



Independence Public Library 2009 Annual Report

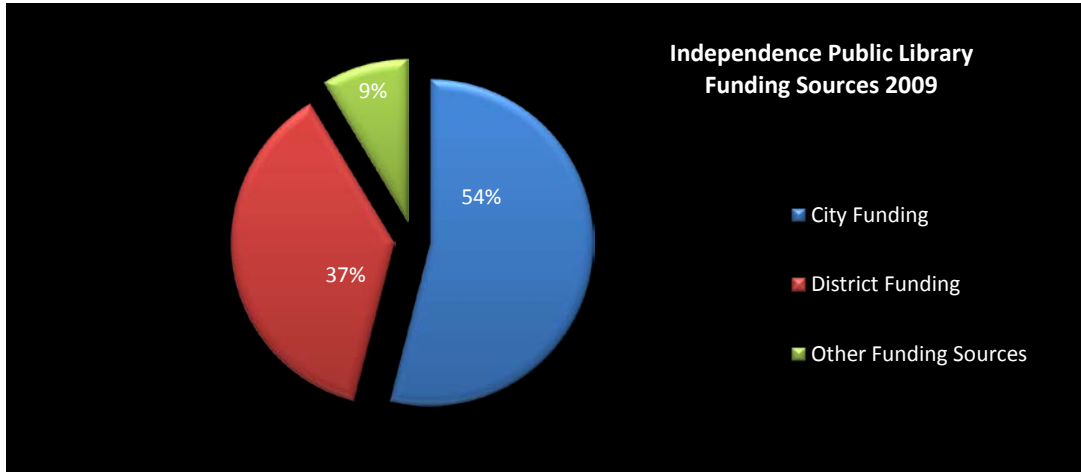
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With Library Excellence*

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Budget:

The City of Independence provided 54% of our funding for 2009: \$261,229 which was \$28,570 below budget. The District provided 37% of our funding: \$181,101 which was \$31,358 below budget.

The remaining 9% comes from *desk collections* : \$12,592, *grants* : \$13,201, *Friends contributions* : \$6,400, *interest income* : \$1676, *refund* : \$2854, *misc income* : \$480 and a carry forward balance: \$4,418.

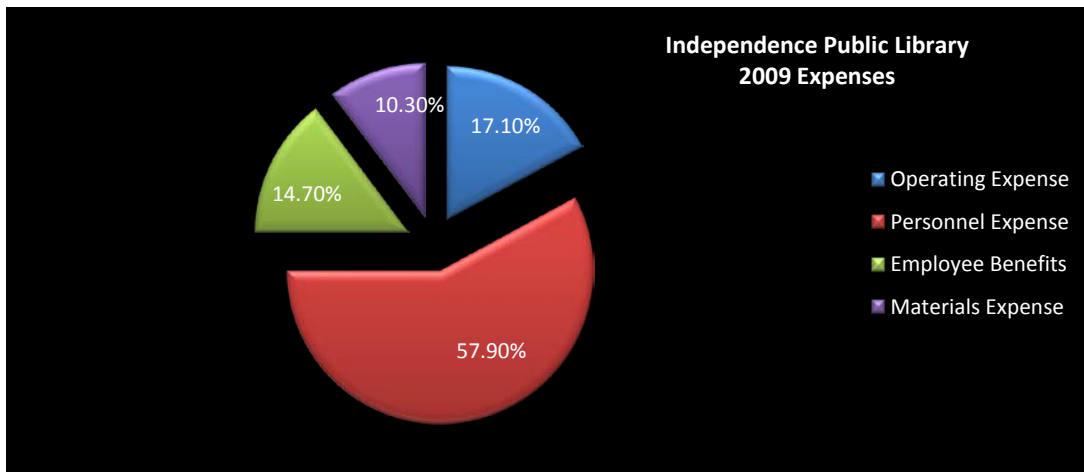


Our operating expenses made up 17.1% of our budget: \$84,595.

Personnel expense was 57.9% of the budget: \$287,125.

Employee benefits were 14.7%: \$72,409.

Materials expense was 10.3%: \$51,043.



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Our income increased by 11% or \$60,619 from 2008.

At the same time our KPERS expense increased by 26.2%: \$3,329.

