



“I just love issuing kids their first library cards. To watch them come back week after week, learning how to find and check out books on their own, is great. In no time at all, they’re even “helping” their parents check out. You can just see the pride and sense of ownership they have for the library. Their enthusiasm is genuine—and it’s contagious.”

MEG SCHMAUS  
CIRCULATION SERVICES

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rusty W. Freeland, *President*  
Rochelle A. Funderburg, *Vice President*  
Sandra A. Jones, *Treasurer*  
Minnie Pearson, *Secretary*  
Mark Ballard  
Russell Dankert  
Michael J. La Due  
Beth Sandore Namachchivaya  
Robert S. Shierry  
Michael Smeltzer

#### CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL

Gerald Schweighart, *Mayor*  
Michael J. La Due  
Thomas A. Bruno  
Marci Dodds  
Deborah Frank Feinen  
Karen Foster  
Gina Jackson  
Vic McIntosh  
Ken Pirok

#### CITY ADMINISTRATION

Steve Carter, *City Manager*  
Dorothy David,  
*Assistant City Manager*

#### LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

Marsha Grove, *Director*  
Mary Bissey, *Assistant Director*



# A BRIGHT SPOT

In a difficult year, the Champaign Public Library stood out as a bright spot at the center of our community. When many people found fewer doors open to them, our doors were open to all—and nearly 2,500 people came through them every day. Our library was there to address crucial community needs and provide the kind of enriching experiences that are more valued than ever:

- Giving all children equal access to support for success in school
- Helping job seekers and others looking to build skills or make a fresh start
- Supporting families with free activities and books to enjoy together
- Providing satisfying reading, learning, and cultural experiences

Library visits last fiscal year exceeded 819,000, up 11% from the previous year—and up 25% from the year before our new library opened. Close to 2.5 million items were checked out; that’s nearly 40% more than in the old library.

Our new building accumulated a growing list of awards. And we were ranked among the top public libraries nationwide when we earned three stars in *Library Journal* magazine’s first “Star Libraries” ratings. But comments from our community continued to show that what library users appreciate most is the responsive and caring service provided by our staff. Inside this report, a few of our staff members talk about this service and its impact. We also share highlights of the year and express our appreciation for the critical support provided by our Friends, Foundation, and donors.

In a year full of problems, it’s been our privilege to be a source of solutions.

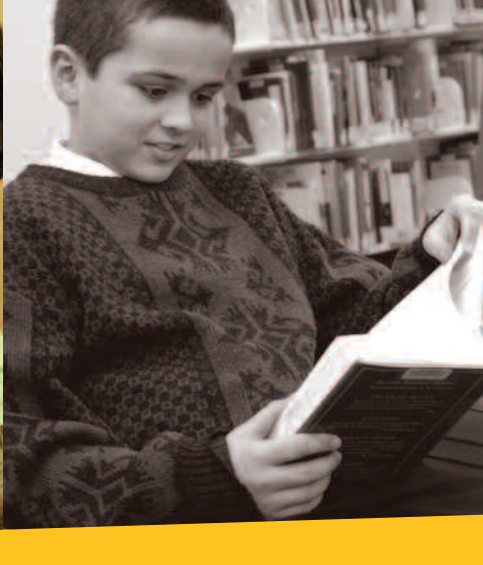


MARSHA GROVE  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

ITEMS BORROWED	<b>2,492,033</b>	<b>+26%</b>	MEETING ROOM USES	<b>6,841</b>	<b>+205%</b>
PATRON VISITS	<b>819,229</b>	<b>+17%</b>	ITEMS IN COLLECTION	<b>361,343</b>	<b>+2%</b>
COMPUTER USES	<b>167,551</b>	<b>+72%</b>	LIBRARY CARDS	<b>40,458</b>	<b>+4%</b>
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	<b>61,955</b>	<b>+14%</b>			

COMPARED TO PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR

## A BRIGHT SPOT FOR LEARNING



ITEMS BORROWED 2,492,033  
PATRON VISITS 819,229  
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE 61,955

Can there be too many toddlers in the library? No—but there were too many in our popular storytime programs. So we added new storytime sessions to our busy schedule of free events designed to stimulate the imagination. We built up our collections of books to support schoolwork and satisfy curiosity, and we promoted digital downloads, available 24/7 through our website. Librarians spent more than 100 hours in classrooms, and school assemblies by popular authors Jennifer Holm and Rick Riordan extended their impact beyond the library. Classes for adults ranged from computer basics to *Tech Talks* about new gadgets, while Parkland College instructors shared their expertise through the *Lifelong Learners @ the Library* series.



