

# Olathe Public Library 2007 Annual Report



# Letter from the Director

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Many positive developments during 2007 bear witness to a number of changes at the Olathe Public Library. Remodeling, collection building, programming and future planning made for an active and exciting year at the library.

Throughout the year, different events associated with future planning peppered staff schedules. Public and staff focus groups, stakeholder meetings and surveys carried out by library consultants resulted in an analysis of current services and the start of a master plan for future library expansion.

While library services were being looked at and opinions being surveyed, the library moved ahead with helpful changes that could be put into play. At the main library, the old magazine and newspaper room was converted into a computer lab and classroom for customers. This room offers seven additional computer stations that can also be used for instruction. Earlier in the year Adult Services created a series of computer classes that have proven very popular at both library locations. The Friends of OPL provided for new comfortable chairs among the AV collection for those still wishing to enjoy the library's collection of current magazines and newspapers. Additional space and shelving also enhanced the Hispanic Collection at the downtown library.

At both the main library and the Indian Creek Branch, custom designed signage now informs customers where to find their favorite things. Eye-catching banners and signs add spunk and energy as well! And to keep up with the latest in leisure and learning, both libraries now offer the latest in video gaming and adult graphic novels.

To accommodate additional equipment and materials, the main library increased its electrical capacity, its alarm systems, but more noticeable has been the remodeled lobby at 201 E. Park. New exterior doors, a new concrete entry and an expanded lobby all contribute to a fresher and more spacious area for customers. To maintain the best facilities for our customers, OPL acquired the latest in security surveillance for each library.



Olathe Public Library was also blessed with additions in funding via grants from various sources. For example, both the Friends and the Foundation helped to add furniture and equipment at both libraries. The ALA Great Stories Grant enabled the library to share with teens at TLC for Families and Children. The Prime Time Family Reading Time Grant will provide literacy education and family time to residents using English as a second language and the Gates Online Opportunity Hardware Grant will increase the number of computer stations at the main library. Once again, the Comcast Foundation awarded a generous grant to OLATHE READS which helps fund the library's well known Summer Reading Club. Locally, Comcast Corporation purchased an Olathe Sesquicentennial boot that now resides in the main library as a symbol of library history and corporate largesse.

Thanks to everyone that made 2007 a year of progress and positive change!

Emily Baker  
Director

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# Board of Directors



## Library Board Members

Wes McCoy, President  
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Peggy Ingle (Friends of OPL President)  
Emily Baker (OPL Director)

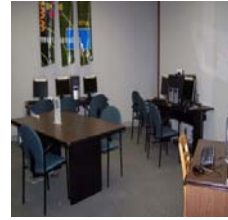
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# Adult Services Year in Review

The Adult Services Department continued to offer popular programs such as the Third Thursday Book Discussion. The library offered basic and advanced eBay classes. During the Genealogy lock-in, attendees were able to do genealogy research using library resources while the library was closed. AARP Tax Volunteers worked at the main library to offer tax assistance for retired persons and low income tax payers.

The Adult Services Department added two new sections to the collection this year - graphic novels, stand-alone stories that are published as books, and a gaming collection consisting of PS2, Wii, and Xbox games. Both collections have proven to be very popular.

During the year, three electronic databases were added to the collection for customer use at home. *Article Linker*, a database of magazines and newspapers was added followed by *Central Search*, a tool used to search all the electronic databases and the library catalog without the user being required to connect to each database. The last product added was *Morning Star*, an investment research tool.



The Adult Services Department developed a series of computer

classes, some being held in the newly OPL computer lab that formerly housed magazines and newspapers. The classes offered such topics as basic computing, basic Internet, Intro to Word and Excel.

The City of Olathe moved two videophones, a communication link for the deaf

and hard of hearing community, to the library. City



employees and Comcast installed a videophone and internet link in each library location. This addition allows deaf or hard of hearing persons to sign directly to another deaf or hard of hearing individual who also has a videophone.

They may also use an interpreter through the Video Relay Service who speaks into a conventional phone.

