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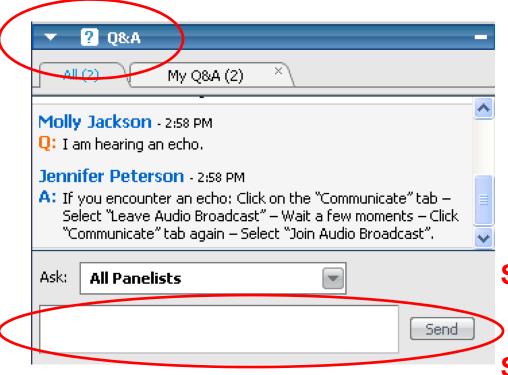
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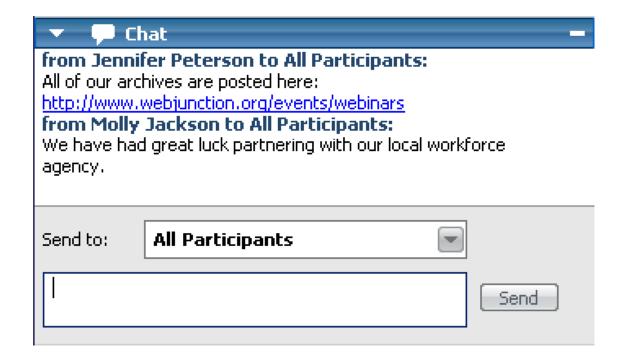
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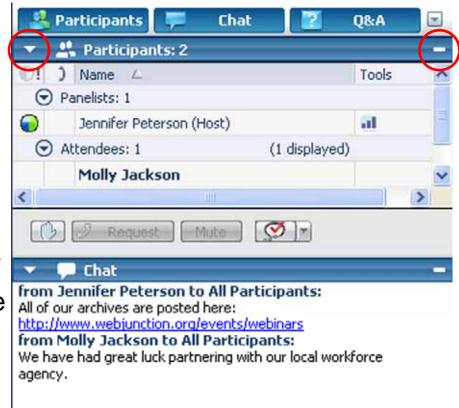
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#### Mark your Calendar!

April 26, ARSL Webinar September 8-11, ARSL Conference, Frisco, Texas

**ARSL Mission**: To provide a network of people and materials to support rural and small library staff, volunteers, and trustees to integrate the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves.

#### Today's Presenters

Anne Hughes
Director
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Library, Illinois





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#### Library Journal presents the



Now approaching its seventh year, the award, sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, honors the public library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to populations of 25,000 or less.

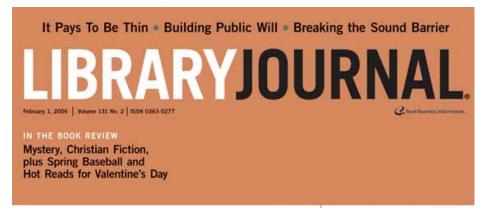
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- Town involvement in all stages of new building
- Civic and social center of remote small town of 2600
- Excellent intercultural programming with Tligit tribes
- Many grant successes
- Ambitious cultural programming by any standard

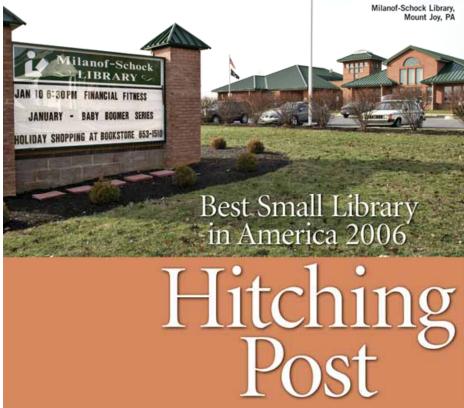
2005: Haines Borough Public Library, Alaska



- Outstanding roster of programming
- Inventive workarounds to fill service gaps
- High standards met despite budget at \$10.86 per capita
- Illustrated embrace of diversity
- Creative provision of public access computers
- Innovation online

