A glowing lightbulb is positioned at the top left of the page. A vertical trail of small, light-colored dots descends from the base of the lightbulb, ending at the top of an open book. The book is open, showing its pages, and is resting on a stack of other books. The background is a light blue gradient with a pattern of small, light blue dots in the upper right corner.

The Metropolitan Library System

Thinking Outside the Books

FY 09-10 annual report

Introduction:



Marion Rock wouldn't recognize the place. Mrs. Rock was Oklahoma City's first librarian, checking out book number one on August 29, 1901. She and a janitor were the library's only employees. He wouldn't recognize the place now, either.

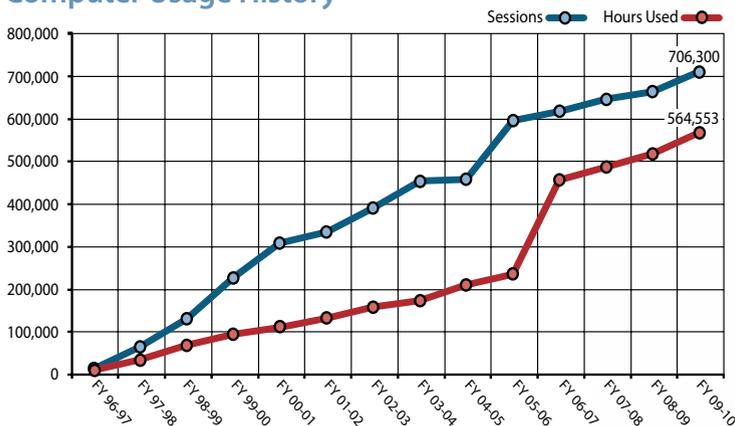
Of course we've undergone a lot of changes in 110 years, not the least of which has been the addition of things to our collection and way of doing business that wouldn't have been even dreamed of back in the day. The Internet and Databases. Electronic Media. New Construction and Renovation. Community Involvement. Events and Activities.

Marion Rock thought of books. We have to think outside the books.

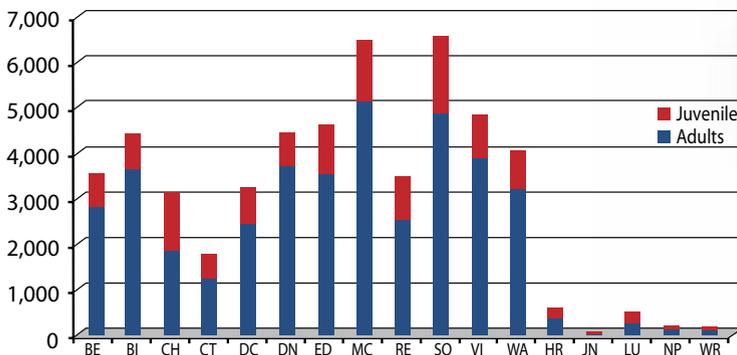
The Internet & Databases:

For over a dozen years now our primary non-book ally in helping people reach their lifelong learning goals is the Internet, but it's not enough for us to use the net to answer questions, and that's why offering free online access at every MLS library is so important. We subscribe to nearly 90 databases, all of which can be accessed on the internet to customers for free. To provide universal access to our customers, MLS has hundreds of public computers and more than 52,000 customers used them last year. Of these users, over 706,000 computer sessions were logged.

