

Message From the Board

In 2008, the Library began the implementation of its new Strategic Plan focusing on marketing, improving our quality of service through innovative programming and increasing our community partnerships.

Some of the significant events in achieving these goals included the "A" is for Author Festival which exposed the Children and Adults of Oshawa to authors like Sean Cullen. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the Oshawa Public Library for their generous funding of this festival.

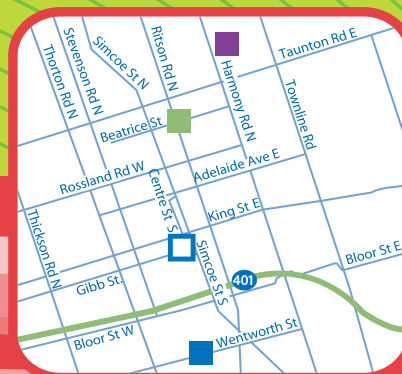
The three day marketing blitz at the Oshawa Centre helped raise the profile of the Library with staff running some of the many programmes available at the Library. Staff also displayed new services such as Wii Xbox and MP3. There were several contests and giveaways which were enjoyed by all. This would not have been possible without the support of the Oshawa Centre and many local sponsors.

The Library continued to establish and maintain existing partnerships in the community, including an ongoing and positive association with the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres, the Oshawa Generals, Oshawa Public Utilities Commission and Rogers Cable TV.

We are proud of our library and the people who are an integral part of it. We trust that our customers continue to see their library as a place where the community can come to connect to each other and the world.

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Annual Report 2008

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Pictures:
Back Cover, left: Joseph Sansalone at the A is for Author Festival gala
Back Cover, right: The OPL staff dressed up for Halloween
Front Cover, left: Sean Cullen at the A is for Author Festival Gala
Front Cover, right: Mandy Shipperley at the Santa's Parade of Lights

Our Services

The Oshawa Public Libraries continues to offer a suite of services to our customers, including programming at all levels, Children, Teen, Adults and Seniors. In 2008 the number of programmes offered increased an average of 39% with attendance up 16%.

The Library offers a variety of electronic databases for all customers and continues to offer employment help services through Durham College and Service Ontario.



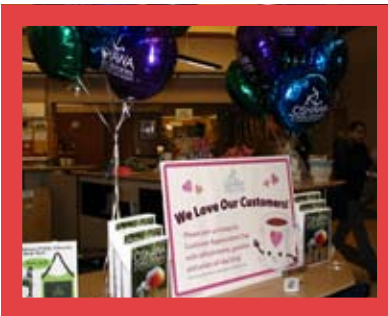
Legends Centre, Oshawa

Looking Ahead

2009 promises to be another exciting year as we continue with our ongoing commitment to provide state of the art facilities for the staff and our customers through the creation of exciting and attractive spaces.

In 2009 the Library will introduce Wii and Xbox video games which are very popular with all age groups.

The Library will be sending out an RFP for the purchase of a new Integrated Library System to replace our existing technology. The implementation will continue through to the end of 2010.



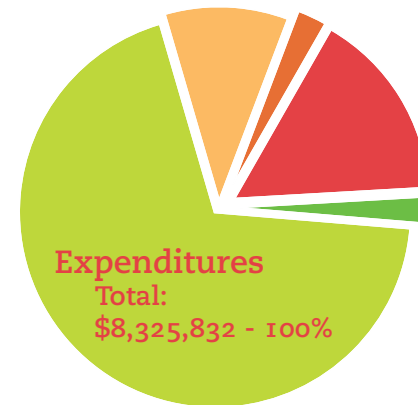
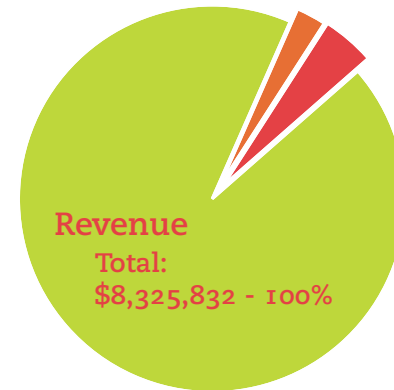
Customer Appreciation Day - February 14, 2008



Carnegie Library, Oshawa

2008 Financial Statement

Prepared by Robert E. Merry - Manager, Corporate Services



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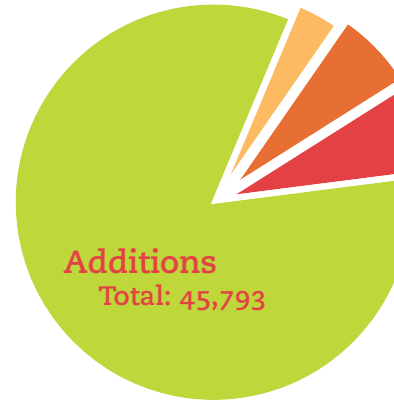
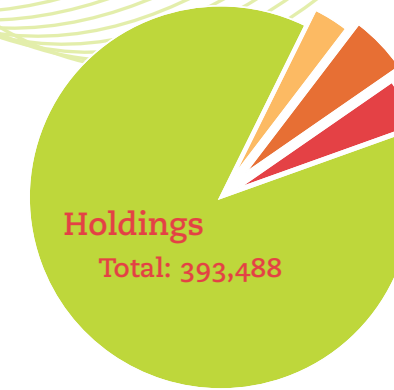
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Dinah Gough, recipient of the OPL A - Leadership in Youth Services Award.

2008 Library Holdings

Prepared by Anne Donnellan - Manager, Technical Services



Holdings as of December 31, 2008



Local History Librarian Nicole Patterson and Mike Starr of the Starblanket Tribe



Staff Award winners: Tiffany Balducci, Anne Donnellan, Tammy Robinson and Joanne Buchanan