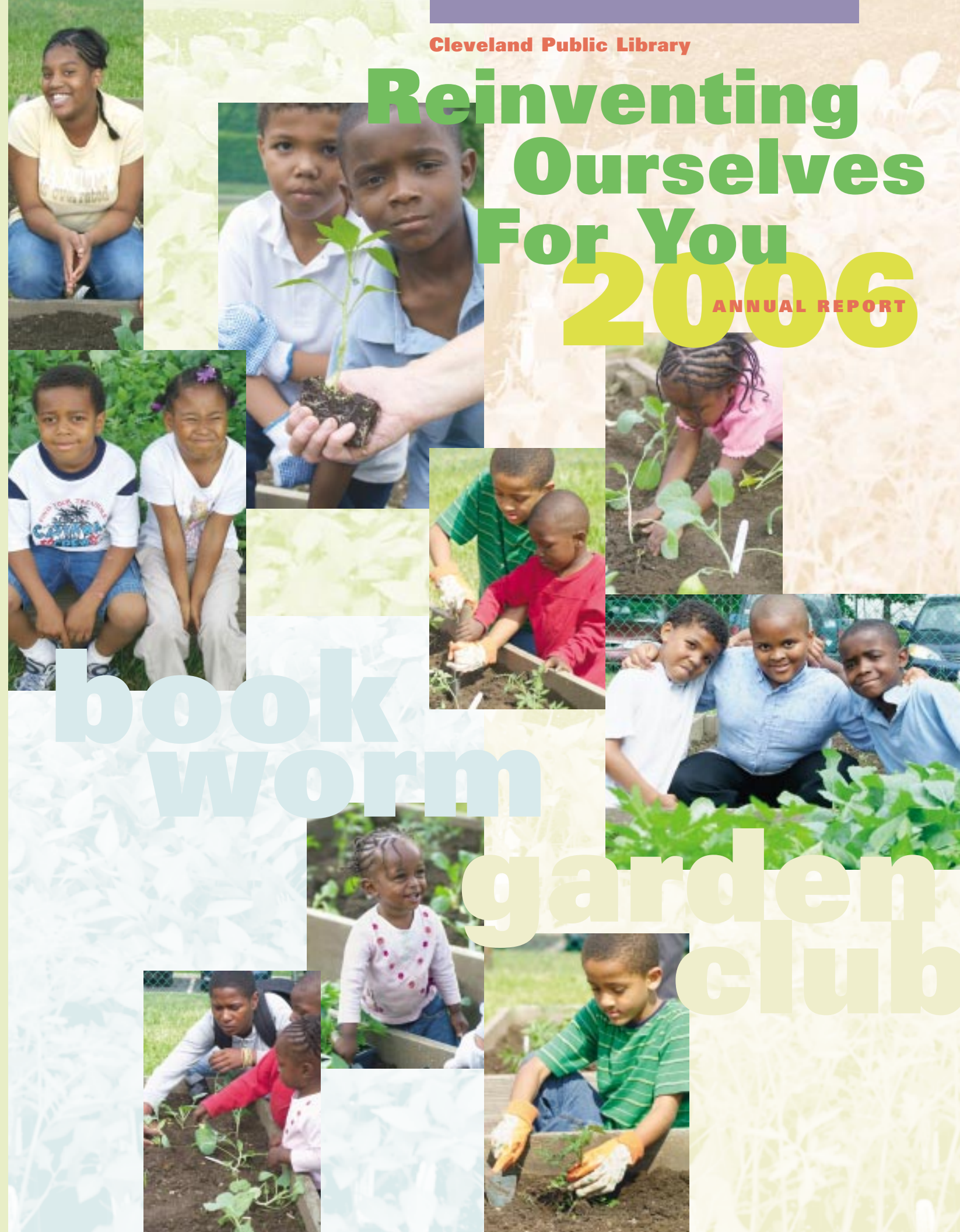


Cleveland Public Library

Reinventing Ourselves For You 2006

ANNUAL REPORT



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The Book Worm Garden Club is an ongoing program at the Union Branch. The Club began nine years ago, and current Club leader Marcy Shannon has been involved since its inception. This program gives children of all ages—from toddlers to teens—the chance to work together toward the common goal of growing fresh vegetables, which they share with their families and neighbors. Members of the Book Worm Garden Club also take some of the vegetables they grow to the Cuyahoga County Fair as part of 4-H's Junior Fair.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Cleveland Public Library is to be the best urban library system in the country by providing access to the worldwide information that people and organizations need in a timely, convenient, and equitable manner.

“The goal of the Union Branch’s Garden Club is to ignite an interest in gardening and the outdoors among young people. They also learn to share the bounty of their garden with families and people in the community.”

—Marcy Shannon, Leader of the Book Worm Garden Club



The People’s University: Striving For Excellence

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of “The People’s University” is to be the learning place for a diverse community, inspiring people of all ages with the love of books and reading, advancing the pursuit of knowledge, and enhancing the quality of life for all who use the Library.



Venerine L. Branham



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Library staff participated in **Parade the Circle**.



Author **Rita Dove** was part of our **Sunday Afternoons for Writers and Readers** series.

Chinese Lunar New Year expanded to two days in 2006.



Tom Feczkanin, Friends Associate and Charlene Jones, President of the Board of Library Trustees attended our **legislative breakfast** which was held at Main Library to showcase our many community resources.

Comments from Board President Charlene A. Jones

Since 2002 when Cleveland Public Library focused attention on the creation of a new community-based, comprehensive Strategic Plan, through the May 6, 2003 passage of Issue 2 by a 60 percent majority, to the present, Clevelanders have remained connected with their Library. Why, you might ask? Because we provide excellent service, listen to you, and involve you in our planning for the future.

All through the year, we reached further and touched more people than ever before. As a result, Cleveland Public Library is at the center of each community. From Glenville and Hough to West Park, the Library is partnering with other agencies and organizations to provide the highest standards of information and service to all residents. Our long-held belief remains: “Libraries Build Community.”

Our 2006 Annual Report illustrates the goals and initiatives of the Strategic Plan and highlights how your citizen initiatives were implemented throughout the Library system. You talked. We listened. We took action.

