

# Thank you!

The Ruth Culver Community Library belongs to our community. It would not be successful without the use and support of our community. We thank all of those who used the library's resources and services this past year. Many thanks to those who shared their time, talents, support and efforts over the past year to help our library to serve our community. Thank you!



## Library Staff >>>

Jennifer Endres Way, *Director*  
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As of 12/31/13.

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## Hours >>>

**Monday—Friday**  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Saturday**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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2013

## Ruth Culver Community Library

# 2013 Highlights

## By the Numbers >>>

Last year, there were more than **98,000 visits** to the Ruth Culver Community Library.

Visitors borrowed over **162,000 items**. There were more than **14,500 internet sessions** on the library's computers.

Attendance reached **11,511 people** at the library's **366 programs**.

**425** people registered for library cards who did not have one.

The library's collection includes **60,983 items** available in our library with countless more available through [www.linkcat.info](http://www.linkcat.info) and our connections to libraries in our seven-county system.

## An Amazing Year

### Thank you for your support!

It is thrilling to have completed 2013 as the first full year in our new library building. The overwhelmingly positive response from our community to our new location has been amazing. After the Grand Opening in 2012, the number of items borrowed at our library increased 23%. This trend continued in 2013 with an additional increase of 6.5% in the number of items borrowed.

Enhancements to our new space and services were made throughout the year thanks to the support of the Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library and generosity from the community;

this included additions such as a bench and rugs for the lobby. In March, a 15-minute parking spot was designated to provide convenient parking for people making quick downtown trips including returning library materials. In July, the library's website at [www.pdslibrary.org](http://www.pdslibrary.org) was updated with a new look and more user-friendly design. Perhaps most exciting is the opportunities the coming year holds. In 2014, we will continue to strive to enhance our services to the community. Thank you for your support!

*"Our wish is that our children continue to love the library and become lifelong readers! The library & staff make this wish possible for our family!"*

*- Mike & Andrea*



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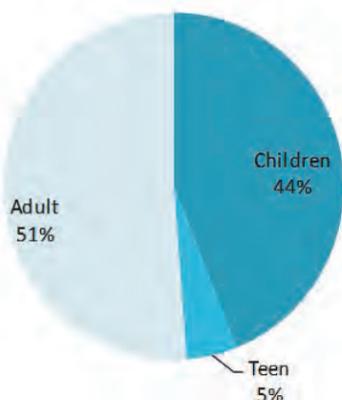
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## A Community Destination >>>

Residents from throughout the community benefit from the library's services and resources. Our most frequent visitors include residents of Prairie du Sac, Sauk City, West Point, Roxbury, Sumpter, Town of Prairie du Sac, Merrimac, Honey Creek, Mazomanie and Troy, though the library is also visited and used by those who work in and visit our community but may reside elsewhere.

While traditional library services like checking out books continue to be increasingly popular, our new space welcomes individuals for new opportunities including use of our meeting room and study rooms.

### 2013 Library Use by Audience



## Enjoy E-books >>>

Ruth Culver Community Library customers borrowed **2,921 e-books** and **1,545 e-audio** titles in 2013.



E-books and e-audiobooks can be downloaded for use on a variety of devices including Nooks, Kindles, iPads and smartphones. These can be downloaded outside of the library using your library card number.

To learn more or get started visit [www.pdslibrary.org/ebooks-audiobooks](http://www.pdslibrary.org/ebooks-audiobooks) or contact Meagan Statz at 643-8318.

## Supporting Literacy Skills >>>

### Building a Foundation for Learning

*Creating young readers is key to the mission of the Ruth Culver Community Library. The library offers a variety of programs to support early literacy skills in children and to build a strong foundation for learning. Supporting life long learning is another important role of the library as we strive to provide our community with the resources they need to continue to learn throughout their lives and explore topics of personal interest.*

#### Bouncing Babies

Songs, stories, rhymes and activities are the foundation for this program targeted at children up to age 2. These activities are selected to help babies with pre-literacy skills and to support their language, emotional, social and physical development. It's also a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect.

*"I love Bouncing Babies! ...*

*So much fun! Thank you!" - Anna*

#### Storytime

Children are engaged in literacy through stories, songs, flannels, puppets and the occasional craft. In 2013, the year of ABC storytime began with each storytime week based on a letter of the alphabet to support literacy skills in an even more focused way.

#### First Steps in Music

Children enjoy songs, music-based stories, playing simple instruments and movement activities. This musical program focuses on rhythm, rhyming, listening and coordination/movement.



*"...love the downstairs [quiet] reading room. Impressed by the many activities. ..."*  
*- Resident*

#### School Age Events

A variety of fun and educational programs for school age children are held during the summer and days of no school or early release. 2013 programs featured ZooZort's Animal Program, Mad Science, and Juggling Funny Stories. Other events include Lego building, craft workshops, board games and more!

#### Teen Board and Programs

Teen Group provides a positive opportunity for teens to get involved in the library from volunteering to recommending books to helping to plan teen programs. Monthly programs and summer programs provide a variety of opportunities for teens to participate in the library.

#### Adult Programs

Highlights include author presentations by Sara Rath, Julie Short and Dave Hoekstra. Programs focusing on our local community including We Love Supper Clubs presentation about the Fire House and a Meander Down Water Street collaboration with River Arts were also well received. In 2013, a Read Around America reading program was offered in addition to our summer reading program. The 1st Trivia Challenge was hosted by the Friends of the Library. Book of the Month selections and the Mystery Book Club continued in 2013 in addition to one-on-one ebook instruction.

## A Unique Experience >>>

### Creating Connections

*The Ruth Culver Community Library provides a library experience that is as unique as you are. Community members use the Ruth Culver Community Library for a multitude of reasons. At the heart of the library experience are the connections that are provided; including connecting users to the community, technology and information.*



#### Summer Reading Program

Our summer reading program is intended to encourage reading in summer months. Studies show summer reading helps support educational success by helping kids to retain the progress they made during the school year.

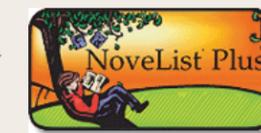
#### R.E.A.D. Dog

This is a great opportunity for children—especially reluctant readers—to practice reading aloud and develop their skills in a comfortable environment. Children delight in the opportunity to read to the dogs, which are certified Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

## Popular Online Resources >>>

Connect with these popular and useful online resources and many more at [www.pdslibrary.org/databases](http://www.pdslibrary.org/databases). Use your library card to use them from your home or office or visit the library to use our computers.

1. **NoveList Plus:** Search fiction & non-fiction titles, recommendations, series, authors and more to find a great read.



2. **Consumer Reports:** Find product reviews and ratings on cars, appliances, electronics and more from Consumer Reports.



3. **NewspaperARCHIVE:** Search for newspaper articles.



4. **HeritageQuest:** Find genealogical information including census data, tax rolls and more.



5. **Auto Repair Center:** Repair information for many vehicles, domestic and imported, from 1945 to present.

