



HILLSDALE
LIBRARY

2014 ANNUAL REPORT: MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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A Year of Making

In addition to continuing a high level of traditional library service, we greatly expanded our Maker Program in 2014. Maker programming promotes learning through hands on crafting, tinkering, and engineering using a variety of traditional tools and technology tools.

The Hillsdale Library received a \$3,750 Maker Space contract from the New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ, the State Library Cooperative. With additional funding provided by the Friends of the Hillsdale Library, a permanent makerspace was established in Laura's old office on the main floor. Awards were provided to participants of the Maker Faire, held in April. The Library hosted a series of activities as an official Google/Make Magazine Maker Campsite during the summer. The year of making was punctuated with an invitation to become a hub location and committee participant for NJ Makers Day, a state-wide initiative to bring awareness to maker culture in New Jersey. Hillsdale Library's "Think It, Make It, Share It" logo is prominently included on those promotional materials.

The Annual Report demonstrates how we help our patrons pursue their passions.

David J. Franz, Library Director



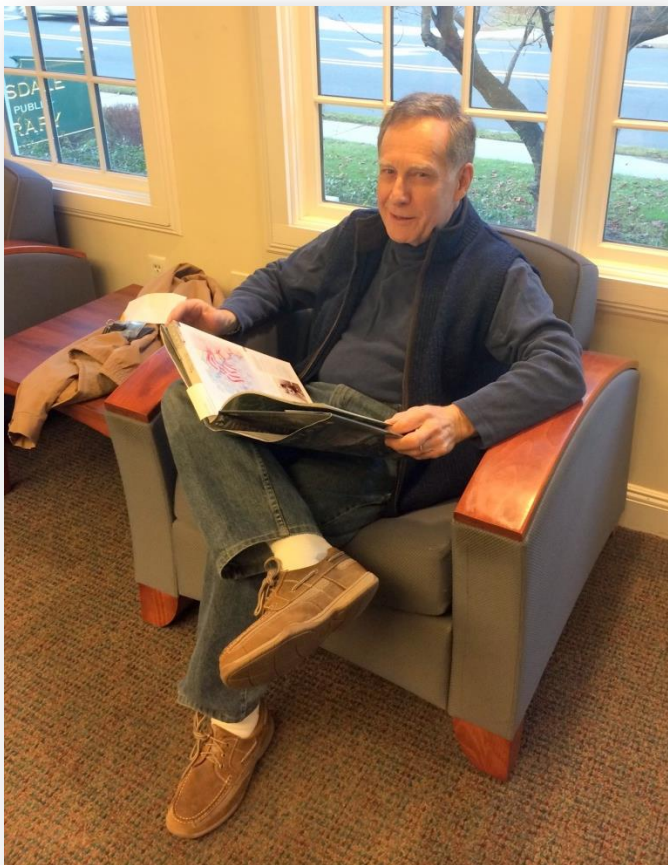
Anna Schneider, 11, sixth grade student at George White.

"Hello - I have two photos of my daughter at the Little Bits bar today that I thought you might like to use in the library's Twitter or Facebook feeds. If interested, just let me know where to email or upload them. We're big fans of the library and like to promote you guys as often as possible!" – Elise Schneider

About the cover photo - Evelyn Jansen, 8, crafting her own wood pen casing with the help of Len Stambler, Hillsdale resident, and member of the Hudson Valley Woodturners. Pen Turning program - June 7, 2014.

Over 119,000 people walked into the Hillsdale Library.

We've attempted to help every one of them.



Peter Philip

"I view the Hillsdale Library as my home away from home. Not only is it a wonderful place for borrowing books, but I know the librarians can research information about a book. They are knowledgeable and fun to talk to. The only problem I have with the library is that when I enter it I have trouble leaving it. 'So many books, so little time'" - Peter Philip

"I enjoy the Monday afternoon book discussion club. I thank the library for getting the books for the group. Thank you also for getting books from the other libraries for me. The staff is very helpful." - Florence Kantor



"The Pascack Pi-oneers FIRST Robotic Team 1676 has partnered with the Hillsdale Library in various ways, bringing information to the community, but especially the community children. Part of the team's mission is to encourage and teach children about STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The library has been the site of the Pi-oneers summer camp for FLL- FIRST LEGO League, where they learn about a challenge, research it, build it, explain it, but also employ team work. Recently the team hosted a workshop about 3D Printing. The library has displayed the team's work and the team has donated a book about FIRST Robotics "The New Cool". Community partnerships are essential to support the well-being, growth and education of all involved, and the Pascack Pi-oneers are grateful for the partnership they share with the Hillsdale Library."

