



Your Home Public Library

2009 Annual Report

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Serving the Community

The community continues to flock to the library. In 2009, YHPL saw continued increases in the use of its materials and services. The library's patrons circulated 80,424 items – a 5% increase over 2008 and the highest annual circulation since 2000.

We're busier than ever: **one item (book, magazine, DVD, CD, or book on CD) is checked out every 2 ½ minutes! What's more, we circulated 5 items for every person in Johnson City.**

That's not all! Last year we issued over 700 new library cards. We squeezed over 4,000 new items into the library collection. Patrons logged 9,412 sessions on the library's public computers.

Library Programs & Community Partnerships

This past year saw an expansion in outreach and community partnerships.

YHPL was a co-sponsor of the annual Eleanor Henricks Poetry Recitation, held at the Binghamton High School in April. Over 40 children from area schools gathered to recite favorite poems for the audience.

In early summer of 2009, we joined the Johnson City School District and the Family Enrichment Network to begin planning for "The Big Read", a community-wide series of book discussion and activities based on Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* that will take place in March of 2010.

YHPL has continued its partnership with the Family Resource Center at the Johnson City Elementary School by providing evening programs for second graders, as well as some morning preschool storytimes. We also jointly offered two summer storytimes at the Floral Avenue Park in July and August.

YHPL also partnered with the George F. Johnson Library in Endicott to provide a series of six preschool storytimes at Highland Park in July and August, again a very popular program.

Programs Cont'd

In early December, we co-hosted a program based on the popular Twilight series. This was offered at the Broome County Public Library, and included crafts, book-related trivia, and other activities.

Not Just For Kids

2009 featured many programs for adults as well, including some very popular free knitting classes.

YHPL also launched a series of book discussion programs that have been growing. Attendees discussed books such as *The Help*, *Olive Kitteridge*, and *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. To find out about upcoming dates and titles, check the library's website.

It's Good to Have Friends

Volunteers have been working hard to revive the Friends of the Library. In 2009, their work resulted in nearly monthly booksales and some much needed work in the library's front gardens. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Special Thanks!

YHPL is very grateful to Daniel Perkins. This young man spent much of his summer and fall refurbishing the library's book box, media box, front porch, and front railing en route to his Eagle Scout award. He did a fantastic job!

Grant News

Thanks to the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, the library added five new public Internet computers in 2009. The library now has 10 public computers!

YHPL has been approved for a grant through the **American Library Association's Great Stories Program**. This grant, written in partnership with the George F. Johnson Dream Center in Johnson City, will allow us to provide two book discussion groups for at-risk youth served by the Center's staff.

Programs for this will run in the winter and spring of 2010.

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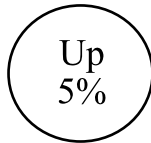
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Service Measures

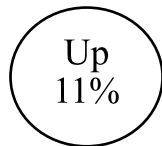
Circulation – 80,424

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Hours Open – 3,404

Library Visits - 39,700



Reference Questions Answered – 6,783

Computer Use – 9,412 Sessions

Items borrowed from other libraries – 3,198

Items loaned to other libraries– 8,364

Registered Patrons – 8,471

Total Programs – 64

Total Program Attendance – 673

Items Added to the Collection - 4,887



If you have any questions or concerns about the library, please contact Director Steven Bachman at 797-4816. We're your library and we look forward to serving you!

Financial Report

Receipts

Town of Union Tax District	\$532,977
Broome County Aid	\$94,524
State Aid & Grants	\$7,229
Gates Foundation Grant	\$6,500
Library Charges	\$10,668
Interest on Deposits	\$1,085
Book Sale/Donations	\$4,246
Total:	\$657,229

Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$405,376
Print Materials	\$64,836
AV Material	\$12,157
Automation	\$13,284
Repairs & Building Maintenance	\$37,264
Library & Office Supplies	\$9,480
Travel & Training	\$1,603
Publicity & Legal Fees	\$50,404
Postage	\$1,174
Telecommunications	\$1,532
Computer Equipment	\$5,175
Miscellaneous	\$3,301
Total	\$605,586