

The MLS Team

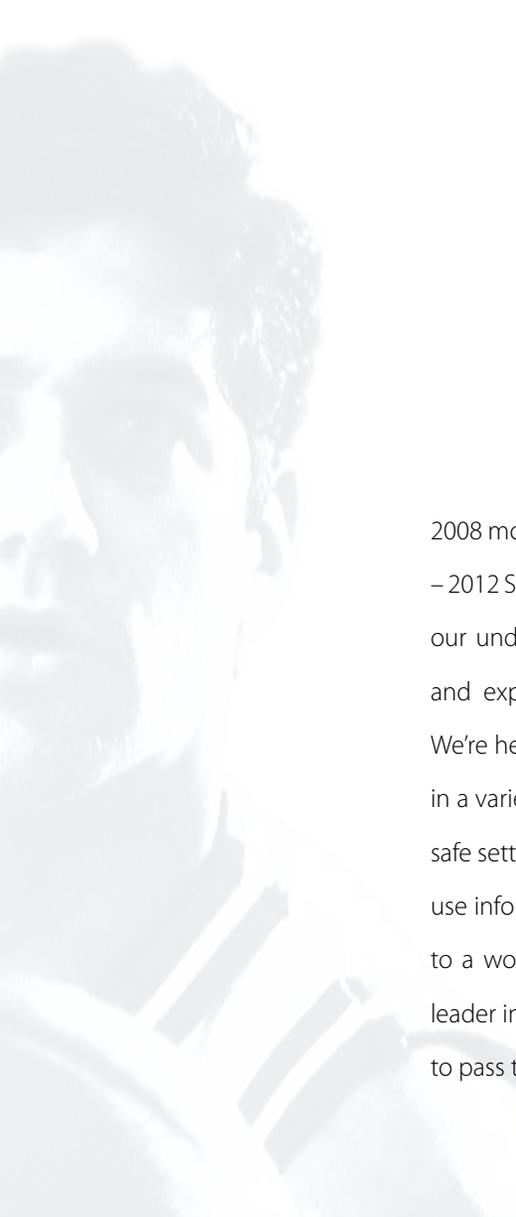
We Shoot... We Score!

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In 2008, Oklahoma County welcomed our new National Basketball Association franchise and we joined the big league—but when it comes to library service, we've been a Big League City for over 40 years. Let's borrow some basketball terms from our new Oklahoma City Thunder to let you know how well your Metropolitan Library System plays the game.



Court Vision:

A player's ability to see everything on the court during play, which enables him to make better choices; the best players possess this trait.

2008 moved us well into the development of our 2007 – 2012 Strategic Plan, a means by which we can express our understanding of what Oklahoma County needs and expects from the Metropolitan Library System. We're here to help our customers satisfy their curiosity in a variety of formats while working in a comfortable, safe setting. Our staff knows how to find, evaluate and use information to link the people who depend on us to a world of online information. We're a long term leader in public library innovation and we're not ready to pass the ball yet.





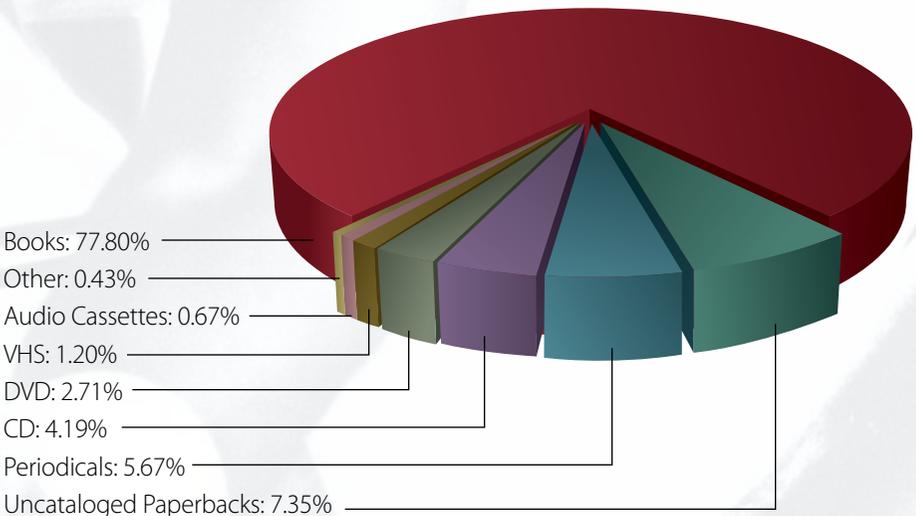
Triple Threat:

Triple threat is an offensive position when the player stands with knees flexed, feet slightly wider than shoulder width, and both hands on the basketball. From this position, the offensive player can either shoot, dribble, or pass to a teammate.

