

Greenburgh Public Library



Report for 2009



GPL FACTS & FIGURES 2009

- TOTAL VISITORS = 257,158
- TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE = 10,688
- **MATERIALS USAGE:**
- ITEMS LOANED = 577,226
- ITEMS CHECKED-IN = 403,857
- LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED = 4,835
- **COMPUTER USAGE (in hours used):**
- ADULT = 16,491
- CHILDREN = 7,242
- YOUNG ADULT = 3,202
- TRAINING ROOM = 12,301
- **PROGRAM ATTENDANCE:**
- ADULT PROGRAMS = 2,999
- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS = 6,910
- YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS = 541
- COMPUTER PROGRAMS = 238
- REFERENCE QUESTIONS = 70,035



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2009 PROGRESS REPORT

The Greenburgh Public Library boasted many notable achievements during 2009, beginning with the opening of a new, expanded library building which increased the size of the original library building from 22,400 square feet to just over 46,000 square feet. While the new building opened to the public on December 15, 2008, the full impact of the expanded library was not realized until 2009. The opening of the new Library on schedule allowed for the full restoration of library services to the public after having been located in a much smaller space in Greenburgh Town Hall and in the Greenburgh Multipurpose Center. In the new space, the Library is able to have its full collection of materials on display, hold larger and a greater number of programs than had been previously held, provide several comfortable seating areas and offer over 50 computers available for public use. An opening celebration commemorating the new Greenburgh Public Library was held in April, 2009 with several local politicians and community leaders attending.

The new Greenburgh Public Library received two major awards for the design of the new building during 2009. The first of these awards was the **Award of Merit** presented by *New York Construction News*, one of the nation's most prestigious and important construction magazines. The award put the Greenburgh Public Library in the company of other award-winning buildings such as the New Yankee Stadium, Lincoln Center's renovated Alice Tully Hall and the Brooklyn Children's Museum. The second building design award was presented by the American Institute of Architects, Westchester/Mid-Hudson Chapter, and drew much attention to the Library from across Westchester County and beyond. In addition to the design awards, the Library had the honor of being selected to grace the cover of *Library Journal's* Annual Architecture issue in December. *Library Journal* is the premier magazine for librarians and libraries in the USA with a monthly circulation of over 100,000.

For the first time in several years, 2009 saw the appointment by the Town Board of a predominantly new Library Board of Trustees, including new Board President, Frank Musantry, the first new Board President in many years. Additionally, the New York State Board of Regents granted the Library Board's request to increase the number of positions on the Library Board of Trustees from seven to nine. This significant development will allow the Board to include a greater cross-section of representatives from the community served by the Library, as well as better serve such a large institution. Library Trustees are entrusted by law with the custody of the fiduciary, policy and operational soundness of the Library.

The Library also benefited in 2009 from the activities of the Greenburgh Friends of the Library, headed by Mel Lipetz. While the Library was housed in smaller quarters within Greenburgh's Town Hall and Multipurpose Center during construction of the new Library building, the Friends of the Library's annual book sale went on hiatus as there simply was not space enough to facilitate the annual book sale. Beginning in 2009, the Friends of the Library book sale returned and is once again one of the key revenue-generating events held for the Library's benefit during the year. The Friends of the Library also used the proceeds from previous library book sale events to purchase approximately \$35,000 worth of much needed furniture for the Children's Room in the newly expanded library.

Also in 2009, the Greenburgh Public Library received confirmation that a \$50,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York had been awarded after a years-long application process. The Library built into its design, space devoted to the proper storage and use of a tremendous collection of materials pertaining to the Town of Greenburgh's local history. Most of these materials have been inaccessible to the public. The grant will pay for fixtures needed to appropriately store and display materials as well as tables, chairs and other furnishings for the room. Much of the historical collection is comprised of documents that are one-of-a-kind, are fragile and cannot be replaced. The completion of the Local History Room through the acquisition of this grant will make this resource available to the public for the first time.

