

Elmhurst Public Library Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2001-2002



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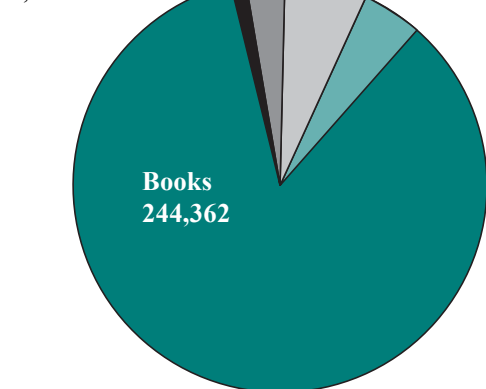
You've made the Elmhurst Public Library a rockin' and hoppin' place!

"Read, Rattle & Roll"

Read, rattle and roll with the library's many books, magazines, CDs and more.

Books	244,362
Paperbacks	12,789
Magazine and Newspaper Subscriptions	1,145
Audiocassettes	9,625
Adult Music	2,978
Adult Books-on-Cassette	4,754
Young People's	1,893
Compact Discs	8,361
Adult Music	6,667
Adult Books-on-CD	517
Young People's	1,177
Videocassettes	8,838
DVDs	488
CD-ROM Computer Programs ..	1,079
Computer Software	27

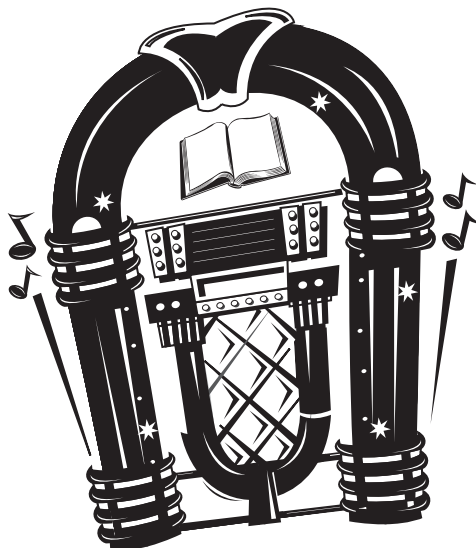
Videos & DVDs	CDs & Cassettes	Paperbacks & Magazine/ Newspaper Subscriptions
9,326	17,986	13,934



Multi-Platinum Record-Breaking Year!

Last year, you and your fellow rock-n-rollers checked out books and other library materials a record-breaking **910,442** times!

This is an incredible 8% increase from the previous year & makes last year **the busiest year yet for EPL!**



"We're So Excited"

The entire library staff is very excited to serve you in our new building which should be completed in the fall 2003.

Last year the floor plans were finalized, and construction documents were prepared.

In April 2002 the Library Board reviewed bids for construction of the new library and awarded the contract to Power Construction Company.

Preparation of the site for construction

"Help!" (I need some info!)

Whenever you need help answering a question, ask one of our reference librarians. They will answer your questions, conduct research or find books for you. Last year, reference librarians answered more than 60,600 questions.

"It's Electric!" (Electric Slide)

Internet

At the end of the year more than 6,300 people were registered to use the Internet. On average last year over 330 individuals logged onto the Internet in Adult Services each month. In addition, last year hundreds of people used the Internet in the Young People's area, and hundreds were logged on by library staff.

Web Databases

On average last year there were over 3,600 searches per month on 8 of our major online databases!

Web site

Use of the library's Web site-www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org-continues to soar. Last year there were over 30,000 total hits on the online catalog and over 8,300 total hits to access the library's online databases

"What's Going On?" (at EPL)

Here's what was new at the library last year.

- ✓ DVDs were added to the collection.
- ✓ New databases-Genealogy and Local History Online, Biography Resource Center, Student Resource Center and The Complete Marquis Whois Who became available to library visitors.
- ✓ Searching the online catalog and the Internet was made much easier for those with visual impairments because of software that enlarges and "reads" the computer screen.
- ✓ A fifth Internet computer station was added in the Adult Services area because accessing the Internet at the library is so popular.
- ✓ Over 1,300 quick reference books, study guides and homework aids were made available electronically from the library's Web site as e-books (electronic books).
- ✓ The library and the Genealogical Forum of Elmhurst offered programs demonstrating how to use the library's new 1880 Census CD-ROM to trace your ancestors.
- ✓ Library patrons started reserving books themselves through the library's online catalog, which also is available from the library's Web site.

"Working Hard for the Money"

Operating Revenue

The library received \$2.99 million in property taxes (about 86% of the budget).

The remaining library income came from grants, gifts, bequests, interest, fines, fees and miscellaneous revenue bringing the total to almost \$3.5 million.

In addition, \$18.7 million in bonds were sold to construct the new library building.

Expenditures

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Books	\$546,705
CDs, Cassettes, CD-ROMs, Videos, DVDs	69,278
Magazines and Newspapers	43,429
Salaries and Benefits	2,308,982

Other general operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, repairs, program fees, etc. \$515,184

(Budget figures are unaudited.)

"With a Little Help From Our Friends"

Thanks to all our volunteers, sponsors and "Friends"!

- ✓ Middle schoolers volunteered over 1,620 hours helping library staff.
- ✓ Adults volunteered over 1,300 hours. This includes over 90 hours volunteered by 50 people conducting a state-required computer survey. They counted a total of 2,851 people who used the library's computers at various times during a week in March 2002.
- ✓ The Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library gave almost \$7,300 for Summer Reading prizes, Stories in the Park and Lyric Opera CDs.
- ✓ Local businesses, organizations and individuals contributed coupons, raffle prizes and almost \$3,000 to the Summer Reading Program.



"Schoolhouse Rock"

- ✓ Library staff encouraged over 4,600 students to join the Summer Reading Program during 102 visits to 16 schools.
- ✓ The library staff celebrated with Elmhurst's newest readers on their learning to read by throwing 16 parties with stories, games and snacks for over 492 first graders.
- ✓ 172 classroom collections containing 4,895 books and other materials were sent to local schools.

"Read around the clock"

Library hours:

- 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Sat.)
- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sun.)

Need a quick late-night answer? Call Night Owl Reference Service at 630-279-8696 from closing until midnight every day. Last year, you asked Night Owl almost 300 questions.

"Readers Just Want to Have Fun"

Program Attendance

Over 20,800 young people enjoyed storytimes, puppetry workshops and other programs last year. (That's an amazing 16% increase from the previous year!)

917 adults enjoyed Internet and Catalog Training classes, Lyric Opera Lectures and other programs.

Summer Reading Program

It was a fantastic feast of fabulous books last summer with the "**Feed Your Need to Read**" Summer Reading Clubs!

- ✓ "Pea Wee Readers" 1,589
(2 yrs.-Gr. 1)
- ✓ "Bibliomaniacs" 1,666
(Grs. 2-5)
- ✓ "Ravenous Readers" 826
(Grs. 6-12)

Young People's Grand Total **4,081**

- ✓ Over **1,000** adults joined the Adult Summer Reading Club.

Stories in the Park

About 125 kids and adults enjoyed stories and music at last year's Stories in the Park Storytelling Festival which was moved inside the library because of rainy weather.

Winter Reading Program

Over 600 children (2 yrs.-8th grade) experienced "The Magic of Reading" in the Winter Reading Program. Over 270 adults joined the first Adult Winter Reading Club-"Curl Up With a Good Book."

"Leaders of the Pack"

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