

Elmhurst Public Library Annual Report



Programs

964 library programs held this year with over 25,000 people attending.



5,008 children joined the "Catch the Reading Bug" Summer Reading Program.



134 teens and 946 adults completed the Summer Reading Program.



395 meetings held by local clubs and organizations in the library this past year.

2008-2009 Major Projects

ELMHURST READS 2009 This inaugural program was held in early 2009, featuring the works of Author Joyce Carol Oates. The program culminated in a visit from the author herself. The ELMHURST READS 2010 program will focus on the book *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson. See box (below) for more information.

New Web Site Launched The Library's new web site went "live" March 2, 2009. Staff worked for the past year to improve the appearance of the library's web site and make it more user-friendly. The new site features an "EPL 24/7" section on the home page that offers 24-hour direct access to the library catalog, databases, magazines, newspapers, downloadable audiobooks and more.

Board Approves Strategic Plan Five years after moving into a new, state of the art library building, the Elmhurst Public Library Board of Trustees approved a strategic plan for the next five years. The plan includes a new Mission Statement: "The Elmhurst Public Library enriches life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow."

LIVE Online Homework Help EPL launched a new online tutoring service, Live Homework Help® from Tutor.com, between the hours of 2 and 9 p.m. every day. Subjects covered include math, science, English and social studies.

Playaway Collection These self-playing digital audiobooks were so popular after their 2007 debut in the Kids' Library that the Playaway collection was extended in 2008-2009 to include 200 titles for adults.

EPL By the Numbers


31,193 Elmhurst residents have library cards (73% of the entire city!) 

78,489 questions answered by EPL librarians 

148,123 sessions logged on the library's computers 


467,383 visits to the web site 

520,282 visits to the library (an average of 1,451 per day) 

1,417,458 items checked out (an average of 118,120/month) 


more on...

ELMHURST READS


This new program was so well-received in 2009 that planning has already begun for 2010 and 2011! 



For ELMHURST READS 2010, the focus will be on Robert Kurson's book *Shadow Divers*, a true tale of a mysterious German U-boat told decades after the end of WWII.

In 2011, EPL will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. EPL will be working with other organizations and individuals in Elmhurst to have the best ELMHURST READS program ever! 


Collections



Books.....	293,106
CD-ROMs.....	1,137
Electronic Databases.....	71
Magazine/Newspaper subscriptions.....	547
Music CDs.....	15,204
Audiobooks	
Cassettes.....	5,709
CDs.....	4,122
MP3s.....	195
Downloadable.....	9,939
Playaways.....	336
Movies	
Videocassettes.....	7,070
DVDs.....	13,649

THANK YOU

to the many local businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated more than **\$31,000** to the library and to the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library, who donated **\$12,000**



Budget



Revenue*

Property tax.....	\$6,156,000
Replacement tax.....	\$310,000
Grants gift, interest, fines, fees and miscellaneous revenue.....	\$355,000
Total Revenue.....	\$6,821,000

Expenditures*

Library materials.....	\$885,000
Salaries/Benefits.....	\$3,484,000
Other general operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, repairs, program fees.....	\$1,079,000
Bond repayment.....	\$1,362,000
Transfer to Reserve Funds.....	\$11,000
Total Operating Expenditures.....	\$6,821,000


*unaudited figures

Plans for 2009-2010

All-in-one access to catalog and databases to make research *faster* and *easier*



NEW video game collections for adults and kids



Ask? Away

24/7 Virtual Reference Service

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