

RUSHFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY-2008

Building community through service!



Your local public library does more than store books! It gives people a “sense of place” by providing a stimulating gathering place where ideas and information can be exchanged freely.

With a service area of **3,900** residents, Rushford Public Library:

offered **40** hours of service per week to borrowers who made

27,790 visits to the library;

fielded **298** requests for specific information that required reference services from staff;

checked out **32,787** items to library users;

provided **24,995** books, magazines, audio books, videos/DVDs, music CDs, and other unique resources available to card holders;

participated in reciprocal borrowing, received **3,178** items from other libraries while lending **5,803** items to other libraries to meet customer needs throughout the region and state;

served as the community’s access point to the Internet with **7** computers available for public use; **4,732** customers used these computers to find Internet-delivered information;

worked in the community by delivering **904** reading materials to the homebound and nursing home residents;

supported education by lending juvenile materials, and offering **53** children’s programs that were attended by **890** children;

increased entertainment and educational opportunities for adults by sponsoring **6** winter reading programs with **49** in attendance;

have **1600** square feet of space and **1.54** staff.(2 PT work force)

Total operating expenses - \$101,818

Total capital expenses - \$1,310

Total revenues \$111,718

City- \$74,563

County- \$29,510

Other- \$7,645

Rushford Public Library is a member of Southeastern Libraries Cooperating, the regional public library system that provides support services to all types of libraries in 11 southeastern Minnesota Counties.