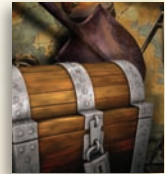
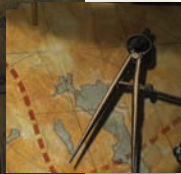




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# A TREASURE STILL WAITS TO BE DISCOVERED

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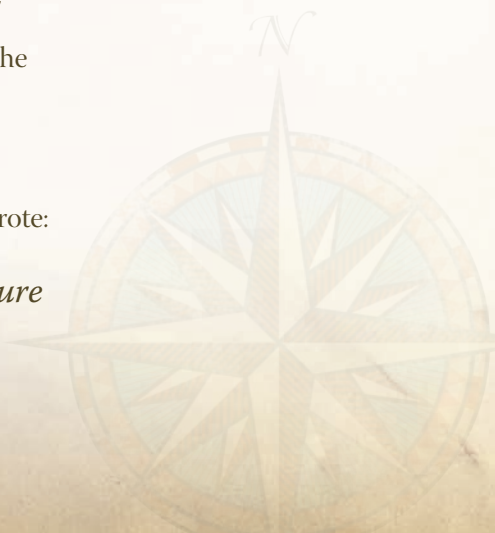
# MLS annual report 2009

2009 offered more proof that the Metropolitan Library System is one of the treasures of Oklahoma County. But that's nothing new—MLS has been a chest full of gold for over 40 years. What kind of gold? 24 carat.

This year, our map of treasures surpasses even our expectations. From a record number of senior customers participating in our Winter ReadFest to having over 2,000 people watch the Tuvan throat singers in the Our World series. We're always leading in technology, but this year, try viewing this annual report on our website to find additional facts and statistics within it. Follow the compass, and we'll hold the lamp and lead the way.

J.R.R. Tolkien could have been thinking of libraries when he wrote:

*"A box without hinges, key, or lid, yet golden treasure inside is hid."*

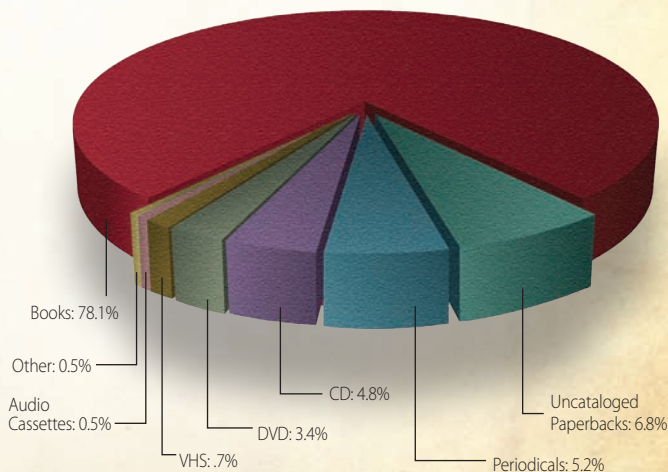




# MAP:

First, as a treasure hunter you'll need a map, something to use as a guide for finding your way through the remarkable diversity of our collection of material. Whether your personal treasure comes in a book, CD, magazine, database, website, DVD, audiobook, or any of the other items at our dispersal, we can help you find your way. And one thing new in our map of treasures this year is adding our eMedia audiobooks to our online catalog. This will help any treasure hunter along the way.

## Collection by Format



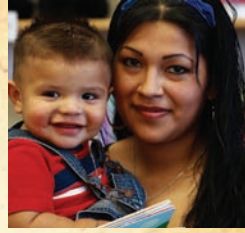
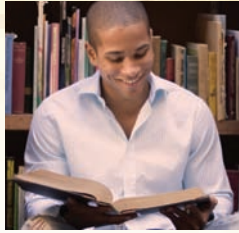


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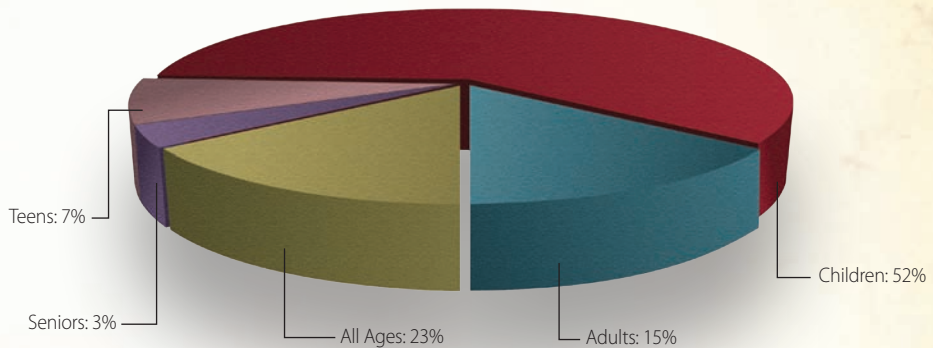
Hold the lamp high for it illuminates not just the path ahead, but so much more. Along the path there are wonderments at which to marvel—special programs and events for treasure hunters of all ages, from toddlers to seniors. Programs to encourage reading ~ Events featuring song and dance ~ Workshops to encourage and instruct! Behold and participate—you never know where your true treasures lies.

