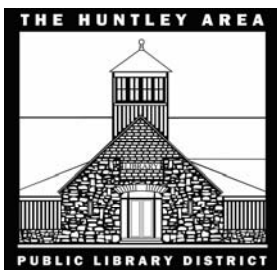


Celebrating  
20 years!



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# Huntley Area Public Library District

## Annual Report 2008-2009

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Huntley Area Public Library District is to encourage lifelong learning and to improve the quality of life in our community by maintaining the highest possible standards of service, and by providing cultural, recreational, and informational resources to our growing and changing population.

### A Letter to the Community

The 2008-2009 fiscal year was difficult financially, but business was booming at the library, as more people discovered all that the library has to offer. As unemployment grew, many people used the library to find job leads, upgrade computer skills, prepare and submit resumes, and find ways to save money.

Families used the resources of the library as an alternative to expensive entertainment options by borrowing some of the 108,000 library materials or attending library programs. Children and adults discovered a love for books and reading. All in all, 335,000 visitors used the library in the last year.

Unfortunately, due to the economy, a referendum that would have tripled the size of the current building was defeated in the November 2008 election. The increase would have both built and operated the expansion to the current library. The library continues to look for creative ways to serve the community and maintain funding. The introduction of Wi-Fi has allowed more people to access the Internet from their



3,430 young adults attended library programs this year, up from 2500 the previous year.

laptops. "Playaways", small self-contained audiobooks, have proven very popular in the short time we have offered them.

We are very grateful to the anonymous donor of the library van, and to Huntley Collision Center, Fraser Auto Art, and Coyote Auto Center for painting, lettering and servicing the van. The van is used to transport books, pick up supplies and materials, and take staff to workshops, thereby saving the library money in mileage reimbursement. Our Friends of the Library continue to raise money to help the library, and our volunteers save thousands in personnel costs.

The board and staff would like to thank all of the community for their support, and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.



Catherine Ryan Hyde,  
author of Pay It Forward,



Our Future Readers: 20,540 children attended programs

## 2008-09 Achievements (as of June 30, 2009)

The Huntley Area Public Library had many accomplishments in the 2008-09 year worthy of recognition.

- Increased summer reading program participation by 3% over last year
- Circulation record: 598,751 items were loaned to patrons in the 2008-09 fiscal year, 13% more than last year
- Received grant for \$45,000 for technology improvements from the Library Services and Technology Act. These include 20 computer workstations, 4 early literacy computer workstations for children with educational software, a new public server, new LCD projector, and new color printer



Patrons use the upgraded self-checkout machine

- Increased the collection to 108,673 books, movies, music, and a new collection of "Playaways", books pre-loaded onto portable players which can be loaned to patrons
- Expanded outreach through Facebook, Twitter and additional Web 2.0 resources
- Increased the number of hours volunteers worked this year by 24%, saving an estimated \$41,408 through the course of the year

- Introduced a digital signage system, made possible by a grant, which displays news and information about upcoming programs by check-out counter



Children enjoyed visits this year from Froggy, Winnie the Pooh, and Clifford!

### Library Board & Director

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#### Library Director

Virginia Maravilla

### Friends of the Huntley Area Public Library

The Friends of the Library have raised funds totaling nearly \$140,000 to support the library's mission.

#### Friends of the Library Board of Directors

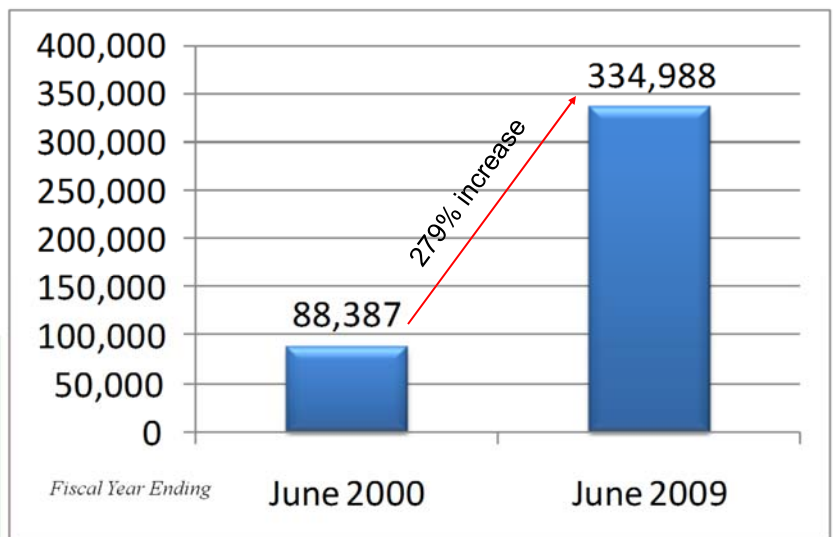
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#### Friends of the Library Liaison

Pamela Kampwerth

### Number of Library Visitors per Year

The number of annual library visitors has increased by more than 279% in the past nine years.



**Did you know** an electronic device counts the number of people visiting the library? During the first year in the current building just over 88,000 people visited. In 2009, nearly four times that amount of people visited the library. The district currently serves about 50,000 residents in Huntley, portions of Lake in the Hills, Algonquin and Hampshire, and parts of unincorporated Rutland, Coral and Grafton Townships, compared to about 10,000 residents served in 1999.