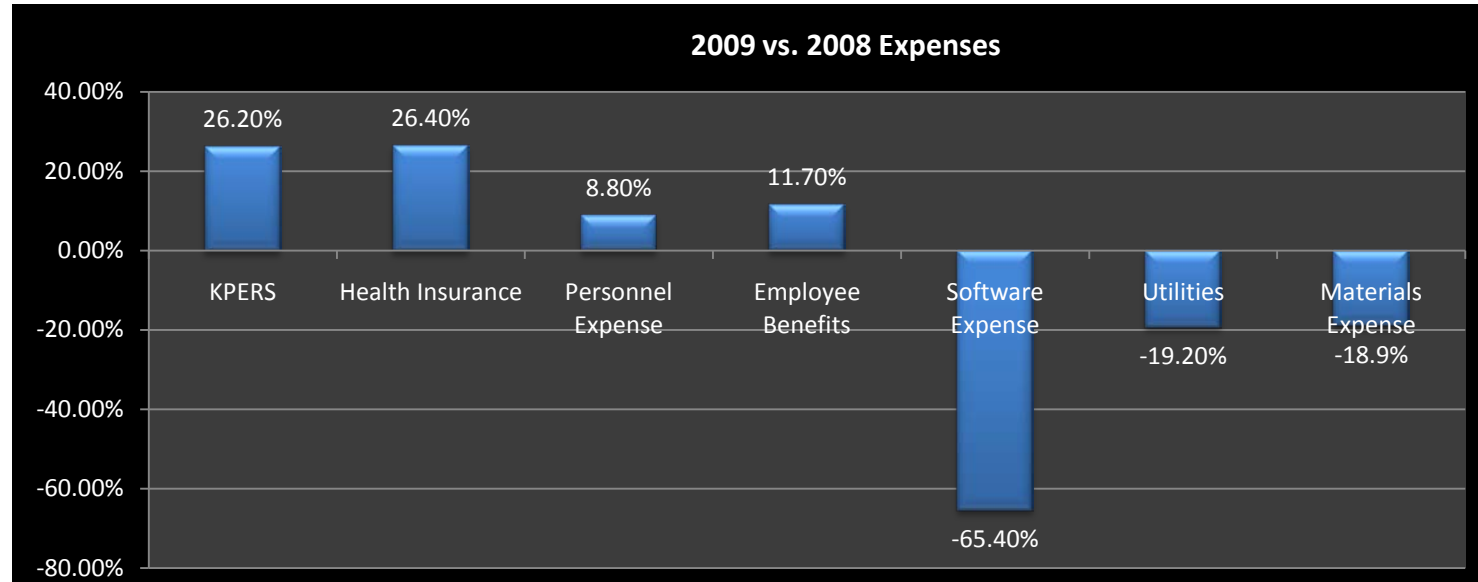
Health Insurance increased by 26.4% : \$9,781.

Our personnel expense increased by 8.8%: \$25,250 and employee benefits increased by 11.7%: \$8,418.33.

Our software expense decreased due to the start-up fees for koha in 2008.

Utilities decreased as well by 19.2%: \$4,261.85 due to going on a Even Payment Plan

Materials expense decreased by 18.9%: \$11,870, due in part to the spending freeze October-December 2009.



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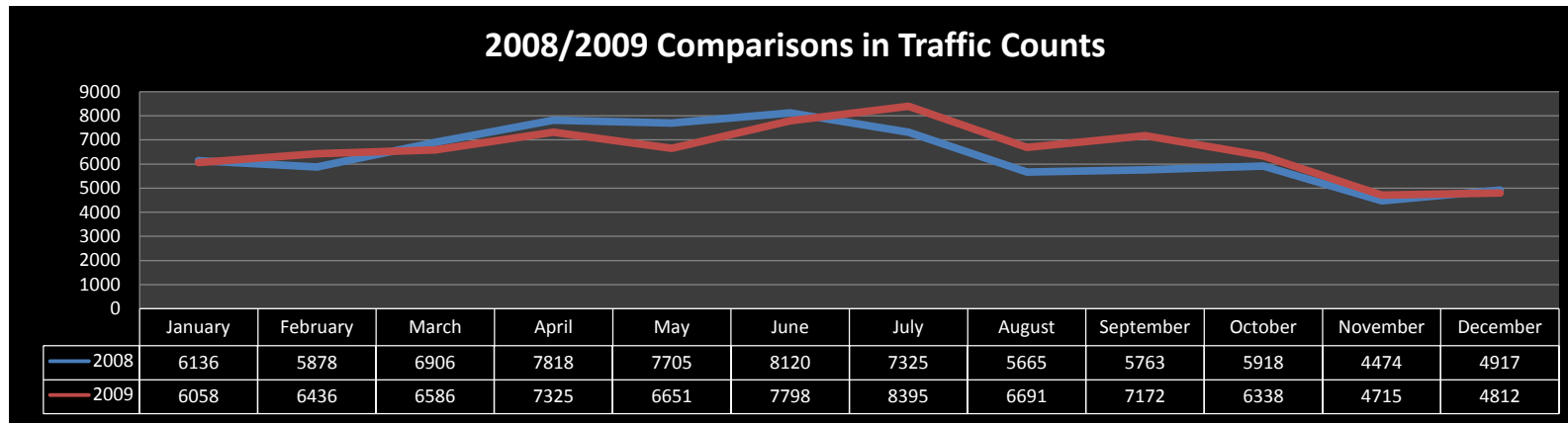
In comparing 2008 traffic to 2009 we can see an increase toward the end of the year.