Many treasures were held this year including the Friends of the Library Booksale... which surpassed all goals. A very entertaining Ann Patchett, author of award winner *Bel Canto*, spoke at a sold out Literary Voices™ event. And more than half of our libraries began offering computer basics classes to the public.

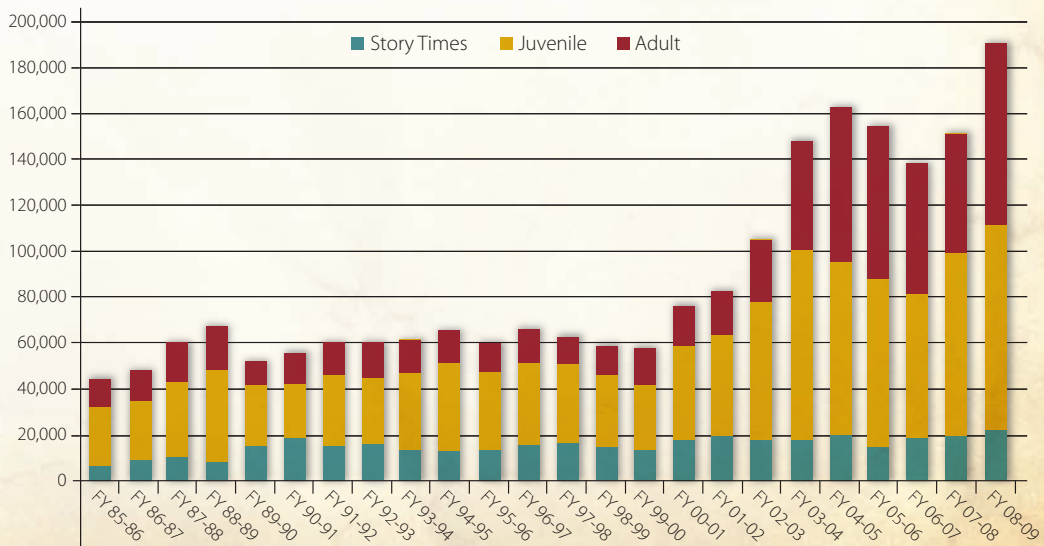




## Program Attendance by Intended Audience



## Program Attendance History





# SHOVEL:

Your Metropolitan Library System guides have the skills, knowledge and ability to take you where you want to go and help you dig for the treasure when you get there. We're the best at what we do, creating and implementing aids to assist in tracking down and retrieving treasures of all kinds. Frequently working alongside other members of our community, we're here to help you locate and dig up the nuggets you need.

And with the opening of the newly remodeled Ralph Ellison Library and the new Service Center, our treasures are neverending.

*Your Inviting,*



*Innovative Link To The World.*



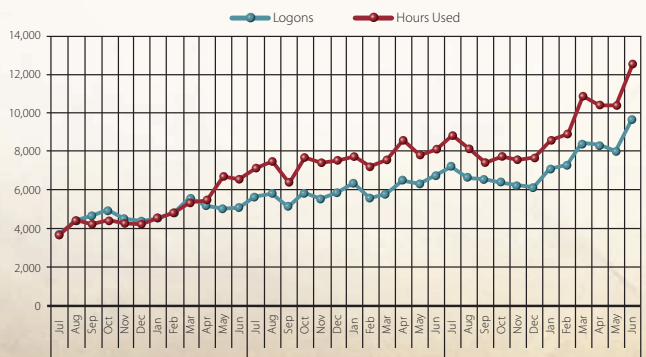


# TREASURE:

What is a “Library Treasure”? We’ve seen traces of it during our hunt. Books? Always. But in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, a library treasure has to be more than that. The MLS treasure hunting team has learned that in the fast-paced world of information delivery, we have to provide access to more than the traditional printed word. That’s why we subscribe to dozens of local and national databases that provide information at the click of a mouse.