- Pascack Pi-oneers

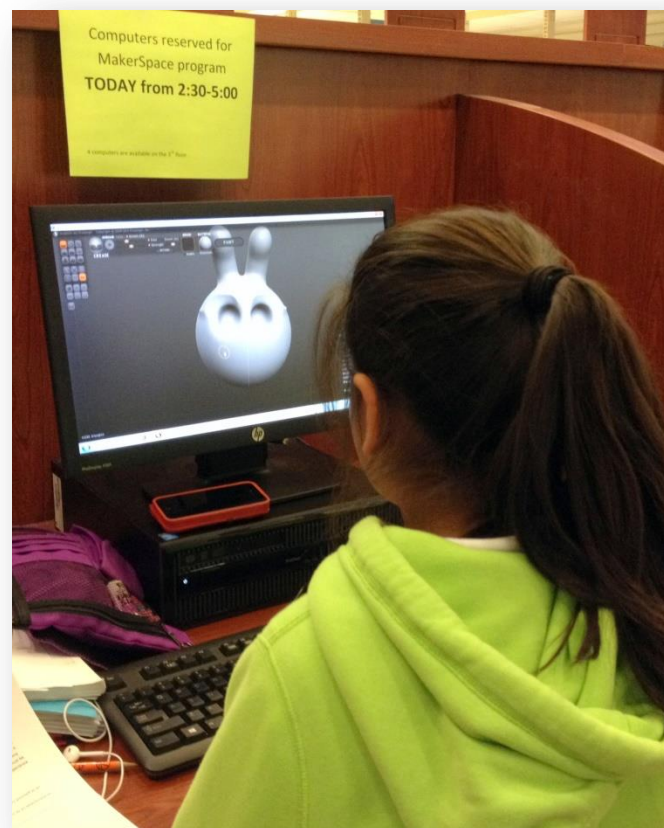


13,700 people used the computers.

That does not include wi-fi users.

"I use the computers at the Hillsdale Library several days per week. I really enjoy the atmosphere here and find the staff very pleasant as well. The Hillsdale Library is well lit and very comfortable. I read the magazines here and books, and take home movies. Thank you to everyone working here."

