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Westfield Washington Public Library
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The Westfield Washington Public Library will strive, in partnership with local organizations, to provide quality services, materials and facilities that fulfill the educational, informational, technological, cultural and recreational needs of the entire community.

Friends of the Westfield Library

Friends Board:

Virginia Fiscus, President
 Carly Schull, Vice President
 Jeanette Wachtel, Treasurer
 Marie Albertson, Secretary

The Friends meeting will be held on February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.



Book Sales in 2009:

Feb 6: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Feb. 7-14 Library Hours.
 Apr. 10: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Apr. 11-18: Library hours
 June 5: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 June 6-13: Library Hours
 Aug. 7: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Aug. 8-15: Library Hours
 Oct. 2: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Oct. 3-10: Regular Hours
 Nearly New Book Sale:
 Dec. 4: Preview 6-7:30 pm
 Dec. 5-12: Regular Hours

The Friends of the Westfield Library is an organization designed to promote and support the mission of the Westfield Washington Public Library. Through its fundraising efforts, primarily book sales held every other month, and our Annual Craft Bazaar and Silent Auction, the group raises money used to fund library programs and to purchase items that are not in the library's operating budget.

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Annual Report 2008

Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees:

Carolyn Wheeler,
 President

Mike Thomas,
 Vice President

Paul Catlin,
 Treasurer

Nedra Hoard
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The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Library Hours
 Monday-Thursday
 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
 Friday
 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
 Saturday
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
 Closed Sunday

2008 was an interesting year for the Westfield Washington Public Library. We entered the year expecting to start the process of building a new library, but the bonds for the new library were denied at the state level. Since that denial some new opportunities have opened up for the library, possibly being included in a new downtown development. The library board is committed to working with community leaders to provide a library that can meet the needs of the City of Westfield and Washington Township.

Due to space constraints the library board decided to add additional shelving for the adult collection, relocate the reference collection, business table, young adult/teen area and the back issues of magazines. The funds used for this project had been saved in our Rainy Day Fund. The additional shelving did decrease some of our public programming space and public reading area, but we are learning to adapt to our new environment and continue to offer as many programs as are possible.

The operating budget had to be cut in 2008, due to revenue decreases. This created a challenging situation, but I believe we came through that well, without decreasing our service to the public. For example, we actually increased our hours open to the public without adding any additional cost. We entered into a partnership with the Westfield Washington School Corporation to provide cleaning, landscaping, some maintenance, snow removal, and some supplies, which is forecasted to save the library approximately \$30,000.00 per year. We received donations from the Friends of the Library, businesses and individuals. I would like to thank you for those donations. It helped us to continue to provide excellent library service to the community. The Hamilton County Information Technology department donated fifteen used computers to the library. After adding some additional memory to the computers, they will be used to replace some of our public Internet computers and staff computers.

The library received the following grants in 2008:

- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
 We received two grants to help with continued funding for our English as a second language (ESL) program and to start a new Family ESL program.
 Family Literacy - \$9,500.00
 Adult Literacy - \$9,210.00
- Institute for Museums and Libraries (IMLS), Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Indiana State Library Technology Grant
 This grant in the amount of \$3,905.00 was awarded to the library to fund Wii Are Community: Using gaming technology to encourage inter-generational programming.
- Institute for Museums and Libraries (IMLS), Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Indiana State Library AWE Early Literacy Computers Grant
 This grant provided the library with two early literacy computers and printers to enhance the library's early literacy programs. Each computer cost \$2,372.00 for a total grant amount of \$4,744.00.

Thank you to all of the staff who wrote and implemented the grants and programs.

As you read through the statistics in the following pages you will notice that circulation (checking out of materials), visits to the library, program attendance, etc. all increased over 2007 levels even though there were space and financial constraints. Your library is being used and is an asset to this community. The Board of Trustees and the Library staff will continue to look for new and innovative ways to provide library services to the community.

I would like to thank the staff and Board of Trustees of the Westfield Washington Public Library for their dedication and support in allowing this library to be a true asset to the City of Westfield and Washington Township.