“Last week, a first grader—who appeared to be approaching our desk by herself for the first time—told me that someone from the library had visited her classroom, and she wanted one of the books the librarian had told her about. We figured out the book title and identified the librarian, who then came out to present the girl with the book she’d chosen. Our book talks in the schools encourage children to think carefully and decide for themselves what they want to know about. These children see that the library and the community consider their search for knowledge important. This is how lifelong learners are born.”

MIKE ROGALLA  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

# FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

## ESSENTIAL HELPING HANDS

Library Friends—passionate about books and generous with their time—are the driving force behind the success of the FriendShop used book store, on our lower level. Twice a week, Friends meet in the shop to sort and shelve books. The Friends also host special membership events. Revenue from the shop, plus membership dues, allowed the Friends to give the library \$39,435 this year. In addition, a bustling workforce of hundreds of teen and adult volunteers has been key in allowing us to keep up with increased business, helping with a range of tasks including home delivery, children’s events, and getting items back on the shelves.

## FRIENDS GIFTS WERE USED IN SUPPORT OF:

- Optimal Résumé subscription
- “Lifelong Learners @ the Library” series
- Summer reading programs for kids, teens
- Year-round reading clubs
- “Read Me a Future” program
- Teen materials, language learning materials, travel guides, college handbooks, and DVDs
- “BabyFest” concert and workshop
- “Juneteenth Celebration”
- Holiday decorations for new library
- Volunteer recognition
- “The Big Read” events
- Douglass Branch local history project

## FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joan M. Walton, *President*

Berta Lewin, *Vice President*

R. Bruce Hinely, *Treasurer*

Cynthia Mitchell, *Secretary*

Louise Allen

Robert Blissard

Don Chenoweth

Carol Elston

Namita Jain

Katharine Jones

Jan Otto

Deb Sanderson

Ann Marlow Sandhu

Millie Sims

Norine Shonder

Clyde Smith

Allan Steinberg

EX-OFFICIO

Sandra Jones



FRIENDS GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY **\$39,435**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS **12,492**



“Our home delivery service supports homebound residents by providing a regular point of contact and making the world more accessible to them. Last year, 60 patrons received more than 7,000 library items. Volunteers are key to our success. Our office volunteers carefully choose materials based on each customer’s interests and requests, then package them for delivery. Our delivery drivers take the time to build personal relationships with customers. Many customers call or write to tell us what a difference the service makes in their lives. In the middle of one phone call, one man exclaimed, ‘You at the Champaign Public Library! You have given me so much.... You’ve been such gracious people.’”

MARIE BLEUS-FRANÇOIS  
ADULT SERVICES

## A BRIGHT SPOT FOR LIVING



QUESTIONS ANSWERED 147,482  
COMPUTER USES 167,551  
MEETING ROOM USES 6,841

**I**n ways ranging from the life-changing to the intangible, the library gave a big boost to everyday life in our community. Close to 7,000 events and meetings held in library spaces made us a center of community interaction. As more information and communication moved online, we became a lifeline for people without computers. *The Big Read's* invitation to read *The Maltese Falcon* brought people together for the fun of reading the first detective novel—and viewing the classic film on the big screen. *Consumer Reports*, *Mango Languages*, and the *Optimal Résumé* tool expanded our online offerings of free learning tools to help people succeed at work and in pursuit of personal interests. And along the way, our staff served as friendly guides, ensuring that library users always had help at hand.



"I remember one gentleman who was told by his supervisors that he could receive a promotion to shift leader, if he would just apply for it. But he had never touched a computer in his life, and the company only accepted online applications. He was understandably frightened and frustrated. We were able to help him through the process, and he left not only having applied for the job, but also having accomplished what was initially an overwhelming task. To see the look in someone's eyes change from panic to calm satisfaction—that's one of my favorite days at work."

