

**Statistical Highlights 2008/09**

**Use**

Population Served:	55,204
Total Circulation:	221,684
Registered Borrowers:	46,648
Circulation per Capita:	4.02

**Materials**

Collection Size	
Children's Materials	30,326
Book Volumes	113,433
Audio/Video/DVD	4,669

**Services**

Reference Questions:	46,784
Programs Offered:	2,065
Program Attendance:	25,305
Interlibrary Loans:	1,617
Literacy:	
Tutor Sessions	608
Tutor Sessions Attendance	2,285
Public Computer/Database Usage:	108,363
Visitors	424,610

**Personnel**

Full-time Equivalent Staff:	29.5
Volunteer Hours of Service:	2,613



**Board of Trustees**

Dale E. LaCasella, President  
 David Datz, Secretary  
 Thomas Hubbard  
 David Tuck  
 Shirlee Smith

Board meetings held every 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday of the month at 5 p.m. in  
 the Library's community room

**District Director**

Barbara J. Pearson

**Main Library**

600 E. Mariposa Street  
 Altadena CA 91001  
 626-798-0833  
 626-798-5351 FAX

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon & Tues 10a-9p  
 Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10a-6p  
 Sun 1p-5p

**Branch Services & Literacy Center**

2659 N. Lincoln Ave  
 Altadena CA 91001  
 626-798-8338  
 626-798-3968 FAX

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon-Tue-Fri 10a-6p  
 Wed & Thurs 10a-8p

**Passport Services**

Hours of Operation:  
 M-Sat 10a-5:00p  
 M-Tu evenings 5-8:30p  
 Also by appointment :  
 Call 626-798-0833 x 112

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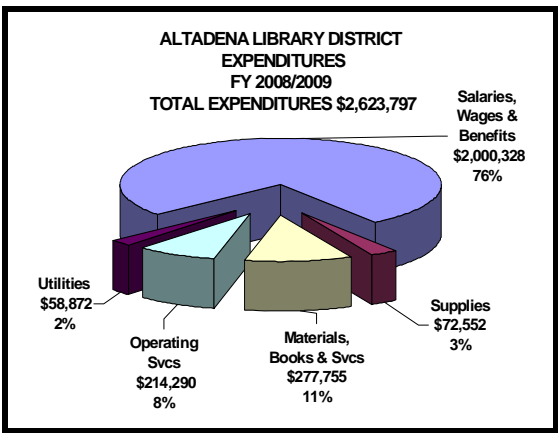
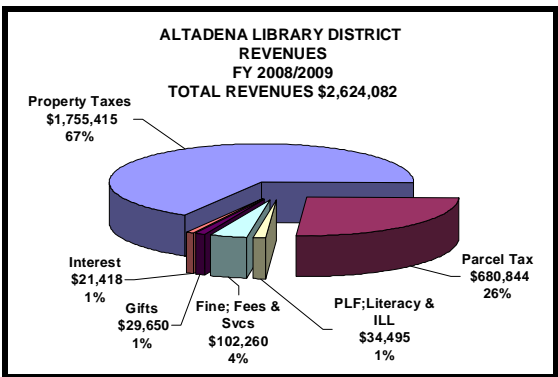
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# Altadena Library District



## Annual Report to the Public

## Fiscal Year 2008/2009



Expenditures per Capita \$47.53

## A Message from the Board of Trustees.

### Looking back....

Fiscal year 2008/09 brought a number of improvements to services for Altadena residents:

- ★ Shirlee Smith was appointed Trustee to replace Katharine Harrington, who resigned in November 2008.
- ★ Bob Lucas Branch Library hours were increased to 44 hours per week.
- ★ A generous donation from the Friends of the Altadena Library provided \$23,000 for: 1) the purchase and installation of an ADA compliant Children's Information Desk at the Main Library and of an ADA compliant Information/Circulation Desk at the Branch; 2) the purchase of updated Children's science and history books; 3) the funding of 2 AmeriCorps volunteers for the District's Literacy Services program; 4) the initiation of a New Releases DVD Rental Program for the public; 5) funding for Children's and Teens Summer Reading events and prizes; and, sponsorship of musical, lecture and mystery writer events throughout the year.
- ★ The Teen page on the website was revamped and a **Teen Blog** was created.
- ★ A **Parenting Blog** called "*The Parents Corner*" for parents and librarians to communicate about materials and services was initiated.
- ★ A Homeschoolers Resource Center for homeschooling families was established.
- ★ Barks & Books, a program in which children ages 5-12 read to a loveable dog from the Humane Society was initiated.
- ★ The Library Partnered with the Sheriff's Department for the Annual Food & Toy Drive by instituting a **Food and Toys for Fines program** in Nov/Dec 2008.
- ★ The Library received a California Library Literacy Services grant award for \$13,800 which provided funding for programs and materials in Adult Literacy programs in the District. Over 608 tutoring sessions were provided for 2,285 participants during the year, representing over 784 volunteer hours of service.

