

# IPL Annual Report, Part One

The Independence Public Library had a wonderful and unusual fiscal year (July '08 – June '09)! The library operated out of the Munson Building (previous location) until August 11<sup>th</sup>. Then the library closed to move almost 30,000 books, DVDs, and audio books from the old to the new library; to set up the technology, equipment, and furniture; to process almost a thousand new books for the shelves; to learn about three new software systems; and to develop/implement new procedures. The new library opened to the public on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>! It was such an exciting day!

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## New Facility:

- Board members and many other volunteers spent hundreds of hours of their time working to pack and move the library, put on an auction, shelf read, organize, mount A-V equipment, provide movie events, put on book sales, etc.
- The new library building opened to the public on Sept. 10, 2008. The library held a Grand Opening for the Community on Oct. 12, 2008. The Grand Opening boasted attendance of more than 750 people!



## Budget:

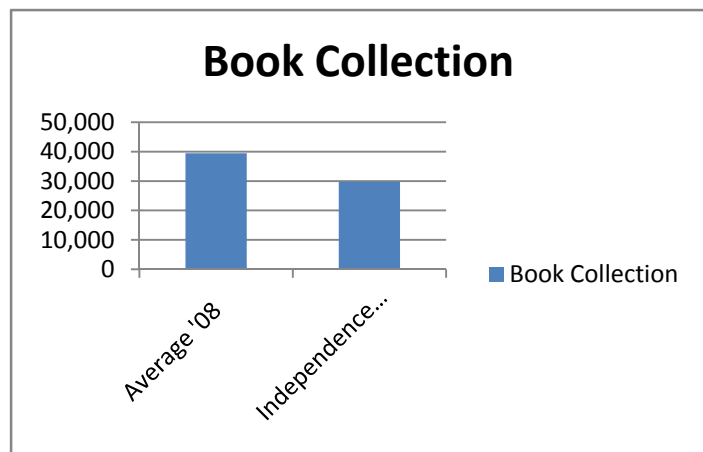
- 1% of the library's income was from the state, 2% came from fines and fees, 11% came from the capital campaign (raised to help offset increased operating costs during the first three years in the new facility), 18% came from Buchanan County residents, and 68% came from the residents of the city of Independence.
- Of the total budget of \$229,733.00, 13% of the library budget expenditures was put towards building operation (heat, AC, electricity, phone, Internet), 61% was expended as salaries, 5% of the budget was used for non-print library materials (DVDs and audiobooks), 12% was allocated towards print materials, and 9% of expenditures went towards technology, supplies, programming, and professional development.

## Programming:

- 38 adult programs, like the Celebrate Local Authors Event, computer classes, *Meet Me in St. Louis, Final Season* (Riverside Cinema), the Grand Opening Ceremony featuring Christie Vilsack, and a Lewis and Clark Trail event attracted 1,086 people.
- 12 young adult programs brought in 300 teens. June of 2009 was the first time we were able to offer a summer reading program for teens. Another big program was the visit and book signing of Erin Gruwell, bestselling author and the celebrated teacher of *Freedom Writers Diary*.
- 121 programs for children, including events like story times, summer reading program events, preschool visits, juggling class, make and take craft times, and Riverside Cinema's *Fly Away Home* drew 3,632 participants.
- The children's summer reading program participants were 460, up from 415 during the summer of '08. The teen summer reading program had 97 participants during its first year.

## Collection:

- The library's book collection numbers 29,753. This is 75% of average.
- The audio book collection is 1,404, which is 61% of average.
- The DVD collection is 65% of average with 1,277 items.



In the annual report, part two, usage as well as grants and donations will be covered. This will be published in the *Bulletin-Journal* on Dec. 16th. This includes how many people used the library, cardholders, checkouts, what was given in donations and received for grants, etc. Stay tuned...