July - October we had record totals compared to 2007 & 2008, maybe due to the economy.

We did see a drop in children's attendance which may be due to the flu epidemic, parents are afraid of bringing their young children to the library.

We are making every effort to keep things wiped down with disinfectant wipes and have hand disinfectant available to the staff and public.

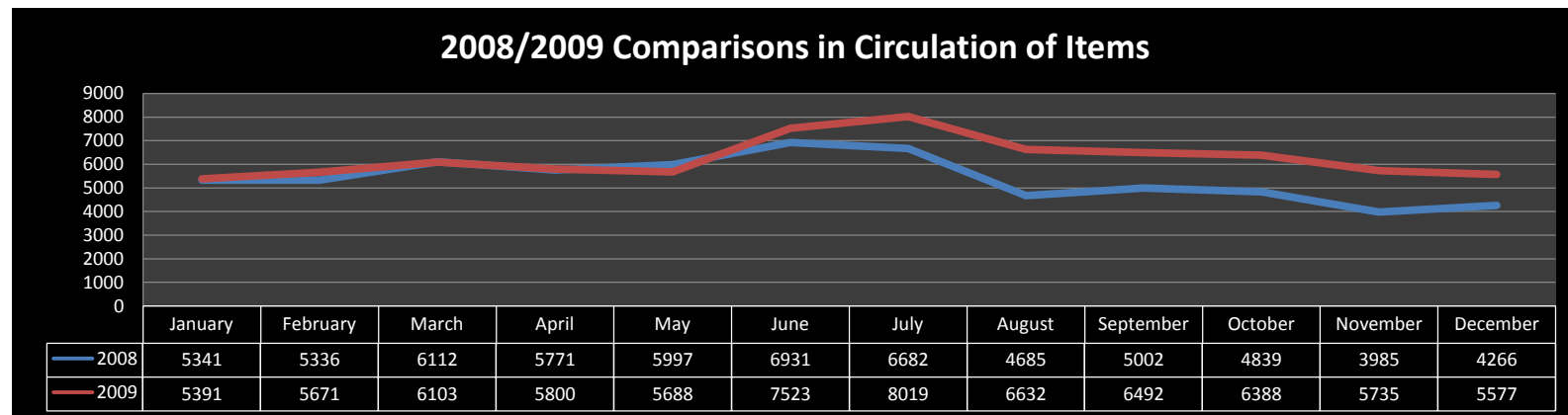
We averaged 50 Patrons per hour in 2009!



We have also had record totals in items circulating in 2009 compared to 2007 & 2008.

This may be due in part to our new koha ILS system with our expanded access to materials, as well as record traffic in the library.

We have 8,389 cardholders and they checked out 75,019 items!



Adult Books made up 43.6% of items checked out, 25.6% were children's books, and 3.8% were young adult.

Video/DVD/Audio was 25.6% of items checked out, and magazines were 1.4%.

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Our public service hours increased from 2,080 to 2,272 in 2009.

Reference requests increased by 32.71%: 7,486 to 9,935.

Books in our collection decreased from 44,869 to 40,535 due to weeding.

Magazine subscriptions increased from 112 to 119.

We dramatically increased our DVD collection, from 2,200 to 3,204.

