Supporting a Community on the Road to Recovery

Walk into any neighborhood library these days and you’ll see hope, determination and promise.

Children returned to school this fall better prepared to succeed in school. Seniors and families who must live on less are finding essential information and advice. And many who are unemployed are gaining job-hunting skills, support and access to computers and the Internet.

During this year of incredible volatility, our library helped thousands of children, adults and families in our community every day. Responding quickly, library staff and an army of volunteers dedicated themselves to seeing our citizens through this difficult time.

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Bringing Hope, Determination and Promise

During this challenging climate, The Library Foundation helped Multnomah County Library bring books and effective programs directly into the lives of children, parents, grandparents, childcare providers and educators. Your support is making a real difference in our community.

Parents reading to their babies from birth. “Your program lit a fire under us. We started reading to our daughter right away. She is now almost seven months, and *This Little Chick* is still her favorite book.”—First-time parent about the New Parent Program

Young children and parents reading together at home. “Until this wonderful program came along, I could never be sure all my children had access to books at home. Thank you!”—Portland Public Schools Head Start teacher and Raising A Reader partner

Motivating students to read throughout the summer. “I have never seen anything motivate Joey the way the Summer Reading program did. His reading fluency has increased dramatically this summer. It went from a struggle to get him to read at all, to him enthusiastically asking to read for an hour each night. Unbelievable!”—Parent of a Summer Reader

Teaching children responsibility and sustainability. “For many children, the library is the first place where they learn the values of sustainability and community—learning to borrow books, care for them, and return them so they may be shared with others.”—Middle school teacher

Helping adults help themselves. “You would be amazed by all of the things I have learned to do with the library’s help. I go to the Midland or Woodstock libraries to access the Internet and have a quiet place to study. I’ll continue work on my degree at PSU this spring. And I bring my three-year-old daughter to Storytimes at several different neighborhood branches.”—PCC student and father of five
Dear friends,

In July 2008, none of us could have predicted what the next 12 months would bring.

We came into a new fiscal year with a continued focus on children’s literacy. We completed the year having helped the library address the needs of thousands of children and adults who did not expect their lives to be turned upside down.

If you have visited your neighborhood library these days, you already know that more than 14,000 people are visiting the library’s 17 locations each day. Thousands more “visit” the library online each day. The shelves are packed with materials on hold, check-out lines are bustling, and some people wait hours to get access to the library’s computers.

Multnomah County Library’s dedicated employees and volunteers have done an extraordinary job this year—helping people under stress find answers to an array of life questions and encouraging optimism, confidence and self-sufficiency with each person, young and old, who seeks help.

Our results are in the numbers in this report. And in the smiling faces you will see emerge from any neighborhood library on any day. People are leaving feeling better able to face their challenges and find new ways to live.

We, at the foundation, are thankful to each of you for believing in the importance of a vital library to the health of our community.

I hope you are able to see the hope, and tremendous progress, brought about by your support.

Merris Sumrall
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Ella Smith’s bequest more than 100 years ago gave Multnomah County Library its first permanent home: the Stark Street Library. The people listed on this page have chosen to include The Library Foundation in their estate plans.

To learn more about including the foundation in your estate plans, contact Karie Trumbo at 503.223.4385 or karie@libraryfoundation.org.
Financial Overview

Foundation Support for the Library
2008-09: $2.0 million total from The Library Foundation

Financial Highlights
- In 2008-09, the foundation gave nearly $2.0 million to support more than 11 library programs and 10 different collections.
- In 2008-09, the foundation raised over $2.4 million in cash contributions. Individuals accounted for 72% of funds raised; gifts from corporations totaled 10%; grants and contracts totaled 18%.
- The foundation also secured over $550,000 of in-kind support for library programs and collections.
- Fundraising costs accounted for less than 7% of foundation expenses.

Growth of Support for the Library
The foundation has given nearly $13 million in support for the library over the past ten years.
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Library Foundation 2008-09 Expenses

Program Services accounted for 83.5% of all foundation expenses

Statement of Activities

For the year ending June 30, 2009 with comparative totals for 2008

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<td>Library staff development and other</td>
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* Fundraising costs were 6.3% of dollars raised and 6.7% of dollars spent.
New Library Director Brings Energy and Vision

This year, Vailey Oehlke became the new Director of Multnomah County Library. After working in three other library systems, Vailey has had a rapid ascendance at our library over the last 12 years. In 2008, she was appointed Deputy Director, directly managing nearly three-quarters of the library’s workforce and more than 80 percent of the library’s $60 million budget.

A strong participant in national and international library leadership, Vailey keeps her eye on the future. Her energy and vision will set a strong direction for the library at a time when the economy, the changing role of technology and our children’s education make Multnomah County Library more important than ever.

The Foundation Brings on New Board Leadership

In January 2009, Emily Karr took over as Chair of The Library Foundation Board of Trustees, succeeding Elisabeth Lyon, who led the board from 2006–2008 and served as one of three co-chairs of the foundation’s successful literacy campaign.

Emily is a community leader and active parent of two young library users. She is also a partner at Stoel Rives LLP, practicing in the areas of estate planning, international tax planning and the administration of estates and trusts.

Jerry Hudson took over as Vice Chair of the board in June, having recently retired from a prestigious career that included 11 years as Executive Vice President of The Collins Foundation and 17 years as President of Willamette University.

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Multnomah County Library’s Vast Reach

14,000 The number of times the library is visited each day.
58,000 The hours volunteers donated to the library this year.
330,000 The audience at this year’s library programs.
1.9 million The number of inquiries library staff answered this year.
21.4 million Our library’s annual circulation—an all-time high.

Multnomah County Library wins prestigious National Medal! Learn more at www.libraryfoundation.org.

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