The Ubi Duo was purchased for the Main library to improve staff communication with deaf and hard of hearing customers.

## Statistics

	Main	Indian Creek	Totals
Reference Questions	33554	34738	68,292
Telephone Reference	11908	4903	16,811
Email Reference			187

# Children's Year in Review



The Children's Department hosted popular programs such as Read to a Dog, Let's Learn Spanish, and the Outreach Daycare Story Time. At the Read to a Dog program, children were able to come to the library and read their favorite stories to trained therapy dogs provided by Pets for Life, Inc. Let's Learn Spanish is a program geared toward preschoolers who visit the library to hear stories and learn beginning Spanish. Library staff travel to daycares and read stories as part of the Outreach Daycare Storytime.



At the beginning of the summer the department provided a Water Safety Program with the American Red Cross.

The Summer Reading Club theme was "Get a Clue @ Your Library" and participants of all ages flocked to Frontier Park to attend the popular Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Celebration.



Following the "Get a Clue..." theme, children attended such programs as Kids Detective Program and Radio Mystery Theatre. The kids especially enjoyed a magician's performance.

The success of this year's Summer Reading Club was celebrated in August with a live concert presented by OLATHE READS, a city-schools -library partnership that supports the community's literacy efforts.

Throughout the year the department offered story times, family chess and family game nights and "To Be Continued", a read aloud program for elementary aged children.

Stats			
	Main	Indian Creek	Totals
Telephone Reference	3,369	1,899	5,268
Reference Questions	30,579	45,022	75,601
Board Books	57	41	98
Game Computers	4,002	7,164	11,166
Tours	17	13	30
Participants	400	215	615
Storytimes	116	242	358
Participants	2,002	4,579	6,581
Programs	69	84	153
Participants	5,011	2,881	7,892

# Teens' Year in Review

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In 2007, the Olathe YA Anime Club, a popular teen event, continued to meet twice a month to watch anime and play anime computer games, share manga drawings, and learn about Japanese culture.

The Homework Help & Study Break Zone was held the second and fourth Thursday of each month during the school year - offering a place for students to study and seek assistance with their homework assignments.

The Teen Library Club (TLC) met monthly to "brainstorm" what teen programs should be offered during the year.



During the summer a wide variety of programs were held. The popular Babysitting Clinic with CPR was brought back again in 2007. Such programs as CSI, Whose Line Is It Anyway and the ever popular Harry Potter movie marathon brought the

teens to the libraries.

Some new programs this year included *Nancy Drew*, the movie, Paranormal Investigation and a filmmaking course.



The YA department also hosted the following teen competitions: Top Chef/Iron Chef; Teen Idol and Project Runway.

Throughout the summer, prizes were distributed to participants as they completed their game cards and entered drawings.

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# Library Statistics

Registered Users		
	2006	2007
Registered Users, resident	73,572	78,390
Registered Users, nonresident	13,178	15,383
<b>Total Cardholders</b>	<b>86,750</b>	<b>93,733</b>

Main Circulation Totals					
	Adult Books	Adult A/V	Juvenile Books	Juvenile A/V	Total
2006	215,361	152,746	175,475	98,114	641,696
<b>2007</b>	<b>208,572</b>	<b>151,660</b>	<b>169,649</b>	<b>94,457</b>	<b>624,338</b>

Indian Creek Circulation Totals					
	Adult Books	Adult A/V	Juvenile Books	Juvenile A/V	Total
2006	168,702	131,759	281,913	126,746	709,120
<b>2007</b>	<b>168,958</b>	<b>128,890</b>	<b>284,619</b>	<b>125,995</b>	<b>708,462</b>

Circulation Totals					
	Adult Books	Adult A/V	Juvenile Books	Juvenile A/V	Total
2006	384,063	284,505	457,388	224,860	1,350,816
<b>2007</b>	<b>377,530</b>	<b>280,550</b>	<b>454,268</b>	<b>220,452</b>	<b>1,332,800</b>

