

# FY2009

Annual Report to Patrons  
Lake City Public Library  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009



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## From the Director

The past year was another great one for Lake City Public Library. As we approach our seventh anniversary in the new building, we celebrate the introduction of expanded hours, new collections and new programs, all efforts to keep LCPL relevant to the needs and interests of its community.

As described in our mission statement, the library is a place “to learn, to know, to gather, and to grow.” The building offers many opportunities to do those things. Keeping it open and available as many hours as possible has been an ongoing goal of the board and staff. Over the past two years we have increased the number of hours open per week from 34 to 46, adding 5 hours during FY2008 and another 7 hours during FY2009. Thanks to the help of several faithful volunteers, and the judicious redistribution of staff schedules, we have done this without any increase in total staff hours. The success of this new schedule is demonstrated in a considerable increase in the number of computer sessions, as well as an increase in the number of people entering the library.

Patron satisfaction has always been our goal, and we grow our collection with that in mind. A prime example is our new DVD collection. Increasing requests from our patrons led us to seek a grant from the Calhoun County Community Foundation. Lake City Friends of the Library agreed to provide the local match, which enabled us to purchase a display tower and begin stocking it with DVDs. Initial response to our fledgling collection has been incredible, with circulation far exceeding our expectations. We continue to add DVDs weekly, and are open to suggestions from the public on your favorite “can’t miss” movies, old or new.

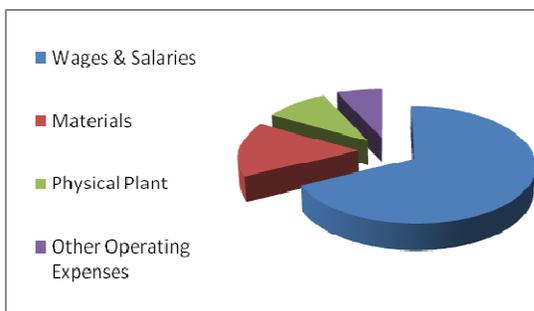
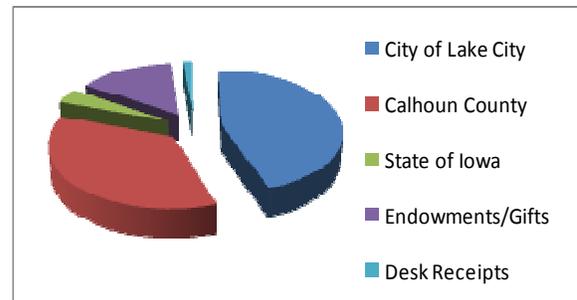
The library offers numerous opportunities for community members to gather, both informally for coffee and conversation and formally for meetings and classes.

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(from P. 1) In response to expressed patron interest, we started a camera club, a monthly gathering of photographers of all interests and abilities to share ideas and learn new techniques. The club joins several other library-sponsored groups that meet regularly (including a poetry group, book discussions and computer classes) to bring people together around a shared interest.

If you are a library “regular,” we thank you for your continuing interest. If you are an occasional visitor, come and see what’s new since your last visit. If you’ve never used LCPL, come on in and see all that we have to offer—*Norma DeVries*



Operating Expenses	2009	2008	2007
Wages & Salaries	48,368	45,038	38,509
Materials	10,997	11,574	10,983
Physical Plant	6,944	6,757	6,473
Other Op. Expenses	4,991	3,296	3,277
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>66,665</b>	<b>59,242</b>



<b>Library Activity</b>	2009	2008	2007	2006
People entering	21,672	20,685	19,342	17,163
People attending adult programs	527	423	356	189
Children attending programs	863	751	627	830
Patron computer sessions	8,019	6,274	5,280	3,744
Meeting Room Use	2,689	3,077	3,024	2,172
<b>Circulation</b>				
Adult books	10,264	10,627	10,718	10,143
Children's books	4,578	5,369	5,266	5,413
Periodicals	641	683	496	534
Audiobooks	947	1,128	1,139	1,394
Videocassettes	597	785	871	875
Received from other libraries	346	348	362	454
Other	8	20	14	2
Total materials circulated	17,381	19,050	18,866	18,815

## Programs for Children

**W**hatever the child's age, the library aims to schedule programming that will whet the appetite for a good book and establish the library as a great place to be.

Story times are important events at the library—they are the beginning of library life for many of our children. Youngsters 3 and up, in the company of parents or caregivers, arrive on the scheduled weekday morning and hear a story, learn a nursery rhyme, sing a song, play a rhythm band instrument or maybe just try on hats. Sometimes, we work with crayons or even paints! And before it's time to go, there is time to choose a book or two to take home.

"Fall into Books," "A Good Book & a Chance of Snow," and "Spring into Books" are traditional seasonal series here, with changing themes over the summer. These events are for some an introduction to the library: a place to learn that it's cool to sit on the window seat in the children's wing and listen to the story, to greet friends not seen since last week, to participate in an activity—in effect, to start to feel at home in this space.

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*Children's programming, cont'd.*

Children's summer programming during June 2009 focused on creativity. Elementary-age children explored fine art, jazz and mime. Entertainer Fax Gilbert, sponsored by Friends of the Library, reminded children and adults of the fun of illusion. Volunteers Jan Dougherty and Erin Thieszen provided welcome and capable support at children's programs.

"Fridays after School" continued as an informal gathering time offering games, popcorn and soda to elementary-age children on Friday afternoons.

Older children once again started earning "Read-y Cash" for reading books over the summer — funds that they would later spend on auction night for some pretty outstanding prizes.

In all, children's program attendance came to 863 during FY 2009, up from 751 during the previous year. ∞

*Computer classes.* Michele Deluhery taught a full complement of classes, including two fall and two spring series. In one, seniors with relatively little or no computer experience took advantage of free courses in basic instruction. In other classes, open to the public at large, modest fees are charged for courses in specific software applications. In all, 60 students

took instruction. Poet's Night Out, Lake City Camera Club, Thursday Morning Coffee, book discussions, classes: '09 was a varied good year!



Creativity at work



The mimes climb: some library kids have a talent!

**LCPL Hours**

Monday	12:20-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday	12:30-5:30 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-noon

Closed Sunday

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