

Olathe Public Library
100 Years of Service



2009 Annual Report

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The year 2009 will stand out in so many ways, the most obvious being the fact that Olathe Public Library turned one hundred years old and celebrated! Special banners were hung in both libraries' parking lots to start things off. A PowerPoint presentation of the library's one hundred years was created and shown to numerous clubs and organizations. A special website history was also conceived and has its place on our redesigned website. The library's logo carried its centennial tag as well as a newer and bigger courier van, special sweatshirts and t-shirts and leather book marks sponsored by the Friends of OPL. During July and August the library held three fantastic parties that started with Olathe Chamber of Commerce's weekly coffee on July 23 and continued with two big birthday parties at each library. The Doo Dads and Devin Henderson entertained at the "open house" birthday parties on July 31 and August 7 which was also the Indian Creek Branch's 9th birthday!

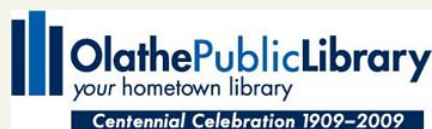
Before the summer celebrations and the start of summer reading clubs for all ages, the main library took on a bright, fresh look with new carpeting throughout and numerous changes big and small to highlight the redo. It was almost like being in a new place with eye popping colors and rearranged furnishings. Luckily the whole process went as planned since the library had to be closed for a week in May to carry out the new look.

Earlier in the year we continued to notice the increase in customers and the demand for help with anything job related. With the continuance of the 2008 economic downturn, Olathe Public Library was experiencing increased usage in both materials and librarian services. The Adult Services Department came to the rescue with not only more classes for computer skills but also the creation of "Book A Librarian", a personal service for individuals needing help with establishing email accounts, creating job resumes and filing for unemployment benefits. "Book A Librarian" has been recognized both locally and nationally and has already helped many in our community.

Throughout the year, both the Friends of OPL and the Olathe Public Library Foundation were working for us as well. Successful book sales by the Friends and the highest fundraising total for the Foundation were all achieved in 2009! As you can see, it truly was an incredible year. Olathe Public Library celebrated and succeeded with you and because of you!

Emily Baker

Library Director



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A D U L T S E R V I C E S Y E A R I N R E V I E W

In 2009, the Adult Services department continued to offer AARP Tax Assistance. Volunteers did taxes for free from February to April 15.

In addition, the department provided computer classes throughout the year. Such classes as Computer Basics, Internet Resources for Older Adults, Online Catalog Basics, E-mail class in Spanish, Beginning Internet, Beginning and Advanced eBay, Plan Your Summer Vacation on the Internet, Resume and Job Hunting, E-mail Open Computer Lab, How to Find it @ Your Library, What is this Google Thing, Microsoft Word 2007, All About Twitter, Manage Your Photos with Flickr, Microsoft Excel 2007, Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, and Facebook Basics met customers' needs.

The department also offered numerous programs. Several Genealogy Lock-ins were held where customers were allowed in the library after hours to use library resources to trace their family history. Optional classes were provided during the lock-ins. A program for "How to Eat Local in KC" was provided. Some other programs included, Photography Tips and Techniques, Food Not Lawns, Home School Workshop, Five Green Things, Planting Fall Flowers for Autumn Colors, Knitting for Beginners, Wii for Seniors, Famous Midwest Ghost Hauntings, Trash or Treasure, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Sleep, Financial Workshop for Individuals Investors, and Lunch and Learn Needlepoint with Becky Rawls-Riley.

On December 7, local author Greg Kincaid, the bestselling author of *A Dog Named Christmas* which was turned into a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie, visited the library to speak and sign his book.

In February, the library added Mango Languages an online language learning program that focuses on actual conversational skills in the following languages: Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Greek, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, ESL for Polish speakers, ESL for Spanish speakers, and ESL for Brazilian Portuguese speakers.

In May, the department rearranged the reference desk and opened the periodical room to the public making back issues of periodicals available for checkout.

The department also upgraded to a digital microfilm reader giving customers more flexibility when viewing microfilm.

	Statistics		
	Main	Indian Creek	Totals
Telephone Questions	32990	38184	71174
Reference Questions	14387	6497	20884

C H I L D R E N ' S Y E A R I N R E V I E W

The Children's Department continued to offer Storytime, Rhyme Time, and To Be Continued throughout the year. New this year was Let's Learn French for Preschoolers. In December a pajama story time was held.

In addition to storytime, numerous programs were held through the year. In April, the Kansas Regional Ballet read *Sleeping Beauty* in costumes. The ever popular Read to a Dog program was again offered. In October. The department celebrated the Day of the Dead where kids could come and decorate traditional sugar skulls. In November, a cake decorating class was offered with Natalie New. In addition, game days were offered throughout the year.