## 2008-09 Year in Review



3,773 adults attended library sponsored programs this year.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Children's Desk	13,349	15,340
Adult Desk	29,662	32,076
Technical Questions	9,780	12,415
Computer Use	<u>49,087</u>	<u>62,859</u>
Total Assistance:	101,878	122,690



Assistance at the reference desk for help finding materials, answering computer questions, or other technical information increased by 20.4% this year.

<u>Interlibrary Loan*</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Books Received	34,619	37,842
Books Sent	34,973	44,727

\* Loans between libraries



Staff members constantly remove old or outdated items from the collection to relieve crowding and make room for new materials.

<u>Technology</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Website Views	81,311	118,618
Patrons using Wi-Fi *	N/A	577
E-books Borrowed	1,858	2,067

\* Wi-Fi service was not available until 2008-09

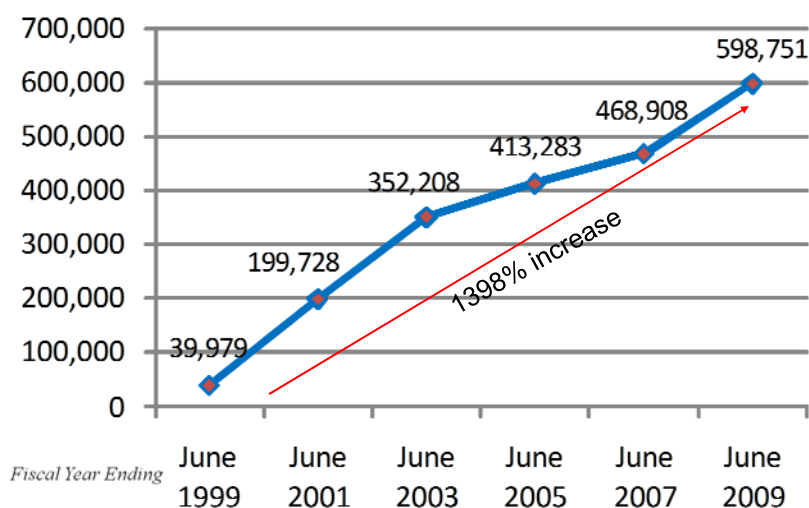
During the last year in the old library, 1997-1998, the annual circulation was 28,191. We circulate that amount nearly every two weeks today. From July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009, 598,751 items were loaned to patrons.

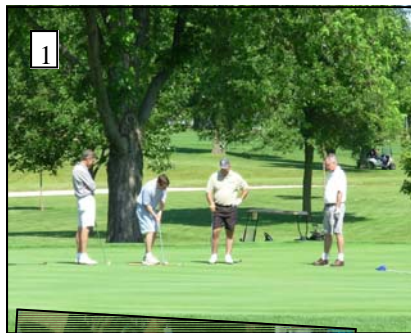


The number of library card holders is 27,089, compared to 24,491 last year.

## Number of Materials Loaned per Year

From June 1999 to June 2009 the circulation of library materials has increased by 1,398%, or about 15 times.





## 2009 Summer Reading Program:

Around the World  
in 60 Days:

A Summer  
Reading Journey



### Summer Reading Statistics:

(for first four days)

#### Sign-Up

First four days of 2008	1910
First four days of 2009	2369

#### People Counter

First four days of 2008	5673
First four days of 2009	7042

#### Items Circulated

First four days of 2008	9822
First four days of 2009	12,257

#### Total Sign-ups

Summer 2008	3740
Summer 2009	3849

## 2008—09 Highlights

<b>July 2008</b>	Friends of the Library raise almost \$10,000 at the 2008 annual Golf Outing Fundraiser (photo 1)
<b>August 2008</b>	Record number of participants in the Summer Reading Program, totaling 3,740 people (photos 2, 3)
<b>November 2008</b>	Referendum for building expansion failed. However, despite the poor economy, the number of "yes" votes doubled from the previous referendum, increasing from 20% to 40% of voters. Conclusion of first One Book, One Community event culminates with a visit by the author of "Pay It Forward" by Catherine Ryan Hyde (photo of book signing on front page)
<b>December 2008</b>	Library hosts annual Holiday Open House, greeting 351 people in 2 hours (303 people in 2007) (photo 4)
<b>February 2009</b>	Huntley Expo booth greeted 578 visitors at the two-day event (430 people in 2008) (photo 5)
<b>April 2009</b>	Celebrated National Library Week with a reception and about 50 guests, including State Representative Mike Tryon, greeted by then Board President Kathleen Pilat. (photo 6)
<b>May 2009</b>	Local businesses agree to sponsor the library van by performing in-kind services, free of charge. Huntley Collision Center completes body work and repaints the van green, Frasier Auto Art donates lettering, and Coyote Auto Center provides free oil changes. (photo 7)
<b>June 2009</b>	Surpassed last year's circulation record by 13%, and attendance record by 17.8% Friends of the Library have a record number of members: 229 Teen program attendance rose by 37% this year. (photo 8)