

online offerings

Researching and browsing in the library's online collections became more rewarding this year as the number of resources jumped 76% -- the 25 databases grew to 44. Not only are you able to get in touch with thousands of titles online -- magazines, newspapers, atlases, encyclopedias, poems, essays and more -- but you can learn a new skill with *Mango Language* and research your collectibles on *Pricelt!*.

little green thumbs

To encourage children in a love of gardening and a sensitivity to the environment, the library joined with the Westerville Garden Club to establish a Children's Garden at the library. The dedication and planting ceremony on May 31 led the way to a summer of drop-in gardening opportunities for families to nurture the plants and tend the soil.



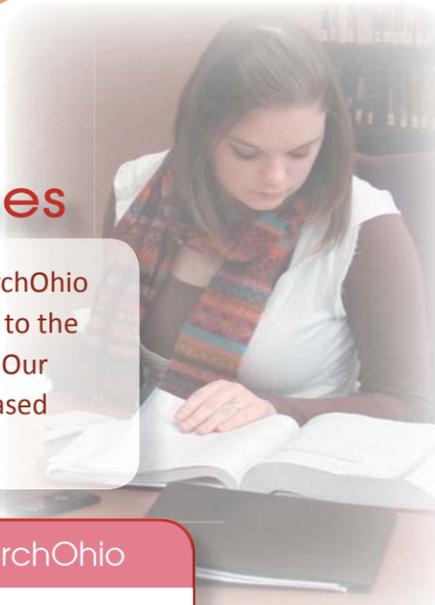
thank you

We hope you will continue to provide a steady compass as we move through the upcoming year, being mindful of budget restraints, while providing the services and resources to meet your library needs.

Don W. Barlow, Executive Director

sharing resources with ohio libraries

As a founding member of the SearchOhio consortium, we link our collection to the resources of 22 member libraries. Our borrowing from SearchOhio increased 60% this year.



OhioLINK		SearchOhio	
items borrowed	8,111	items borrowed	12,587
items loaned	9,864	items loaned	19,751

financials

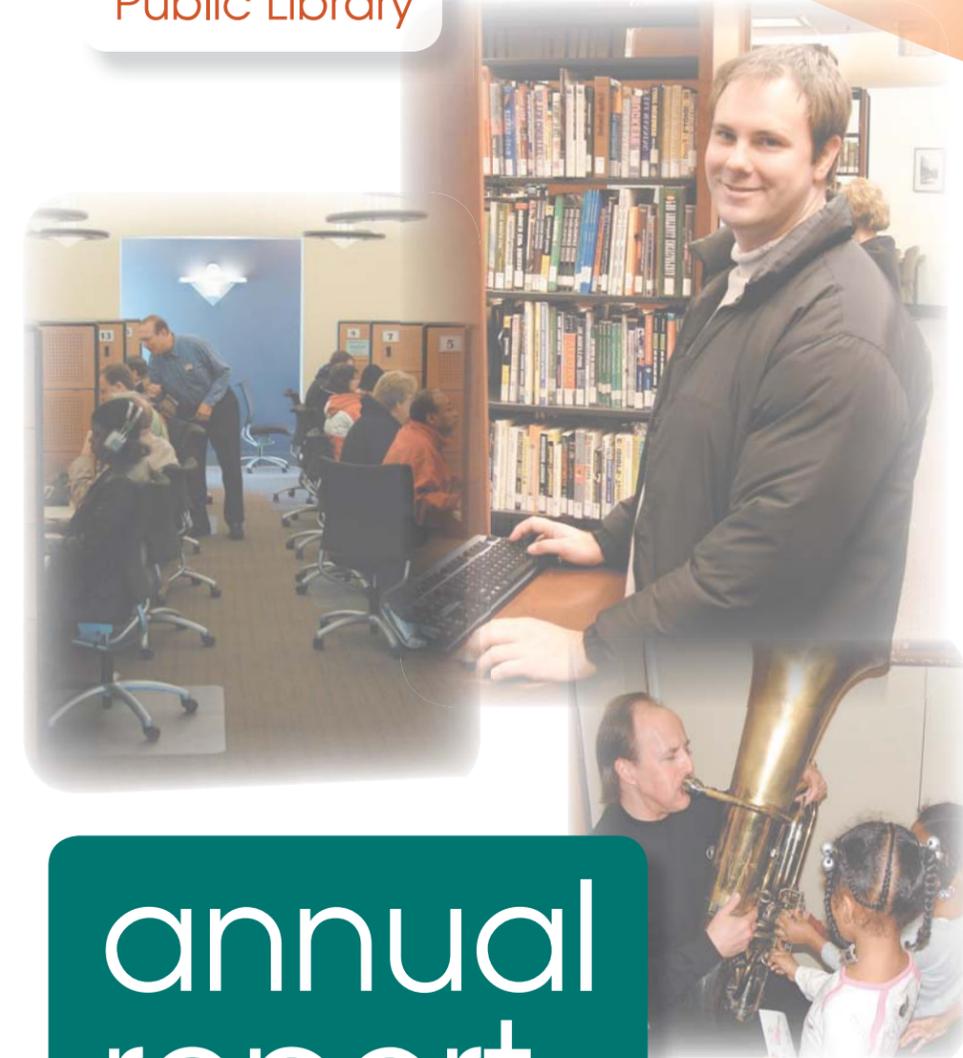
revenue		expenses	
State Funds		Personnel	\$3,120,010
57.3%	\$3,157,579	Supplies	\$129,993
		Materials	\$724,020
Local Operating		Capital Outlay	\$678,066
35.8%	\$1,976,420	Contract Services	\$910,219
		Other Expenses	\$17,774
Fines, Interest, Misc.			
6.9%	\$379,578		
total	\$5,513,577	total	\$5,580,082