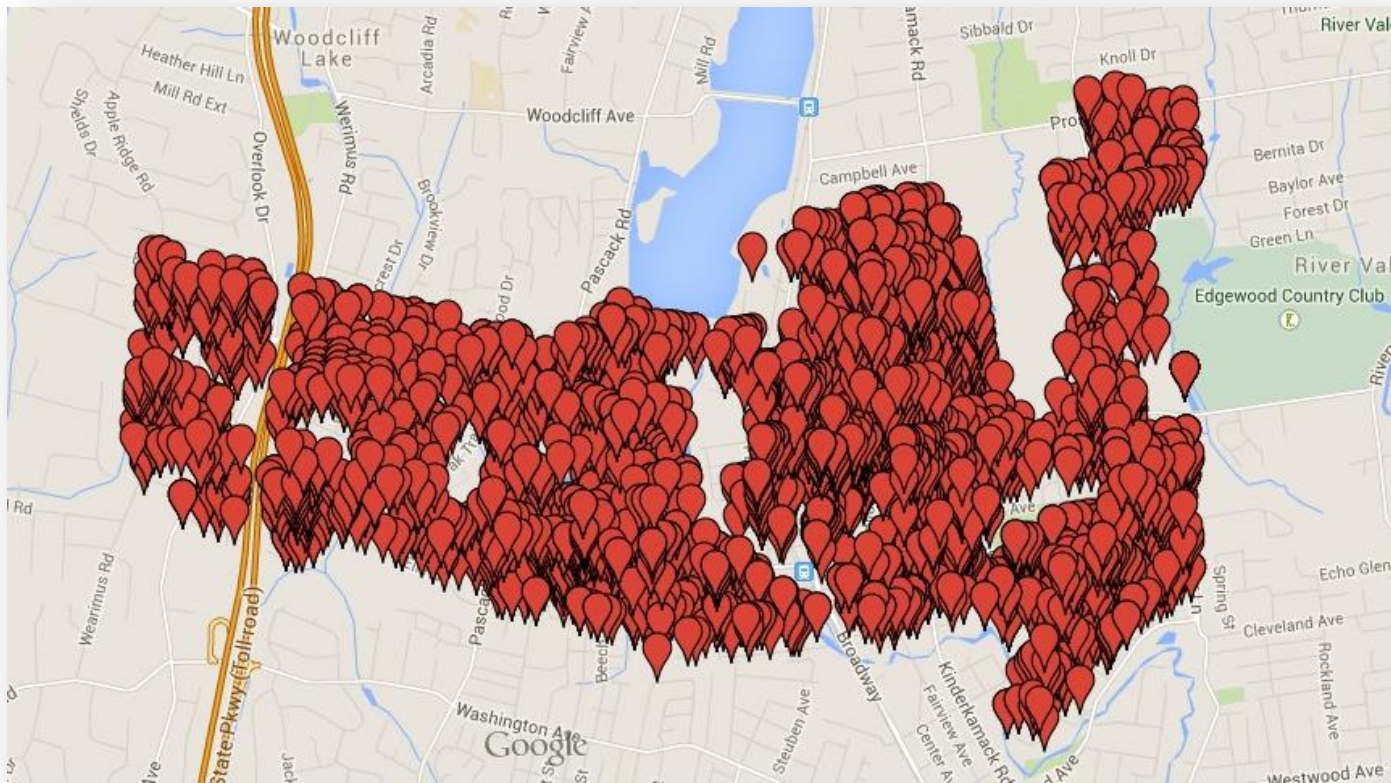
- Richard Nelson



A student is learning to use Sculptris. This free 3D modelling program was installed on all of the public computers so people could create items for the Makerbot 3D printer.

3,243 Hillsdale Cardholders used their card at least once in 2014.

An additional 1,699 used their card at least once in the last two years. 359 new library cards were issued. There are 6,878 registered Hillsdale Library cardholders. Every place marker on this Google Map indicates an address of someone in Hillsdale that used their library card in 2014.



Over 1,300 visitors participated in 146 activities sponsored by community organizations.

The meeting room is utilized by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, senior clubs, the Pascack Valley Stitchers and Quilters, Kids for Earth, the Science Fiction Society of Northern New Jersey, and numerous other community organizations.



Kids For Earth

“The Hillsdale Chapter of Kids for Earth meets at the library, usually once a month. The K4E group is made up of elementary-age children, learning about environmental topics and how to live sustainably in the modern world, all while having fun! Last year, the group started a community garden at the library. At their meeting this past November, the kids cleaned up the garden for the winter, tried the last of the veggies growing there (they loved the basil and the kale), and made harvest crowns. The pictures show children from the K4E Chapter wearing their harvest crowns. Many thanks to the Hillsdale Public Library for the meeting space, as well as the space for the garden!” - Kathy Abney

3,360 visitors participated in 242 activities sponsored by the Library.

Film festivals, story times, book groups, yoga, author talks, and more! These programs are funded primarily by the Friends of the Hillsdale Library.



Eyes on the Wild Animal Program



Maker Faire Winners



Holiday Concert in the reading room

We added Zinio as a digital service



Zinio permits users to download and view the entire magazine issue in digital form. 250 Titles are now available. Patrons downloaded 3,992 magazines.

"We went to Hawaii last winter. Usually, I like to hold a book in my hands and turn the pages. However, it's a long flight from New Jersey and I knew I was going to do a lot of reading and did not have a lot of space in my suitcase. We bought 2 Nooks for \$37 each, and, following the instruction sheet provided by the library about eBCCLS & Nook, I downloaded 5 books onto my Nook, and another 5 onto my husband's Nook. It was great to have lots of fresh reading material without having to carry books. I even downloaded additional books in Hawaii via wi-fi to have new books for the flight home. eBCCLS was pretty easy to use and I was able to find plenty of the books on my reading list available to download immediately."