LAVANA HAWKINS  
ADULT SERVICES

# CHAMPAIGN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

## SUPPORT TO ENSURE AN OUTSTANDING LIBRARY

Our July 2008 dedication of the new library provided another occasion to cheer for the \$3 million in private gifts that helped to make the new building possible. Engraved patio pavers were completed, recognizing some of those gifts. New names appeared on our glass donor wall, honoring gifts of \$10,000 or more. This year, the Foundation also launched The Burnham Society to encourage planned gifts and focused on building an endowment—a Fund for Excellence for the future.

## MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

Memorials were made in memory of:

Marjorie Barrick  
Betty Blixen  
Gertrude Bryan  
James Carter  
Lois Costello  
Sara Gatewood

Martha Z. Hecker  
Roy and Anabel Helfinstine  
Margaret Fisher  
Frederick C. (Fritz) Fliegel  
Jane C. Kelly

Margaret, Pat and Tim Kennedy  
Marjorie Kuhne  
Allison Niswonger  
Jack Riley  
Jon A. Robinson  
Robert S. Shierry

## FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wesley Curtis, *President*  
J. Barry Brindley, *Vice President*  
Edith Ann Stotler, *Treasurer*  
Marilyn Whittaker, *Secretary*  
Donald S. Charlton  
Rusty W. Freeland  
Ken Gunji  
JoAnn Henneman

R. Bruce Hinely  
Jan Kiley  
Annette Lansford  
Karen H. Meyer  
Gerald J. Schweighart  
Jan Simon  
Lott H. Thomas

## EX-OFFICIO

Gerald J. Schweighart  
Rusty W. Freeland  
Robert Shierry  
R. Bruce Hinely  
Donna Pittman,  
Development Director



FOUNDATION REVENUE **\$259,092**



“A gift from Stuart and Mary Cravens allowed us to fly in Rick Riordan, author of one of the top-selling teen book series. His first stop, right off the plane, was Franklin Middle School. He greeted students like old friends, signed books, then whipped out a spellbinding presentation for an audience of 300. That night at the library, he met with fans both before and after a packed program. I’ll never forget the face of one young lady with a huge smile, literally jumping up and down as her turn came to have her pile of books signed. Getting students excited about reading can be challenging at times, but Rick Riordan made it easy.”

BETSY SU  
ADULT SERVICES

# LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 08–09

## INCOME

Local Government, City of Champaign (property taxes) . . . .	\$5,793,077	91.2%
State Government . . . . .	115,791	1.8%
Federal Government . . . . .	36,861	0.6%
Other (endowment, interest income, gifts, fees, etc.) . . . . .	410,001	6.4%
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$6,355,730</b>	

## EXPENSES

Salaries, Wages, Benefits . . . . .	\$4,579,483	67.9%
Operating Expenses . . . . .	1,227,682	18.2%
Materials (books, etc.) . . . . .	888,440	13.2%
Capital Outlay . . . . .	51,462	0.7%
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$6,747,067</b>	

## GRANTS AWARDED

**TOTAL: \$169,602**

- **\$91,042** Illinois State Library Per Capita Grant Program, for books and other library materials
- **\$15,600** Rotary Club of Champaign, Joseph H. Cannon Memorial Fund, for “Read Me a Future” packets given to parents of newborns
- **\$15,000** Community Foundation of East Central Illinois and the Marajen Stevick Foundation, for third and fourth grade reading initiative at Garden Hills Elementary School
- **\$14,000** Illinois State Office of the Attorney General, for the purchase of compact discs
- **\$12,000** The National Endowment for the Arts, in support of a community reading program featuring *The Maltese Falcon*
- **\$12,000** Illinois State Library, for Project Next Generation middle school mentoring program
- **\$5,500** Lincoln Trail Library System, for testing of WorldCAT Direct
- **\$3,000** Franklin I. and Irene List Saemann Foundation, for children’s programs and collections
- **\$1,250** Illinois State Library Share of Family Literacy Plus, for children’s books and storytime materials
- **\$210** Illinois Arts Council, for storyteller performance



“I love that I can get to know so many of the patrons who come in to the Douglass Branch Library every day. Seeing their smiles, being able to greet them by name, and having them reply in kind helps build the relationships that make the Branch such an important part of the community. When patrons, whether old or young, know there are people at Douglass ready and willing to help them to find that movie, learn how to use that website, or read that book with them, their eagerness to visit and use the Branch grows.”

