

BPL Mission Statement

The Bentonville Public Library's mission is to promote the development of literate and independent citizens through open access to diverse cultural, intellectual and informational sources.

2007 Accomplishments

- Added a new professional position to Library personnel: hired a children's librarian in July 2007.
- Established educational and recreational youth programming, including story times and craft activities for toddlers and preschoolers, movie times for "tweens" and a teen book discussion group.
- Established recreational and inspirational adult programming, including movie matinees, computer classes and a book discussion group.
- Hosted special activities and programs for all ages, including Bentonville Police Department programs, a magic show, author visits and musical concerts. [Summer programming sponsored by the Friends of the Library.]
- Began fostering relations and partnerships with public schools and community organizations such as Crystal Bridges.
- Continued development of important collections, including youth collections and adult audio books.
- In an effort to keep the library facility in ideal condition, developed and implemented a facility maintenance program.
- Emphasized staff training and development through collaborative and procedural meetings.
- Upgraded RFID circulation system to be speedy, more accurate and user-friendly.

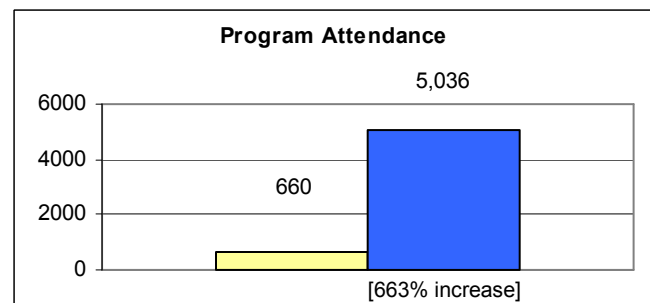
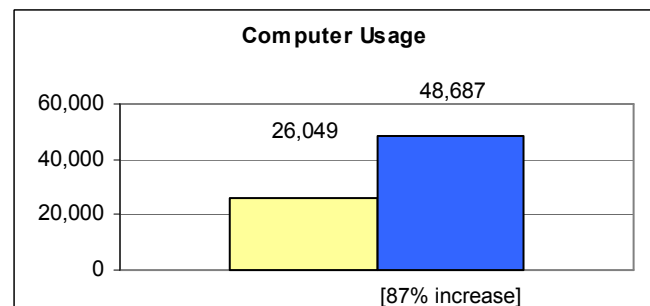
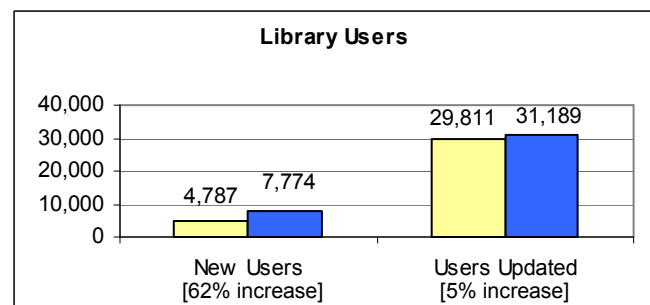
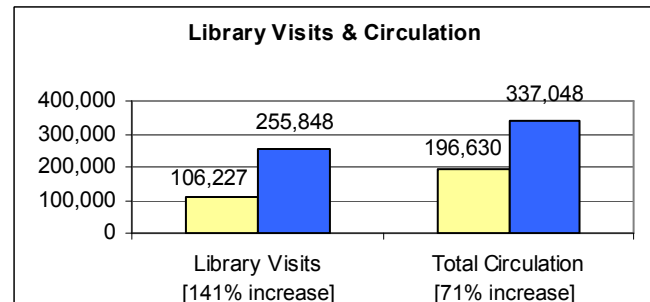
BPL Statistics

- More than 255,800 people visited the library.
- Staff registered 7,774 new library users, increasing BPL's total registered borrowers to 38,723.
- Library patrons borrowed over 337,000 items; library staff assisted patrons 16,801 times.
- 5,036 people attended library programs.
- Patrons borrowed more than 159,000 items using self-check terminals, comprising approximately 60% of total checkouts.
- Patron computer sessions numbered over 48,600.
- Additions to the library collection included 20,407 new books, videos, audio books and periodicals.
- A variety of community groups utilized library meeting facilities 523 times with attendance topping 11,700.