- Susan Liebeskind

"I joined an ESL class at the Hillsdale Library. It helped a lot and the teachers were very nice. I also spent time at the library and it is always fun. The staff are kind and I like the library's atmosphere."

- Tamao Van Beers



Tamao is also a frequent user of the button machine.

The Friends of the Library Donated over \$21,000

We cannot say enough about the Friends of the Library.

They fund the Summer Reading programs.

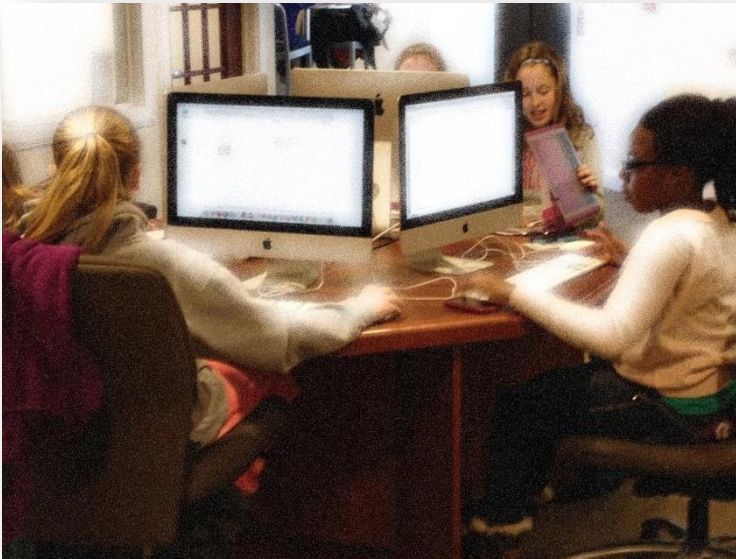
They fund the Museum Pass program.

They fund the MakerSpace programs.

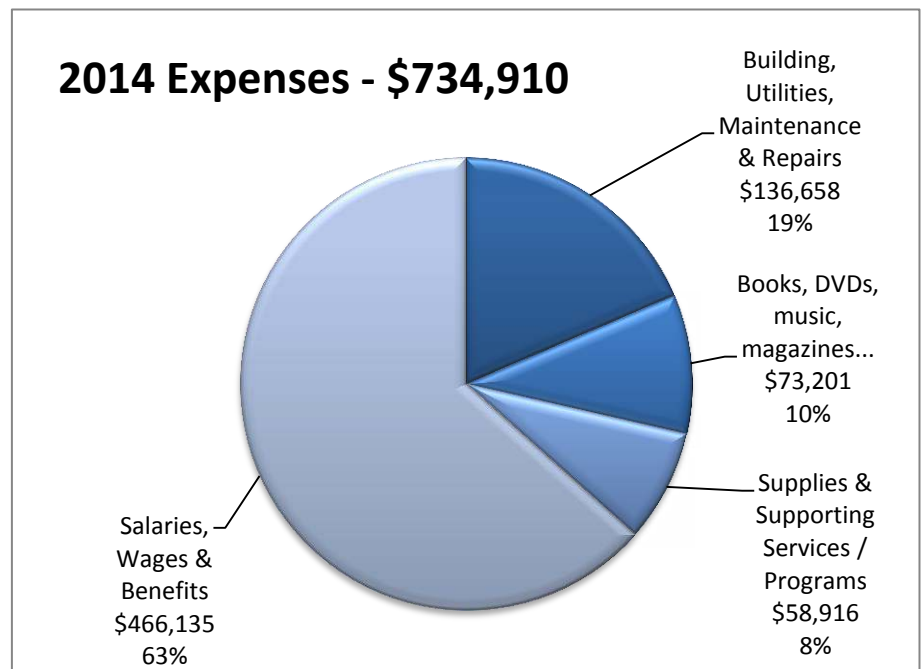
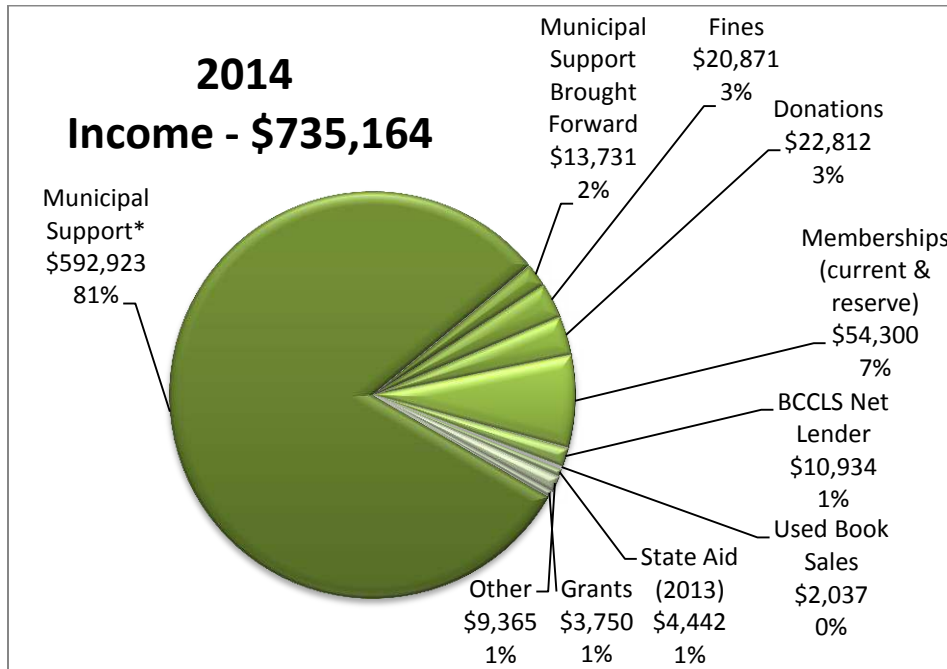
They organize and execute the Summer Film Festival and the Foreign Film Series.