During the summer, free movies were shown such as, *Jumanji*, *Willy Wonka*, *Bolt*, *The Muppet Movie*, *Old Yeller*, *Hotel for Dogs*, *Tale of Despereaux*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Bedtime Stories*.

During Summer Reading Club, the department invited Paul Mesner Puppets for their creative production of *Saint George and the Dragon*. Happy Faces Entertainment also came and provided an interactive program entitled *Pirates for Dummies*. Children also got to do the "Dewey Decimal Stomp" with Barry Bongo. All three events were held at the Bell Cultural Events Center at MidAmerica Nazarene University to accommodate more people.

Also during the summer, a family concert se-

ries was held at Indian Creek where Calypso Bluz, Scott Klamm, a saxophone quartet and Chinese music performed.

In December a train display was set up where more than 250 people visited the library to see the display.

	Statistics		
	Main	Indian Creek	Totals
Telephone Questions	2549	1644	4193
Reference Questions	31023	45622	76645
Board Books	58	54	112
Game Computers	4120	6208	10328
Tours	5	9	14
Participants	65	131	196
Storytimes	121	218	339
Participants	2665	4161	6826
Programs	94	82	176
Participants	3740	1974	5714

TEEN'S YEAR IN REVIEW

During the year, the department continued to offer the Olathe YA Anime Club, Afternoon Rush at both libraries, and the Teen Library Club continued to meet. The Olathe YA Anime Club met to view and discuss Anime. Afternoon Rush provided teens with a place to play console games, use the Internet, get homework help, occasionally view movies, and just hang out with friends.



In the summer, the department again offered the Safe Sitter Classes to train babysitters. The class teaches student how

to handle emergency situations. The class also provided information on setting up a babysitting business, what to do for behavioral issues, how to be a successful babysitter and child care essentials. In addition, a Game day and Pizza Taste-Off, Duct Tape Craft program, Be-



ginning Photography, Knitting for Fun & Fashion, You Ought to be in Movies Film Workshop, Drawing Workshop, Dessert

Contest, Whose Line Is It Anyway, and Drawing Workshop were held throughout the summer. At the end of the summer an Olathe's Teen Got Talent Competition was held.

Right before school began a Shakespearean Film Festival was held for *Much Ado About*

Nothing, and *The Taming of the Shrew*.

The department launched its MySpace page, Facebook page, started a Twitter account, and made its presence on GoodReads.

During the year, the department added a young adult non-fiction collection.

L I B R A R Y F O U N D A T I O N

In light of the current economic environment in 2009, the Foundation Board chose to suspend the annual “A Taste of Literacy” dinner. However, the board proceeded with its annual fundraising campaign. As an added incentive, Foundation Board President, Cliff Tatham and his wife, Elaine, issued a challenge. If donations to the library foundation reached \$20,000 by December 1, the Tathams would donate an additional \$10,000. By the end of November, the Friends of the Library Board had contributed \$8,000 to the foundation. Total contributions reached \$20,350 before the designated date, meeting the Tathams’ challenge. The 2009 fundraiser was a success with a total contribution of \$30,710.

In 2009, the board approved a \$250 donation towards the Andy Shields Memorial Fund and \$5,000 for the Children’s Summer Reading Club.

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F R I E N D S O F T H E L I B R A R Y

The Friends of the Olathe Public Library is an active support organization for the library.

The Friends Board is composed of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss book sales and review any requests for furnishings, programming and/or materials for the library

The Friends book sales continue to be huge fundraisers for the group.

In 2009, the Friends hosted six “mini” book sales in the Indian Creek Branch meeting room as well as the large the Ella Mae Memorial Book Sale held at the Center of Grace gymnasium. Total proceeds for all the book sales were \$13,807. Expenses totaled \$2605.

Seventy people attended the popular annual soup supper held at the Indian Creek Community Church. Well-known author Cathy Maxwell talked on “Everything I Know About Love, I Learned in Olathe.”

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 2009, 112 packets were distributed.

The group donated \$10,000 to the Olathe Public Library Foundation and \$12,000 to the library for various programming, furnishings and materials.

In addition, they gave 1007 donated materials for inclusion in the library collection. This saved the library approximately \$11,460 in purchases for the collection.



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F R I E N D S F I N A N C I A L S U M M A R Y

**Summary of 2009 Income/Expense Items
2009 Balance Sheet**

Income:

Book Sale Receipts 13,807
Membership Dues 1,378
Book Bag Sales 1,109
Interest 181
Misc. Income 1,046
(Donation & Special Events)
Library Consignment.com 3,840
Total Income \$21,361

Expenses:

Donations to Olathe Public Library 12,000
Donations to OPL Foundation 10,000
Book Sale Costs 2,605
Misc. Expenses (Insurance, Memorial,
Postage, Book Bag Costs, Program
Events & Membership Expense) 1,374