As President of the Board of Library Trustees, it has been a pleasure, privilege, and honor to serve you. My fellow Trustees and I salute the dedication of the Library staff, who everyday serve to achieve excellence in Library service and continued growth of Cleveland Public Library, “The People’s University.”

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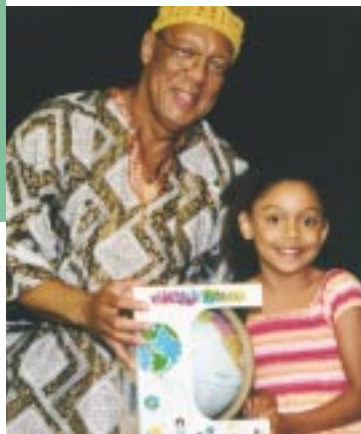
Tenth Anniversary Celebration

This year the Library's **Staff Holiday Chorus** performed its tenth anniversary concert in the Louis Stokes Wing of the Main Library. The festive chorus was established in 1997 and performs under the direction of Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director.

(center) Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director with Summer Reading Club participant.

(far right) Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director, with Robert Lockwood, Jr. at the closing event for the successful **Rock My Soul** program. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** program speaker Mayor Frank Jackson (right) with Rev. Hilton O. Smith and Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director.

Voting Machine Press Conference was held at Main Library. Voters learned how to use them for upcoming elections.



Reinventing Ourselves For You



Cleveland Public Library



Message from the Director

Cleveland Public Library is a **major information reference resource** for our city, region, state, nation, and world. The commitment and dedication of our employees (**Library Ambassadors**), who provide customer service in a friendly and professional manner everyday, is complimented regularly.

Our community is fortunate to have a Library facility, which provides **books, information and service**, within one mile of most of our city's residents. The wealth of opportunities we provide puts Cleveland first for its quality of Library services in the 2006 ranking of **America's Most Literate Cities**.

Cleveland Public Library is a beacon of hope, barometer of our quality of life, laboratory of freedom, and **gathering place for our community**. We continue to be a bridge builder, developing and maintaining effective partnerships and coalitions with community organizations and institutions.

Thank you on behalf of our Library Ambassadors, Trustees, and Friends for supporting and using **"The People's University."**

Teamwork—Together we achieve the extraordinary.

Andrew A. Venable, Jr.
Director



In the last five years your Cleveland Public Library has been transformed. After our Board of Trustees approved a wide-ranging Strategic Plan in 2002, we took action, asking you—our valued patrons—what services and programs are most vital to you and your neighbors. Your support of Issue 2 in May of the following year helped us make your visions a reality.

Five years ago you asked for increased Library hours. Today 26 of our 28 Branches and the Main Branch are open on Saturdays; for the first time in 40 years Library

facilities have standard hours of operation. We've added more programs and services for children and young adults. This year we're pleased to report that we've developed a uniform training program for all Children's Services Librarians; this means that your children will get the same excellent service and information on children's and young adult literature at each one of our Branches. In 2002 you told us that you wanted more access to computers and computer training. Not only have we added more computer hardware to our facilities, we've also created a unified curriculum for our Computer Training Initiative. Now you can take specially designed courses at any Branch or at the Main Library, where qualified instructors impart their knowledge through an exceptional curriculum.

These are just a few of the ways we've reinvented ourselves for you. This annual report provides a record of our accomplishments in 2006.

These achievements, however, are a culmination of five years of perseverance. Our goal is to ensure that your Library is the best community gathering place possible. Our facilities are not just buildings; they are stimulating sites of learning, creativity, and collaboration. This exciting renaissance is the result of the combined efforts of our staff, Board, community partners, and—most importantly—our dedicated patrons.



FIRST ANNUAL



Participants in the first annual Book Bee.

B-O-O-K B-E-E



Patrons borrowed more than 5.3 million items from the Library
Over 3.9 million people visited a Cleveland Public Library
More than 2.1 million questions answered
More than 405,000 items were added to the collection

Reading is for Everyone

Reading is our business! Your Library is committed to offering programs that foster reading among people of all ages. This year the **Summer Reading Club**, “Summer Trek Through Africa...Read!” took preschool and school age children and teens from all 28 Branches and the Main Library on a cultural exploration of 31 African countries. Participants learned about the cultures of Africa through activities such as mask making and a program sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank on the various currencies circulated on the continent. The Summer Reading Club Finale featured a **Teen Expo**, which was held at Cleveland State University, where participants redeemed “book bucks” earned by reading throughout the summer. This year adults were invited to join the fun, as the **Adult Summer Reading Club** —“Explore the World...Read!”—was launched in June. Club members who read or listened to any book, or read three magazines entered weekly prize drawings.

This year **YRead?**, the online service for children and teens, which includes live, online chats with authors, and the “Speak Out!” discussion board, featured popular books such as *The Legend of Buddy Bush* by Shelia P. Moses, *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson, and *Black and White* by

Paul Volponi. YRead? enthusiasts had the chance to meet Volponi in October, when he and author Chris Crowe visited the Main Library in celebration of **Teen Read Week**. YRead? staff works closely with neighborhood Branches, schools throughout Cuyahoga County—especially the Cleveland Municipal School District—as well as county detention centers to help facilitate book discussions and encourage young people to become passionate about books and reading.

In partnership with Borders and Lionsgate, in April we hosted the first annual spelling contest for Cleveland students, grades 3-5 and 6-8. Appropriately titled “**Book Bee 2006**,” the program was held in recognition of **National Library Week**. It attracted hundreds of Cleveland’s young people, who qualified for a chance to represent each of our 28 neighborhood Branches. On April 22 Branch winners convened in the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium, where they vied to be one of the Library’s Spelling Bee champions. All student contestants were treated to a free advance showing of Lionsgate’s *Akeelah and the Bee*, starring Laurence Fishburne, Angela Bassett, and Keke Palmer.



Winter Reading Club events took place at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and at Cleveland Botanical Garden.



(right) The Summer Reading Club, based on the theme “**Summer Trek Through Africa...Read!**,” took participants on a cultural exploration of 31 African countries.



“YRead? is one of the Library’s most innovative programs; it is popular with teens, librarians, educators, and community groups. And it is a wonderful learning tool, as it combines technology and literacy for our future leaders.”