**AMANDA RAKLOVITS**  
DOUGLASS BRANCH LIBRARY

## LIBRARY FOUNDATION DONORS JULY 1, 2008–JUNE 30, 2009

These donors recognize the special role that private funding has in securing the future of excellent library service in our community. We are grateful for each of their gifts, received between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009.

Dick Adams and Pat Januszki  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
Epsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter  
Amy Al-Shabibi  
American Legion Auxilary 559  
Mary Arends  
Sanjiv Avashia  
Allen and Elaine Avner  
Mark S. Ballard  
BankChampaign, N.A.  
S. Eugene and Kathleen Barton  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bauer  
Donna Beck  
Mrs. Midge Beiger  
Mr. and Mrs. Rob R. Beldon  
Dorothy E. Bell  
William and Mitsuko Bent  
Bertha Berger  
Mary Bissey  
Judi Blaford  
Robert and Nancy Boesdorfer  
Joyce Bohrer  
Jill Bouvet  
Mark and Jennifer Brandyberry  
Harry and Charlene Bremer  
Marvin and Doreen Brigoli  
Barry and Elsie Brindley  
Colleen Brodie  
Charles and  
Marian Ingersoll Bruns  
Busey Bank  
Francis Butler  
Steve Carter

Champaign Public Library Staff  
Sohail and Aysha Chaudhry  
Maureen Cloud  
Brent Colclasure  
Michael and Panagiota Comet  
Community Foundation of  
East Central Illinois  
John Corbly  
Trisha Crowley  
Champaign-Urbana Herb Society  
Champaign-Urbana Jewish  
Federation  
Jerry and Sue Cunningham  
Wes and Laura Curtis  
Derek Dagit  
Larry Damski  
Al Davis  
Art and Ruth Deem  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
Champaign-Urbana  
Alumnae Chapter  
Dana Dlott  
Jason and Lynnette Dodds  
Donald C. Dodds, Jr.  
Nanette Donohue  
Dan and Kris Eaton  
Gary Eaton  
Jean M. Edwards  
Stephanie Edwards  
Ann A. Einhorn  
Anne Erdman  
Josephine Erickson  
Robert and Mary Ann Espeseth

Sharon Fabert  
Faith Methodist Church Discovery  
Sunday School Class  
Faith United Methodist Church  
Man-to-Man Group  
Lora Fegley  
Michael Finke  
Connie Fisher  
Thelma Fite  
Ruth Fliegel  
Jean Flood  
Mary Ann Ford  
Franklin I. and Irene List  
Saemann Foundation  
Rusty and Jill Freeland  
Friday Book Club  
Friends of the Library  
Bill and Cele Gaines  
Joanne H. Gates  
Benita A. Gay  
U. Henry and Ruth W. Gerlach  
John B. Gilpin  
Joli and Donald Ginsberg  
Howard N. Glassner  
George D. Gollin  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Gordon  
Derek and Amanda Gottlieb  
Daphne Greaves  
Ondine Gross  
Marsha Grove  
Gary and Debra Guardia  
Fred Halenar  
Guy and Anne Hall

Michael Haney  
Connie Harbaugh  
Virginia Hardgrove  
Lavana Hawkins  
Jane A. Hays  
Jialing and Huahua Chang He  
Jim and Nancy Heins  
Roy and Anabel Helfinstine  
Richard and Gloria Helfrich  
Bernadine Hettinger  
Sally Hills  
Bruce and Jan Hinely  
Janet Hiple  
Kristina Hoerner  
Jerry and Shirley Hoffman  
Doris Howard  
Trina Howard  
Lillian Howell  
Robert and Betty Hughes  
Illinois American Water  
Judy Jackson  
Francis and Helen Jahn  
Karen Jannusch  
Jerry's IGA  
Sharon L. Johnson  
Eileen Jones  
John and Sandra Jones  
Mary E. Jones  
Christopher and Mariselle Jordan  
Kathie Kading  
James and Maxine Kaler  
Patrick and Karen Kane  
Paula Kaufman

