

The Library's (and the City's) 2010-2011 Fiscal Year begins July 1, 2010. For many years, the library has been reducing the budget incrementally and has tried to minimize the impact on our citizens.

Unfortunately, this year's budget reflects a reduction of approximately 10% and will have a direct effect on the services that the library can offer. The library will employ fewer full-time staff and most will be assigned to the main library. Branch libraries will change from the current full-service model to a Popular Material Library model. While many branch services will remain unchanged, there will be some differences.

Branch libraries will:

- Have the same hours as they have now
- Have public computers with Internet access and standard software applications as well as access to a variety of online resources
- Have wireless computer access
- Have a robust children's collection for homework and general reading
- Have smaller collections of adult material focusing on popular circulating material (new fiction, paperbacks, DVDs, music, audio books, newspapers, magazines and selected nonfiction such as travel, crafts, health, and finance)
- Continue to send requested material from one library location to another
- Have limited reference service
- Not have public programs for adults, teens or children

The Henry Ford Centennial Library will continue to provide an extensive circulating collection as well as reference service and public programs for children, teens, adults and families.

We ask for your patience as we adjust to our new service model. The changes will begin slowly and the first that you will notice will be the elimination of programming at the branch libraries beginning in September 2010. Over the next several months, we will be doing collection maintenance tasks at all the libraries to ensure that our collections are in good condition. As our library materials budget has been reduced, you will notice less material being purchased, especially for branch libraries which will now focus on popular material only. Staff changes will occur at the end of December 2010.

While there will certainly be adjustments because of these changes, the Dearborn Public Library will continue to offer quality library services to the residents of Dearborn.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Bartles  
Library Director