— Annisha Jeffries, YRead? Librarian

It's Cool 2 Read!
WINTER READING CLUB SERIES

Explore the World...Read!
ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB

Summer Trek Through Africa...Read!
SUMMER READING CLUB





“I can’t imagine my life if I didn’t have access to books in Russian. The Library collection is excellent—it has an astonishingly large number of books in my native language. Everything I read when I was in Russia is here, plus the staff is very helpful.”

— Vladimir Melkumov, Library patron

Reading opens our eyes and minds to distant lands and new ideas, but for our community’s newest Americans, staying connected to their homeland is vitally important to their quality of life. Serving Cleveland’s immigrant populations is an integral part of our Strategic Plan; through foreign reading materials and programs in Spanish and Arabic, patrons can feel at home at their Library and in their new communities.

Norman A. Sugarman Children’s Biography Award



James Rumford



Joel Sugarman

Master storyteller James Rumford was the recipient of the biennial Norman A. Sugarman Children’s Biography Award for his recent book, *Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing*. Winton Marsalis and Buzz Aldrin, and illustrators Paul Rogers and Wendell Minor were selected as Sugarman Honor Award recipients.



Winton Marsalis (right) and the All City Jazz Band of the Cleveland Municipal School District perform at the Sugarman Awards.



Buzz Aldrin

Engaging the Community

More than 1,700 patrons attended the Sunday Afternoons for Writers and Readers Series.



Rita Dove (left)
Geraldine Brooks
Khaled Hosseini (right)

Hearing authors speak about their work further spurs people’s desire to read, and often, to write, and public dialogues about critical issues of our time stimulate interest in new ideas. 2006 marked the second year of **SPECTRUM...The Lockwood Thompson Dialogues**, a partnership with Cleveland Public Art, which is funded by an endowment from the trust of Lockwood Thompson. Kurt Andersen, National Public Radio commentator and host of *Studio 360*, moderated the 2006 public dialogues on issues impacting visual and popular culture. In April and December, Andersen engaged international artist Shahzia Sikander and Yale School of Art Dean Robert Storr in provocative discussions in the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium. Copies of the publication resulting from last year’s inaugural series, which was titled *Truth, Technology and the Visual/Virtual World*, were distributed and the volume can now be found in 50 libraries nationwide.

An important part of engaging the community is giving our patrons a chance to meet some of the most revered writers of our time. This year our **Sunday Afternoons for Writers and Readers** series featured Rita Dove, 1993 poet laureate of the United States and author of many



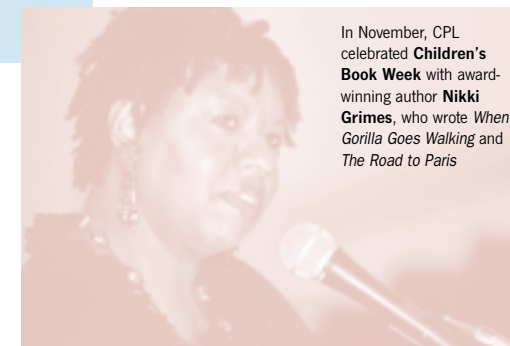
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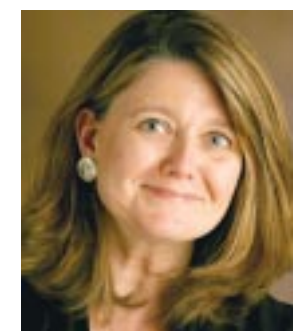
In November, CPL celebrated **Children’s Book Week** with award-winning author **Nikki Grimes**, who wrote *When Gorilla Goes Walking* and *The Road to Paris*



Kurt Andersen, Shahzia Sikander, Holly Carroll, Deputy Director, and Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director, at the April 23 **SPECTRUM Dialogue**.

works, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning book of poetry *Thomas and Beulah*, and *On the Bus with Rosa Parks*, which was nominated for a National Book Critics Award; Khaled Hosseini, author of the sensationally popular book, *The Kite Runner*; Geraldine Brooks, journalist and Australian Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Nine Parts of Desire*, *Year of Wonders*, and, most recently, *March*; Canadian author and literary critic Margaret Atwood, whose thematically diverse novels include *The Edible Woman*, *The Handmaid’s Tale*, *Oryx and Crake*, and *The Tent*; Ha Jin, author of books of poetry, short fiction, and novels—Jin’s *Waiting* won the 1999 National Book Award for Fiction and the 2000 PEN/Faulkner Award; and American playwright Nilo Cruz, the first Latino to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

In March Connie Schultz was the opening speaker of Cleveland Public Library’s first system-wide celebration of **Women’s History Month**. Schultz won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 2005 as a columnist for *The Plain Dealer*.



Plain Dealer columnist **Connie Schultz** was a speaker at the first system-wide celebration of **Women’s History Month**.



Branch Service for over 100 Years
Addison Branch (began as East 79th Street Branch)
Langston Hughes Branch (began as Superior Branch)
Broadway Branch
Brooklyn Branch
Carnegie West Branch
Collinwood Branch
Hough Branch
Jefferson Branch
Lorain Branch
South Branch
South Brooklyn Branch
Sterling Branch
Woodland Branch
Walz Branch

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Services began in 1897 as a reading club

Branch Service for 75-99 Years
East 131st Street Branch
Fleet Branch
Glenville Branch
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch (began as Euclid-100th Street Branch)
Memorial-Nottingham Branch
Mt. Pleasant Branch
Rice Branch
Union Branch
West Park Branch

Branch Service for 50-74 Years
Eastman Branch
Harvard-Lee Branch

Branch Service for 25-49 Years
Garden Valley Branch
Rockport Branch

Mobile Services
Mobile Library services resumed in 2001

“In today’s global information society, it is both charming and powerful to be able to celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of the South Brooklyn Branch Library. Our Branch has served the community well and will continue to adapt and maintain its relevance and permanence.”