Main Collection					
	Adult Books	Adult A/V	Juvenile Books	Juvenile A/V	Total
2006	94,702	18,533	56,689	11,228	181,152
<b>2007</b>	<b>99,571</b>	<b>20,394</b>	<b>58,826</b>	<b>12,452</b>	<b>191,243</b>

Indian Creek Collection					
	Adult Books	Adult A/V	Juvenile Books	Juvenile A/V	Total
2006	35,125	10,617	36,781	9,085	91,608
<b>2007</b>	<b>38,148</b>	<b>11,796</b>	<b>39,107</b>	<b>10,240</b>	<b>99,291</b>

Collection Totals					
	Adult Books	Adult A/V	Juvenile Books	Juvenile A/V	Total
2006	129,827	29,150	93,470	20,313	272,760
<b>2007</b>	<b>137,719</b>	<b>32,190</b>	<b>97,933</b>	<b>22,692</b>	<b>290,534</b>

# Library Foundation



The Olathe Public Library Foundation celebrated its seventh year anniversary in 2007. Nearly 120 people attended the fifth annual dinner showcasing a new theme, "A Taste of Literacy." The event was held at the Olathe Holiday Inn. Speaker Charles W. Gusewelle shared his experiences gained as a *Kansas City Star* columnist and author.



OPL Foundation Chairman Cliff Tatham, awarded grants to benefit the library. This year's grants were awarded as follows:

#### Main Library

\$1,000 - purchase of a newspaper rack

\$1,400 - computer station

\$2,000 - UbiDuo

#### Branch Library

\$800 - furnishings for children's area

In addition, the foundation granted \$1719 for updating the donor board at the main library; \$200 for the city's legacy gift; \$500 for KLTA; \$1250 for the children's End of Summer Reading Celebration and \$500 to the Kiowa County Library in Greensburg, Kansas.

#### Foundation Board

Clifford Tatham, Chair  
Bob Wilhelm, Vice-Chair  
Emily Baker, Secretary  
Jim Silvers, Treasurer  
Dana Campbell  
Micki Holliday  
Peggy Ingle  
Bob Shands

#### Honorary Members of the Olathe Public Library Foundation Board

Don Ashlock	Betty Hougland
Nell Bowen	Maron Moore
Diane Costello	George Schlagel
Ralph Dennis	Dr. Ron Wimmer
Ruth Ann Hackler	Dr. Marvin "Doc" Wollen
Tom Hall	



# Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Olathe Public Library is an active support organization for the library. The Friends book sales continue to be huge fund-raisers for the group.



In 2007, the Friends hosted six "mini" book sales in the Indian Creek

Branch meeting room. The popular Ella Mae Memorial Book Sale held in April at the Center of Grace Gymnasium raised \$7,060.47.

The Friends organization donated \$11,000 to the library for the purchase of equipment and the support of special programs. The list includes:

- Two new DVD projectors and screens for both libraries - \$1,500
- Three new chairs for the relocation of the magazine & newspaper reading area - \$2,600
- Renewal of DearReader.com, an on-line book club - \$500

- Rosetta Stone Language Lessons - \$3,510
- Young Adult Program Support - \$750
- End of Summer Reading Concert/Celebration - \$1,250
- Movie Licensing USA - \$1,500

In addition, the Friends contributed \$250 to the Kiowa County Library in Greensburg, Kansas, and once again donated \$2,000 to the OPL Foundation.

The March soup supper held at the Indian Creek Community Church is always a success. Fred Krebs, portraying L. Frank Baum, shared "Oz" stories. Krebs is a History Alive! speaker from the Kansas Humanities Council.

The Friends sponsor the Baby Board Book Project, giving out book packets to all Olathe newborn parents. Included in each packet is library information and a hardcover baby board book. In 2007, 98 packets were distributed.