We owe a special acknowledgment to Allan Atchison who donated \$10,000 in memory of his wife Anne. Alan was a Library Trustee during the 1970s renovation of the Library. He was also a teacher and Principal in town. Allan's donation alone permitted us to replace the aging and rusting book returns with an aircraft-grade aluminum return. We also added four iMacs to the public computer mix.

The Lê Family also contributed a sizeable donation to the Library. Study Room #2 is named in memory of Daw Ngwe Kyi.

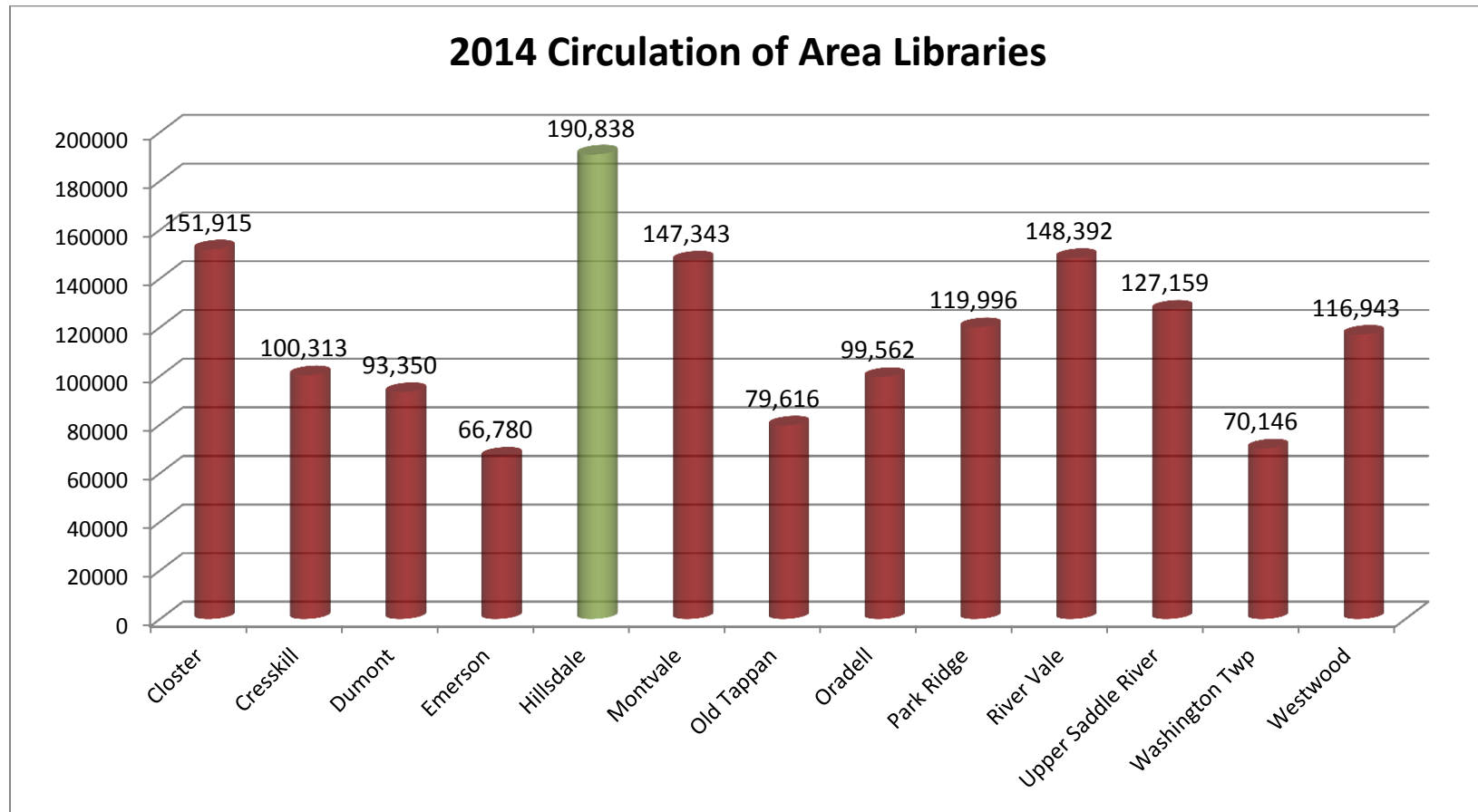


Charts, Graphs and Performance Measures



*Figures as of February 21, 2015. The Library received \$81,516 in direct cash support and \$511,407 in managed services.

The Library also expended \$8,688.44 from the reserve account to repair carpet and replace computers.



The Library continues to lead area libraries in terms of total annual circulation. This high level of activity resulted in Hillsdale Library having the lowest cost per circulated item among all 75 libraries in the Bergen County Cooperative Library System from 2007 through 2013. In 2014 the library was ranked 3d lowest at \$3.85 per circulation. The BCCLS average is \$7.52.

Fast Facts:

- 359 new borrowers were registered in 2014. There are 6,878 registered Hillsdale Library cardholders. Of these, 3,243 used their card at least once this year. An additional 1,699 used their card at least once in the last two years.
- The Library was open 2,814 hours during 338 days.
- Although annual circulation of items did drop in 2014, Hillsdale Library remains the leader among area libraries.
- The Children's Room alone circulated more items (100,463) than 32 other libraries in the Bergen County Cooperative Library System.
- Approximately 119,000 people visited the Library.
- 3,360 visitors participated in 242 Library sponsored programs.
- 1,285 visitors participated in 101 community group activities held in the meeting room.
- 13,700 People used a library computer during the year. This does not include wi-fi users or children's department computers.
- 4,561 books, 159 audiobooks, 554 DVDs, and 194 CDs were added to the Library's collection. There are 73,153 items in the total collection.
- Two adult students in our ESL / Literacy program became U.S. citizens. Another student earned a driver's license after passing the written test.



Dear Dave and Hillsdale
Library,

...from the

bottom of my heart

Thank you so much for
helping us use the fab.
makerspace. We loved
the embroidery machine.
You helped us make our
girl scout bags look
wonderful. Thanks
for your hard work! Our
library rocks!!

Sincerely,
Junior Girl Scout Troop
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