— Brian J. Cummins, Council Representative Ward 15, Cleveland City Council



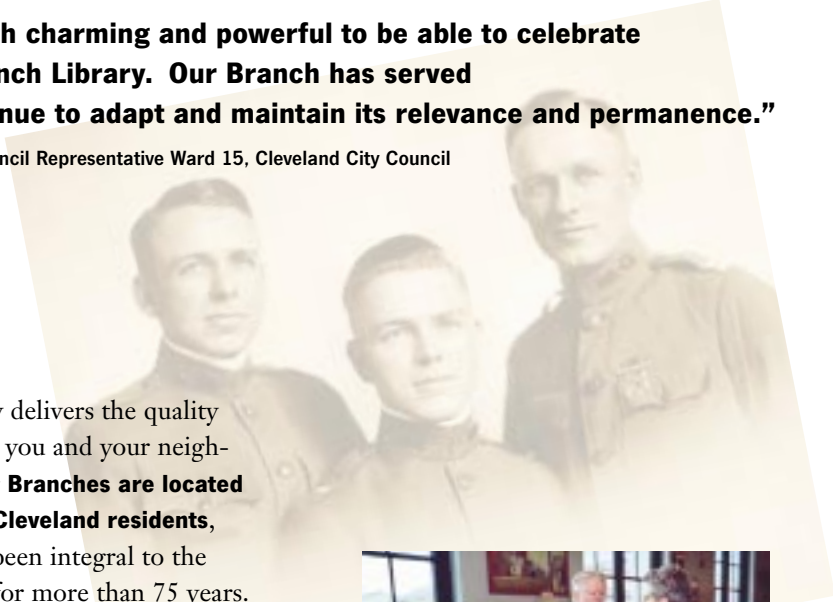
This year **South Brooklyn** celebrated 100 years of service to generations of patrons. The Library began serving the area in 1906 when the village of South Brooklyn was annexed by Cleveland. The current building opened its doors on September 29, 1979.

A 1910 interior view of the original building of the **Broadway branch**, which also celebrated 100 years of service to the community.



Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director and Linda S. Sperry, Manager of Mobile Services at the **5th Anniversary celebration** of the **Mobile Library**.

Cleveland Public Library delivers the quality programs and services to you and your neighbors where you live. Our **Branches are located within one mile of most Cleveland residents**, and many of them have been integral to the communities they serve for more than 75 years. Today your neighborhood Branch provides the latest, most popular books, magazines, DVDs, and CDs, but it also serves as a safe space for young people, who look to their Library for a place to gather with friends and classmates, study, or access the Internet. New Americans will feel at home at their Branches; our neighborhood team managers work with staff, planning cultural events and making the most up-to-date materials available in languages spoken by our city’s diverse citizens. Seniors enjoy computer courses such as Internet basics, as well as forums on health and financial planning. **Your Cleveland Public Library is an important part of Cleveland’s rich history**, and we are 21st century leaders regionally and nationally, pioneering technology-based services such as **downloadable audio books, KnowItNow24x7, and YRead?**



Historic Visit
William Howard Brett III came to Cleveland Public Library on November 20, 2006. He visited Main Library where his family gave the Library historic documents and photos (such as the background photograph of Brett children in the military). He also visited the Carnegie West and South Branches, which were built while his grandfather was director of the Library.

Cleveland Public Library

2002

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

YOU SPOKE. WE LISTENED.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Trustees approved a new Strategic Plan including the enhancement of five Library service initiatives.

1

Increased Hours

2

More Computers and Computer Training

3

Services for Seniors

4

Services for Children and Young Adults

5

Services for New Americans



2003

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Issue 2 passes on May 6



Making the Grade WE TOOK ACTION.

2004 - 2006

Your Library is enriching Cleveland’s unique neighborhoods by meeting the goals of our Strategic Plan.



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

We are committed to continually engaging and partnering with you to invent exciting and innovative programs and services in the future.

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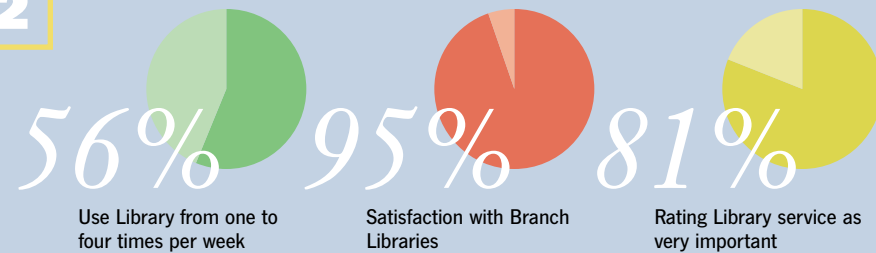
STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED

2003



Thank You
Cleveland

VOTERS PASS ISSUE 2



Statistics from the Strategic Plan, Community Survey Results



Ongoing **Town Hall Meetings** began in 2004 as a way for us to learn what is important to our patrons. Each year during **National Library Month**, a Branch representing one of our three neighborhood teams hosts a meeting.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Increased Hours

SATURDAY HOURS • FULL STAFFING ALLOCATION • TRAINING FOR STAFF • FACILITY PLANNING

Neighborhood Teams



West:

Carnegie West
Brooklyn
Eastman
Fulton
Lorain
Rockport
South Brooklyn
Walz
West Park

Central:

Broadway
Fleet
Garden Valley
Jefferson
Rice
Sterling
South
Union
Woodland

East:

Addison
Collinwood
East 131st Street
Glenville
Harvard-Lee
Hough
Langston Hughes
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Memorial-Nottingham
Mt. Pleasant

“As Central Team Manager, I strive to understand and communicate the needs of many people throughout the Library communities I serve. Providing the best service to our patrons involves strengthening and establishing bridges between staff and patrons and community partners, and between Branch staff and Library administration.”

— Linda Chopra, Central Team Branch Manager

Library patrons Joy, Joan, and Jewel Yorkie participated in the Steps Toward Advancing In Resettlement Skills (STAIRS) partnership at the Walz Branch.



2005

“When Refugee Family Services needed a place to tutor Liberian, Somali-Bantu, and Congolese young people, staff of the Walz Branch welcomed us to their facility. We always felt appreciated and well served; the staff graciously offered to help us find teaching materials in the children’s diverse native languages.”

— Reverend Richard Haluska, Steps Toward Advancing In Resettlement Skills (STAIRS)



Services for
New Americans



We have been a vital part of Cleveland’s neighborhoods for more than a century; the doors of “The People’s University” are open to everyone. As is the case with all institutions of higher learning, the exchange of ideas incites change, growth, and innovation. You have been an integral part of our reinvention; we asked you—our valued patrons—what services and programs are most vital to you and your neighbors. During our Town Hall meetings, you spoke and we listened and took action.

