



Minerva Public Library 2009 Annual Report

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A busy and challenging year serving you!

The economic downturn that began in 2008 continued in 2009, and left the library with a 17.4% drop in funding for the year. To deal with that shortfall, and in anticipation of another reduction in 2010, the Library Trustees, Administration, and staff worked together to find ways to save money while having as little impact as possible on service to you, our library users. We continued to provide you with the books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs, children's activity kits, magazines, artwork, and downloadable materials, and programs, services and speakers that you find interesting and worthwhile. And you enjoyed those services, materials, and programs in numbers greater than ever before.

In 2009

- You checked out or renewed your library materials 338,449 times,
★ an increase of 4.5% over 2008.
- You renewed your library materials online 15,674 times,
★ an increase of 15.2% over 2008.
- You visited the library 117,818 times,
★ an increase of 6.6% over 2008.
- The Library loaned materials to other Ohio library patrons 57,250 times,
★ an increase of 10.5% over 2008.
- You borrowed materials from other Ohio libraries 27,776 times,
★ an increase of 9% over 2008.

Bringing exhibits and speakers to Minerva

In 2009 the Library was the only Ohio stop for the national touring exhibit *John Adams Unbound*, focusing on the life and work of the second President of the United States. Over 1400 people visited the exhibit during its five-week stay in Minerva, including 876 students in 43 different classes. The Library hosted seven talks by local scholars, which were enjoyed by over 300 attendees.

Keeping you connected—online and in the community

The Library has 15 computers through which you may access the Internet on a high-speed connection provided by the State of Ohio, as well as free wi-fi internet access to use with your portable computer; because of the high demand for Internet access here, the Library was granted a second T1 data line by the Ohio Public Library Information Network. The Library also has a variety of meeting and study rooms for your use.

In 2009

- You logged on to the internet at the Library 24,589 times, over 82 times a day.
- You used your wireless devices to access the internet over 1450 times in the Library.
- You used the study rooms over 521 times for studying, writing, tutoring, and working.
- Your community groups and public agencies as varied as the Girl Scouts, the Alzheimer's Association, Ohio EPA, the Minerva Knitters, the US Census, the Minerva Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as 19 others, booked the meeting rooms 215 times.

Service to Youth

The Library offers storytimes for young patrons and their caregivers, the always popular Summer Reading Program for all children, and after school activities for youth. The Library offers class visits to aid students and teachers from Minerva Local Schools, Minerva Area Christian School, the YMCA Preschool, and area homeschoolers.

In 2009 Library staff offered:

- 854 classes visits to the Library—14709 students served.
- 279 visits to classes at local schools—6789 students served.
- 62 storytimes for children of various ages—1991 children and caregivers served.
- 36 different Summer Reading events—1857 children and parents served.
- 78 after school activities for teens—409 teens served.
- 34 other programs—434 children and parents served.

Library Youth Services staff also assist in the Library's partnership with SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Ensure Ready Kids) an early literacy and school-readiness program that works with caregivers and preschoolers to improve children's chances of early school success.

Library Funding

The Library is funded by a monthly distribution from the State of Ohio through the Public Library Fund (PLF). The PLF received 2.2% of the State's General Revenue Fund until August, 2009, when that amount was reduced to 1.97%. The monthly PLF distribution is divided among 251 public libraries and library systems in Ohio.

2009 Actual Revenue

	Percent	Amount
Public Library Fund	95.5%	685,638
Fines & Fees	3.4%	24,083
Contributions	0.9%	6,330
Miscellaneous	0.2%	1,433
Investment Earnings	0.1%	416
Total	100.0%	717,900

2009 Actual Expenditures

	Percent	Amount
Salaries & Benefits	72.9%	507,473
Library Materials	11.5%	79,867
Purchased Services	10.5%	73,262
Other	3.1%	21,861
Supplies	1.8%	12,785
Capital Outlay	0.2%	1,334
Total	100.0%	696,582

Generous Support

The Library also relies on your generosity to fund programs and services. Please consider the Library when you plan your annual giving.

- Seven patrons gave targeted donations totaling \$400.
- The library booksales and anonymous donations provided \$5930.