Our triple threat is our ability to address cultural, civic, and community interests through a variety of ways—books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, online information, programs & events.

Sometimes it may seem the MLS is more than a “triple threat”—from the incredible Wizard Rock Concerts at the Southern Oaks & Edmond Libraries to the fun GameFest tournaments and “Children Reading to Dogs” programs—MLS controls the board.

Collection by Format



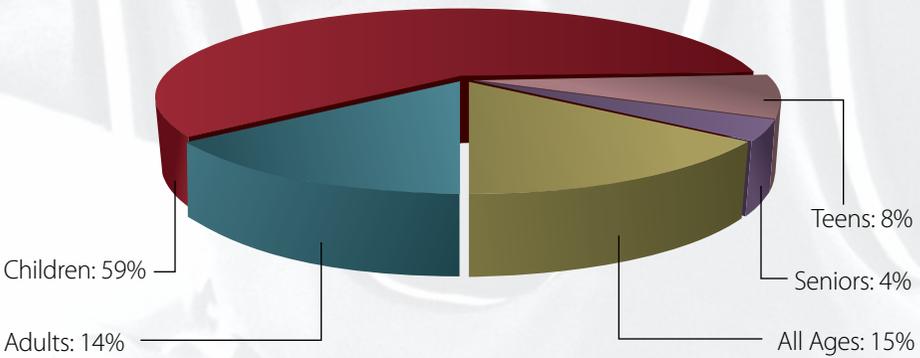


Free Throw:

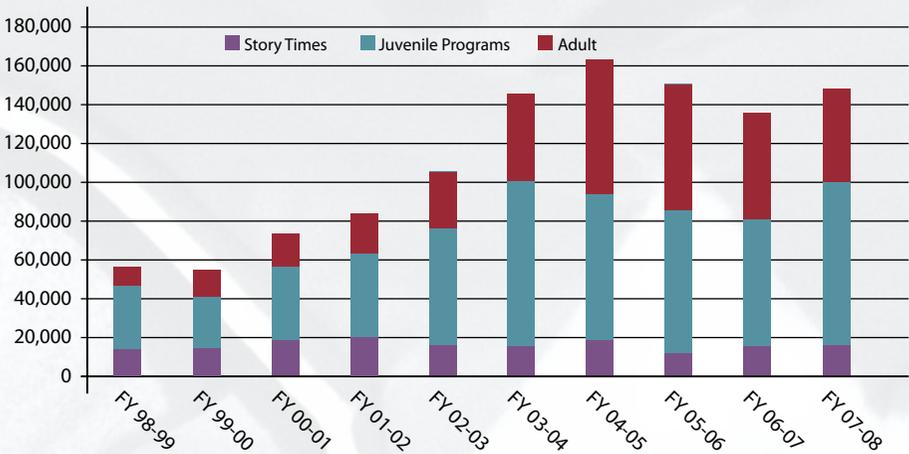
An unguarded shot taken from behind the free throw line after a foul.

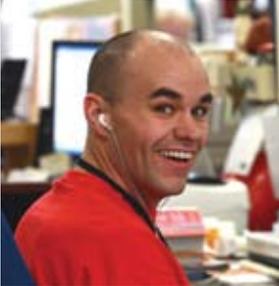
Just as a basketball player making a free throw cannot be rushed, attacked, or threatened by an opposing player, our libraries are safe, comfortable places in which you can take care of business or just kick back and relax.

Program Attendance by Intended Audience



Program Attendance History



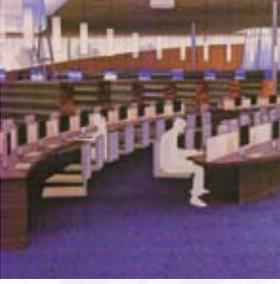


Established Position:

When a player has both feet firmly planted on the floor before an opposing player's head and shoulder get past him.

Your Metropolitan Library System is firmly planted in place in the community. The Friends of the Library's annual booksale raised \$239,000 to help fund special library projects. With over a million books and thousands of people, the MLS Friends booksale is one of the nations largest. The Library Endowment Trust's annual LiteraryVoices™ author dinner was a slam dunk with author Scott Turow. This year's dinner scored more sponsors than ever before. It looks like LiteraryVoices™ is becoming an MLS MVP.