Whether you’re in a library, at home, on the road using wireless access, or taking advantage of one of the free access Internet computers in any of our 17 library locations, we’re your inviting, innovative link to the world.

## Wireless Sessions by Month





## *Metropolitan Library Commission*

Hugh Rice, Chairman - OKC

Carolyn Willis - Vice-Chairman - OKC

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Bose' Akadiri - OKC

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Glenda Choate - Jones

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Cynthia Friedemann - OKC

Margaret Graham - Luther

Deanna Hannah - Bethany

Jose Jimenez - OKC

Lee Alan Leslie - Midwest City

Penny McCaleb - OKC

Tracy McDaniel - OKC

Traci McGehee - OKC

Lori Nelson - OKC

Brenda Palmer - OKC

Mukesh Patel - Del City

Kim Patterson - Harrah

Jim Shonts - Nicoma Park

Judy Smith - The Village

Alyne Strube - Choctaw

Beth Toland - Warr Acres

Greg Womack - Edmond

Mayor Mick Cornett - OKC (ex-officio member)

Ray Vaughn - Board of Oklahoma County

Commissioners (ex-officio member)

Donna Morris, Secretary (non-voting)

## Financial Statement

### Revenues

	FY2008-09	FY2007-08
Property Taxes	\$ 27,126,844.44	\$ 26,164,445.17
Fines, Fees, & Gifts, etc.	615,000.00	611,000.00
State Aid	354,407.00	353,015.00
Investment Income	934,009.42	1,195,403.36
Miscellaneous Revenues	159,494.34	173,909.11
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 29,189,755.20</b>	<b>\$ 28,497,772.64</b>

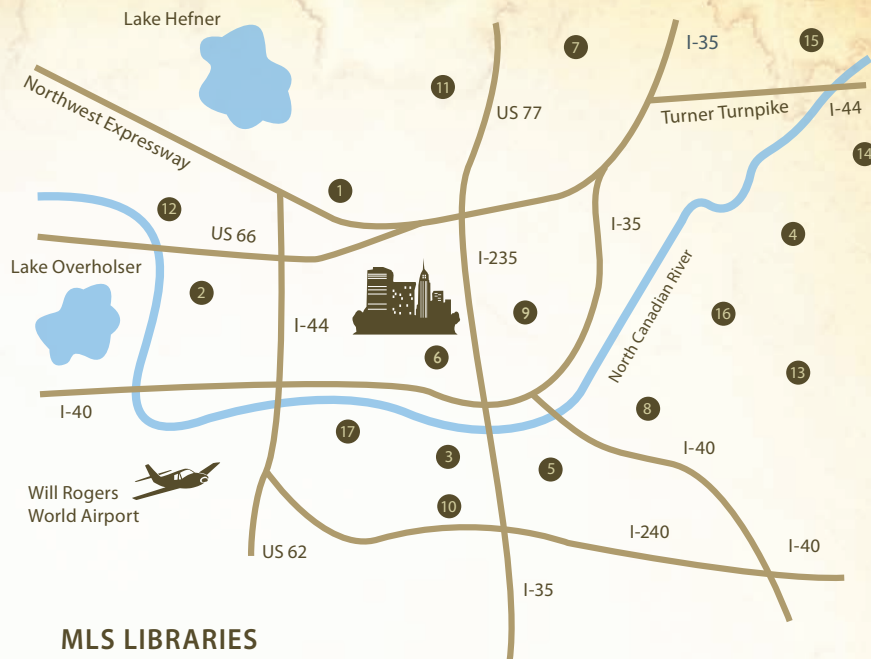
Beginning Fund Balance Forward	\$ 9,810,467.14	\$ 10,663,181.74
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$ 18,249,206.10	\$ 13,160,027.00
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$ 57,249,428.44</b>	<b>\$ 52,320,981.38</b>

### Expenditures

Personnel	\$ 15,582,137.67	\$ 14,593,382.13
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 4,154,091.38	4,369,879.36
Books & Materials	3,634,661.22	3,416,563.31
Capital Outlays	269,616.78	157,044.43
Capital Improvements	8,531,392.08	1,724,439.01
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 32,171,899.13</b>	<b>\$ 24,261,308.24</b>

Ending Fund Balance	8,446,433.17	9,810,467.14
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$ 16,631,096.14	\$ 18,249,206.00
<b>Total Expenditures and Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 57,249,428.44</b>	<b>\$ 52,320,981.38</b>





## 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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