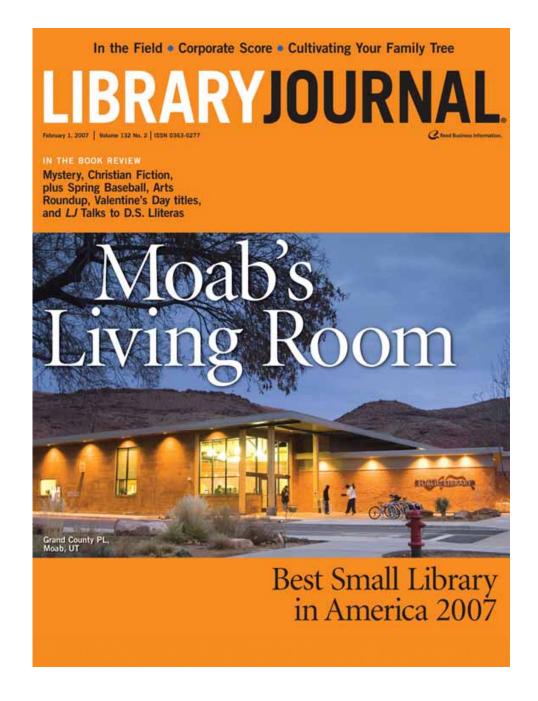
2006: Milanof-Schock Library Mount Joy, PA





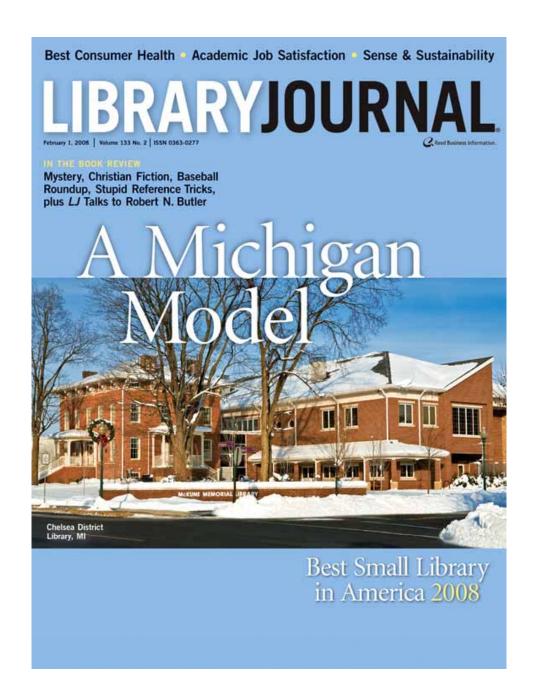
- Responsive to entire community
- Green building supported by 71% in bond vote
- Savvy application of technology
- Effective bridge for tourist users and locals
- Small outpost branch for remote users
- Tap literary patrons to enrich collection

2007: Grand County Public Library, UT



- Productive partnerships
- Program driven by extensive community surveying
- Excellent use of volunteer expertise
- Inventive, replicable programming
- Intergenerational focus
- Broad staff talent

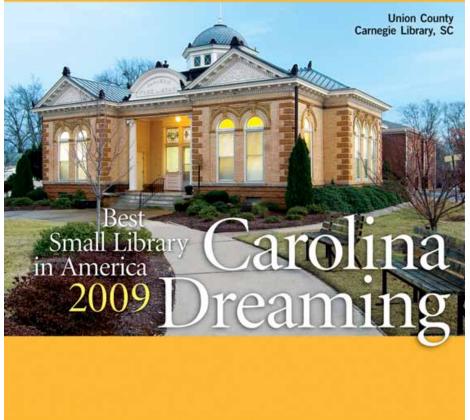
2008: Chelsea District Library, MI



- Three-year transformation of service
- Energetic focus on customer experience
- Purchase of used computers for public access
- Tombstone 2.0 digital project
- Dozens of partnerships
- Massive increase in use

2009: Union County Carnegie Library, SC







#### The winning library receives:

- \$15,000 cash award
- Feature story in the February 1 Library Journal
- Membership and conference costs for two library representatives to attend the Public Library Association Biannual Conference in 2012, and a gala reception at the conference.