The Library staff also capitalized on the expanded space by increasing the number of programs being offered to the public. A new, highly successful "Guy's Read" program was introduced in 2009 targeted toward teen and pre-teen boys and encourages them to read. Programs in Spanish began being offered in 2009 to meet the needs of the growing Spanish-speaking population in Greenburgh. Heading into 2010, the Library will continue to offer programming to meet the changing needs of the community.

As the Greenburgh Public Library and the community it serves continues to grow and evolve, the Library's goals for 2010 include seeking new ways to generate revenue. It has been widely publicized that, due to budget cuts for 2010, many services, such as Library hours, have had to be reduced. A primary goal of the Library Board of Trustees is to restore Library hours of operation to the seven-day-per-week schedule the public has come to expect.

Our 2010 goals also include, but are certainly not limited to, the potential sale of the decommissioned Bookmobile, reducing paper consumption by as much as 25%, explore the installation of a café, hosting the first annual Westchester County Amateur Photography Contest in the Spring and the Library Foundation's "Books 'n Cooks" fund-raising event.

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■ LIBRARY HOLDINGS:

- ADULT FICTION BOOKS = 36,004
- ADULT NON-FICTION BOOKS = 57,494
- CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS = 25,475
- CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION BOOKS = 20,967
- AUDIO RECORDINGS = 22,229
- VIDEO RECORDINGS = 15,262
- ELECTRONIC BOOKS = 1,931

■ CIRCULATION:

- ADULT FICTION BOOKS = 101,728
- ADULT NON-FICTION BOOKS = 58,454
- CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS = 104,200
- CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION BOOKS = 29,534
- OTHER ADULT MATERIALS = 224,305
- OTHER CHILDREN'S MATERIALS = 63,518

■ INTER-LIBRARY LOANS:

- TOTAL RECEIVED = 41,252
- TOTAL LOANED = 64,754

- LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS = 21,457



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A Message From the Library Director

I am pleased to report lots of good news for the Greenburgh Public Library as we head into 2010. Since we reopened the new facility in December of 2008, the Greenburgh Public Library has won several prestigious design awards and has been featured on the cover of *Library Journal*, the nation's most prestigious library trade magazine with a monthly readership of over 100,000. The Library has brought a tremendous amount of positive attention to the Town of Greenburgh and will continue to do so as we move into 2010. The Library continually strives to be *the* positive force in the community. In lieu of reduced hours and services, which we all hope are temporary, the mission statement and vision of the Greenburgh Public Library, remains the same. The Greenburgh Library Board of Trustees and the Library staff remain committed to providing the best possible service, the best programs and events in the most dynamic environment in Westchester County.

Our staff is in the process of lining up some of the most dynamic programs we've ever had and we are working hard to continually provide the services that our community wants. We have an amazing facility that is equipped with 50 computers for public use, unlimited Wi-Fi access and we're offering a growing number of workshops and seminars all focused on current technology. It is very much our intent to make the Greenburgh Public Library tomorrow's Library today. Come in and let us know what you think.



Eugenie Contrata, Library Director

Have you read today?

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Mary Slamin, Children's Librarian

Children's Librarian, Mary Slamin, was born in Bronxville, NY, and grew up in Westchester County. Mary graduated from Barat College in Lake Forest, IL, and attained her degree in Library Science from Queens College in 1979. Mary's library career had its beginnings as a Children's Librarian at the Montrose Public Library where she was soon recruited for a position with the Greenburgh Public Library by then Library Director, Robert Trudell, in September of 1981. In 1985, she took over the reins of the Children's Library for the Greenburgh Public Library and has never looked back. She has witnessed the many changes that have come to the Library over the years, but she believes that the advent of computers has had the greatest impact on the Library and that computers have significantly changed the books themselves, and for the better. "Books for kids, and especially non-fiction books, are so much more engaging for kids now" said Mary. When asked what she finds most satisfying about her work at the Library, she said. "There's just nothing like the feeling you get when a kid smiles at you. Knowing that the Library experience we provide has the power to change people's lives is what its all about."



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