Computer Usage History



Unique Customers Served by Library

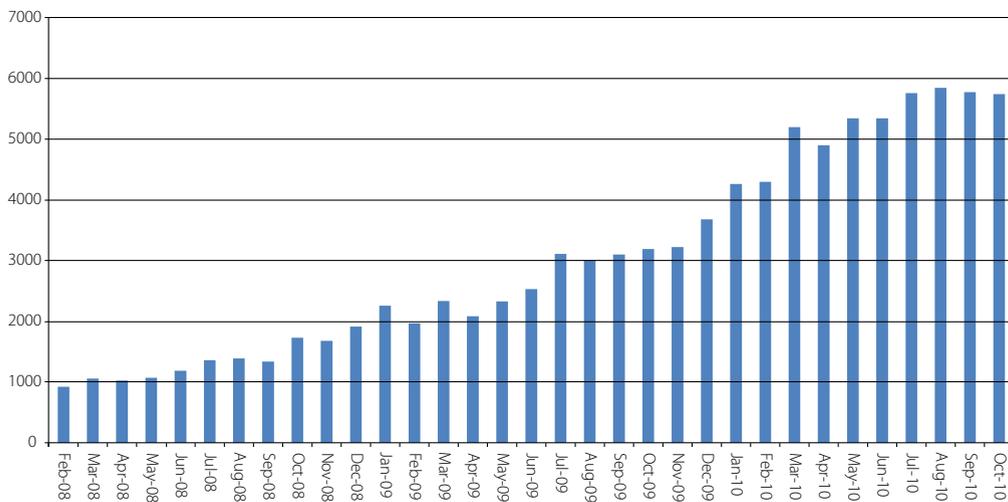


Electronic Media:

When is a book not a book? When it's an audiobook or eBook. Electronic media has been highly publicized in the last year – from news articles, to television shows to ads for special eReaders. Because of this need, our collection of titles in these formats grows stronger every year, and with the addition of the latest version of OverDrive Media Console to our website most Audiobooks are now iPod™ and iPad™ compatible. From the latest bestselling thriller to the most enthralling political memoir, library customers can download 24/7.



Downloadable Audiobook Checkouts



Audiobook checkouts (or circulation) make up just a small portion of our overall circulation of 6 million +.

New Construction & Renovation:

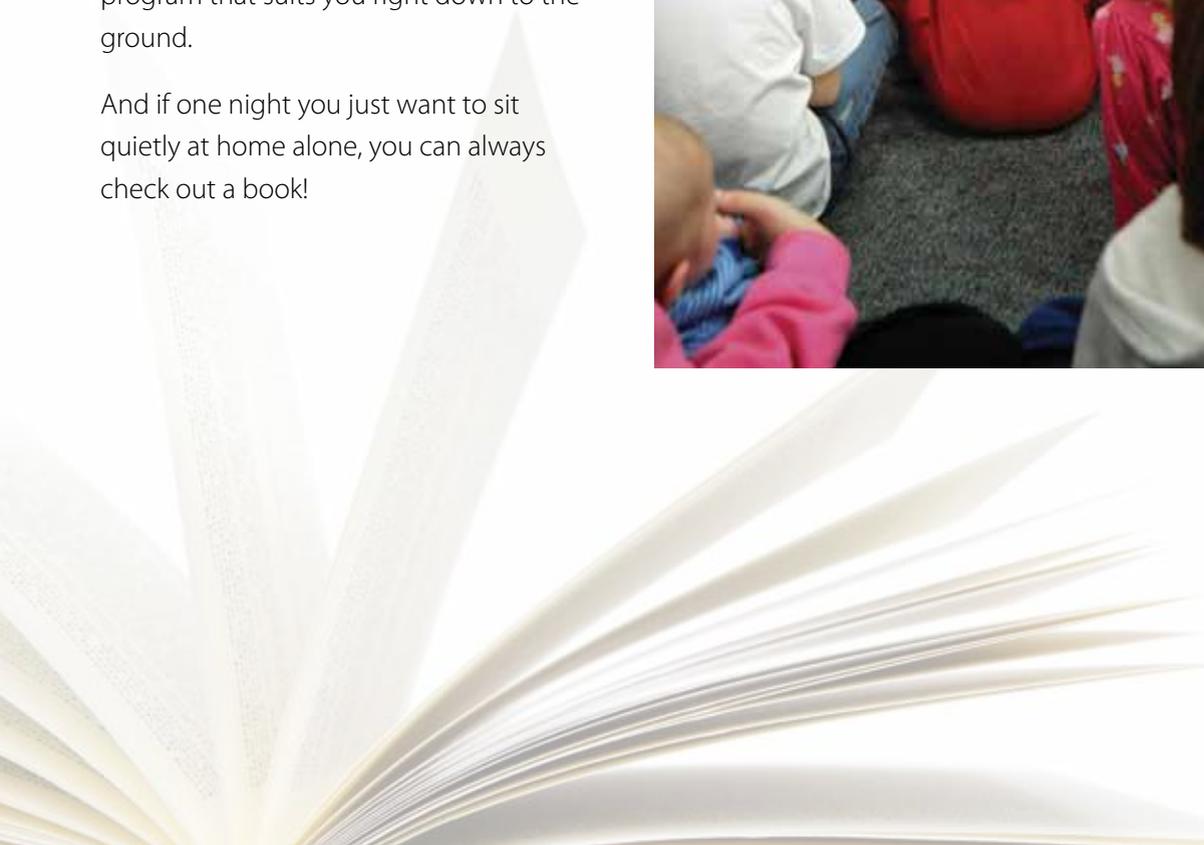
Our CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and computers need places to live, and those places need updating as well. That's why we're involved in ongoing construction and renovation projects like the one completed this past fiscal year at the Ralph Ellison Library. Also, to meet the ever-growing demand for quality library service in every part of Oklahoma County, our new Service Center opened. The center will help speed up processing of new materials and quickly get them into the hands of our customers. It is also a more centralized location for our maintenance facility to help them swiftly respond to library needs. This year also held the groundbreaking for the new Northwest Library at 5600 NW 122nd, expected to open in late 2011.