Perimeter:

The area beyond the foul circle away from the basket, including the 3-point line.

The Metropolitan Library System seems to have an ever expanding perimeter. Not only do we have a strong web presence and 17 physical libraries, but we are quickly adding up 3-point shots. In 2008, the design of the new Service Center got under way and a construction contract was awarded. The Service Center will offer much needed space to process new material and a centralized location for many behind-the-scenes functions.

The game clock for the Ralph Ellison Library renovation also began counting down when the design by Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates was completed and the construction contract was awarded to Nashert Construction. The “new” library is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2009.

Our rookie, the new Northwest Library, will soon be added to our starting roster. Land was purchased at the 5600 block of NW 122nd Street and designs by LWPB Architecture of Oklahoma City and consultant Richärd+Bauer of Phoenix are significantly underway.

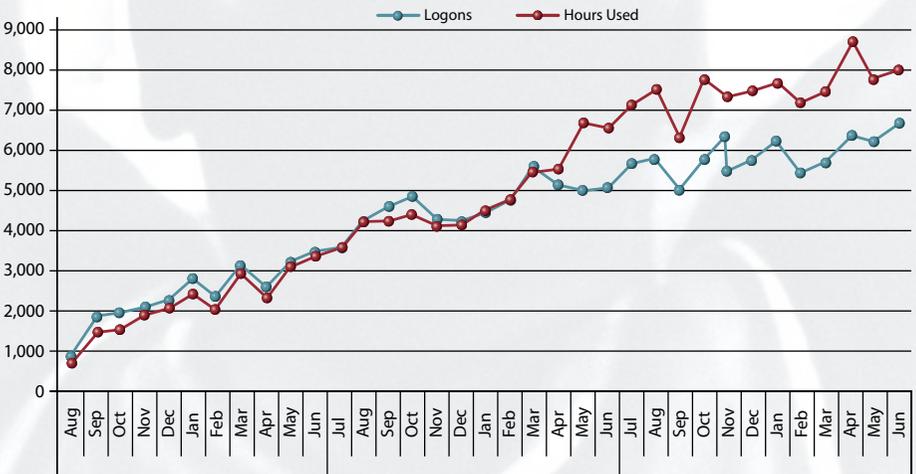


Fastbreak:

A strategy in which a team attempts to move the ball downcourt and into scoring position as quickly as possible.

“Library” means books to a lot of people, but at MLS we’ve learned that in the fast-paced world of information delivery, we have to think outside the books. That’s why we subscribe to over 60 local and national databases that provide information on subjects ranging from medicine to small engine repair to financial data, at the click of a mouse. Whether you’re at home, on the road using wireless access, or taking advantage of one of the free Internet access computers in any of our 17 library locations, let us help the Web work for you.

Wireless Sessions by Month



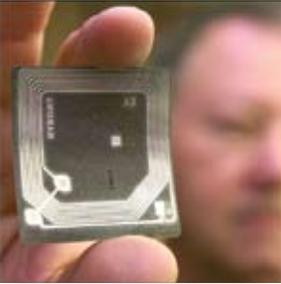


Photo by Brett Deering; courtesy of the Edmond Sun

Slam Dunk:

When a player close to the basket jumps and strongly slams the ball down into it.

We've also perfected the art of the slam dunk with advancements in technology that brings the crowd to its feet.

In 2008, we embarked on one of our largest and most time-consuming technological advances: RFID—Radio-Frequency Identification. By attaching RFID tags to our items, several books, CDs, DVDs and/or magazines can be checked out at the same time, thereby eliminating the slower process of checking out material one piece at a time. This project, which was originally estimated to take about 12 months to complete, was finished in half the time, thanks to all the aggressive, offensive players we have at MLS.

