



Olathe Public Library 2010 Annual Report

Letter from the Director

The year 2010 dawned as the year of challenges. The library continued to provide the community with its services and resources while dealing with fewer revenues, less staff and a reduction in hours. The good news is that Olathe Public Library hung in there and had another successful year serving its customers in as many ways as possible.

Revenues for day to day operations did decrease but the OPL staff made a seamless transition. All major services were offered within a time frame that omitted Saturday morning hours and trimmed daily hours Monday through Friday. Even with less opened hours library circulation remained the same and visits to our website www.olathelibrary.org increased!

In maintaining our two facilities, it was Indian Creek's turn to freshen up and the new look revealed in late May was fabulous. Indian Creek had opened ten years prior and this was its first facelift. New carpet, new paint, new computer tables and better access to picking up reserved materials were the highlights. Luckily the library had saved for a special project such as this via a capital improvement budget maintained over the years.

As a more economical way to provide service, the library also made plans to purchase self check machines – two at each building. At the same time, it became apparent that our old security gates and old ways of checking out materials were all due for an overhaul. By the end of the year a massive project to update library circulation and security was in the works.

As mentioned earlier, more and more people access library services through our website. Olathe Public Library had a partnering opportunity to enhance its website with more social media attributes. Partnering with Johnson County Library we were able to add helpful search methods and increase ways that customers can interact with the library catalog and website. Just click on “My Library” via the library website.

Overall the library was able to tighten its belt but make improvements. Yes this takes funding but it also takes a competent and willing staff and numerous volunteers who were devoted to helping the library with their time and talents. I want to recognize staff for their steadfastness and diligence and I want to congratulate our volunteers who gave OPL more than 10,000 hours during 2010!

Emily Baker

Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors of the Olathe Public Library are appointed by the mayor of Olathe for a four-year term. Board members may be appointed for an additional term.

The Board of Directors met once a month throughout the year on the third Wednesday of each month the Compton Board Room at the main library.



LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Hutcheson, President

Darryl Ashley, Vice-President

Jack Hansen, Secretary

Cathie Bennie, Treasurer

Rodney Birch

Dana Lambert

Wes McCoy

Michael Copeland, Mayor

Cliff Tatham (OPL Foundation Chair)

Linda Schoonover (Friends of OPL President)

Adult Services Year in Review

Throughout the year, Adult Services offered free computer classes to the public. Classes offered included Basic Internet, Photoshop Elements, Google, How to Find it @ Your Library, PowerPoint, Facebook, Microsoft Word, Email, Flickr, and Social Media.

In addition to the many computer classes, the department also offered a wide array of programs. Such programs included Needlepoint, How to Eat Locally in Kansas City, Knitting, Digital Photography, Budget Travel, Laughter Yoga, Food Preservation, Scrapbooking, Life Transitions, Stress Reduction, Cut the Clutter, Strength and Flexibility, and Cardmaking. The Department also held a Genealogy Lock-In where participants were able to use the library's resources and staff after hours to research their family histories. There was also a Book Munch for Lunch Brunch a book club where participants met for lunch and held a book discussion.

Statistics

	Main	Indian	Total
Telephone Questions	15275	6533	21808
Reference Questions	37979	39074	77053

Children's Services Year in Review

It was another busy year for Children's Services. The year was full of story times and programs. The department continued to offer spring, summer and fall story times, Rhyme Time, and Daycare Story times. In addition, the department conducted many programs throughout the year including dog sledding, seven different craft programs, Family Chess Night, Read to a Dog, Family Movie Night, Let's Learn Spanish for Preschoolers, Let's Learn French for Preschoolers, Mardi Gras Party, cookie decorating, Instrument Petting Zoo, Fossil Program, Find Fido Fridays, program hosted by "Mad Science", Bingo, Book Discussion "To be Continued", Max and Ruby Program for Preschoolers, and Model Railroad Program.

New in 2010, the department provided book mobile services to Olathe children who attend several of the Title I schools. This program is funded entirely by donations from Individuals and local organizations, including Friends of the Olathe Public Library, Olathe Public Library Foundation, Santa Fe Trail Rotary Club, Olathe Noon Optimists Club, several Olathe schools, and city of Olathe.



	Statistics		
	Main	Indian Creek	Total
Telephone Questions	2225	1471	3696
Reference Questions	29388	45008	74396
Board Books			181
Game Computers	4287	5530	9817
Tours	8	6	14
Participants	88	95	183
Storytimes	133	214	347
Participants	2648	4536	7184
Programs	98	113	211
Participants	3054	1621	4675

Teen's Year in Review



During the year, popular Teen programs continued such as Afternoon Rush, the Olathe YA Anime Club, and Safe Sitter Babysitting Classes. Afternoon Rush offered teens a dedicated area to hang with other teens with access to computers and game consoles. The Anime Club provided teens the opportunity to share manga drawings, watch anime, and learn about Japanese culture.



In addition, during the year, many other programs were offered such as, Game Day Pizza Taste-Off, Dessert Contest, Twilight Saga Party, Soap Making, Creative Writing, Jewelry Making, Beach Day, Reverse Tie Dye, Good Tasting Healthy Snacks, Knitting, Lava Lamp and Sand Art, Science Concoction, Gaming Tournament, Minute to Win It, and a Shakespearean Film Fest.