Today, your Library is a leader in web-based services for people of all ages, programs for seniors, children, young adults, and new Americans, and in celebrating the printed word and promoting reading and literacy.



Programs for
Children and
Young Adults

READING CLUBS • BOOK BEE • TEEN ADVISORY GROUPS • YREAD?



Through our **SeniorsConnect.org** web sites, **Web Wise Seniors** is able to offer services and educational opportunities to older citizens and their caregivers. Web Wise Seniors instructor Matt Godlaski works with senior service providers at the Margaret Wagner House.



Every year our **Senior Day** and **Senior Spring Fling** attract older adults to their Library for programs and information. Seniors also enjoy computer training and services such as the SeniorsConnect.org web site.

Services for Seniors PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION

Glenville Senior Forum celebrates its Fifth Anniversary

In October the Senior Forum Anniversary party was held at Fairhill Center with the help of The MetroHealth Foundation and CCH Administration. The popular series began at our **Glenville Branch**, but had to be moved to a location that could accommodate the large number of attendees. Each month speakers give presentations on topics such as "Get Moving Exercise" and "Services for Seniors in Cleveland." One devoted patron has attended every Senior Forum; another has attended 53 out of the 57 meetings held since the program began in October 2001!



2006

More Computers and Computer Training



System-Wide Computer Training

A team of Library staff formed the "Train the Trainer" Task Force. This group of computer experts created a superior computer software curriculum that was implemented throughout Main Library and our Branches. The Committee and the new curriculum were formed because you told us you wanted enhanced computer training at your Library.

"Train the Trainer" Task Force: Ellen Leavitt, Francesca Peterson, Melanie G. McCarter, Craig Clark, and Anthony Strickland

"Our 'Train the Trainer' program was developed with the goal of promoting computer literacy in the community; the new customized curriculum does just that. Being part of the task force that created the program was a very rewarding experience."

— Craig Clark, Computer Learning Connection Librarian



Tantour family children use their **Eastman Branch** Library's computers with the help of Computer Aide Eanas Salem.

Aaron Rowe, Ariel G. Rohena, Richard R. Sanders, and LaVaunt Bates in their Teen Center at the **Collinwood Branch**.



"The Collinwood Teen Center is a wonderful place for young people to receive information about the Ohio Graduation Test, the GED, colleges, and alternative education opportunities. It is a site where teens can relax and enjoy being themselves, while discussing political issues and their thoughts and dreams for the future."

— Deva Walker, Young Adult Librarian, Collinwood Branch



Teens at the opening day of the Collinwood Teen Center.

(above) Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director, participates in The Center's opening.

Collinwood Teen Center

When it became apparent to staff at the Collinwood Branch that their teen patrons needed a safe place to meet, do their homework, conduct research, and browse the Internet, they took action, converting a rarely used conference room into a Teen Center. The Center is a place young people helped create; they worked with staff, Cleveland artist Brother Wali, Sankofa Fine Art Plus, Neighborhood Connections, and Sherwin Williams on a mural, which is on display in their Center. The mural reflects the interests of the teens, creating a comfortable, inviting environment where they feel safe discussing politics, music, and their dreams for the future. The Teen Center is a model of adaptive customer service; now teens in the neighborhood have a place to call their own and adult patrons can read, use computers, or conduct research in a quieter environment.

"When we recognized the need for a place for young people in the neighborhood to gather, staff at the Collinwood Branch responded by creating a Teen Center. Civic responsibility is the cornerstone of Collinwood Teen Center and as stakeholders and emerging citizens it is a safe space for our young people to grow and evolve."

— Sheba Marcus-Bey, Fleet Branch Manager (Collinwood Branch manager when the Teen Center was established)

ROCK MY SOUL

THE BLACK LEGACY OF ROCK AND ROLL



Helen Turner-Thompson and the Spiritual Arts Chorus

Reverend Marvin McMickle of Antioch Baptist Church



Civil Rights Freedom Songs

January 13

Performances and a panel discussion on the role music played in the struggle for civil rights.

JANUARY

The popular **Rock My Soul** program came to a successful conclusion in **January 2006**.

Blues Program with Robert Lockwood, Jr.

January 19

Robert Lockwood, Jr. performed as part of Rock My Soul.



The people who work at your Branch know your neighborhood, and they **work hard to connect and collaborate with area businesses and community organizations to create events that are educational, fun, and relevant to your needs and interests.** This year our Branches hosted a variety of programs, including the “Spoken Word” poetry reading at Brooklyn; an Ohio City tour at Carnegie West; a live gospel music performance and soul food feast at East 131st Street; an Arabic cultural program at Eastman Branch; a YWCA-sponsored dialogue on abusive relationships at Addison; Fairview Hospital’s “Motherhood to Menopause” presentation at West Park; Yu-Gi-Oh Tournaments at Fulton; “The Art of Headwrapping” at Glenville; Thursday night family movie nights at Woodland; and a croqueting class at Harvard-Lee. Your Library also plans system-wide programs, as well as celebrations commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month, Chinese Lunar New Year, Black History Month, and Women’s History Month.



Library patrons celebrate Black History Month.

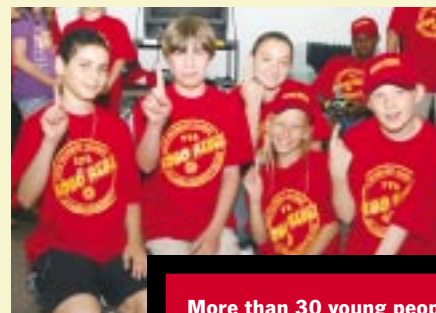


Connecting with Community

More than 10,300 programs were held at CPL, in schools, daycare centers, and community centers.

Programs were attended by more than 162,000 Library patrons.

