

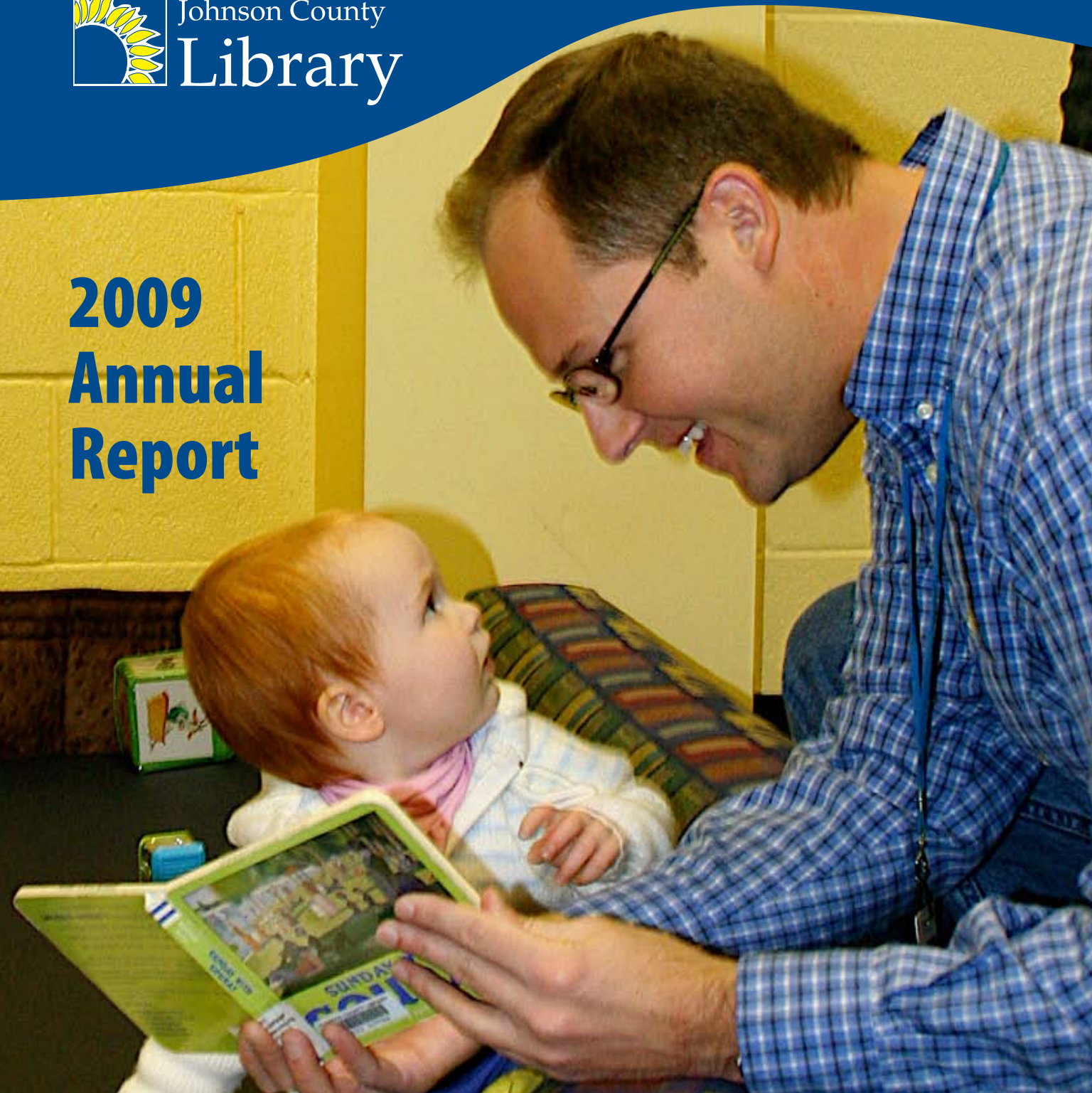
# *The value of* **Library Services**



Johnson County

**Library**

## **2009 Annual Report**



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## **A Message from the County Librarian**

*"I got a job!" announced a woman who came to the Information Desk at the Blue Valley Neighborhood Library. She related that she had been coming into the Library for many months to work on job searches, and more specifically had spent the last two months focusing on a job at a bank – the job she obtained. As she left, the woman said, "Thanks!"*



There are many stories like this one that library staff are hearing over and over again. In 2009 Johnson County Library was one of the busiest places in the community. More people visited, and more items were checked out, than in any other year since the Library was established nearly 60 years ago.

