



The MLS Tradition of Greatness Continued in 2011-2012

Every year about this time we at the Metropolitan Library System pause for a quick look back at our achievements in the year just completed, then take a deep breath and get ready to accomplish even more in the year to come. Getting better all the time is one of our most notable traditions. Just take a look at our success as reflected in usage stats:

- New Cards Issued: 42,611
- Total Registered Borrowers: 408,504
- Total Circulation: 6,237,809
- Total Library Visits: 2,661,643
- Total Program Attendance: 167,755
- Total Programs: 8,735
- Library Internet Computer Users: 692,985

In FY 2011-2012 we continue to improved our digital presence by adding new databases. We've offered free digital checkouts for new and classic books for a few years, but now customers with most eReaders can check out eBooks wirelessly, without having to cable the eReader to the computer and sync.

In addition to new services, we also treat our most recognizable and popular programs as works in progress. We introduced some innovative features to our annual Summer Reading festival, including a Summer Reading

Game and a book of coupons for a variety of well-received reading incentives.

The most excitement in 2012 was generated by the Grand Opening of the new Patience S. Latting Northwest Library at 5600 NW 122nd Street, and the re-opening of the renovated Southern Oaks Library at 6900 S. Walker. The Northwest Library was the realization of a dream. A long time in the making, the library received rave reviews from the hundreds of people who now think of it as their library home.

More new and renovated libraries are on the horizon. We're working with the City of Jones for a new, permanent library building in that community, and Capitol Hill Library will soon enjoy a re-do as well.

A bonus advantage from the Southern Oaks renovation came in the form of the Almonte Library, the temporary replacement for the closed Southern Oaks. We were blown away to discover that within a ten month period, the Almonte location had 5,606 new customers that had not used any of the Metropolitan Libraries previously. Now Almonte is closed for renovations and will re-open in early 2013 as a new library.

As you can see, nothing slows us down for long. Creating the best public library service in Oklahoma is what we do. It's a long distance marathon, and we're still on our first wind.

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Financial Information - Budgetary Basis

	FY 2011-12	FY 2010-11
Revenues		
Property Taxes	\$30,251,610.47	\$29,272,678.20
Fines, Fees, & Gifts, etc.	500,000.00	647,400.00
State Aid	286,073.00	354,928.30
Investment Income	421,542.81	621,340.06
Miscellaneous Revenues	292,447.16	558,094.60
Total Revenues	\$31,751,673.44	\$31,454,441.16
Beginning Fund Balance Forward	\$12,054,150.84	\$11,070,696.69
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$19,171,370.30	\$19,270,320.31
Total Revenues & Balance Forward	\$62,977,194.58	\$61,795,458.16
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$19,873,731.80	\$18,784,534.20
Maintenance & Operations	4,563,531.42	4,776,878.95
Books & Materials	5,553,256.14	4,842,743.44
Capital Outlays	731,442.77	162,876.30
Capital Improvements	2,040,725.03	2,002,904.13
Total Expenditures	\$32,762,687.16	\$30,569,937.02
Ending Fund Balance	10,880,866.28	12,054,150.84
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$19,333,641.14	\$19,171,370.30
Total Expenditures and Ending Balance	\$62,977,194.58	\$61,795,458.16