## IPL Annual Report, Part Two

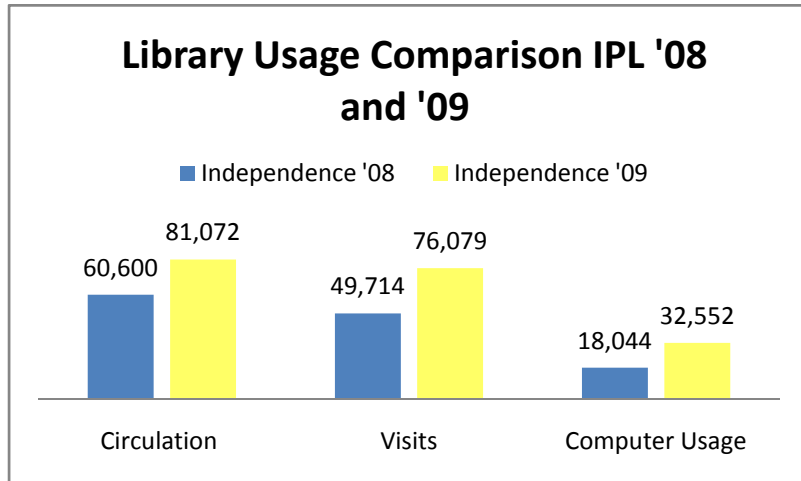
Part One of the Independence Public Library's Annual Report was published in the Dec. 12 issue of the *Bulletin-Journal*. This is a snapshot of what has been going on at the library during the 2008-2009 fiscal year (includes July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009). Facility, budget, programming and collection were covered in the first portion. The entire report is also available online at [www.indylibrary.org](http://www.indylibrary.org).

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### Usage:

- 76,079 people came through the doors throughout the year. Taking the total visits, the number of days we were closed were removed, and IPL averaged 236 visits each day we were open and 30 visits per hour. These visits per day and hour are the only statistics in the report which are divided by the open days. The reason for the exception is to illustrate the actual traffic flow in the library.
- The 7,142 cardholders checked out 81,072 materials.



- 46% of the materials checked out were adult books, 35% were children's books, 13% were DVDs, 4% were audio recordings (books on tape or CD), and 2% were periodicals.
- While adult fiction had the most checkouts, video recordings in the collection had the most turnover, averaging over 13 uses per DVD during the year.
- Your library loaned 176 items to other libraries and received 598 from other libraries in return.
- Computer usage climbs with 32,533 in-house uses of the 20 library computers available to the public. This is an 80% increase from fiscal year '08. It is 221% more than other libraries in Iowa our size.

- 1,132 new library cards were issued.
- The meeting rooms were used 978 times.
- The library staff answered 2,416 reference/computer questions.



### **Grants and Donations:**

- The library received the following grants in fiscal year 2008-09:
  - Buchanan County Community Foundation for Iowa History Alive! programming and materials \$2,953.00
  - Wal-Mart Community Grant for summer reading programs \$1,000.00
  - Buchanan County Health Trust Grant for medical books/DVDs \$4,750.00
  - Total Grants Received - \$8,703.00
- Donations (only those labeled as building donations are for that purpose, others have gone primarily towards books, audio books and programming) in fiscal year 2008-09:
  - Pledges/Donations for the library building - \$1,079,901.62
  - Gifts from individuals/organizations/businesses - \$10,753.92
  - Memorials/Honorariums - \$1,800.00
  - Organization/Special Fundraiser or Program gifts:
    - Independence Art Association - \$500.00
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Read-a-thon - \$791.26
    - Riverside Cinema Sponsorships - \$1,300.00
    - Summer Reading Program Gifts - \$2,000.00
    - Big Give Fundraiser by BBBS - \$2,325.07
    - Friends of the Library Donations - \$4,067.00
  - Total donations not including library building donations - \$23,537.25

For less than the cost of many books, \$26 (per resident), many services, opportunities, and materials have been provided. If you would like a copy of the full annual report (yes, there is a more extensive version!), please contact me at the library, 334-2470 or [lblaker@indytel.com](mailto:lblaker@indytel.com). I'd be happy to get one to you.

So many of you have participated in the biggest change we've seen at the Independence Public Library in over 100 years...a beautiful, functional new building! Thank you for helping to make it happen! You can see that, even though these statistics include 4 weeks of closure and approximately 6 weeks in the old facility, the increases in usage have been phenomenal.

As the library director, I have been so excited to see the way in which the community has embraced the new opportunities and services of the library. It has been a joy to see how the new library is being used...not only are the numbers up, but people enjoy being in the library, use it for a multitude of reasons, and often stay for extended periods of time.

I hope that you are pleased with the return on your investments (taxes, building donations and other gifts, volunteer hours, moral support). If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to drop me (Laura) an e-mail at [indylib@indytel.com](mailto:indylib@indytel.com), call 334-2470, or drop a note in the suggestion box at the library.