Winners at Fulton



Winners at Carnegie West



Winners at Sterling



More than 30 young people from four Branches — Carnegie West, Fulton, Langston Hughes, and Sterling — took part in a four-week Robotics Camp, which was led by staff from Cuyahoga County Community College's Robotics Program. Instructors of this pilot program worked with teams of 5th through 8th grade youth, who used computer programs to design and build a moving robot. Aside from inciting interest in technology and engineering, the camp taught students conflict management, team building, and, because the program ended with a spirited exposition of each team's final product, it instilled an appreciation for some friendly competition.

Robotics Camp



Winners at Langston Hughes among all Branch participants

Programs Celebrating Cleveland's Cultural Diversity



Chinese Lunar New Year (left) expanded to two days of celebration at Main Library.



To celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month**, programs in Spanish and English were held throughout the Library.

Resources available to our Community



(background photo) *Uncovering the Ruins of Pompeii*, Italy, 1932. Middle school students used photographs of Pompeii for their 2006 History Day competition.

(above) *Halle Brothers Co., Euclid Avenue*, 1897.

People.com requested this photograph for an online quiz about Halle Berry who is named after the Halle Brothers store. Both photos are from the Library's **Photograph Collection**.



The Forest Hill Homeowners Association donated the **Forest Hill Park Development Plan**, 1938, and other materials to the **Fine Arts Department**. These acquisitions can be viewed upon request by visiting the Map Collection.



William Sumners 1826 **map of the Western Reserve, including the Fire Lands in Ohio**, was one of a series engraved by William Savory of Pittsburgh (published in 1820-55). An original of this map can be viewed in the Library's **Map Collection**.



One of a group of 32 photographs of **Native Americans** that received conservation treatment at the Northeast Document Conservation Center.

Placing the Cornice of the Cleveland Post Office, 1934, a lithograph by Russell T. Limbach, was loaned to the **Cleveland Artists Foundation** for its 2006 exhibit, *Covering History: Revisiting Federal Art in Cleveland 1933-43*.



Genealogy Exhibit Encourages Library Patrons to Discover Their Past

The History & Geography Department presented a popular exhibit on our genealogy research materials from April 1 through September 30. A continuous showing of Henry Louis Gates' four-hour documentary, "**African-American Lives**," complemented the exhibit and helped to educate patrons on the ways in which records can be useful in locating their ancestors. During the course of the exhibit, thousands of copies of the department's 22-page genealogy research guide, "**Genealogy Resources at the Cleveland Public Library, Genealogical Records & Resources in Cuyahoga County**," were distributed to patrons who then made use of our collections and research databases. Many patrons commented to the staff about how useful the guide was in helping them navigate our extensive resources. Contact the History & Geography Department at 216-623-2864 or history@cpl.org for a free copy of the genealogy guide.



Photograph Album, date unknown, Carte de Visite. Potter & Upton, photographers.

(right) Clarence K. Wormley and daughter Sylvia, Washington, D.C., c. 1908. Wormley/Graves Collection. Both photos are from the Library's **Photograph Collection**.

COLLECTION STATISTICS

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| Titles | 2,172,752 |
| Book Volumes—Main | 2,626,390 |
| Book Volumes—Branches | 788,152 |
| TOTAL | 3,414,542 |
| Bound Periodicals | 272,562 |
| Computer Media (CD-ROM, Software) | 9,626 |
| Government Documents | 812,959 |
| Maps | 177,306 |
| Microforms | 4,604,212 |
| Paperbacks | 125,908 |
| Photographs, Pictures | 1,381,493 |
| Sheet Music | 18,000 |
| Sound Recordings (CDs, Cassettes) | 160,195 |
| Videos, DVDs | 161,279 |

Chess for Success, an Ohio nonprofit organization founded in 2001, celebrated its **fifth anniversary** this year. For two days in April we held the fifth annual Chess for Success tournament at the Main Branch. More than 500 children participated in this spirited and intellectually engaging contest; they were joined by Channel 3 WKYC news anchor Tim White and DJ Kim Johnson from WZAK 91.3 FM.



The Main Branch of your Library is home of and host to a variety of resources, exhibits, and enriching programs and events. Many of these endeavors are the result of partnerships and coalitions with community organizations and institutions. This year our Business, Economics, and Labor Department presented a **Financial Literacy Boot Camp** in collaboration with accounting students from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and Consumer Credit Counseling Services. Another important alliance resulted in *Covering History: Revisiting Federal Art in Cleveland 1933-43*, an exhibition at the **Cleveland Artists Foundation** in Lakewood. We loaned Federal art objects to the Foundation and co-published a full-color catalog. The project rekindled a connection with the Cleveland Artists Foundation; 32 years ago we collaborated to produce the exhibition and catalog titled *Federal Art in Cleveland 1933-43*. The **Friends of the Cleveland Public Library**, which is in its 49th year, hosted its annual fundraiser in October. "Treasures III: 1001 Cleveland Nights" showcased the collections donated to the Library by **John Griswold White**, a Cleveland attorney and former Library Board president. Those who attended this special event enjoyed a "hands on" viewing of more than 50 displays featuring The Arabian Nights and other aspects of the "1001 Arabian Nights" theme.

"I can't imagine a better move than these young people using chess as way to build their minds and character!"

— Tim White, WKYC, Channel 3

Treasures III: 1001 Cleveland Nights

The third annual event for the **Friends of the Cleveland Public Library** included entertainment by the Cleveland Boy Choir and treasures such as the popular photographs by Jasper Wood.



Photograph, c. 1940-50, by Jasper Wood from the Photograph Collection.

Fred Nance and Dr. Andre Mickel, 2006 Honorary Chair.



Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director, with Richard Gildenmeister and Nina and Jim Gibans.

Councilman Joe Cimperman with Evelyn Ward.



Gildenmeister Exhibit

Before retiring on March 31, Literature Department Head Librarian Evelyn Ward appropriately collaborated with another distinguished book lover, Richard Gildenmeister, to mount "Honoring a Half Century of Bookselling in Cleveland: Richard Gildenmeister and His Books." This special exhibit included books from Gildenmeister's expansive personal library. Cleveland's celebrated bookseller, who is currently employed as master bookseller at Joseph-Beth in Beachwood, is a longtime Library supporter, having served on the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Cleveland Public Library.