Every year, and especially in an economic downturn, public libraries are a great bargain. Supported by tax dollars, the superior return on that investment locally is 13 convenient neighborhood library locations with staff that can help in multiple ways for all stages of life. Whether it is retooling for a career change, seeking parenting information, receiving homework help, planning a vacation, checking on investments, or finding something good to read or view, the Library has resources and information for all ages.

Johnson County Library plays a vital role in our community. Groups and nonprofit organizations use free meeting room space, while smaller study rooms are available for individuals. The Library's issues forums brings individuals together in civic engagement to meet and deliberate on current topics in the world around us, which have included the reality of hunger, making ends meet, connecting children with nature, and how county government works.

Last year the Library focused on three distinct services:

- 1) A new early literacy space, 6 by 6, Ready to Read, was piloted at Antioch Neighborhood Library as a place for parents and children to interact with activities and obtain resources for reading readiness.
- 2) Senior services and outreach moved to Cedar Roe Neighborhood Library, which now provides special programming and expanded HomeConnect (books by mail) services to this segment of the population.
- 3) At Oak Park Neighborhood Library, the emphasis is now on services to the Hispanic community with Spanish-speaking staff, Spanish helpline, English conversational classes, bilingual storytimes and business resources in cooperation with the Hispanic Economic Development Council.

The renovated and larger Leawood Pioneer Neighborhood Library opened in October with more community spaces, including a meeting room, study rooms, teen space, art gallery, youth programming room and lounge area for the public. Modifications are being made at other locations to create more inviting and comfortable spaces for patrons.

The next few years will be challenging for tax-supported agencies, but Johnson County Library will continue to serve as a community lifeline to provide quality services delivered by an outstanding and knowledgeable staff.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Lauffer". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

Donna Lauffer  
County Librarian



*The value of*  
**Books**



**Free** checkout of fiction and nonfiction books at 13 locations for all ages and interests. Large-print books are also available.

**Average cost for an adult, hardcover fiction book:**  
**\$28.09**

*The value of*  
**Youth Programs**



Children enjoy **free** storytimes, holiday programs, gaming tournaments, summer reading clubs and drop-in activities.

**Average cost for a children's program:**  
**\$8**

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*The value of*  
**Adult Programs**

QUICK!  
HEALTHY MEALS!

Diane Smith, R.D., L.  
"The Lunch Lab"

**Free** literary programs, book discussions, author visits, issues forums, computer classes, genealogy programs and topics of interest for seniors.

**Average cost for an adult program:**  
**\$10**

*The value of*  
**Homework Help**

**Free** homework help with paid coaches. The cost of professional tutors in Johnson County varies, depending on the type of tutoring required.

**Average cost for a professional tutor:**  
**\$45 per hour**



*The value of*  
**Newspapers**

Johnson County Library has subscriptions to your favorite newspapers and makes them available to you **free** of charge.

**Average cost of a newspaper subscription:  
\$183.33 per year**

*The value of*  
**Reference Services**

Professional librarians provide information, resources and research materials for the public **free** of charge.

**Average cost for research services:  
\$7 for 5 minutes,  
\$50 per hour for longer questions**

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*The value of*  
**Audiobooks,  
Movies &  
Music**



With the collection Johnson County Library maintains beyond books, patrons save money by checking out audiobooks, movies and music for **free**.

**Average cost of an Audiobook: \$20-50**  
**Movie: \$15-30**  
**Music CD: \$10-25**

*The value of*  
**Meeting Spaces**



Many Library locations have meeting rooms available **free** of charge for groups and nonprofit organizations. Smaller study rooms are also available.

**Average cost for community meeting space: \$20 per hour**



*The value of*  
**Wi-Fi**

Johnson County  
Library offers **free**  
Wi-Fi at every  
location.

**Average cost  
for home Wi-Fi :  
\$150-350 for initial  
installation, plus  
monthly service  
charges**

*The value of*  
**Business  
Reference**

Librarians provide **free** assistance on business-related topics through an extensive collection of online and print resources, as well as offer tours of available resources for job-seekers.

**Average cost for  
business research:  
\$75 per hour**



*The value of*  
**Computer  
Training  
Classes**

Johnson County Library offers **free** computer classes that allow patrons to learn new software programs or expand their knowledge of the programs they currently use.

**Average cost for  
computer training:  
\$20-50 per class**

*The value of*  
**Early Literacy**

Johnson County Library developed the 6 by 6, Ready to Read program to help parents prepare their children to read, **free** of charge.

