

Olathe Public Library 2004 Annual Report



Values:

Respect for people. We value the differing, evolving needs and opinions of customers and staff of all ages and one another.

Commitment to service. We provide prompt, courteous services at all times in facilities that are welcoming and safe.

Commitment to leadership. Our board and administrators provide leadership that positions Olathe Public Library to achieve its vision.

Commitment to equal access. We provide our customers with equal access to information.

Stewardship. We use public and private resources in an accountable manner.

Vision:

The Olathe Public Library's vision is to meet the lifelong informational, educational and recreational needs of the community through quality services and resources.

Goals:

Olathe Public Library will assist/help people find - or be referred to - needed information and/or sources.

Olathe Public Library will provide diverse information resources to reflect the community's interests.

Olathe Public Library will recruit, develop and retain quality staff.

Olathe Public Library will provide accessible facilities to house services and programs that meet the community's evolving information needs.

Olathe Public Library will obtain increased revenues from multiple sources to meet a growing Olathe's library needs.

The Olathe Public Library will provide online services through a library website.

Message from the Director:

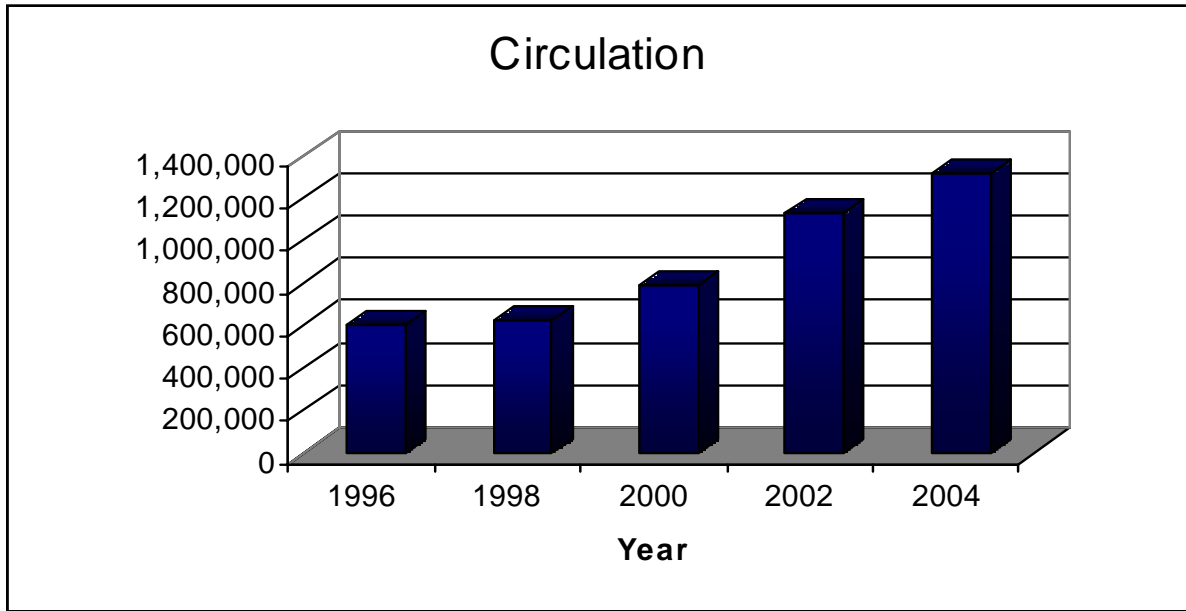
Year 2004 proved once again that Olathe Public Library and growth are synonymous. More people visited the library and more items were checked out than ever before. The library was hopeful that a March election for a mill levy increase to build additional branches would accommodate this growth; however, a narrow defeat delayed expansion. Luckily the “can do” spirit prevailed and the Olathe Public Library Board of Directors went back to the drawing board with its goal of providing additional library branches in our growing community.

By the end of the year 1,305,594 checkouts of books, tapes and CDs had been tallied by 75,919 cardholders. June 2004 earned the designation of highest checkout month ever recorded by the library with 132,557 materials loaned. People passing through our gates and the number of volunteers both saw increases of 10%. Even the interlibrary lending between OPL and other libraries increased 24%. Statistics also showed that the people of all ages use and support both of our locations – 201 E. Park and 12990 S. Black Bob. Monthly reports revealed that the main library and the Indian Creek Branch garnered similar results and increased usage.

