

Richmond Public Library

2009 Annual Report to the Community

Message from the Board Chair, Arlene Yoshikawa Gold Medal Library Service

The 2010 Olympic Winter Games were the best of times, with Canadian pride filling the air and 46,278 visitors from around the world filling our *International Living Room*. Staff was busier in 2009 than ever before, offering programs for families, new immigrants and job seekers. A generous donation helped us establish the Scotiabank Filipiniana Collection, and we also launched the Chinese catalogue and Curious About Science Kits for kids. Our fantastic Friends of the Library raised funds for those special extras, including new titles for our Book Club collection – and we're very grateful to them for all their hard work. Thank you Friends!



L –R: Mark Bostwick, Arlene Yoshikawa (Chair), Peter Kafka, Linda Barnes, Lyn Greenhill, Leslie Wilson, Dulce Cuenca, Pat Watson (Vice Chair), and Albert Beh

Cash and In-Kind Donations Received January - December 2009

Thank you to our many generous donors who help us improve and expand access to essential programs, collections and services. To donate, visit www.yourlibrary.ca/donations or any RPL branch.

Donations \$10,000 and up: Friends of the Richmond Public Library. **Donations \$1,000-\$9,999:** The Ben & Esther Dayson Charitable Foundation; Dorothy Bradley; Filipino Scotiabankers; Iready.ca Communications; Richmond Chinese School Foundation; Richmond E-Venti Marathon; Richmond Food Security Society; Scotiabank; Starbucks Coffee Company; Win Than; Gary and Pat Watson. **Donations \$100-\$999:** Allsorts Book Club; Anonymous; Az-Zahraa Book Club; Jeanne and Richard Bushey; Greg Buss and Cate McNeely; CFUW Richmond Evening Book Club; CFUW Richmond Afternoon Book Group; Elaine Chiang; Garry Point Book Club; Georgeann Glover; Robbin Greig; Anil Kumar Gulati; Lea Hengstler; Ironwood Afternoon Book Club; Ironwood Evening Book Club; Karma Book Club; Connie Lau; Celina Luk; Cyndi and Max Mintzberg; Royal Bank of Canada; Dugal and Pamela Smith; Arlene Yoshikawa. **Donations up to \$99:** Anonymous; Linda Barnes; Bernard Che; Yi-Ru Chen; Shelley Civkin; Sharon Doucelin; James Harcott; Irene Ho; James Zhi Hui Huang; Jiumn-Ming Huang; Chien-Hua Jen; Nicole Kosmyinka; Yuen Man Lui; Nadine Nutbrown; Alexis Rothschild; George Tikkanen; Erika Torres; Cheryl and Ed Wainwright; Alex and Madeleine Watts.

2009 Financial Highlights

Revenue:

Municipal contribution	\$ 7,081,100
Fines and miscellaneous	550,102
Grants	462,546
Donations	84,182
Gains on disposal of tangible capital assets	12,473
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	\$ 8,190,403

Expenses:

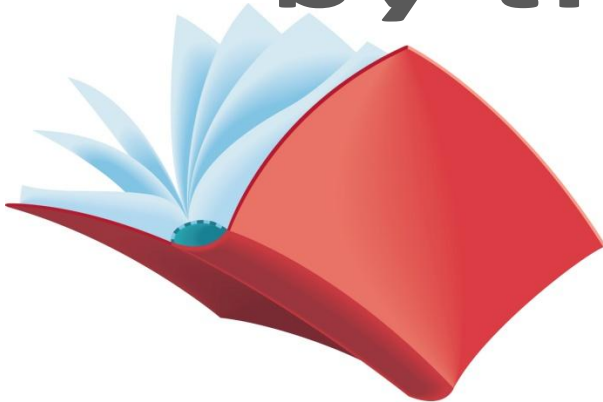
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 5,739,412
Amortization	1,007,871
Supplies and equipment services	202,370
General and administration	192,396
Building, leases and maintenance	188,884
Utilities	187,791
Periodicals	89,061
Automation	81,561
Resource sharing services	74,495
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	\$ 7,763,841

Annual surplus \$ 426,562

The Richmond Public Library Board acknowledges generous financial support from the Public Library Services Branch, Ministry of Education.

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

by the numbers



106,139

of Richmond residents
have library cards



4.87 MILLION

ITEMS BORROWED

On average each person borrowed 25.77 items



TOP 5

books borrowed in 2009

Children

1. Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
2. Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney
3. Guinness World Records
4. Field Trip to Niagara Falls
by Geronimo Stilton
5. Breaking Dawn by
Stephanie Meyer

Adults

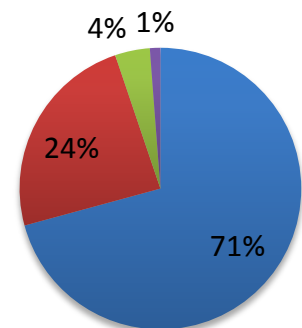
1. The Associate by John Grisham
2. The host by Stephanie Meyer
3. The appeal by John Grisham
4. Tribute by Nora Roberts
5. Call Me Ted by Ted Turner



Library held
2,624 programs with
111,828 attendees

what did people borrow

- Books
- Movies
- Music CDs
- Downloadables



139,800

questions answered

visit our website at www.yourlibrary.ca