### Starting with the 2011 award, two finalists receive:

- \$5,000 cash award
- Special mention in the Library Journal feature
- Membership and conference costs for two library representatives to attend PLA and reception



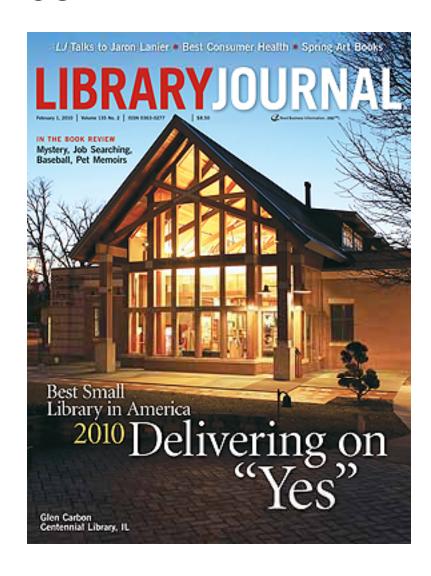
- Creativity in developing services and programs that can be replicated by other libraries, including outreach to special populations
- Innovation in introducing and supporting public access to computers and the Internet
- Success in educating patrons in computer use, and measuring the results of technology usage
- Use of technology to expand the reach of library services
- Demonstrated community support
- Sustained cooperation with other libraries
- Partnerships with other agencies and businesses
- Increase in library use, particularly by new users
- Evidence of library's role as community center



### \*November 2, 2011\* Deadline for the 2012 Award

- Look for news of the 2011 winner later this month!
- For 2012 guidelines, visit
   LibraryJournal.com/bestsmall
- Or contact Rebecca Miller at rmiller@mediasourceinc.com or by phone at 646-380-0738

### The 2010 Best Small Library in America







# Glen Carbon Centennial Library 198 South Main Street Glen Carbon, IL 62034 www.glencarbonlibrary.org



Population: 12,500

Established: 1892



# Village of Glen Carbon Ranked Among Top 100 Best Places To





Live in USA

By









#### LIBRARY HISTORY

❖ 1975 A READING CENTER STAFFED BY VOLUNTEERS

❖ 1976 MOVED TO 100 YEAR OLD FORMER SCHOOL HOUSE

❖ 1992 REFERENDUM PASSED TO ESTABLISH A TAX BASED LIBRARY

**❖** 2002 2.4 MILLION BOND ISSUE PASSED TO BUILD A NEW LIBRARY

❖ OCTOBER 4, 2004 - DOORS OPENED TO 14,000 sq. ft. NEW LIBRARY























### WHY?

- **▼ RECOGNIZE HARD WORK OF STAFF**
- FIEVATE GOOL WITHIN THE COMMINTY
  - ✓ FUFILL PROMSE MADE @ 2006 SYNERGY
    - ✓ Runner-Up Status





#### **KEY CRITERIA**

- USE OF **TECHNOLOGY** TO EXPAND THE REACH OF LIBRARY SERVICES
- SUCCESS IN EDUCATING PATRONS IN COMPUTER USE
  - •CUSTOMER SERVICE
  - **CREATIVITY** IN DEVELOPING SERICES AND PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE REPLICATED BY OTHER LIBRARIES
- SUSTAINTED **COOPERATION** WITH OTHER LIBRARIES
  - PARTNERSHIPS
  - EVIDENCE OF LIBRARY'S ROLE AS **COMMUNITY CENTER**
- •INCREASE IN LIBRARY USE, PARTICULARLY BY NEW USERS



# Innovation in introducing and supporting public access computing

Success in educating patrons in computer use



Use of technology to expand the reach of library services





### Customer Service





Be Our Guest: Perfecting the Art of Customer Service by Ted Kinni



Who is Disney's primary concern?

In other words, who do they strive to keep happy?