2009 vs. 2008 Materials/Hours/Reference

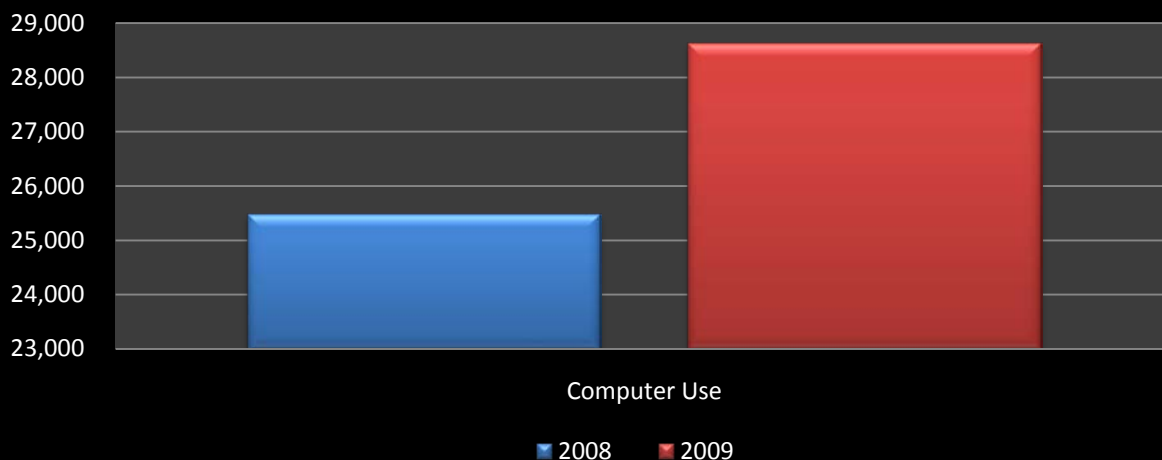


Computer Log Ins were up from 25,478 to 28,620.

We are also seeing a dramatic increase in the number of patrons needing assistance with computers, filling out unemployment forms, applying for jobs, and typing resumes.

We also notice a increasing number of seniors wanting to learn computer skills.

