

Huntley Area Public Library District

Annual Report 2009-2010



A Letter to the Community

The past year has been a challenging one for many in the community, and the library has continued to focus on what it can do to help during these difficult times. The library has redoubled its efforts to provide job

search assistance and programming while continuing to deliver educational, cultural and recreational resources at a price that can't be beat.

In addition to offering programs on resume and cover letter basics, researching career options, searching online job sites and filling out online applications, the library unveiled a Job Search Assistance Station where job searchers can get one-on-one assistance. For those who have difficulty getting to the library, the new Library2Go service, unveiled in May 2010, now brings library materials and service to residents at their homes.

In March 2010, library building overcrowding was temporarily addressed with the opening of a mobile annex housing the Children's Area. The temporary annex also provides space allowing some library programs to again be held on-site.

All of this would not have been possible without the generous support of the community, our volunteers and the Friends' Foundation. Thank you, the library looks forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Our mission is to encourage lifelong learning and to improve the quality of life in our community. We strive to maintain the highest possible standards of service, by providing cultural, recreational, and informational resources to our growing and changing population.

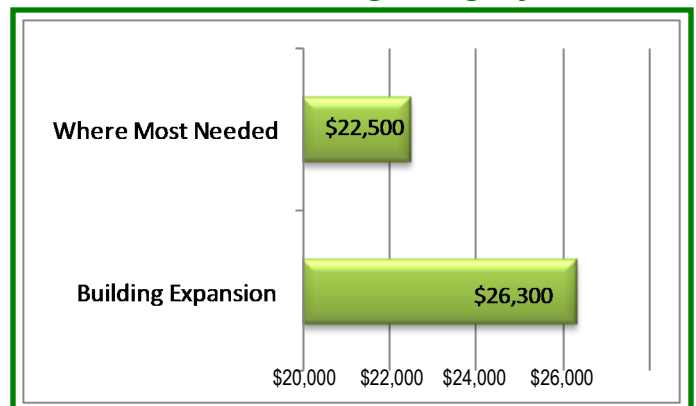
Donations & Giving to the Library

Despite difficult economic conditions, community support for the library continues to grow. Both monetary and commemorative book donations increased during the 2009-2010 fiscal year, while volunteers donated 5,117.75 hours, saving the library an estimated \$48,618.

In October 2009, the "Creating a Legacy" donation program was established, allowing donors to memorialize their donations of \$100 to \$49,999 with a plaque in the library. "Creating a Legacy" donors can choose to have their contributions put towards a building expansion or where most needed. During the first ten months of the program, donors have contributed more than \$48,000 in "Creating a Legacy" funds to the library.

The library is very grateful to all those who continue to generously support its mission and the "Creating a Legacy" program.

2009-2010 "Creating A Legacy" Gifts



See inside for achievements and growth comparisons to last year

2009-10 Achievements

- Circulation record: 621,817 items were loaned to patrons in the 2009-10 fiscal year, more than 22 times the number loaned when the library opened in 1997.
- The library was awarded a grant from the State of Illinois to install power assist doors, new bathroom counters, sinks and faucets, and new water fountains.
- Collection record: 115,460 books and other items are now available to patrons.
- The addition of a 2,880 square foot temporary annex provided space for the new Children's Area and a small Program Room.
- Over 40 dedicated volunteers gave more than 1000 hours of their time to help the library operate smoothly.
- A new Job Search Assistance Station opened in February to help residents look for employment, and update their skills.
- New Children's and Teen Websites were unveiled.
- A new Library2Go service was made available to residents who cannot come to the library due to illness, injury or lack of transportation.
- New Library Director, Patrick McDonald, began in December 2009.



Cookie Mouse visited children in March of 2010.



Author, Jerome T. Burke, joined the Last Friday Book Club to discuss his book, Black Point, on Friday, April 30, 2010.



"Kids" of all ages love the variety of materials available at the library!



The Friends Foundation raises funds to help support the library, and received 501(c)3 status this year.

Library Board & Director

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Library Director

Patrick McDonald

Huntley Area Public Library Friends Foundation

The Friends Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization raising funds to support the library's mission.

Friends Foundation Board of Directors

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Friends Liaison

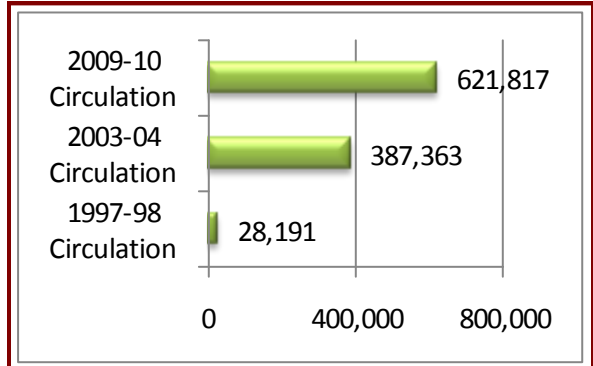
Pamela Kampwerth

2009-10 Year in Review

<u>Circulation</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>% change</u>
Total Items Loaned	598,751	621,817	4%
Attendance	334,988	375,071	12%
Total Collection	108,673	115,460	6%