#### More than you Expect!

#### Stereotypes

- Un-welcoming
- Un-helpful
- Un-friendly
- Intimidating





#### What we do

- Greet the patrons
- Blur Hierarchy/Embrace Flexibility
- Recognize everyone's abilities



#### Ideas driven by Staff

- Read dating
- Dewey & Dot's Wrap N Roll
- Author programs
- Sit Together And Read w/ Dogs (STARS w/ Dogs)
- Movie discussions
- Staff Association Events
- No to Yes Log

# Re-defining our role in our community

#### **Old - Mission Statement**

To provide all residents of the library community with reliable information which meets their needs and interests, as well as to provide materials for leisurely and recreational pursuits. The Library shall seek to identify with community needs, to provide services and cooperate with organizations, agencies and institutions which shall enable the library to provide an efficient center for personal enrichment.

# Re-defining our role in our community

#### **New - Library Mission Statement**

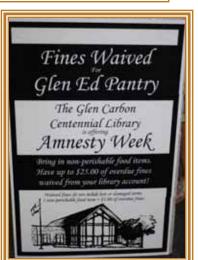
Glen Carbon Centennial Library is **nationally recognized** for anticipating and meeting the
needs of the community with **innovative programs**, **strong community partnerships**, and
a staff committed to **excellence** and **personal service**.



# Creativity in developing services and programs that can be replicated by other libraries including outreach to special populations









