



Fast Facts about the Hildebrand Memorial Library

In 1908, a group of citizens from the “Monday Study Club” established The Boscobel Public Library as a free lending library. Shelves, books and labor were donated by volunteers. The City of Boscobel formally accepted the library in 1913 and provided \$400.00 for its upkeep that year. Upon his death, local businessman and philanthropist George Hildebrand bequeathed the sum of \$25,000 for the construction of the present Claude and Starck designed, classical Carnegie style building which was dedicated in 1926.

- Your library houses a physical collection of 25,257 items, including books, audiobooks, magazines, videos and digital audio devices.
- 1,236 new items were added to the collection in 2010
- In 2010 the library offered 61 different reading, educational and recreational programs for children and adults with overall attendance of 1,062.
- The library provides wireless, high-speed Internet access and eight public computers. The library provided 10,765 hours of Internet access to patrons last year.
- In 2010, the library circulated 29,439 items. 9,477 of those were children’s materials.
- The library is open to the public 2,288 hours per year.
- 3,166 borrowers have cards from our library; 56,000 people use the SW WI System.
- Cardholders have 24/7 online access to the library’s Overdrive digital collection: 3,344 e-book, 6,179 audiobook, 318 video and 178 music titles, more than 16,100 total items available for downloading.
- The library maintains a job resources center for help with career development, job skills, training, resumes and unemployment assistance. Over 800 online course, tests and e-books are also available via Learning Express Library and Badgerlink.
- Library staff answered an estimated 4,080 reference and technology questions last year.
- The library belongs to the five county SW Wisconsin Library System, which provides resource sharing, Interlibrary loans and other services to 28 member libraries serving 56,000 patrons.

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