



Annual Report 2009

Oshawa Public Libraries



Our Services

The Oshawa Public Libraries has been serving the citizens of Oshawa since 1864. The Library started as a *Mechanics Institute* providing magazines and teaching instruction.

Today the Library offers a full range of services including materials in all available formats and continues to provide programming for all age groups.

A complete history of the Oshawa Public Libraries can be read on our website:

www.oshawalibrary.on.ca

Click on *About Your Library*, on the main page, to access our history and other information about the Oshawa Public Libraries.

Looking Ahead

In 2010 the Library will be renovating the South End of the main floor of the McLaughlin Branch. This is the third and final phase of the renovation that began in 1999 with the renovation of the Main Reading Room, followed in 2003 with the McLaughlin Reading Room.

The renovation will feature an innovative arrangement of the shelves, a centralized information Desk and for the first time, a dedicated Teen Space with dedicated Gaming P/C's, Internet terminals, flat screen TV and an enhanced materials collection.

The library will be migrating to a new integrated computer system in the fall of 2010. The new system will provide access to a number of new services.

As we enter the final year of our current strategic plan, The Strategic Planning Committee will begin the development of a new five (5) year plan.

Staff Changes

Retirements:

Jane Collard, Supervisor, Technical Services

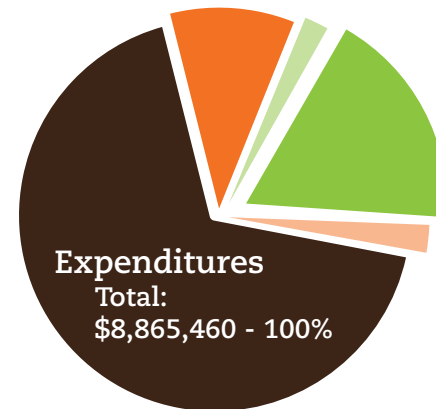
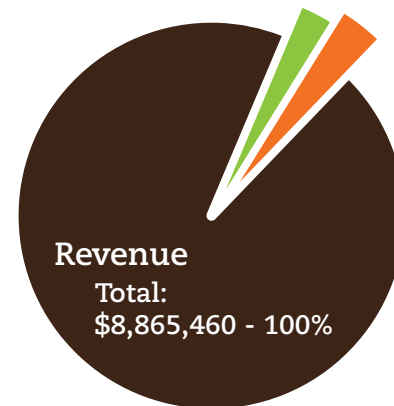
Patricia Morton, Technical Services Clerk

Dinah Gough, Manager, Children's and Youth Services

As part of our succession planning, the Library hired Wayne Johnson into the position of Manager, Finance and Human Resources.

2009 Financial Statement

Prepared by Wayne Johnson -
Manager, Finance and Human Resource Services



Donations

Major Contributors:

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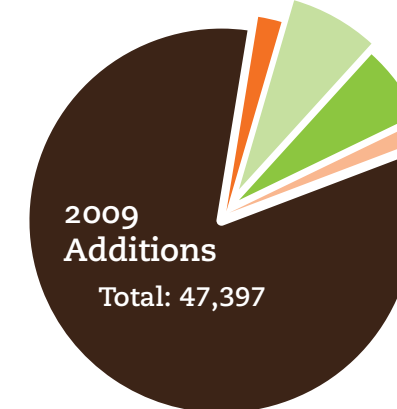
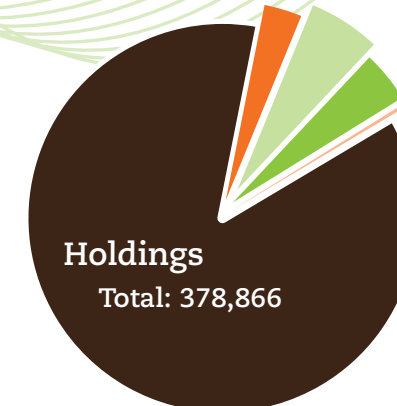
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Blue & friend, at the Oshawa Centre

2009 Library Holdings

Prepared by Anne Donnellan -
Manager, Technical Services



Holdings as of December 31, 2009



2009 Battle of the Bands Committee Members

Message From the Board

2009 was a banner year for the Oshawa Public Libraries.

The Writer in Residence programme with Elizabeth Ruth was a huge success. The library partnered with Whitby Public Library to implement the Pass the Book programme in Oshawa. The 2009 title chosen by the Oshawa Public Libraries was *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. The Oshawa Public Libraries teamed up with the Oshawa Generals Hockey Team to develop the "Read, Dream and Achieve" reading programme. The Oshawa Generals and local personalities including the Mayor, Police and Fire Chiefs, Ken Shaw and Dan Carter participated in the programme.

The Library introduced the Teen Reading and Art Contest and the hugely successful Dog Therapy Reading Programme at the Northview Branch.

2009 Board Members

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Chrissie Wysotski, Jeff Brown & friends.
Part of Read, Dream & Achieve Story Time

To celebrate the success of the Pass the Book programme, Limba the Elephant delighted many at the Legends Centre.

Pictures:

Back Cover: Limba and Staff at the Pass the Book event featuring Limba the Elephant
Front Cover, left: Clowning around with Janet Macchione during our visit from Limba
Front Cover, top: Limba, from the Bowmanville Zoo
Front Cover, bottom: Cathy Vodden, Katie Thompson and Robert Merry riding Limba



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Northview Branch
250 Beatrice Street E. L1G 7T6

Jess Hann Branch
199 Wentworth St. W. L1J 6P4

Legends Centre Branch
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