Events & Activities

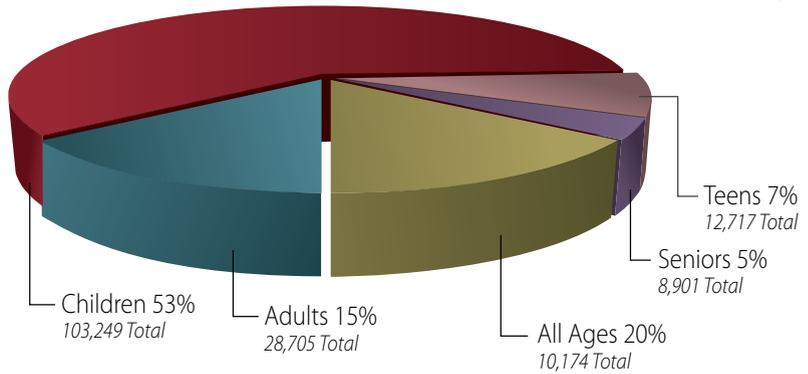
Perhaps the warmest, most user friendly way to move beyond books alone comes via our hundreds of events and activities every year. From a simple storytime at your neighborhood library to the annual Summer at the Library programs for Children and Teens that are popular system-wide, every month sees library events for people of all ages. Married or single, young or old, you can find a library program that suits you right down to the ground.

And if one night you just want to sit quietly at home alone, you can always check out a book!

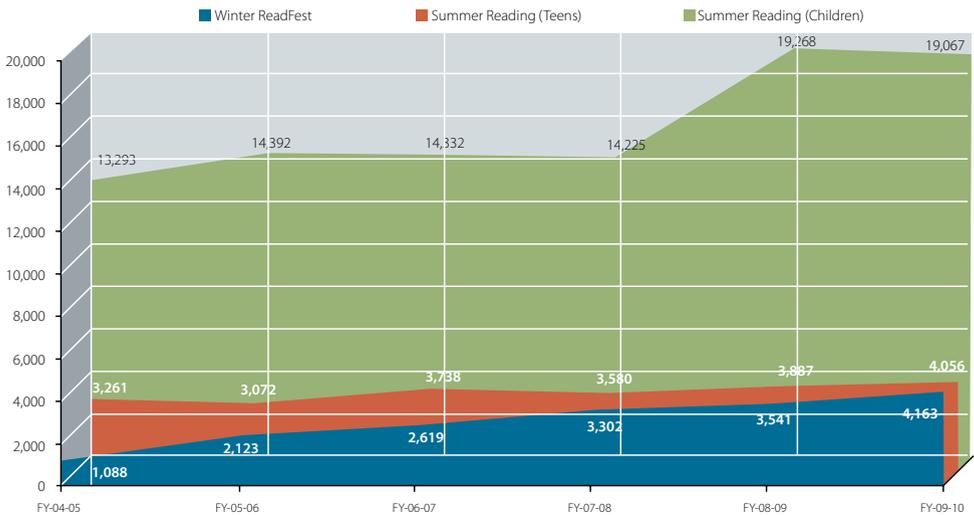


Program Attendance During FY09-10

Total Attendance = 192,721



Reading Program Participation History



Community Involvement:

As good as it is to know that our customers can depend on us, it's great to know that we can depend on our community partnerships. Another way we go beyond the books is by reaching out to other organizations to form co-sponsorships that make their families an extended part of ours. Whether it's helping to stimulate donations to the Oklahoma Food Bank, sharing programming with the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, our continuing relationship with the Downtown College Consortium, or so many other ways we give and receive help, MLS thinks not only outside the books, but outside the library walls.





Metropolitan Library Commission

(As of June, 2010)

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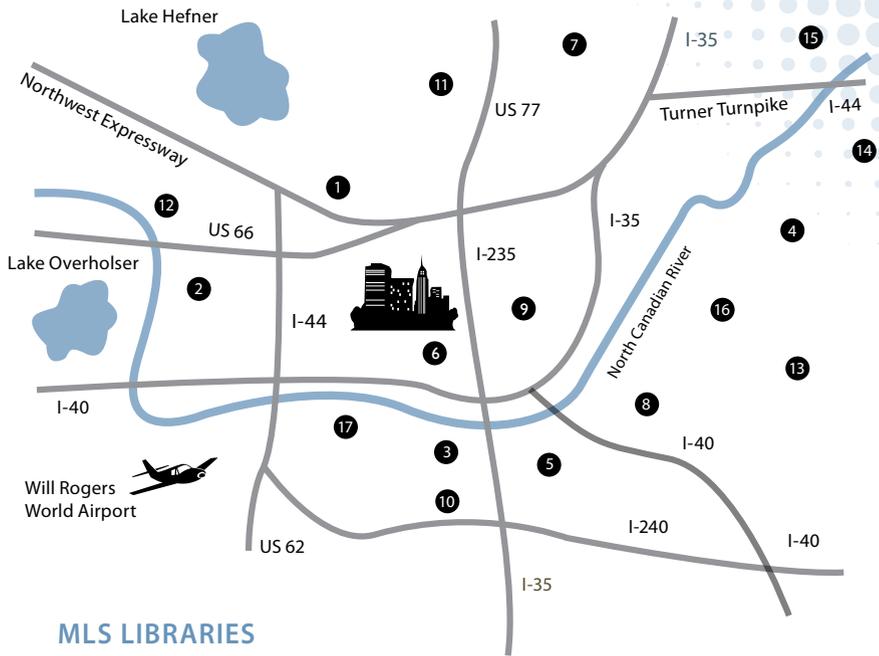
Ray Vaughn - Board of Oklahoma County

Commissioners (ex-officio member)

Donna Morris, Secretary (non-voting)

Financial Statement

Revenues	FY 2009-10	FY 2008-09
Property Taxes	\$28,210,123.75	\$27,126,844.44
Fines, Fees, & Gifts, etc.	726,000.00	615,000.00
State Aid	318,227.00	354,407.00
Investment Income	645,430.14	934,009.42
Miscellaneous Revenues	415,197.74	159,494.34
Total Revenues	\$30,314,978.63	\$29,189,755.20
Beginning Fund Balance Forward	\$9,405,290.77	\$9,810,467.14
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$16,631,096.14	\$18,249,206.10
Total Revenues & Balance Forward	\$56,351,365.54	\$57,249,428.44
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$17,036,368.98	\$15,582,137.67
Maintenance & Operations	4,359,889.18	4,154,091.38
Books & Materials	4,133,758.22	3,634,661.22
Capital Outlays	90,432.13	269,616.78
Capital Improvements	389,900.03	7,572,534.48
Total Expenditures	\$26,010,348.54	\$31,213,041.53
Ending Fund Balance	11,070,696.69	9,405,290.77
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$19,270,320.31	\$16,631,096.14
Total Expenditures and Ending Balance	\$56,351,365.54	\$57,249,428.44



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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