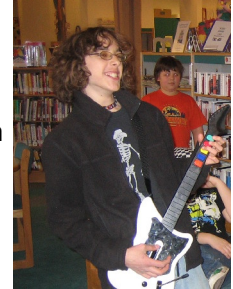
*In 2008, over 50% of items borrowed from the library were for adults!*

Adults are using the library in more ways than ever before!

- ◆ Wireless internet was used 577 times by laptop-users including students, professionals & visitors.
- ◆ Adults continuing their education took 30 exams proctored by the library.
- ◆ Partnerships with senior residences helped us provide materials to local senior citizens.
- ◆ Adults participated in the "virtual" library by downloading audiobooks, using [www.linkcat.info](http://www.linkcat.info) or accessing our online research resources available at [www.pdslibrary.org/resources](http://www.pdslibrary.org/resources).
- ◆ Individuals needing consumer information or resume help can use our special collections.

## Creating Community

Teens have positive opportunities to be involved in the library through our Teen Advisory Board. Ongoing programs for teens allow foster learning, socialization & personal growth.



Events for adults such as book discussions, author presentations and activity clubs including our mystery book club & beading group provide opportunities for adults to connect.