



2010 Summary



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Libraries have always been nimble at responding to the changing needs of our communities, and 2010 was no exception. While we were challenged by budget shortfalls that required us to reduce hours at the Central Library, we also moved forward to answer critical needs that brought residents into libraries in record numbers.

More than ever, our libraries became the places where job seekers, families with reduced incomes, and people needing access to e-government turned for help. We stepped up our training and technology to help the unemployed; we tailored programs to serve families; and we provided one-on-one assistance to people seeking government services or information.

New and expanded partnerships enriched our libraries and the communities we serve. In 2010, OCPL teamed with Catholic Charities, the Cancer Services Program Partnership of Onondaga County, JOBSPlus!, the VA Medical Center, and the Onondaga County Veterans Service Agency. Space and support were also provided to agencies needing to reach wide audiences, such as the U.S. Census Bureau and the Onondaga County Health Department.

People tell us every day that libraries are important to their neighborhoods. To safeguard the library buildings for the future, we began a \$4.4 million project to replace aging roofs and HVAC systems, and to improve handicapped accessibility.

We also placed a priority on environmental responsibility. 679 books were repaired in the enlarged conservation lab at the Central Library which will allow us to stretch our resources. Withdrawn library books bring in revenue and are reused elsewhere through a contract with Better World Books. And the new Hazard Branch roof will be green as part of the county's green infrastructure improvements.

Technology continues to amaze us and make possible new ways to serve the public. This year we added text messaging to our reference services, and we enriched our Web site and on-line catalog. At Petit and Betts branches, new computer stations make it possible for patrons to download audiobooks in the library. At many libraries, early literacy stations now engage children with educational computer programs.

While technology allowed us to reach people beyond our walls, we also did it the old-fashioned way. In 2010, our commitment to our communities was obvious through our active involvement in community organizations, and at events like the Duck Race to End Racism and ArtsWeek. Information about our special services was presented numerous times throughout the community.

2010 was a year in which we focused on the future. We hired a firm to look at the use of space at the Central Library and received recommendations for a more efficient library, right-sized for the 21st Century. Strategic plans for Central Library and each branch were completed, providing a clear path for future work.

We are grateful to everyone who used and supported the library in 2010. In spite of the challenges presented this year, OCPL was able to successfully meet the changing needs of today's community as we prepared to meet the needs of the future.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010

Central Library/System Services

County Funds	4,393,452
State Aid	1,150,518
Library Charges	40,139
General Charges – Other Government	518,275
Charges Auto Circ – Member Libraries	215,755
E-Rate Reimbursement	101,468
Miscellaneous Revenues	7,262
TOTAL	6,426,869

Syracuse Branch Libraries

City of Syracuse	5,629,116
Library Charges	86,871
Miscellaneous Revenues	17,087
TOTAL	5,733,074

Library Grants

State Construction Grants	397,247
Other State Aid	29,498
Federal Aid (LSTA)	65,217
Other	1,471
TOTAL	493,433

GRAND TOTAL **12,653,375**

SYSTEM STATISTICS

Library visits	3,595,627
Circulation	4,993,328
Items added to the collection	184,861
Programs for children & teens	6,505
Attendance	112,605
Programs for adults	3,704
Attendance	46,019
Reference questions	547,062

COMPUTER ACCESS AND ASSISTANCE

Visits to the OCPL Web site	940,716
Computers for public use	556
Computer sessions in libraries	550,027

CENTRAL & BRANCH STATISTICS

Library visits	849,073
Circulation	1,271,662
Items added to the collection	64,213
Programs for children & teens	1,782
Attendance	31,536
Programs for adults	1,052
Attendance	11,275
Reference questions	327,414

COMPUTER ACCESS AND ASSISTANCE

Visits to Web site	940,716
Computers for public use	227
Computer sessions in libraries	223,251