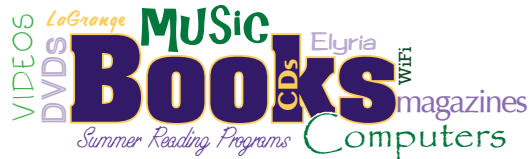


2009 Annual Report

A year of Challenge. A year of Change.

2009 Highlights:

- The Library's **collection** now numbers over **388,000** materials with additional items added daily.
- **Total Circulation** was **1,199,118** a **7.6% increase** over 2008, despite cuts to public hours and materials budgets. **This is an all time record breaker!**
- There were **458,004** patron visits to Library facilities, an **increase of 1.1% over 2008 (up 3.6% from 2007)** in spite of shortened hours which began in September.
- The Library System held **999 programs** with **15,294 attendees**.
- **Dial-a-Story**, supported by the Kiwanis Club of Elyria, was **called 29,994 times**.
- **Replacement and an additional operating levy of 1.9 mils** passed in the city of Elyria.
- **A new operating levy of .8 mils** passed in LaGrange Township (which included the Village of LaGrange).
- **Elyria Public Library's North Branch and Lorain County Community College** were jointly **awarded the Ohio Library Council's *Library Innovation Award*** for their partnership in the Barbara and Mike Bass Library/Community Resource Center.
- Along with all libraries in Lorain County, **Elyria Public Library System**, participated in the first ever "**Lorain County Reads**" featuring Lorain native Michael Dirda, author of ***An Open Book***, about growing up in Lorain County.



Without a doubt, 2009 will be a year in the history of the Elyria Public Library System that will be remembered as one of victories, setbacks and new directions. The Board of Trustees and the staff, dedicated to the Library's mission of offering unlimited possibilities of lifelong learning for all and free resources to everyone in the community it serves, were almost stretched to the limits of their dedication and professionalism.

Why did they prevail? The two little phrases, "for all" and "everyone in the community" is the key. You, are the reason. Our mission is to serve you.

You passed the 1.9 mils operating levy in Elyria when we asked you to support us. You passed the .8 mils operating levy in LaGrange when we asked you to support us. Because of your support, we are able to keep our facilities operating, despite the 30% reduction in State funding. In spite of the budget cuts, in spite of reduced hours, personnel, and materials budgets, you borrowed 1,199,118 items from us—a 7.6% increase over the year before. Wow! An all-time record high!

Our thanks, to each of you!

2009 EPLS Financial Data

INCOME		
Public Library Funding	2,028,819.00	64.29%
Local Operating Levy	964,157.00	30.56%
Other	162,861.00	5.15%
	\$3,155,837.00	100.00%
EXPENSES		
Payroll/Benefits	2,500,708.00	71.01%
Operating	599,817.00	17.04%
Materials	409,522.00	11.64%
Capital	10,730.00	.31%
	\$3,520,777.00	100.00%

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