

**Statistics for Fiscal Year 2007  
July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007**

Circulation of Materials	271,929
Number of Cardholders	24,559
Reference Questions Answered	23,370
Library Sponsored Events & Attendance	608 events with 17,571 participants
Youth Summer Library Program	638 participants
Teen Summer Library Program	136 participants
Adult Summer Library Program	93 participants
Volunteers	210 volunteers totaling 4,503 hours
Meeting Room Use	505
Library Visitors	244,434
Public Computer Sessions	37,811
Total Items Added to Collection	10,948 items
Size of Collection, and Turnover	133,422 items, 2.04
Amount of Fines Collected	\$28,964
Total Budget Expenditures	\$1,387,505
Staff FTEs	18.98

**Comparison by Fiscal Year:**

	FY07	FY06	FY05	FY04*	FY03
Visitors	244,434	236,268	223,595	110,251	106,516
Circulation	271,929	268,963	269,786	209,608	199,310
Reference	23,370	25,574	23,490	14,004	14,052

\*Note: Library moved into new building mid-FY04, closed for one month.



**FY2007 Annual Report  
of the  
Cedar Falls Public Library**

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## Youth Department Highlights

### Puppet Stories!



The most exciting programming in the Youth Department during this past year has been the Puppet Stories, which we have offered every other week. Word of mouth spread soon after we began doing Puppet Stories and before we knew it, there was a huge crowd in attendance at every show.

The staff always uses books as the basis for the stories and they usually incorporate some language or message that is sure to be appreciated by the adults in the audience! Puppet Stories are billed as “fun for the entire family” and as promoted, they are right on the mark!

Story times for our youngest patrons have become very popular since we have incorporated music, percussion, songs and action rhymes. The babies love it and the parents enjoy the opportunity to spend time with other parents who have children of a similar age.

It's never too early to start reading to your baby and it is gratifying to see that many parents are now aware and seeking library services for the very young.

### Infant and Baby Story Times



## Book Discussion Groups for All

The Youth Department has sponsored a series of book discussion groups for students of varying ages. The books to be read and discussed are chosen by each group which has been meeting once a month. The participants have been so excited by these book related meetings that they wanted to meet more frequently. In response to their request, each group will be meeting twice monthly. All books are provided by the generosity of the Friends of the Library. An enthusiastic response by one group assures that the books will soon be in use by another group of readers.



### Adult Book Discussions:

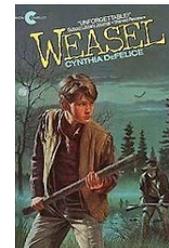
- 4th Tuesday, 10am
- 1st Tuesday, 7pm

### Book Talk:

- 4th Friday, 10am

Adults had many opportunities for book discussion, too. Groups met monthly, with three opportunities

### Cedar Valley Youth Reads 2007



Once again, the Cedar Falls Public Library partnered with the Waterloo Public Library for an exciting author-in-residence program. Award winning children's author Cynthia deFelice spent an entire week in March at the libraries conducting workshops for hundreds of area fifth graders. Discussions of DeFelice's historical novel Weasel, writing experiences and community events made a great impression on local students and adults.

## Fuel Your Mind at the Public Library Author Lecture Series & Summer Library Program

Several interesting presentations and discussions were hosted by the CFPL this year, and made possible through sponsorship of the Friends of the Library. Scott Cawelti presented “Bullets, Lies, and Motorcycle



Rides: The Mark Family Murders.” Iowa author Donald Harstad talked about his northeast Iowa police procedural series.

Barbara Lounsberry presented “Nancy Drew: Iowa’s Heroine to the World.” Norma Cutsforth read from her book Keeping Starwatch, essays about the Iowa night skies. Eric Smith presented his book Oak Hill, a history of the first African American neighborhood in Cedar

Rapids. This summer series of three lectures complimented our first ever Summer Library Program for adults. 93 readers read over 400 books, and earned great prizes donated by local merchants—providing a great excuse to spend the summer hours reading.

### Vanished: German-American Civilian Internment 1941-48

Local residents were treated to a traveling museum. Traces is a non-profit Center for History and Culture in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Traces staff has completed two tours of the Midwest with exhibits from the Center. This year’s exhibit portrayed an interesting remembrance of a little known section of World War II history.



