

Fast Facts

- Over 45,500 items in our collection, **twice the national and state medians for public libraries serving communities our size.**
- **28 annual visits** per capita, four times the state and national averages, and highest in the state—about 144,000 in 2008.
- **22 checkouts per capita annually**, twice the state average—we had 111,210 in 2008.
- We spend over **\$16 on new materials** per capita, more than twice the state average.
- **Four (soon to be five) of our staff members have graduate library degrees**, more than that of any other library in the nation serving a community our size.

Shoppers at the 2009 Library Fair



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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10 am to 7 pm
Friday-Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm
Sundays: noon to 3 pm

Board of Trustees:

John Ashenhurst, 2009 President
[5-year term expired December 2009]
Lois Cornell, 2010 President
Alan Lichter
Rachel Newcombe
[5-year term began January 2010]
Joan Pedrick
Tom Welch

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Book Sale
Saturday, February 20, 2010
Orcas Island School District Cafeteria

Library Fair
Saturday, August 14, 2010
Eastsound Village Green

We receive invaluable support from the
Friends of Orcas Island Library!
www.orcaslibrary.org/friends.shtml

Orcas Island Public Library 2009

Building Strong Collections



And Strong Connections

2008 Financial Summary

Revenues

Property taxes	\$ 502,263
State Government	0
Federal Government	0
Donations, fees, etc.	87,323

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 589,586

Expenditures

Personnel	\$ 323,118
Collection	80,262
Other Operating	155,513

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 558,893



Presentation to Board of Trustees and Library Director Phil Heikkinen by the Friends of the Library at the 2009 Holiday Tea.

Library Trends: The library is growing! Every year we show increases in number of visits and circulation volume. And our collection is expanding to offset our increasing community of patrons.

Year	Visits	Circulation
2004	94,000	93,852
2005	136,000	96,543
2006	137,000	104,667
2007	141,000	108,892
2008	144,000	111,210
2009	142,000	114,386

How Much is Your Library Service Really Worth?

The average Orcas Islander's annual investment in the Library is \$109.

An interesting way to look at the value received from this investment is to relate it to the approximate retail cost of some of the services provided by the Library.

High Speed Internet	\$ 480
Ten New Books	\$ 250
Ten Movie Rentals	\$ 45
Computer (averaged over 4 years)	\$ 250
Newspaper & Magazine Subscriptions	\$ 25
TOTAL Annual Retail Costs	\$ 1,050

Services and tools we also offer:

- Audio Books (CD and downloadable mp3)
- 23 Online Databases
- Interlibrary Loans
- English as a Second Language Classes
- Crossroads Lecture Series
- Lifelong Learning Classes

Beginning in January 2010, we will be open on Sundays for limited hours. These added hours are a test scheduled to run at least through June and possibly December, 2010.

At the end of 2009, after five years of service, two of which he served as President, John Ashenurst left the Board of Trustees. In January 2010 we welcome a new Trustee, Rachel Newcombe, to our Board.

What have you told us in 2009?

The Orcas Island Public Library considered a possible building addition in 2009. However, due to the tight economy, we put that idea on hold. We decided to conduct several surveys to better understand where our community wants us to really focus our efforts in providing the best possible resources and services. Survey results are available through a link on the homepage of our Web Site.

Some of the highlights of the surveys:

- Most respondents see the quality of our collection as crucial. Also, some desire more open hours, and more room to use the collection comfortably. Being able to provide adequate reading and study space is an increasing challenge for us. Also, we continue to explore ways to improve our service hours.
- Good staffing is important. We have been able to meet increasing use by adding a few more staff hours for 2010.
- Importance of the website and online resources received divergent ratings, weighted towards the higher side.
- The importance of programs and classes, and of computer or wireless access also saw divergent rankings depending on the respondents' particular uses of the library.
- We will be updating our long-range plan in 2010. Look for updates.

Thank you for your support!