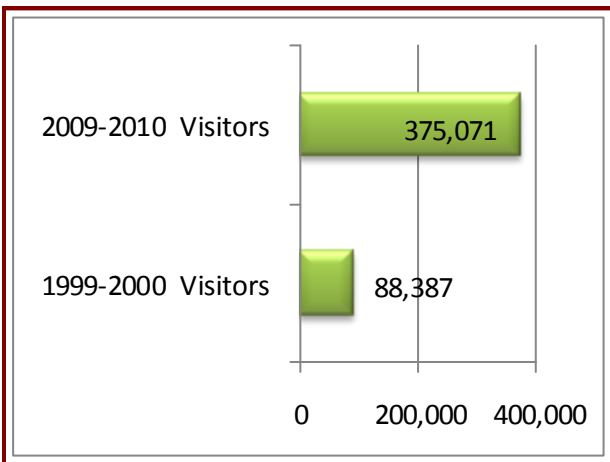
<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>% change</u>
Number of Visits	1,144	1,258	9%
Total Hours Worked	5,176.5	5,117.75	-1%

Number of Materials Loaned



The annual number of materials loaned increased by nearly 61% since the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Number of Library Visitors



An electronic device counts the number of people visiting the library each day.

<u>Interlibrary Loan*</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>% change</u>
Books Received	37,842	38,274	1%
Books Sent	44,727	47,081	5%

* Loans between libraries



Summer Reading Sign-Up,
Day One: 1,297

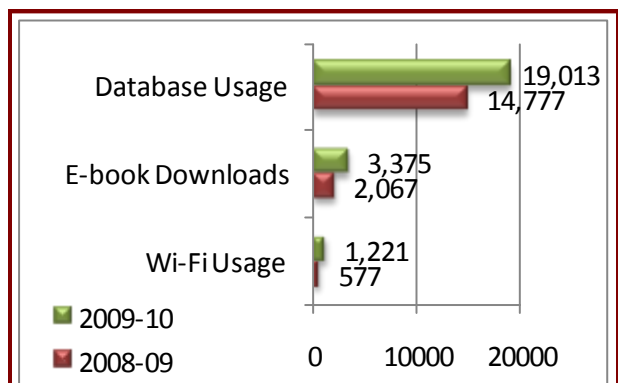
Doing business at the library is
easy with our Wi-Fi connection.



<u>Reference</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>% change</u>
Children's Desk	15,340	17,361	13%
Adult Desk	32,076	33,413	4%
Technical Questions	9,079	8,617	-.5%
Computer Help	50,612	52,800	4%
Total Assistance:	107,107	112,191	4.5%

<u>Website</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>% change</u>
Page Views	118,618	136,652	15%
Patrons using Wi-Fi	577	1,221	112%
E-books Borrowed	2,067	3,375	63%
Database Sessions	14,777	19,013	29%

Electronic Resources



Use of electronic resources has increased every year.



2009—10 Highlights

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July 2009	Friends of the Library Golf Outing raises over \$3,000 (<i>photo 1</i>) Summer Reading Program has nearly 4,000 participants (<i>photo 2</i>)
September 2009	Introduction of Macy's Museum Adventure Pass Program
October 2009	The library celebrates its 20th Anniversary (<i>photo 3</i>)
November 2009	Long-time Library Director, Virginia Maravilla, retires after eleven years of service (<i>photo 3</i>) <i>Creating a Legacy</i> donation program begins
December 2009	New Library Director, Patrick McDonald, begins with the library (<i>front cover</i>) Sixth Annual Holiday Open House greets 514 people (<i>photo 4</i>)
January 2010	Installation of a 2,880 square foot temporary annex begins.
February 2010	New <i>Job Search Assistance Station</i> helps residents seeking employment HAPL participates in "Snapshots: A Day in the Life of a Library", a comprehensive photo journal of Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at libraries across the State. (<i>photo 5</i>) Staff move over 70,000 non-fiction and children's items into the newly completed temporary annex
March 2010	The new Children's Area officially opens in the temporary annex with a Ribbon Cutting on March 13 (<i>photo 6</i>)
April 2010	Upon receiving their 501(c)3 status the Friends of the Library become the Friends Foundation, and donate more than \$100,000 to the library
May 2010	The new <i>Library2Go</i> service brings the library to residents who cannot travel to the building An Illinois State <i>Live & Learn</i> Grant in the amount of \$10,394 is awarded to the library to install power assist doors, upgrade public bathrooms and install new water fountains
June 2010	2009-2010 circulation surpasses 620,000 items loaned (<i>photo 7</i>)