

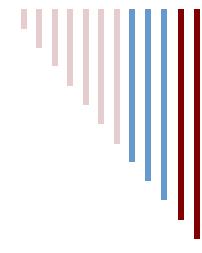
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From the Director

Our theme for the year was REfresh, REnew, REboot.

The goal is to make the Library a destination where patrons spend time using our resources for recreation, education and inspiration—individually or as part of a group.

First priority, improving the look of the entrance. Overgrown plants were removed to make room for a Children's Sensory Garden. Designed by Janet Macunovich, a renowned master gardener and Waterford resident, each sections is meant to stimulate a particular sense, e.g. bright flowers for sight, aromatic plants for smell, and textured plants for touch. The group of volunteers who helped make this transformation a reality have become the Library Garden Club, meeting monthly to develop gardening skills, offer craft programs for children, and keep the new garden thriving.

Our website underwent a transformation. As a Township department the Library's web presence is now a subset of the Township's website. The new environment is much more robust, offering many new features that are useful to patrons, e.g. booking a meeting room online and receiving news about programs and services.

The second year of Poetry Leaves built on the success of our first year. We submitted a successful grant application through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs which helped fund a more expansive project. This included presentations by notable poets from the greater Detroit area such as M. L. Liebler and Thomas Lynch, who was our keynote speaker at the opening of the Poetry Exhibition.