**Book Club Kits** 

**Adopt-A-Platoon** 

**Gotcha Staff Awards** 







**Adult Summer Reading Program** 



















### Police Car Book Bags

#### No Tears Children's Books

Literacy Initiatives at Juvenile Detention Center



# Sustained Cooperation with other libraries

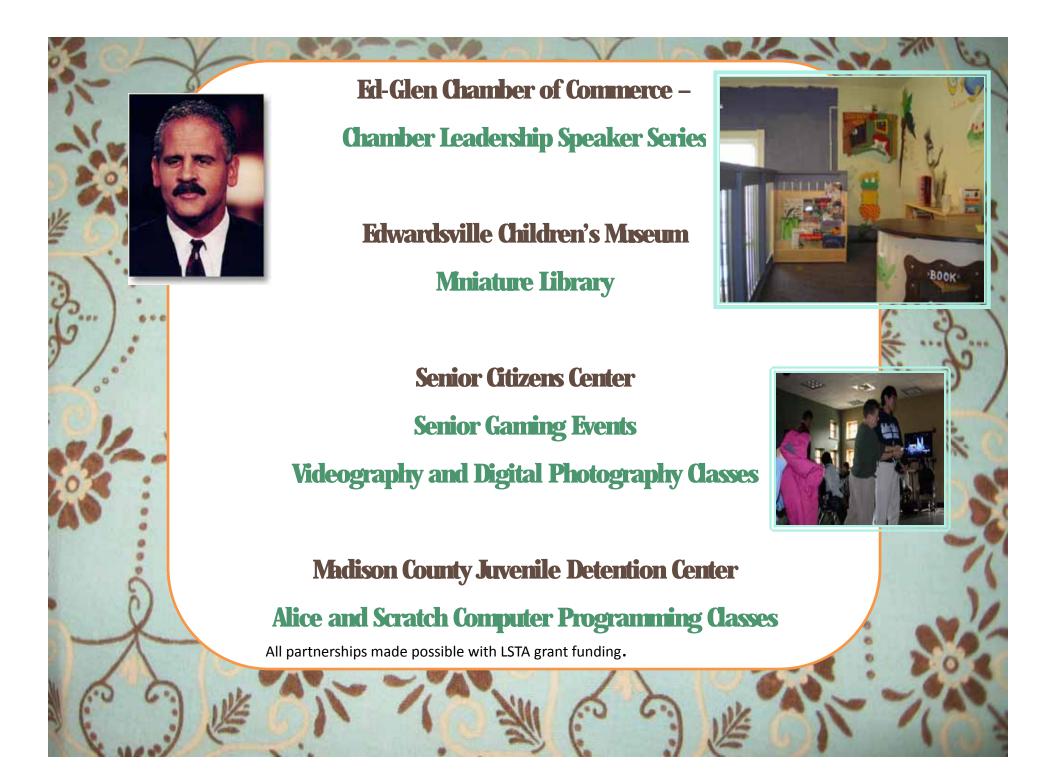






### Partnerships with other agencies and businesses







#### **Partnerships in the Community**

Library hosts artists for ArtEast – community wide art event
Pioneer Days – Library, School, & Museum
Business After Hours – Chamber of Commerce
Senior Memoirs- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Blood Drives – American Red Cross & Central Illinois Blood Bank
Senior Gaming Events – Eden Village & Meridian Village

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## Evidence of library's role as community center













Free Comic Book Day











# Increase in library usage, particularly with new users







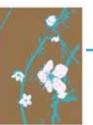
**Home School Book Club Summer Reading Program** Lincoln's 200th Birthday Celebration **Junior Friends of the Library National Gaming Day Teen Computer Programming Classes Grandparent Bags SLCK Bags Family Reading Night Teen Read Week** 





















### WHAT WE GOT!

\$15,000 CASH AWARD

FEATURE STORY IN LIBRARY JOURAL

PIA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2 EMPLOYEES

CONFERENCE COSTS FOR 2 EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND
PIA – PORTIAND, OREGON

GAIA RECEPTION @ THE CONFERENCE

Catered party for Staff & Personal Day



#### House of Representatives

February 22, 2010

Mr. Shimkus: Madam Speaker, I rise today to bonor the Glen Chrbyn Centennial Library in Glen Carbon, Illinois, as it is recognized as the "Best Smbll Library in America."

The library's motto, "More than you expect," is more than just a saying for the 15 librarians serving the community of Glen Carbon. For them, it is a commitment to stop at nothing to ensure that library patrons get the service they need. As a testament to the community's appreciation of the Centennial Library staff's dedication, the number of visitors to the library has increased 33 percent since 2007.

Because of this dedication to service, Library Journal named Glen Carbon Centennial Library its "Best Senall Library in America." The library staff has taken innovative approaches to addressing the needs of their patrons. One example is the "No to Yes log," where the staff logs requests to which they had to say "No." Then, at staff meetings they determine how to turn a "No" into a "Yes" so that they can better serve the community. In the words of one of the "Best Small Library in America" judges, "Glen Carbon seems to be doing everything right."

It is because of their hard work and dedication, that the Glen Carbon Centennial Library earned this honor. I would like to congratulate director Amer Hughes, the management team, librarians and volunteers who have made the library into the award-winning institution that it is today and wish them continued success in the future. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Congratulational

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As Governor of the State of Blinois, I am pleased to congraculate the Olen Carbon Centennial Library on being named the Best Small Library in America by Library Journal and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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Community libraries such as yours provide a valuable service to residents by nuterials. But you have early gone above and beyond what note the you have early gone above and beyond what most Ebencies writers. On below the

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I once again congratulate the Glen Carbon Centennial Library and offer my best-wishes for many more successful years.

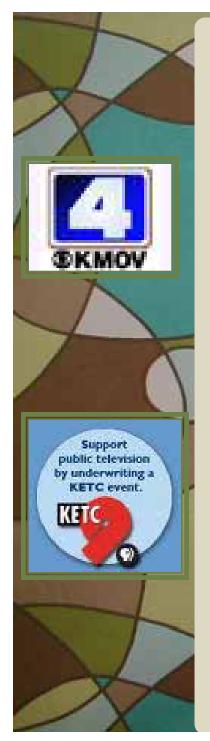


#### LOTS OF WONDERFUL PUBLICITY

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD & HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mentions

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR



#### Headlines...

Glen Carbon library ranked best in nation

Metro-East library wins national honor

Glen Carbon's Library Grabs
National Award
Library wins title of "Best
Small Library in America"

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The Entrepreneurial Librarian: Running the business of your library

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