David and Deborah Keith  
Ed Kelly  
Rosalyn S. Kesan  
Shahid and Ann Khan  
Jan Kiley  
Dave, Mary and Liz Kilty  
Jeffrey and Patricia Kirby  
Edward and Betty Kmoch  
Janice Knight  
John Knoblett  
Nori Komorita  
Charles Kozoll  
David and Delphine Kranz  
David and Maxine Kuehn  
Charles and Annette Lansford  
Ken and Pat Larson  
Sharon Lash  
Anthony Leggett  
Susan Lerner  
Helen Levin  
Stan and Joan Levy  
Lou and Mary Liay  
Chiawen Liu  
Carol Loyet  
Molly MacRae  
Miriam Marx  
Walter and Helen May  
John, Laura and Jack McCue  
Richard McDonald  
Betsy McLemore  
Carl Meyer  
Dottie Mikucki  
Sallie Miller  
Brian and Barbara Minsker  
Lou and Betty Mirando  
Margrith Mistry  
Fred and Audrey Mohn  
Janice Moment  
Rebecca Morgan-Boyd

Paul and Diane Mortensen  
John and Cara Finnegan Murphy  
Patricia Neils  
Shirley Nettnin  
Network for Good  
Christine Noffsinger  
Terry and Margaret Noonan  
Alan F. and Cassandra Nudo  
Jeanette Nugent  
J. Michael and Ruth O'Bryne  
Trish Ohlsson  
Greg Olson  
Thomas and Diane O'Rourke  
Elizabeth Otto  
Dennis and Phyllis Overman  
Parkland College Child  
Development Center Staff  
Jean Peters  
James C. Phillips  
Lauren Pirkle  
Donna Pittman  
PKD, Inc.  
Kip and Janet Pope  
Betty Pratt  
Theresa Quick  
Stacy Rachel  
Dan and Helen Richards  
Jack and Marjorie Richmond  
Dorothy Riehle  
Steven and Deborah Rittenhouse  
Grant and Jennifer Robbennolt  
Mike Rogalla  
Elizabeth P. Rogers  
Craig and Gail Rost  
Mark and Christie Roszkowski  
Rotary Club of Champaign  
Donald and Connie Roux  
Ralph and Alicia Sackett  
Salem Baptist Church

Michael and Maxine Sandretto  
Richard Scanlan  
Frank Scantlebury  
Dan and Jill Schreiber  
Andy Schuchart  
Dawn Schultz  
Robert and La Nita Schuster  
Jason Scott  
Susan Searing  
Fred, Cathleen, Keith, Ryan  
and Kristin Segovich  
Margaret Selin  
Betsy Shea  
Beth and Scott Meyer Shirk  
David and Jan Sholem  
Stanford and Susan Sholem  
Jan R. Simon  
Bob and Margie Skirvin  
Ann Smith  
James and E. Jean Smith  
Linda Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Smith  
Social Science Club of  
Champaign and Urbana  
Jon Sokolski and Marci Dodds  
Pamela Soloman  
Jane Solon-Wetmore  
Penelope Soskin  
William and Margarite Stallman  
Paul and Shirley Stanley  
Peggy Steele  
Henriette C. Stegemeier  
Allan and Cecile Steinberg  
Jon and Kendy Stewart  
Phillip, Roxanne and Nick Stirrett  
Edith Ann Stotler  
Betsy Su  
Kenwood and Lori Sullivan  
Nancy and John Taylor

The Book Club  
Debbie Theesfeld  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,  
Theta Lambda Zeta Chapter  
Lott and Su Ann J. Thomas  
Geraldine Tierney  
Mike and Joyce Tinkey  
Marie Griffith Tompkins  
Allan and Patricia Tuchman  
Thomas and Julia Ulen  
Edward and Joyce Wagner  
Brian L. Wallen  
June Waller  
Jeff and Shari Wampler  
John and Cherie Weible  
Laura Weis  
Mary C. Welborn  
James and Aporn  
Surintramont Wentz  
Joseph and Patricia Wenzel  
Warren Wessels  
Lillian Whittingham  
Tim Wild  
Betty L. Wills  
Charles Wisseman  
John and Leah Wittich  
Gerald Yaxley  
John and Virgie Young  
Michael and Dorothy Zihal  
Denise Zook

We've done our best to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you discover an error, please accept our apologies and contact us so that we can update our records. Call our Administration Office at 217/403-2050.