## Friends Board

Peggy Ingle, President  
Tom Hutcheson, Vice-President  
Linda Schoonover, Secretary  
Pat Pieper, Treasurer  
Membership Chairperson, Carlotta Belcher  
Newsletter Chairperson, Cindy Miller

# Friends Summary of Financials

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## Summary of 2007 Income/Expense Items 2007 Balance Sheet

### Income:

Book Sale Receipts	12,995
Membership Dues	1,431
Book Bag Sales	730
Interest	316
Misc. Income (Donation & Special Events)	281
Library Consignment.com	58

**Total Income** **15,811**

### Expenses:

Donations to Olathe Public Library	11,000
Donations to OPL Foundation	2,000
Book Sale Costs	2,879
Misc. Expenses (Insurance, Memorial, Postage, Book Bag Costs, Program Events & Membership Expense)	2,870

**Total Expenses** **18,749**

**Net Change** **2,938**

**Dec. 31, 2006**      **Dec. 31, 2007**

### Assets:

Checking Account	9,187	5,960
Cash Account	0	0
Bank CD	6,527	6,816

**Total Assets:** 15,714      12,776

**Liabilities:** 0      0

**Net Worth** 15,714      12,776

**Net Change** 2,938

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# Volunteers

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	Number of Volunteers	Number of Hours
<b>2003</b>	609	6625
<b>2004</b>	538	9358
<b>2005</b>	426	7589
<b>2006</b>	369	7487
<b>2007</b>	465	7513

The number of people who stepped up to help in a voluntary capacity was remarkable. Four hundred and sixty-five people worked at both libraries – marking a 26 percent increase over the previous year. They worked 7,513 hours – a 4.1% increase as well.

One of the high points of the year and a wonderful opportunity to thank the volunteers is the Volunteer Reception that was held in May at the Prince of Peace Parish Hall. Around ninety people attended the event.

During the program, twenty youths received certificates commending their volunteer work.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual Nancy Quinlisk Chandler Volunteer Award. This year's recipient was Sharon Markey, a volunteer about 12 years. She started helping with book sale set-up around 1995 when the Friends of the Library book sales were much smaller and held at

The First Christian Church in downtown Olathe.

A few years later, Sharon was asked to pick on the additional task of calling volunteers to schedule them to work the book sales. At this time, the Friends of the Library were hosting two large book sales, so this volunteer task involved calling over 50 volunteers per sale not to mention the repeat phone calls – remember, few people had answering machines at that time! This year, for the Ella Mae Memorial Book Sale, the task involved calling 80 or more volunteers to work the spring sale.

It is only fitting that she received this award right before Mother's Day, for she is a mother of ten children and home-schools them as well.

It is the dedication of such volunteers as Sharon Markey – a commitment of 12+ years – that makes the Olathe Public Library Volunteer Program the success it is today.



2007 Nancy Quinlisk Chandler Volunteer Award winner, Sharon Markey

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# Community Outreach

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The library staff is so grateful for the Olathe community that provides support, volunteer assistance and numerous grants and gifts. That being said, staff is pleased to “pay it forward”.

The 2007 United Way campaign raised \$7,306 through donors with an additional \$851 earned from a cookout at each library and the sale of treats. This total was an increase of 6.4% over the previous year.

The on-going used cell phone collection for Safehome raised \$900 in 2007 for the agency. Since this collection effort was started a few years ago, a total of \$4009 has been raised.

Last year, a small group of staff members raised \$2300 to benefit the American Cancer Society through garage sales, cookie sales at the library and individual fundraising from family and friends.

And lastly, it has become a tradition at both libraries to adopt two families through the Salvation Army to assure a terrific holiday season for those in need.

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# Financial Summary

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## Expenses

Personnel	\$2,627,731
Books & Materials	525,840
Utilities	63,283
Supplies	82,317
Building	101,012
Automation	191,585
Copiers	8,752
Insurance	32,150
Equipment	105,719
Staff Development	23,475
Library Vehicle	5,446
Printing	2,927
Professional Services	46,360
Miscellaneous	51,947
Programming	26,173
Capital Improvement	85,748
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,980,465</b>

## Income Received

Tax Revenue	\$3,964,942
Interest Income	92,917
Fines, Copier, Misc.	167,278
Contributions	44,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,269,197</b>

## State Aid Received and Expended

State Aid	\$76,395
Interlibrary Loan Development Grant	7,568
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,963</b>

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