board members

Robert Edmund	John Robbins
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highlights

highest usage ever

2008 was an extremely successful and record breaking year at the library. For the first time in the history of the Westerville Public Library, the number of items checked out exceeded 2 million. This library remains the fourth busiest public library facility in Ohio, for the eleventh consecutive year. The library trustees, staff and volunteers greatly appreciate your support and trust.



birthday greetings

In honor of Westerville's sesquicentennial year, the library partnered with the city and community organizations to provide more than 30 programs celebrating Westerville's rich heritage. Presentations featured pointers on memoir writing, digital scrapbooking, and genealogy, and featured Westerville in times of national prominence brought by the temperance movement and the lyrical talents of "Up on the Housetop" composer Benjamin Hanby.

a fresh look

Colorful carpet squares bearing an A-B-C motif, new window treatments and a bright coat of paint gave a revitalized appearance to the children's Activity Center. The Friends of the Library further enhanced the renovation by sponsoring child-height tables and chairs.

statistics

customers

visitors to the library & web site

644,029
in the library
1.15 million
electronic visits

We said "welcome" to 12% more visitors in 2008 via our web site. eMedia movies, music and audiobooks became downloadable from personal computers.

cardholders

registered library card users

102,200
library
cardholders

The library serves the information needs of over 100,000 cardholders, in a district population of 86,000 -- a 9% increase of library users this year.

library link

daily delivery to westerville schools

19,125
items delivered
to schools

Every school day, this unique service transports requested materials to the students and faculty in Westerville schools. Their requests increase every year.

circulation

checking out library materials

2,071,711
items circulated

This year's unprecedented jump over the 2 million mark is testimony to the fact that our library users have found the collections and services they need.

programs

library events & community meetings

1,570
library programs
1,145
community meetings

Program fans are monitoring our calendar of events, then conveniently registering online. Room reservations increased 50% through the introduction of online booking.

resources

books, movies, music, magazines & more

329,982
materials owned

To fill your requests, we leased 2,419 copies of your favorite titles this year. Book leasing helped meet the 10% increase in requests this year.

outreach

delivery to senior facilities, homebound & preschools

5,810
customers served
425 delivery trips

Residents look forward to handpicked book selections, reading prizes during the summer program and a chance to enjoy lunch with Outreach.