HOMEBOUND SERVICES

ACCESS TO OUR RESOURCES

Your Library was awarded \$185,992 from the Frederick W. and Henryett Slocum Judd Fund for our Homebound Service, which connects elderly and disabled patrons to books, magazines, DVDs, computer software, and music CDs. At the request of our patrons, Homebound Services staff sends Library materials directly to their doorsteps; when they are finished with the items, they simply reseal them in their reusable envelope and contact Library staff to arrange free return mail service. The grant ensures that our city’s most isolated citizens also have access to “The People’s University.”

“The grant from the Frederick W. and Henryett Slocum Judd Fund ensures that Homebound Services will continue without interruption, keeping this free service available to our homebound patrons.”

— Reba Clardy, Homebound Services



A notable purchase from the Schweinfurth Fund was the architectural rendering of the Goodyear Blimp Hangar located in Akron, Ohio. The drawing is titled *Hangar for Airships*, and was created by the architectural firm Wilbur Watson and Associates in c. 1928.

Donors

The following individuals and organizations made generous donations to the Library in 2006. Some gifts were made in honor of loved ones, while others were made to enhance specific Library services, programs, or collections. All gifts to the Library are greatly appreciated as they improve our ability to deliver high quality service and to build outstanding collections.

Donors of Up to \$99

1936 Mount Vernon High School Graduating Class • Janet Armstrong • Gayle & Richard Ausperk • Kathleen & Gary Bauer • Diane & Doug Bellfy • Martha Byrne • Century Federal Credit Union • Helen & Donald Cook • Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Donahue • Arthur Fullner • Mr. & Mrs. Frank Godlewski • Barbara & Verne Harrison • Felicia Kalinski • Ray Koskie • Rebecca Kozak • The Family of Roger Lefkowitz • The Staff of Lorain County Community College • Carolyn Meyer • Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Romano • Bonnie & David Shaban • Skorey & Hughes, LLC • Mary & Scott Strong • Dr. Donald & Laurel Walker

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Grants

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for the period March 31, 2006 through December 31, 2008 – **\$115,500** for pc’s in branch libraries
- Libraries for the Future and the MetLife Foundation, for the period October 31, 2006 through December 31, 2007 – **\$20,000** for the Fit for Life Program
- Starting Point, for the period October 1 through December 31, 2006 – **\$40,000** for Early Childhood Mobile Services (see story on page 19)
- State Library of Ohio, LSTA Service to Youth, for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 – **\$80,000** for Early Childhood Mobile Services

Other Funds Received Regularly

- Friends of the Cleveland Public Library – **\$24,333** for program support
- Estate of Anna M. Schweinfurth – **\$86,384** for the purchase of architectural materials
- Frederick W. and Henryett Slocum Judd Fund – **\$185,992** for the Library’s Homebound Service (see above story)
- Lockwood Thompson Memorial Fund – **\$142,613** for the purchase of fine arts materials, lectures, staff recognition and travel expenses
- Winifred Beech Young Testamentary Trust – **\$48,052** for services to blind persons of the Connecticut Western Reserve

Addition to the Founders Fund

- Estate of Donald J. Lupata – **\$8,187** unrestricted

Addition to the Sugarman Fund

- Washington Independent Writers – **\$36,500** for the Norman Sugarman Awards Program

How Library Dollars Were Spent

A Cash Basis Report of the General Operating Fund

General Operating Fund

Revenues

- Library and Local Government Support Fund (State Income Tax)
- Property Taxes (City of Cleveland)
- Intergovernmental Aid
- Charges for Services (CLEVNET)
- Other Revenue

Total Revenue

Fund Balance: January 1

Available for General Operations

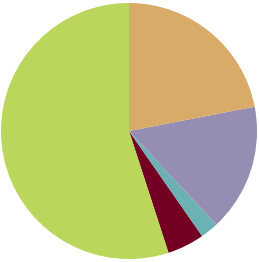
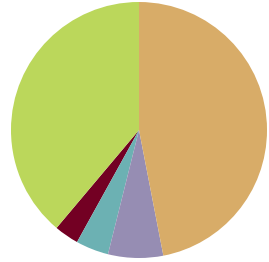
Expenditures and Encumbrances

- Salaries and Benefits
- Library Materials
- Utilities and Purchased Services
- Other Expenditures
- Transfer to Building and Repair Fund

Total Expenditures and Encumbrances

Carried Forward for the Next Year’s First Quarter Operations

| 2006 |
|---------------|
| \$ 26,867,387 |
| 32,224,171 |
| 4,687,775 |
| 2,886,536 |
| 2,527,594 |
| \$ 69,193,463 |
| 25,336,265 |
| \$ 94,529,728 |
| \$ 38,734,068 |
| 15,193,491 |
| 10,923,605 |
| 2,259,220 |
| 3,000,000 |
| \$ 70,110,384 |
| 24,419,344 |
| \$ 94,529,728 |



Planning the Future

ON THE ROAD TO EARLY CHILDHOOD MOBILE SERVICES

Starting Point awarded the Library a \$40,000 grant to support the Early Childhood Mobile Services “On the Road to Reading” initiative. The program also received funding from State Library of Ohio, LSTA Service to Youth; this grant covers the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The ultimate goal of “On the Road to Reading” is for trained staff to drive a customized van to daycare and Headstart Centers, where they will give providers tools to encourage reading and literacy among children age two to five. Rotating collections will remain at each site so that daycare and Headstart care providers can use them between Library staff visits. “On the Road to Reading” combines the goals of established literacy programs such as A Cultural Exchange’s Read, Baby, Read! with the convenience and inclusiveness of Mobile Services.



“The Starting Point Grant helped to create a librarian’s dream story time collection, which centers around the six fundamental skills of beginning literacy.”

— Rhonda Fulton, Children’s Librarian, Mobile Services

Behind the Scenes



“The High Demand Materials Department provides excellent customer service by using efficient workflow and technology to process the most popular DVDs, music CDs, and books within a 48-hour time period.”

—Carole Brachna, High Demand Materials Manager

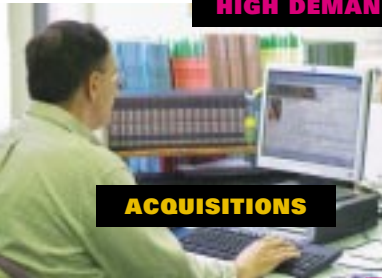


COLLECTION MANAGEMENT



HIGH DEMAND MATERIALS

In 2006, the High Demand Materials Department processed about 170,000 popular books, DVDs, and music CDs.