- ★ The Library was awarded a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) AmeriCorps Volunteer Grant which provided for 2 AmeriCorps Volunteers to work with the Literacy Services Program. As previously noted, the volunteers were funded by the Friends.
- ★ The Library was awarded a State Library LSTA Dia de los Ninos California Project Grant in the amount of \$500 – a celebration of children, books, libraries and bilingual literacy
- ★ The Library received an ALA Great Stories grant which included conducting a book club with Hathaway Sycamores High School from February through May of 2009.
- ★ The **Altadena Library District Strategic Plan for the Years 2009-12** was compiled and distributed to the public.
- ★ The **Altadena Library District Three Year Technology Plan** was compiled.
- ★ The Board held 4 Community meetings/Design Camps for the public to comment on the Main Library Master Facility Plan for the renovation and expansion. A final design concept document was approved by the Board in April 2009.
- ★ The Board of Trustees honored 35+ volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Luncheon in April 2008.
- ★ Volunteers contributed 2,613 hours of service during this fiscal year, resulting in approximately \$26,130 savings in staff costs.
- ★ A video game rental collection was established in May 2009. Proceeds will be used to purchase additional video games.
- ★ Computer training classes for the public on use of the Internet, Microsoft Office and e-mail were initiated in May 2009.

*Honoring the past, cultivating the present, empowering the future*

### Looking forward...

Look for the following improvements and events in 2009/10...

- ★ The Distinguished Program Series will continue throughout the year. Some upcoming events will include: *Just Doing My Job*; *stories of service from WWII* with Jonna Hoppes, granddaughter of Jimmie Doolittle; *Pacific Electric Railroad*-a joint program with the Altadena Historical Society featuring Brian Marcroft and Charles Siems; *Writers Series* with local journalists; *An evening with Robert Wagner* sponsored by the Friends of the Altadena Library. Dates and times may be found on our homepage-[www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org)
  - ★ Three seats on the Board of Library Trustees will be filled in the November 2009 Los Angeles County Consolidated Election.
  - ★ An Early Childhood Education Learning Station will be added to the Computer Center in the Children's area.
  - ★ The Art Fair Committee, consisting of community artists and enthusiasts, will plan a community arts and crafts fair event, called "Amazing Altadena" celebrating Altadena artists and artisans; it will be held sometime in the Spring of 2010 in the Library parking lot and on library grounds.
  - ★ Staff will work with the Altadena Library Foundation, established in fall 2009, to begin the long process of securing funding for the Main Library Renovation/Expansion.
  - ★ In May 2010, the Friends of the Altadena Library will hold their Annual Book Sale.
  - ★ In support of the Sheriff's Department annual Food and Toy Drive, the Library will host a Food/Toys for Fines Week in Nov/Dec 2009.
- ★ "**Be Creative @ Your Library**" Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Friends of the Altadena Library, was once again a huge success with 576 children reading a total of 4,400 books, a 9% increase over the previous year. Children and adult volunteers donated over 100 hours helping with programs, raffles, prizes and logging book reports. The Teen Summer Reading Program entitled "**Express Yourself @ Your Library**" was introduced with 77 teen participants reading 496 books, a 6% increase over the previous year.
  - ★ 7 new public computers were added to the Computer Centers: Main Library Adult (4), Young Adult (2), Children's (1); and Branch Library (1).
  - ★ Bandwidth was increased in December 2009 with a high speed cable connection and a T-1 line installation at the Main Library, resulting in increased Internet response time for the public.
  - ★ Computer/database usage continued to increase. Over 108,000 sessions were logged in the Adult, Young Adult and Children's Computer Centers at the Main Library at the Branch Library Computer Centers.
  - ★ The Library continued its Distinguished Program Series which included (to name a few) : actors/authors Cloris Leachman and Adrienne Barbeau; Kerry Yo Nakagawa speaking about Japanese American baseball; a joint program with the Altadena Historical Society on the Mount Lowe Railway with Michael Patris; and the annual musical concert with the Andrea Baker Jazz Quartet in December 2008.
  - ★ Children's Services Increased outreach to schools by 27 visits to classrooms at elementary schools.
  - ★ Children's Services added infant/toddler story times to regular programming that feature Every Child Ready to Read suggested activities.