### Teens Invade the Library

This year was an exciting one for our young adults. Summer readers in 2006 raised money to buy animals for the Heifer International program. The Teen Board worked with staff in creating programming opportunities. In October, teens designed a spooky path



through the Library with “Walk the Aisles of Terror.” The young adult area was remodeled with a little help from our Friends. Paperback racks, leather couches, baskets and parasols gave the area a new look.

Rock Invasion was the theme for Summer Library Program 2007, with over 100 teens participating in reading, t-shirt design, costume contests, disc golf tournament, and trivia. Teens learned a lot about last half of the twentieth century and earned lots of prizes, including an ipod as grand prize. A summer creative writing program was enthusiastically received, and will be continued by a course this fall.



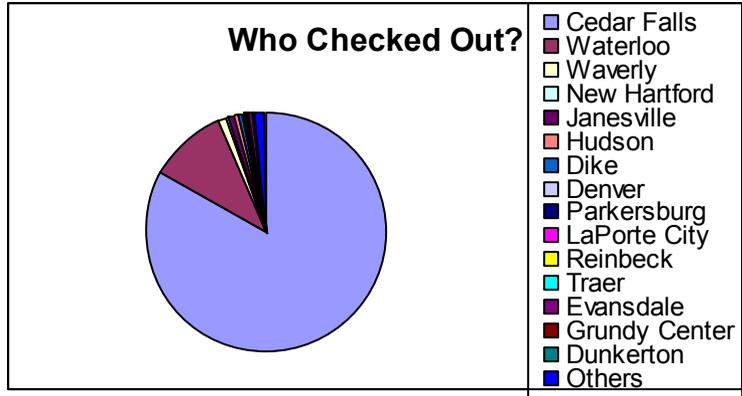
### From the Director

I have a full fiscal year with the CFPL under my belt now, and have enjoyed every minute. An enthusiastic staff coupled with a supportive community is every director’s dream. Anticipating an even better year in FY08, my only hope is that no one has to ask me “Have you found that snake yet?!”



We had almost a quarter of a million visitors this year, including famous authors, City Council members for breakfast, hundreds of volunteers, giggling girls, running boys, studious adults. I hope all have felt as welcome as I have.

Open Access—Who Uses the CFPL?



The state funded Open Access program allows residents from other Iowa cities to obtain a Cedar Falls Public Library card, and use all library services. Citizens from over 100 Iowa towns used the CFPL this year. This program also makes it possible for Cedar Falls residents to visit other public libraries in our state.



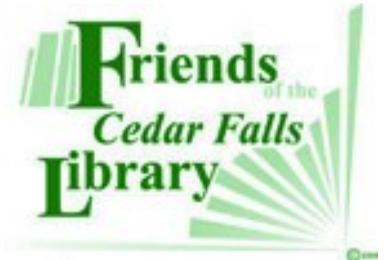
**Library Levy**

FY07 marked the first year of expending the special tax levy. It was spent as follows. With the first year an adjustment period, about \$9,889 (4%) went unspent, and has been carried over for future support.

	Personnel	Materials	Supplies/Support
Amount Expended	\$77,757	\$149,845	\$23,165
Percentage of Total Levy	30%	57%	9%

**Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library**

The Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library once again provided excellent library support—the “icing on the cake” for public library services. Strong community support has built a beautiful building, passed the library levy and provided operating support. Money raised by the FOTL added even more by providing Summer Library Program supplies and prizes, visiting authors and exhibits.



The Friends published the monthly Library Calendar, sponsored book discussion groups, paid for fish tank maintenance, puppets, teen furniture, and painting the meeting rooms Website maintenance was courtesy of the Friends, along with the “Walk the Aisles of Terror” Halloween event, Kindergarten Roundup Books, Halloween treats, shopping baskets, display furniture, bulletin boards, and more. The Friends contributed towards Light Up the Downtown holiday event, and paid for artist Amy Glockner to refresh the Redfern display case at the entry to the Library.



Friends membership dues and Book Nook proceeds provide much of this support, over \$38,000 during the year. We are always grateful for our Friends, for their financial support, their volunteer hours, and their wonderful goodwill.