**Average cost for  
preschool  
instruction:  
\$150 per week**

# Johnson County Library 2009 Grants

\$25,000 – Johnson County Library Foundation – Literary Criticism Database\*

\$25,000 – Kansas Health Foundation – 6 By 6 Early Literacy Program\*

\$10,000 – Sprint Foundation – Homework Help Coaches\*

\$ 2,000 – Johnson County Bar Foundation – Court Assisted Reading Encouragement\*

\$38,923 – Johnson County Heritage Trust Fund – Digital Cemetery Project for JoCoHistory.net

\$20,000 – National Endowment for the Arts – The Big Read 2009

\$ 6,000 – Johnson County Alcohol Tax Fund – Changing Lives Through Literature Program

\* *Johnson County Library Foundation Grant*

Expenditures	
General Fund:	
Personnel	\$13,040,868.56
Contractual	3,790,223.43
Commodities	3,997,519.18
Capital	8,412.24
Grants	405,657.71
Transfer to Capital Projects	–
Interfund Transfers	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,242,681.12</b>
Special Use Fund:	
Contractual	\$ 187,377.51
Commodities/Capital	239,603.93
Debt Paid	2,306,627.67
Transfer to Capital Projects	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,733,609.11</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,976,290.23</b>

Statistical Summary						
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	'05-'09 Change
Total Holdings <sup>1</sup>	1,143,168	1,159,703	1,193,186	1,196,429	1,177,167	-2.9%
Total Borrowers	336,147	325,000	399,844	374,634	345,753	-2.8%
Total Circulation <sup>1</sup>	6,938,467	6,250,039	6,142,341	6,205,428	6,179,254	12.3%
Reference Transactions	231,595	243,542	240,443	257,070	287,083	-19.3%
Online Reference Searches <sup>2</sup>	1,037,624	1,326,012	1,192,102	933,019	750,963	38.2%
Library Visits (Door Count)	2,742,281	2,628,430	2,514,745	2,520,181	2,534,070	8.2%
External Visits to Web site <sup>5</sup>	2,206,840	1,901,700	NA	2,321,002	1,935,836	–
Program Attendance	73,632	90,408	95,882	108,969	101,654	-27.6%
Library Employees (FTEs) <sup>3</sup>	283.7	282.7	282.3	282.6	282.7	0.4%
Volunteer Hours	41,677	36,312	38,065	31,208	30,655	36.0%
District Population (est.) <sup>4</sup>	414,900	410,700	405,200	400,600	391,500	6.0%

<sup>1</sup>Circulation and holdings include audiovisual materials, art prints, paperbacks and catalogued books. Materials in the U.S. government documents depository are not included in holdings.

<sup>2</sup>Searches performed internal and external to library facilities using online electronic resources to which JCL subscribes.

<sup>3</sup>Johnson County Library Employees (FTEs) are total authorized full-time equivalents.

<sup>4</sup>Estimates of population for 2005 are from the *Survey of Buying Power*; 2006-2009 are from the *Editor and Publisher Marketing Guide*.

<sup>5</sup>A new measurement software was implemented in 2008. Previous numbers are not compatible.



# JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS

## CENTRAL RESOURCE LIBRARY

9875 W. 87th St. • Overland Park, KS 66212 • (913) 495-2400 • TDD (913) 495-2433

## ANTIOCH NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

8700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy. • Merriam, KS 66202 • (913) 261-2300

## BLUE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

9000 W. 151st St. • Overland Park, KS 66221 • (913) 495-3850

## CEDAR ROE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

5120 Cedar • Roeland Park, KS 66205 • (913) 384-8590

## CORINTH NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

8100 Mission Rd. • Prairie Village, KS 66208 • (913) 967-8650

## DESOTO NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

33145 W. 83rd St. • De Soto, KS 66018 • (913) 583-3106

## EDGERTON NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

319 E. Nelson • Edgerton, KS 66021 • (913) 893-6720

## GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

137 E. Shawnee St. • Gardner, KS 66030 • (913) 856-7223

## LACKMAN NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

15345 W. 87th St. Pkwy. • Lenexa, KS 66219 • (913) 495-7540

## LEAWOOD PIONEER NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

4700 Town Center Dr. • Leawood, KS 66211 • (913) 826-4620

## OAK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

9500 Bluejacket • Overland Park, KS 66214 • (913) 752-8700

## SHAWNEE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

13811 Johnson Dr. • Shawnee, KS 66216 • (913) 962-3800

## SPRING HILL NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

109 S. Webster • Spring Hill, KS 66083 • (913) 592-3232

## JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY – MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 2933 • Shawnee Mission, KS • 66201-1333

## JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY WEB SITE

[www.jocolibrary.org](http://www.jocolibrary.org)