Library Foundation

The Olathe Public Library was established in 2000 by Elaine and Cliff Tatham as a way to secure needed funds from firms and individuals to help enhance collections, equipment and programs.

Since its establishment in 2000, the foundation has made grants to the library in excess of \$100,000 for various programs and services to meet the needs of our growing community. Contributions are accepted throughout the year.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, the foundation hosted “A Taste of Literacy” dinner at the Olathe Holiday Inn in October. Four grants were given this evening. The Adult Services Department received \$1,000; Young Adult, \$1,000 and Children’s Services, \$1,000. In addition, a \$4400 grant was given to establish an online reservation system.



Speaker for the evening was national and local author Nancy Pickard, who received the 2010 Don Coldsmith Literary Award earlier in the year.



Foundation Board Members

Clifford Tatham, Chair
Emily Baker, Secretary
Vivian Crosby
Dana Lambert
Linda Schoonover
Robert Shands
Dr. Marvin "Doc" Wollen

Friends of the Library

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 2010, the Friends expanded its one-day book sales to three days, and added one more sale date, hosting eight “mini” book sales in the Indian Creek Branch meeting room. Total proceeds for all the book sales were \$11,924. In addition, on-line book sales totaled \$4758.

Nearly fifty people attended the popular annual soup supper held at the Indian Creek Community Church. Dr. Bill Worley portrayed Dr. James Naismith, inventor of basketball.

The Friends sponsor the Baby Board Book Project, giving out book packets to all parents of newborns. Included in each packet is library information and a hard-cover baby board book. In 2010, 181 packets were distributed.



The group donated \$2,000 to the Olathe Public Library Foundation and \$10,000 to the library for various programs, furnishings and materials. The group also gave \$1,000 for the teen summer reading club, \$1,500 for the adult summer reading clubs, \$1,000 for children’s Wii games, \$2,160 for movie licensing, \$500 for Dear Reader.com, and \$260 for a digital craft cutting tool for Children’s Services.

In addition, they gave 2340 donated materials for inclusion in the library collection. This saved the library approximately \$27,031 in purchases for the collection.

Friends Board

Linda Schoonover, President
Sharon Markey, Vice-President
Peggy Ingle, Secretary
Pat Pieper, Treasurer
Carlotta Belcher, Membership Chair
Diane Hart
Barbara Hill
Colette McGee

Friends Financial Summary

Summary of 2010 Income/Expense Items 2010 Balance Sheet

Income

Book Sale Receipts 11,924
Membership Dues 1,045
Book Bag Sales 835
Interest 181
Misc. Income 521
(Donation & Special Events)
Library Consignment.com 4758
Total Income \$19,264

Expenses

Donations to Olathe Public Library 10,000
Donations to OPL Foundation 2,000
Book Sale Costs 1,600
Misc. Expenses (Insurance, Memorial,
Postage, Book Bag Costs, Program
Events & Membership Expense) 1,432

Total Expenses \$15,032

Net Change \$ 4,069

	Dec. 31, 2009	Dec. 31, 2010
Assets		
Checking Account	\$6,283	\$10,127
Cash	0	0
Bank CD	\$7,239	\$7,365
Total Assets:	\$13,522	\$17,492
Liabilities:		
	0	0
Net Worth:	\$13,522	\$17,492
Net Change:		\$3970

Volunteers

10,000 Hours in 2010!

The 2010 volunteers gave their all - setting an all time high record for number of hours worked in one year. These 340 dedicated individuals donated 10,007 hours!

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

Year	# of Volunteers	Hours Worked
2006	369	7487
2007	465	7513
2008	377	7139
2009	370	8958
2010	340	10,007

Nancy Quinlisk Chandler Award

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 seventeenth year to Diane Hart.



Diane Hart is pictured with Andy Chandler. His mother, Nancy, served on the Olathe Public Library Board and was instrumental in starting the existing Homebound Program.

Financial Summary

Expenses

Personnel \$2,873,981
Books & Materials 544,479
Utilities 68,199
Supplies 64,964
Building 106,180
Automation 251,990
Copiers 6,287
Insurance 32,028
Equipment 3168
Staff Development 18,519
Library Vehicle 4167
Printing 1650
Professional Services 26,018
Miscellaneous 35,812
Programming 30,728
Capital Improvement 217,806

Total Expenses \$4,285,976

Income Received

Tax Revenue \$4,096,227
Interest Income 74,438
Fines, Copier, Misc. 187,788
Contributions 49,630

Total Income \$4,408,083

State Aid Received and Expended

State Aid \$67,429

Total 67,429

Community Outreach

The library staff is 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

\$5768 - library employee contributions

\$1,217 - additional fundraising events, including a cookout at each library and the sale of treats to staff.

Total raised - \$6985

Safehome Used Cell Phone Collection

Two-hundred and thirty used cell phones were collected to benefit Safehome. Proceeds from these phones amounted to \$280 and a check was sent to Safehome from Shelter Alliance.

Since this collection effort was started a few years ago, a total of nearly \$5,000 has been raised for Safehome and 2,386 used cell phones, 147 batteries and eight pagers have been collected and recycled.

Salvation Army

Two families were adopted for the holiday season.