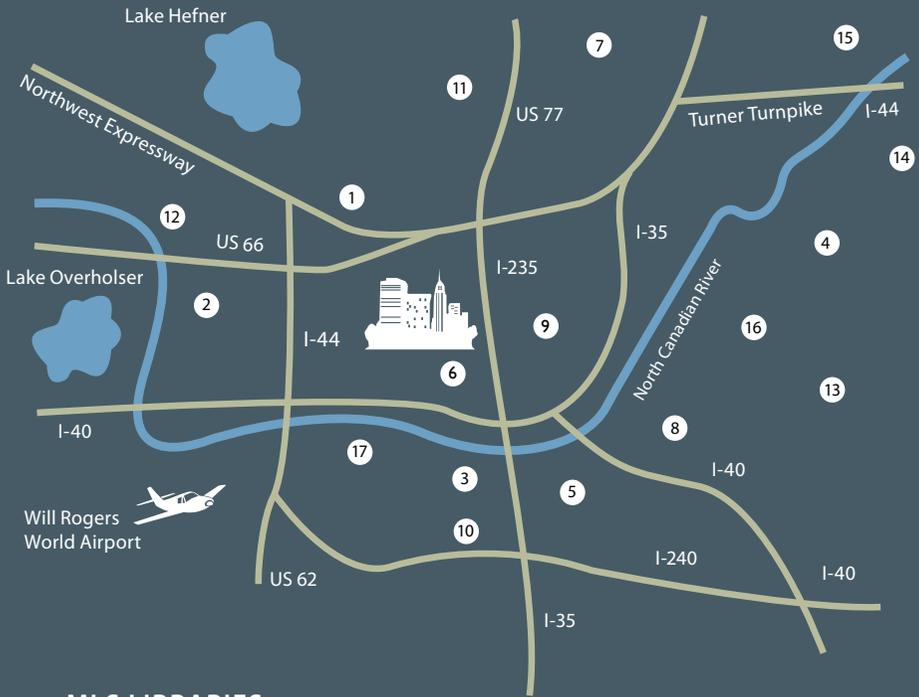
This year, many new online and catalog features were added. We simplified our online catalog searching and added information to the catalog listings. Customers can now see images of book covers, the table of contents, profiles of characters, and/or plot summaries for many books. Paying fines also got easier when our Information Technology department introduced customers to the ability to pay fines online with a credit card. We also launched a Shopping Cart feature similar to the ones for online retailers. Browsers can place up to 500 items in the shopping cart to use as a “reading list”, a bibliography or even to email to someone.

Financial Statement

Revenues	FY2007-08	FY2006-07
Property Taxes	\$ 26,164,445.17	\$ 23,584,537.42
Fines, Fees, & Gifts, etc.	611,000.00	623,000.00
State Aid	353,015.00	314,374.00
Investment Income	1,195,403.36	886,950.89
Miscellaneous Revenues	173,909.11	155,503.90
Total Revenues	\$ 28,497,772.64	\$ 25,564,366.21
Beginning Fund Balance Forward	\$ 10,663,181.74	\$ 7,080,294.58
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$ 13,160,027.00	\$ 12,624,653.00
Total Revenues & Balance Forward	\$ 52,320,981.38	\$ 45,269,313.79
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 14,593,382.13	\$ 13,606,292.35
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 4,369,879.36	3,585,046.19
Books & Materials	3,416,563.31	3,326,202.78
Capital Outlays	157,044.43	107,955.63
Capital Improvements	1,724,439.01	820,608.10
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,261,308.24	\$ 21,446,105.05
Ending Fund Balance	9,810,467.14	10,663,181.74
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$ 18,249,206.00	\$ 13,160,027.00
Total Expenditures and Ending Balance	\$ 52,320,981.38	\$ 45,269,313.79

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MLS LIBRARIES

1	Belle Isle	5501 N. Villa, Oklahoma City	843-9601
2	Bethany	3510 N. Mueller, Bethany	789-8363
3	Capitol Hill	334 S.W. 26th, Oklahoma City	634-6308
4	Choctaw	2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw	390-8418
5	Del City	4509 S.E. 15th, Del City	672-1377
6	Downtown	300 Park Ave., Oklahoma City	231-8650
7	Edmond	10 S. Boulevard, Edmond	341-9282
8	Midwest City	8143 E. Reno, Midwest City	732-4828
9	Ralph Ellison	2000 N.E. 23rd, Oklahoma City	424-1437
10	Southern Oaks	6900 S. Walker, Oklahoma City	631-4468
11	The Village	10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village	755-0710
12	Warr Acres	5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres	721-2616

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES

13	Harrah	1930 N. Church Ave., Harrah	454-2001
14	Jones	111 E. Main, Jones	399-5471
15	Luther	310 N.E. 3rd, Luther	277-9967
16	Nicoma Park	2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park	769-9452
17	Wright	2101 Exchange, Oklahoma City	235-5035

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