ACQUISITIONS

CATALOGING



BOOK PREPARATION



SHELF SHIPPING

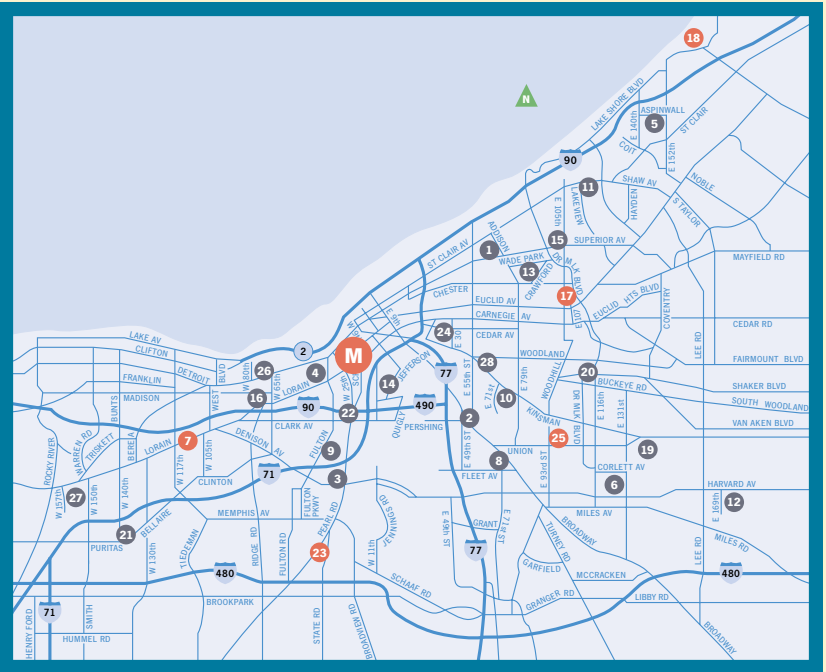


BRANCHES

MAIN LIBRARY

Along with the key objectives of our **Strategic Plan**—increased hours, more computers and computer training, and greater services for seniors, children and young adults, and new Americans—**getting the latest popular DVDs, music CDs, and books to you is fundamental to our mission.** To meet your demands for books such as Mary Higgins Clark’s *Two Little Girls in Blue*, or J.K. Rowling’s *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, this year we launched the **High Demand Materials Department.** This new department works in concert with Collection Management to get multiple—15 or more—copies of popular titles on the shelves or in patrons’ hands quickly and efficiently.

Our staff scans hundreds of sources—*The New York Times Book Review*, trade publications such as *Library Journal* and *Booklist*, blogs, and reviews for librarians and book-sellers, and popular media—to anticipate which titles may be popular among our patrons. We also respond to requests from readers who suggest titles for purchase by emailing Collections staff through our web site. **Collection Management** staff not only scours the market for books, they also monitor release dates of popular films. And, while they may have pre-ordered multiple copies of a newly released DVD they, like bookstore managers, must pledge not to put titles on the shelves before the film’s official release date. The goal of the newly established High Demand Materials Department is to process titles quickly and efficiently—within 48 hours—**so that you may begin enjoying the latest books, books on tape, and DVDs as soon as they are available.** Reading is our business; superior customer service is our goal.



Neighborhood Libraries
E | East
C | Central
W | West

M. Main Library*
325 Superior Avenue
(216) 623-2800

Public Administration Library
(in City Hall)
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 100
(216) 623-2919

1. Addison | E
6901 Superior Avenue
(216) 623-6906

2. Broadway | C
5417 Broadway Avenue
(216) 623-6913

3. Brooklyn | W
3706 Pearl Road
(216) 623-6920

4. Carnegie West | W
1900 Fulton Road
(216) 623-6927

5. Collinwood | E
856 East 152nd Street
(216) 623-6934

6. East 131st Street | E
3830 East 131st Street
(216) 623-6941

7. Eastman* | W
11602 Lorain Avenue
(216) 623-6955

8. Fleet | C
7224 Broadway Avenue
(216) 623-6962

9. Fulton | W
3545 Fulton Road
(216) 623-6969

10. Garden Valley | C
7100 Kinsman Road
(216) 623-6976

11. Glenville | E
11900 St. Clair Avenue
(216) 623-6983

12. Harvard-Lee | E
16918 Harvard Avenue
(216) 623-6990

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Mobile Services | C
(216) 623-7114

18a. | E
Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped*
17121 Lake Shore Blvd.
(216) 623-2911
(800) 362-1262

13. Hough | E
1566 Crawford Road
(216) 623-6997

14. Jefferson | W
850 Jefferson Avenue
(216) 623-7004

15. Langston Hughes | E
10200 Superior Avenue
(216) 623-6975

16. Lorain | W
8216 Lorain Avenue
(216) 623-7011

17. Martin Luther King, Jr.* | E
1962 Stokes Boulevard
(216) 623-7018

18. Memorial-Nottingham* | E
17109 Lake Shore Boulevard
(216) 623-7039

19. Mt. Pleasant | E
14000 Kinsman Road
(216) 623-7032

20. Rice | C
2820 East 116th Street
(216) 623-7046

21. Rockport | W
4421 West 140th Street
(216) 623-7053

22. South | C
3096 Scranton Road
(216) 623-7060

23. South Brooklyn* | W
4303 Pearl Road
(216) 623-7067

24. Sterling | C
2200 East 30th Street
(216) 623-7074

25. Union* | E
3463 East 93rd Street
(216) 623-7088

26. Walz | W
7910 Detroit Avenue
(216) 623-7095

27. West Park | W
3805 West 157th Street
(216) 623-7102

28. Woodland | C
5806 Woodland Avenue
(216) 623-7109

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Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Frank G. Jackson, 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, was the keynote speaker at our **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** commemorative celebration. More than 600 Greater Clevelanders attended the event, which was appropriately held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch. In addition to Mayor Jackson’s inspirational remarks, attendees enjoyed the musical talents of the **Cleveland Public Library Staff Chorus** and **Christopher Webb**.

