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Westerville Public Library

2007 Annual Report

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Highlights

by Director Don W. Barlow

2007 was filled with accomplishments, challenges and a resounding "Yes" from an involved and supportive community. We also renewed our environmental efforts. It was a busy year!

Thank you!

The year 2007 was a critical year for library funding. The 5-year operating levy passed in 2002 by residents was set to expire at year-end, and it represented 30% of revenue for the Library. To meet this crucial need, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to seek voter approval for the replacement of that 0.8-mill levy.

Thanks to a hard-working committee and volunteers, the importance of the levy was made clear to the community. On August 7 residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of the replacement levy, approving it by a 78% margin.

With dedication and gratitude, we moved forward in 2007 to prepare for the implementation and fulfillment of the promises to our community.

Going green

This year the Library made strides in conserving energy by being mindful of the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. In addition to recycling plastic book bags, we welcomed increased numbers of used toner cartridges and cell phones for recycling.

In June, the computer automation system switched to an upgraded server. As a result, the power usage in the computer operations room dropped nearly 20%.

Installation of compact fluorescent lights started in the local history center, and moved to the the meeting rooms and light fixtures throughout the facility.

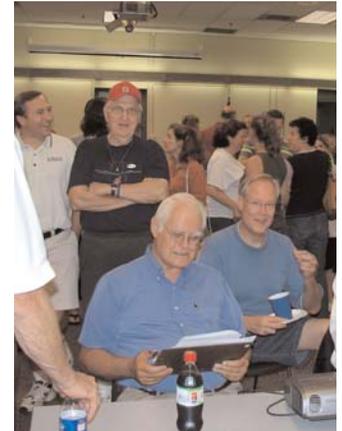
Levy success



Counting the votes and smiles

The dedication of levy committee members, residents, local business owners, civic organization participants, and many Westerville community representatives provided the support needed for the success of the August 7 replacement levy.

T-shirts and yard signs carried the blue and white request to "Support Our Library."



Levy workers gathered at the Library to tabulate the votes and to celebrate.

Potter fun

Midnight party for Deathly Hallows

The long-awaited *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* hit the shelves at midnight on July 20.

Hundreds gathered at the Library to celebrate with three hours of scavenger hunts, jelly bean guessing, wizard hat making, movies, snacks, and more!



Statistics

Total for the Year

Story behind the Numbers



Cardholders
Registered
Library Card
Users

93,612
persons
hold WPL
library cards

Our Library district serves a population of 86,000 persons -- and over 93,000 cardholders! That number represents a 12% increase over 2006.

Customers
Visitors
to the
Library

643,074 visitors
in the Library

1.02 million visited
Library electronically

What do visitors use at the Library? To serve ever-increasing requests by visitors for computers, we placed ten new laptops in the Youth area. Popular decision!



Circulation
Checking Out
Library
Materials

1,990,245
items
circulated

This Library continues to be the fourth busiest public library facility in Ohio. Circulation increased 6.52% this year.

Resources
Books, Movies,
Music,
Magazines &
More

336,717
print & non-print
materials owned

It's our top priority to order the items most frequently requested. We increased our audio books on CD by 19% this year. Have you listened to a good book lately?



Programs
Library Events

Community
Meetings

Library presented
1,752 programs

759
meetings held here

More than 53,000 attendees came to programs at the Library this year. Our valuable meeting room space held 29% more gatherings this year than in 2006.

*"I never knew a library could be this much fun."
overheard at a Dance Dance Revolution tournament*

In collaboration

Outreach Services

Delivery to residents in senior facilities, in home-bound residences & at area preschools increased 2-5% in 2007



Music and Audio Books

Movies



Books

5,519
Outreach customers served

411 delivery trips
to facilities and preschools

Visited 354
homebound residences

Library Link
Daily delivery to schools
18,199 items
increase of 10.75%

with Ohio libraries

Beginning in April 2005 the Library increased access to books and other materials tenfold through partnership in the Ohio Library and Information Network, OhioLINK. In 2006, the Library built upon that relationship by spearheading the Search Ohio consortium of 7 public libraries sharing 7 million items. This year three more libraries joined, linking their collections and providing richer resources for our community. The 2007 usage shows the popularity of these joint services.

OhioLINK
Items borrowed: 6,423
Items loaned: 11,173

Search Ohio
Items borrowed: 7,865
Items loaned: 15,694

2007		Financials	
Revenue		Expenses	
State Funds	\$3,217,674 60.3%	Personnel	\$2,909,383
Local Operating	1,599,881 30.0%	Supplies	137,283
Fines, Interest, Misc.	516,452 9.7%	Materials	699,522
TOTAL	\$5,334,007	Capital Outlay	606,625
		Contract Services	896,100
		Other Expenses	167,96
		TOTAL	\$5,265,709

The Library is a great place. I will work here some day I love it so much. The Library rules!

from a comment sheet



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