Total Expenses \$25,979
Net Change \$ 4,618

Dec. 31, 2008 Dec. 31, 2009

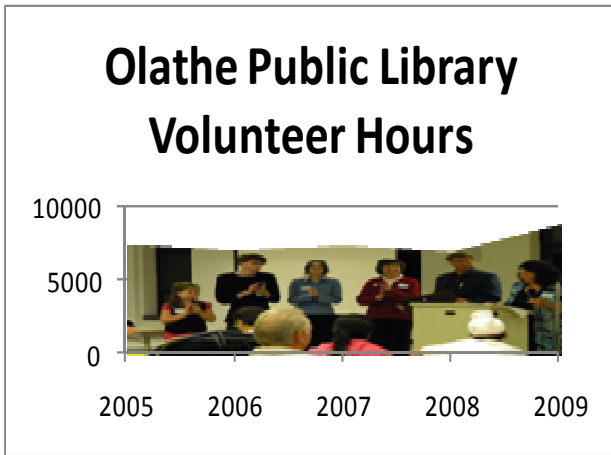
Assets:

Checking Account \$6,283
Cash Account 0
Bank CD 7,239

Total Assets: \$13,522
Liabilities: 00
Net Worth: \$13,522
Net Change: \$-5333

V O L U N T E E R S

Year	# of Volunteers	Hours Worked
2005	426	7589
2006	369	7487
2007	465	7513
2008	377	7139
2009	370	8958



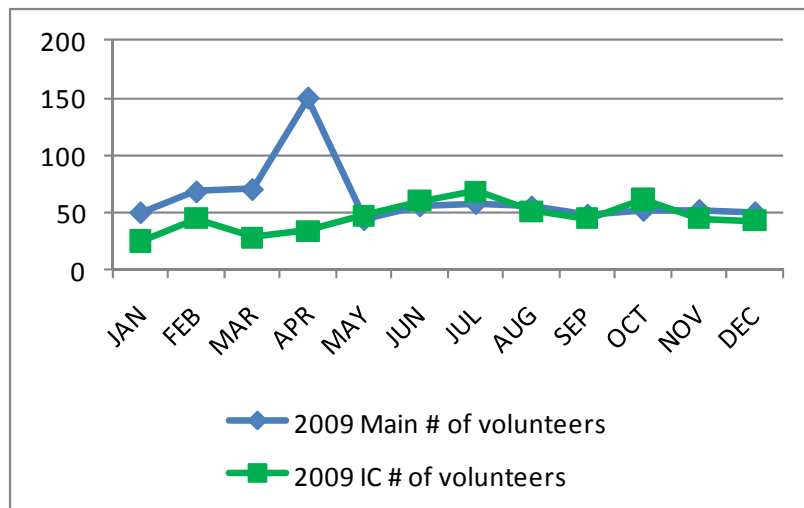
The library staff is fortunate to have the assistance from 370 volunteers who worked 8,958 hours at the two library locations

Their duties are varied - from shelving to working the book sales, helping or presenting programs to photocopying. Wherever they are needed, they were ready and willing to help.

Each year a Volunteer Recognition Dinner is held at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church to honor the library volunteers.

Nearly 100 people attended this event. The Nancy Quinlisk Chandler Award was presented for the sixteenth year. Since 2009 was the 100th birthday of the Olathe Public Library, this year's recipients were all Olathe Public Library volunteers that have served for the last century.

The existence of the Olathe library was made possible by The Ladies Reading Circle, a volunteer service group organized in the 19th century and still active today in the community.



F I N A N C I A L S U M M A R Y

Expenses

Personnel \$2,898,276
Books & Materials 574,039
Utilities 69,071
Supplies 64,999
Building 104,888
Automation 278,964
Copiers 8,528
Insurance 31,902
Equipment 56,181
Staff Development 24,401
Library Vehicle 7,410
Printing 7,017
Professional Services 28,113
Miscellaneous 32,613
Programming 45,251
Capital Improvement 140,495

Total Expenses \$4,372,148

Income Received

Tax Revenue \$4,214,546
Interest Income 113,667
Fines, Copier, Misc. 203,556
Contributions 61,826

Total \$4,593,595

State Aid Received and Expended

State Aid \$73,010
Interlibrary Loan Development Grant 3,416

Total 76,426

C O M M U N I T Y O U T R E A C H

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”.

United Way Campaign

\$6,523 - library employee contributions

\$1,283 - additional fundraising events, including a cookout at each library and the sale of treats to staff.

Total raised - \$7,807

Safehome Used Cell Phone Collection

\$217 sent to Safehome from Shelter Alliance. This was the amount received for the recycled phones.

Since this collection effort was started a few years ago, a total of \$4,712 has been raised for Safehome and 2,163 used cell phones, 141 batteries and seven pagers have been collected and recycled.

Salvation Army

Two families were adopted for the holiday season.

American Cancer Society

Last year, a small group of staff members raised \$500 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The relay is the ACS signature fundraising event. Funds are used for research for new treatments, support services, etc.