

Kent County Public Library
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2009

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Annual Statistical Information

\$799,002 Total Budget

- o \$584,000 County
- o \$103,569 State of Maryland
- o \$111,433 Other (Fines, Grants, Donations, Municipalities)

\$799,002 Total Expenditures

\$382,000 Capital Budget¹

3 Branches

47,097 Materials Collection

161,443 Materials Circulated

11,774 Registered Borrowers

7, 738 Information Questions Answered

¹ The \$382,000's representing the fiscal year 2009 capital budget and respective expenses were not included in the total budget or total expenditures.

104,812 Library Visits
419 Programs and 8,380 Program Attendances
23 Outside groups used the meeting room.
2,620 Interlibrary Loan Circulations
14.5 FTE Personnel
30 Public Access Computers

Library Service Highlights

The library management and staff were committed to keeping the library open during the renovation process. The library was successful due to a dedicated staff and patient library patrons to remain open and provide the services that the residents of Kent County of come to expect. The library's most significant program of note in fiscal year 2009 was staying open and operational.

The library worked with Bowker® and Equinox software to become the first Evergreen Open ILS to have full Library Thing® integration in our ILS. This has made keyword searches faster and provides better item level access to the collection. In addition, a built in reader's advisory is displayed in the record.

The library undertook yearlong renovation of the main facility in Chestertown. This involved replacing the roof, adding insulation and replacing all the doors and windows to the facility. The library is already is seeing a result in the form of lower electric bills because of this investment.

The library continues to work with the various governmental and non-governmental institutions in Kent County. However, of particular note this year was the laying of optic fiber ring around the county connecting the schools, library and other government organizations.

One of our more successful cultural partnerships was the Maryland Humanities One Maryland, One Book program. The library was able to work with Washington College and over fifteen independent book groups and various schools to insure that the program was a success culminating with a presentation by the author James McBride at Washington College.

Impact of Budget Enhancements or Reductions

The library received a significant budget enhancement to our capital budget, which provided the library with our renovation objectives.