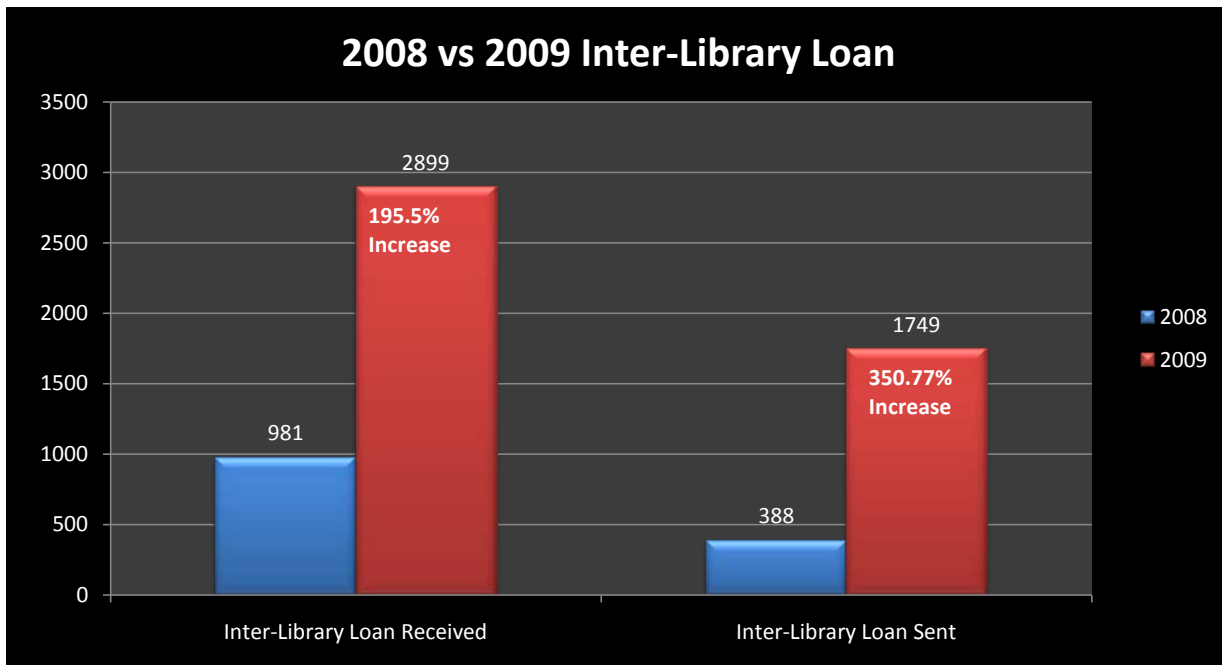
2008 vs. 2009 Computer Use



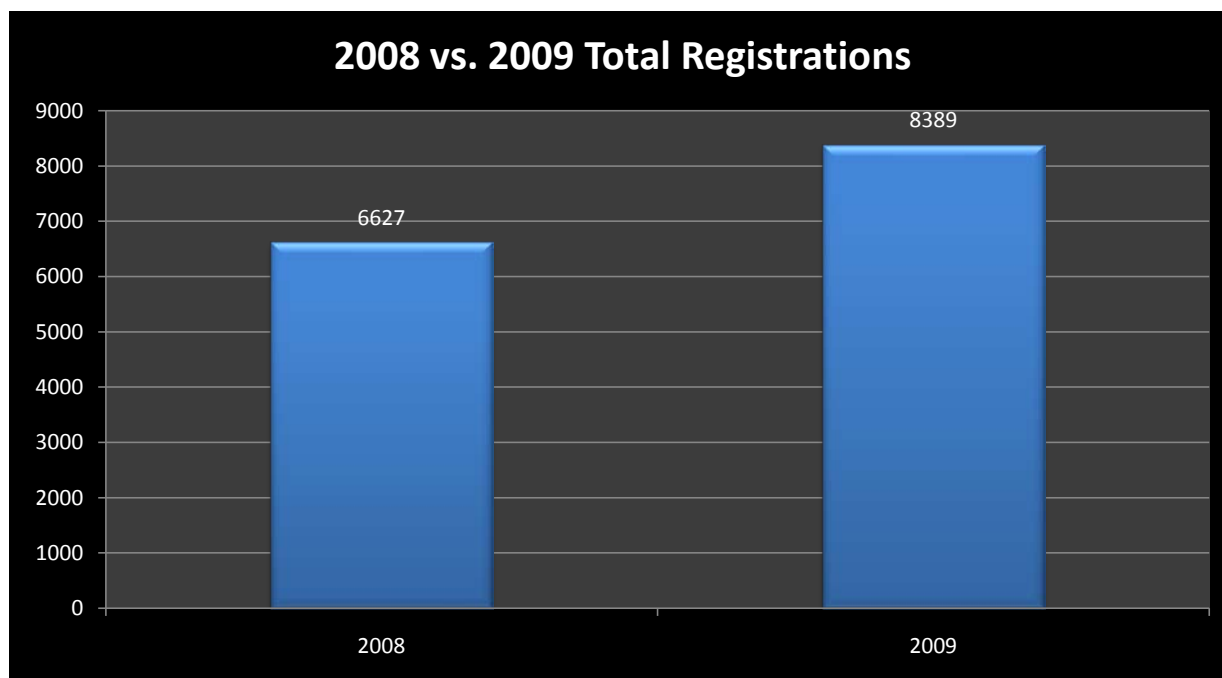
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Inter-Library Loans have nearly tripled in 2009 due to our new membership in the koha ILS consortium. We instituted the use of a courier service through SEKLS which helps keep postage costs at a minimum.



Total new patron registrations increased 27% in 2009.



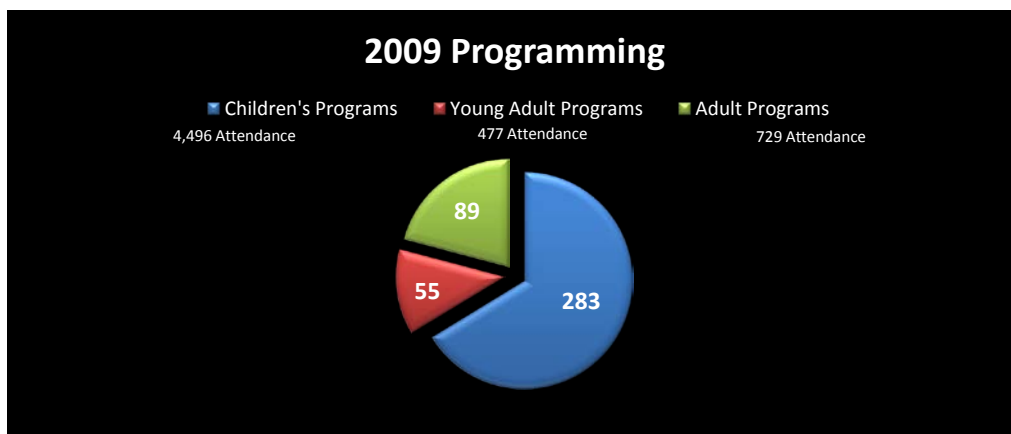
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Programming:

We had 283 children's programs with an attendance total of 4,496, for an average of 16 per program.

We had 55 young adult programs with an attendance total of 477, for an average of 9 per program.

We had 89 adult programs with an attendance total of 729, for an average of 8 per program.



Main Events:

Event	Attendance
Visions of the Universe	494
Animals from Australia and New Zealand	227
Musical Petting Zoo	80
Egyptian Animals	325

Annual Programs:

Kansas Humanities Book TALK	30
RIF	462
Kansas Reads	5
Volunteer Appreciation	18
End of School Bash	85
Ghost Stories in the Park	64
Christmas Festival	325

Other Programs:

Movies	222
Wii Gaming	151
Computer Classes	89
SEK Programs	37

Partnerships:

Friends of the Library
 Visions of the Universe/ICC
 Open Mic Nights/ICC
 TIDAL Wave/Montgomery County Crisis Center
 Sheep on a Stick/Local Knitters
 Prairie Writers/Donna Rothgeb
 SEK Area on Aging
 Walk Kansas
 Small Business Administration
 Local Businesses for Xmas Fest
 Cancer Support Group of Montgomery County
 Local Elementary and Middle Schools
 RIF Supporters: Lions, Soroptomist, Optimist, Friends



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Summer Reading Program:

Blinn had many terrific programming ideas this year for the Summer Reading Program.
The theme was *Be Creative at the Library!*

Creativity Camp
Camera Club
Raffia Basket Weaving
Pottery Class
Henna Tattoos
Tim Raglin - How to Illustrate a Children's Book
Instrument Petting Zoo
Linda Parker and her Dogs (Author)

Other Children's Programs:

Toddler Time
Kids Crew
Craft Time
Preschool Tales
Art Club
Curiosity Center
Pajama Storytime
Bingo
Poster Party
Tea Party
Adventures with Dora the Explorer
St. Patrick's Day Party
Homeschool Geography Preschool
Easter Egg Hunt
Earth Day Gardening
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Junie B. Jones Club
Ice Cream Social
TV Free Activities
Cooking Class



Instrument Petting Zoo



Cooking Class



Pet Show



Where the Wild Things Are

Summary

Budget:

The Independence Public Library is funded by a District tax levy of 1.7 mills and 4 mills from the City of Independence.

In 2009 our funding was less than anticipated, this coupled with increased expenses and unexpected repair costs caused our cash position during the final quarter to be below what was needed to continue business as usual.

Drastic measures were immediately taken.

Staff and hours were reduced beginning in October, and a reduction in salary was taken by the new Director resulting in a decrease in personnel costs:

September	\$41,595
October	29,267
November	20,606
December	22,372
January	22,782

The City of Independence graciously reimbursed our repair costs from the Quality of Life funds and gave us an additional \$15,000 from their general fund. The Friends of the Library also gave us \$5,000.

We put a freeze on all spending from October through January which saved an estimated \$22,500.

We are pleased to announce that with these measures we are able to carry forward a balance of \$57,400, (\$11,400 of which is designated as a donation by Dorothy Mock to be used for the Children's library only).

Usage:

We recorded record numbers in traffic from July - October 2009, and record numbers of items circulated from June - December 2009.

Many libraries throughout the country are also experiencing record patron use, due to the downturn in the economy. ALA statistics show approximately 50% of libraries in America have shown a decrease in funding for 2009.

We had an increase in the number of registered patrons of 27%.

Inter-library loans and transfers skyrocketed to nearly three times the 2008 figures.

Programming

Our total program attendance was down slightly from 2008, from 6,713 to 5,702.

It is estimated there will be a reduction again in 2010 due to a shift in our focus from event programming to community needs based programming.

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