



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

From the moment I first saw the Web site created to recruit a new library director to Springfield and Greene County, I was hooked. I am delighted to be here. I love this job and in particular this Library District. I arrived on New Year's Day 2009 to begin my exciting new adventure of leading the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

What I found was a well-respected library system with a hard-working, professional staff that is always striving to meet the needs of patrons in new and innovative ways. I soon realized I was making my home in a county that is always looking to improve the community's quality of life.



Strafford Branch Library

opened in July 2009, and construction began on a new stand-alone building in the City of Republic. We also instituted new hours at our county branches to better reflect patron needs.



Friends Book Sale

Longtime Executive Director Annie Busch retired in December 2008. She left behind a legacy of innovation and achievement for the Library District. Before she left, we opened a new branch library in Strafford in August 2008, bringing our total number of locations to 10, plus the Bookmobile. This spring the new Jordan Valley Community Health Center opened with a library presence in the WIC clinic. A new stand-alone building in Willard



Willard Branch Library

The Friends of the Library are celebrating 30 years of service in 2009. They continue to raise funds primarily through their spring and fall book sales, and this year they broke the \$100,000 mark at the spring sale by selling more than \$107,000 in books. Funding from the Friends bought furniture for the new Willard branch, refurbished the Teen Center at The Library Center, provided music programs throughout the district and many other services.

Traffic and circulation continued to rise as 1,902,856 visitors came through our doors and patrons checked out 3,926,602 items this year. Program attendance reached almost 2 million people.

In these trying economic times, it is even more important that library services are easily available to the public. I look forward to working with the staff to continue the Library's mission of providing the educational, informational and recreational needs of our community.

Regina Greer Cooper

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Annie Busch Early Literacy Fund

In 2008-2009 the Library Foundation established the Annie Busch Early Literacy Fund. With a \$5,000 grant from Friends of the Library and the generosity of more than 100 individuals, organizations and businesses, \$12,000 was raised to launch this new fund. With vision, expertly trained staff, expansive community reach, and strong collaborative partnerships, our Library District is constantly finding new ways to help children develop the early literacy skills they need for success in school and in life. The Annie Busch Early Literacy Fund will help to ensure strong and innovative early literacy services well into the future.

Stafford Branch Library

Once a rural stop on the Library District's Bookmobile schedule, Stafford got its own, 2,500-square-foot branch library on August 9, 2008. The Stafford Branch Library is the district's 10th facility, located in a leased storefront in Chestnut Plaza on Missouri 125 at Interstate 44. The library's automobile theme harkens to the nearby old Route 66 and Americans' romance with the open road.



Willard Branch Library

The Willard community celebrated the opening of a new, 5,000-square-foot Willard Branch Library on July 18, 2009. The facility combines urban and contemporary styles and features popular conveniences: a drive-up service window; comfortable furnishings for relaxed reading; more computers for adults, children and teens; and a larger meeting room for community gatherings.



“One Book, One Community”



The Library's fourth annual Big Read 2009 featured the Pulitzer Prize-winning “To Kill a Mockingbird.” The “one book, one community” initiative in April promoted literacy and public discussion by encouraging everyone to read the same book. The event was sponsored by the Library District and a host of community partners.

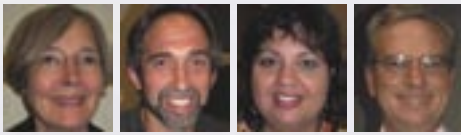
Big Read 2009 included a visit from author Charles J. Shields, who wrote the biography of “Mockingbird” author Harper Lee; book discussions at library branches; and a performance of the play by the Montana Repertory Theatre.

Here are other highlights from this year:

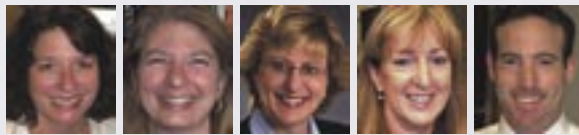
- Library Center's teen area got a facelift with pop-out, polka-dot décor, computer stations and café-booth seating with help from the Friends of the Library.
- Friends of the Library purchased furniture for the Willard Branch Library, carpet squares for the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and refurbished the Library Station train.
- Paper and cardboard recycling from IntelliShred by Edco was introduced in January 2009 at all branch locations except Midtown Carnegie, which participates in Center Street Recycling Coalition. On average every month, the entire Library District recycles 5,059 pounds of paper and cardboard.
- Construction began on a new, stand-alone facility for the Republic Branch Library.
- The Friends of the Library's Spring Book Sale exceeded \$100,000 in sales. The Friends sold \$107,082.57 worth of donated books and materials.
- Early literacy computers were introduced at the Brentwood and Willard Branch libraries.
- A Ready to Learn Grant allowed us to provide new learning labs and libraries at the Shady Dell Early Childhood Center and the new WIC Clinic in Jordan Valley Community Health Center.
- The Library expanded the Summer Reading To Go program, reaching 2,951 children at 69 sites including Boys & Girls Clubs, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, and summer schools.

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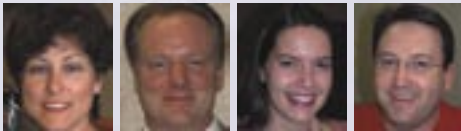


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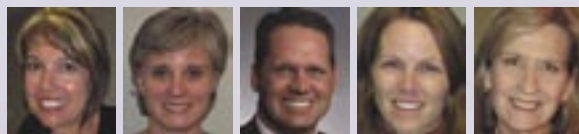


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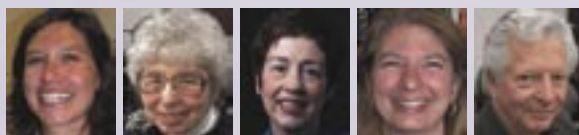
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Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Revenues

Current Taxes	\$9,402,052
Delinquent Taxes	308,002
Financial Institution Tax	20,184
Railroad and Utility Tax	187,744
Surtax.....	548,357
State Aid	182,215
Rental Income	87,595
Investment Income	<104,782>
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	84,461
Out-of-County Fees	108,786
Fines and Fees	311,144
Copy Machines	74,098
Contributions	400,180
Consortium Payments	25,614
Gift Shops Income	70,000
Miscellaneous Income	28,253
Total Revenues	\$11,733,903

Operating Expenditures

Personnel.....	\$6,504,419
Library Collections	1,982,553
Office Supplies.....	82,360
Minor Equipment.....	267,583
Operations and Maintenance	533,831
Total Operating Expenditures.....	\$9,370,746

Charges and Services

Professional Services	\$341,834
Telephone	68,567
Utilities.....	261,856
Tax Collection Fees	172,680
Postage	46,532
Travel	53,977
Printing.....	62,100
Insurance	63,462
Rent	180,552
Training.....	26,029
Miscellaneous	13,107
Bad Debt Expense — Uncollected Taxes ...	<3,371>
Amortization of Bond Fees	8,727
Total Charges and Services.....	\$1,296,052

Other Expenses

Capital Expenditures.....	\$467,026
Debt Service Principal	515,000
Debt Service Interest	228,675
Total Other Expenses.....	\$1,210,701

Total Expenditures	\$11,877,499
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures ..	<\$143,596>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<\$143,596>
Fund balance, beginning of year	\$5,715,007
Fund balance, end of year	\$5,571,411

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JULY 1, 2008—JUNE 30, 2009 SUPPORT

The Library and the Library Foundation wish to thank these donors whose generous support ensures that all in our community have the opportunity for learning, self-improvement and self-expression at the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

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