Collection Size	70,416
Collection Value	\$ 1,547,047.84

Comparisons

2006 2007



Library Expenditures 2007

Personnel Wages	\$	398,096.03
O&M	\$	210,892.09
Library Collection	\$	141,610.14
Capital	\$	7,616.50
TOTAL	\$	758,214.76



The Library is supported by individuals, organizations & businesses, all of whom are not listed here.

Library Partners

Bentonville Public Library Advisory Board

- Emily Douglas
- Melanie Elliott [appointed November 2007]
- Steve Gunter [resigned September 2007]
- Elaine Kerr
- Octavio Sanchez
- George Spence

Thank you for representing our community and your continued interest in the Library.

Bentonville Library Foundation

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| Anne Burke | George Kitchens |
| Mary Baggett | Andy Klungland |
| Pat Carroll | Chip Stacy |
| Ed Clifford | Fritz Steiger |
| Brenda Compton | Cindy Suter |
| Jay Ellis | Steve Trolinger |
| Steve Galen | Jeb Ball [2005] |
| Jordan Garrett | Steve Stewart [2005] |
| Johnny Haney | Susan Goss [2004] |
| Galen Havner | |

Thank you for making our lovely new facility a reality. The Library appreciates you refinishing the terrazzo floor, providing a home for Rexy and the gift of two decorative world globes for our patrons to use. Special recognition goes to Cindy Suter, Library Director 2001-May 2007, for her vision and direction. Special thanks goes to Pat Carroll for his time, dedication and expertise on the building project.

Friends of the Bentonville Public Library

- Brenda Compton, President
- Callie Ockerman, Vice President
- Debbie Matteri, Treasurer
- Becci Neal, Membership
- Bookstore volunteers & Friends membership

Thank you for the monetary support for our collections and funding the summer reading club, plus assistance with summer programming. Thank you for purchasing a new park bench & laminator for the Library.

Library Volunteers

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| Amanda Alsip | Suzanna Hicks | Prasanna Sunkireddy |
| Jean Batta | Haydn Johnson | Robert Rousey |
| Amanda Carter | Tyler Johnson | William Shoffit |
| Xavier Decker | Sally Kondziela | Zack Templeton |
| Caitlin Dean | Taunee Laemmie | Ivette Torres |
| Kimberly Hammer | Shirley Leung | Gail Trolinger |
| Timothy Hammer | Ann McKnight | Russell Underdown |
| Nadine Hawke | Amanda Parker | Kathy Vardaman |

Special recognition goes to Ann McKnight, who volunteered over 300 hours, for her continued service to the Library over the past five years.

Northwest Arkansas Genealogy Society

Thank you to Society members for volunteering 2,238.75 hours to the Library, assisting library patrons in family research. Special recognition goes to Mary Marquess for volunteering 647.75 hours.

Program Partners

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| Lisa Alvarado | Dr. Barry Kemp |
| Ark Heritage Film Tour | Master Gardners |
| Bentonville Children's Choir | Susan Morrison |
| Bentonville Fire Dept. | NW Ark Genealogy Society |
| Bentonville Garden Club | Fabiola Obregon |
| Bentonville Police Dept. | Rocio Palomino |
| Kevin Brockmeier | Andrea Ramsey |
| Anita Brown | Octavio Sanchez |
| Crystal Bridges | Erin Waller, Ark State Library |
| Matthew Daniels | Trisha Way |

Thank you for donating your time & enlightening our patrons with fun, informative programs.

Volunteer Activity

- 3,335 hours volunteered at the Library.
- \$24,810.54 cost savings for the Library.

Donated Materials

- 6,819 donated items cataloged for the collection.
- \$24,522.70 cost savings for the Library.

From the Library Director—

2007 was a landmark year for Bentonville Public Library. Our first full year in our new facility confirmed that with ample space for growing collections and additional computers, community meeting facilities and value-added services such as children's programming, the Library plays an essential role in many patrons' lives. Thank you Mayor Bob McCaslin, the City Council and City of Bentonville Departments for supporting the Library.

I must recognize and appreciate my staff, a remarkable team, comprised of wonderful people who want to serve.

2008 presents an exciting year, and Bentonville Public Library is in a prime position to continue growth and development of our collections and services, allowing us to fulfill our mission in the development of our community's citizens.

-Hadi S. Dudley