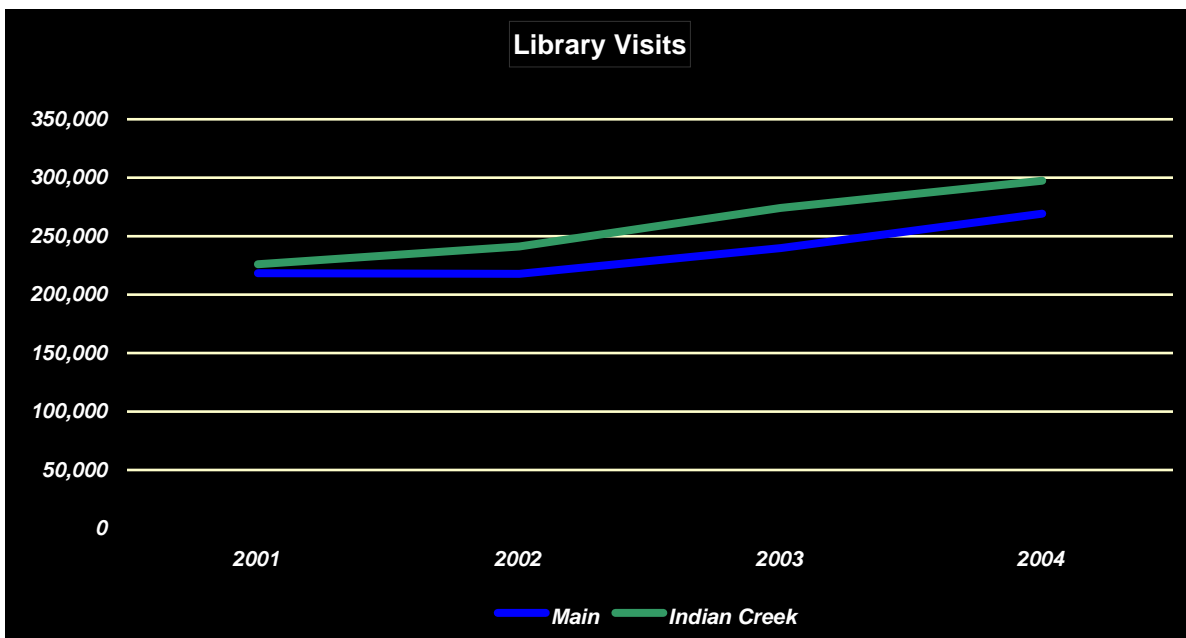
However, it would be difficult to reach as many people if the library did not have generous benefactors such as the Friends of OPL and the Olathe Public Library Foundation. The Friends continue to prosper from used book sales and make generous contributions to increase collections and provide equipment. This year the library received donations from the Friends for documentary films and music CDs. Paperback books for youngsters completing their summer reading folders were also provided by the Friends. The Foundation once again supported programs for young adults and established two new collections – DVDs for preschoolers and Books on CD for elementary children.

Staff not only selected, processed and guided the way to many new items; they also presented programs for all ages. Adults could learn more about their family history or how to obtain financial aid for their college bound teens. The latest crafts and fads became program topics for teens and children from tots to preteens enjoyed stories and performers of all sorts. Additional public computers were added to both the main library and the Indian Creek Branch. Customers made use of all library services - services such as checking out a good book to read and services including catalog and database searching via the internet. Whatever the offering, the Olathe Public Library responded to the growing community's desire for a variety of library services.

Emily Baker
Director



In 2002, the library checked out 1,130,374 items. In 2004, the library realized a 15.5% increase over 2002 in checkouts with 1,305,594 items checked out.



In 2004, there were 29,382 more library visits compared to 2003. Indian Creek had 23,154 more library visits than in 2003. Overall the Indian Creek Library has seen a 31.6% increase in the number of library visits since it first opened in 2001. The main library has had an 23.4% increase in the number of library visitors since 2001.

Library Board

Cathie Bennie	Ray Morrison
Dana Campell	Harry Pell (Secretary)
Ruth Ann Hackler (President)	Mike Rinke (Vice-President)
Wes McCoy (Treasurer)	

Emily Baker, *Director*
Tom Hutcheson, *Ex-Officio, President, Friends of OPL*
Clifford Tatham, *Ex-Officio, Chair, OPL Foundation*
Michael Copeland, *Ex-Officio, Mayor of Olathe*

Olathe Public Library Foundation

In 2004, one-hundred people flocked to the second annual Lobster Fest and more than \$11,000 was raised for the foundation.

The grants were awarded to the children's department—\$6,000 for easy DVDs and Books & \$1,500 for Young Adult Programming.

In addition, \$6,000 was used to print information for the special library mill levy election.

Foundation Board

Cliff Tatham (Chair)	Mike Rinke
Emily Baker	Sandy Waters
Diane Costello	Pam Wilkinson
Tom Hutcheson	Dan Zimmerman

Friends of Olathe Public Library

The Friends of the Olathe Public Library continue to be a solid support group for the library. During 2004, the group contributed \$500 to the Arts for Everyone Program, and provided \$2100 to support the summer reading program – providing a free paperback book to each of the 760 children that completed the program. It boosted the library's collection by giving \$1,000 for a new documentary DVD collection and \$1,000 to update the music CD collection. In addition, the group gave \$100 to the Young Adult Program for prizes for winners of the Young Writers' and Design a Bookmark Contests and continued to subscribe to the "Chapter a Day" online book club. It hosted four "mini" book sales at the Indian Creek Branch meeting room with proceeds totaling \$3480 and also organized two Ella Mae Memorial Book Sales in April and October, generating \$9306 in sales and membership dues.

Friends Board

Tom Hutcheson, President
Jeanne Becker, Vice-President
Shirley Grove, Secretary
Peggy Ingle, Treasurer
Carlotta Belcher, Membership
Cindy Miller, Newsletter

Volunteers

During 2004, 538 volunteers worked at both libraries contributing 9,358 hours.

David Davidson became the first youth volunteer to receive the Nancy Quinlisk Chandler Volunteer Award at the Volunteer Recognition Reception held in August. Around 85 volunteers, family members and staff attended the event.

	Number of Volunteers	Number of Hours
2000	377	5869
2001	341	6316
2002	438	6625
2003	609	8540
2004	538	9358

Financial Summary

Personnel	\$2,040,521
Books & Materials	494,326
Utilities	55,300
Supplies	71,744
Building	87,144
Automation	190,348
Copiers	9,931
Insurance	30,682
Equipment	28,895
Staff Development	17,589
Library Vehicle	1,739
Printing	8,661
Professional Services	10,271
Miscellaneous	52,140
Programming	6,904
Reserve	17,070
Total Expenses	\$3,123,265

Income Received

Tax Revenue	\$3,115,390
Interest Income	45,185
Fines, Copier, Misc.	129,069
Contributions	17,416
Total	\$3,307,060

State Aid Received and Expended

State Aid	\$71,358
Interlibrary Loan	
Development Grant	8,226
Total	\$79,584