Sheryl Sollars, Library Director



Collection

Books:	119,392
Bound serials:	703
Video materials:	12,423
Audio materials:	10,209
Electronic format:	646
Current serial subscriptions:	271

Patrons

	2007	2008
Total number of Cardholders	16,558	16,808
Total number of PLAC borrowers	390	409
Visits to the library	140,764	157,378

Circulation

	2007	2008
Adult books	85,593	90,200
Juvenile Books	127,498	136,314
Young Adult Books	8,619	10,640
Magazines	8,599	9,263
Audio Books	17,787	19,286
CD-Roms	2738	2,255
DVDs	117,980	139,499
Downloadable Audio	441	766
Multimedia	325	320
CDs	22,117	25,037
VHS	38,524	32,978
TOTAL CIRCULATION	430,221	466,558

Programming

	2007	2008
Children's Programs	438	493
Young Adult Programs	100	142
Adult Programs	474	632
General Programs (All age groups)	82	25
TOTAL PROGRAMS	1094	1292
TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	15,683	21,502



Staff

Total number of paid staff: 39
 Volunteers: Betty Gralak, Meredith Burns, Pat Gilbert.

Public Access Computers

	2007	2008
Users of Public Internet Computers	62,895	65,743

Information Technology

- In 2008, the Information Technology Department:
- Was awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library for the "Wii are Community" program
 - Continually updated the design of information available on the library's webpage
 - Maintained over 200 pieces of equipment
 - Revised the Technology Plan
 - Assisted patrons with technology as needed
 - Collected, interpreted and reported technology statistics monthly
 - Implemented various technologies to help staff with their job duties
 - Distributed information to a wider audience via our blog, "WWPL and Friends."

Information/Reference Services

In October 2008, our ESL program celebrated its 5th year with a fall picnic at Cook Creek Park. Approximately 55 people, including instructors, volunteers, students and their families were at the picnic. In 2008, 485 sessions of English classes were offered at the Westfield Washington library. The number of people who attended at least one session of these English classes was 1,292.

From May 2008 to November 2008, we have received seventy new applications to our ESL classes. We were able to place sixty-six of them by November 1, 2008. This number does not include the students that were already in our program before May 2008. Currently, we have twelve instructors/volunteers in the program.

The program is generously funded by grants from the following agencies: Dollar General, Hamilton Co. CDBG grant, LSTA Multicultural grant, Gannett Foundation grant, and Wal-Mart Literacy Foundation grant.

Young Adult

Some significant changes occurred in the young adult (YA) department in 2008. In August, the entire YA area was moved to a larger space on the opposite side of the adult area, which provides more shelf space, as well as space for displays, free informational handouts and ultimately room for the collection to grow. It also provides more places for teens to socialize. There are now two tables with four chairs each, three arm chairs, a leather couch, a study carrel with a chair, a coffee table, and three computer stations. We can now hold YA activities in the new area, which was impossible in the old one.

For Teen Read Week in October, teens decorated Pop Tarts and had an apple eating contest. In December, teens gathered around the YA tables to test their knowledge of candy bars and win prizes for the most correct answers. Activities held in the YA area have a greater visibility and attract more participants.

Will Smither just completed his first year as the new YA librarian, and he will continue to improve and expand library services to Westfield teens.

Children's Services

The Children's Services Department increased the number of programs and activities offered to our library customers in 2008. The popularity of both the new and continued favorite programs and activities was evident in the increase of overall attendance.

We added Special Needs class visits to the Westfield Washington Intermediate School and the Paws and Read program was expanded by sponsoring a customized program at the Intermediate and the Middle School for Special Needs classes.

Also new in 2008 was the addition of the American Girl's Club, which focuses on a different historical doll character every month with period activities and crafts, and the very popular Webkinz Club. This club received a generous donation of 92 Webkinz from Union Street Flowers and Gifts.

We will continue to offer the Summer Reading program, storytimes, Baby Love, services to the homeschool community and other programs that have become favorites, as well as add new programs that reflect the current trends in promoting literacy and learning.

Audio/Visual

DVDs, although mainly checked out for entertainment purposes, can also be used as a fun and educational media for various topics. In the past year, a set of 14 DVDs focusing on the essential fundamentals of computer use has been added to our nonfiction section. Also added was a series called *Families of the World* which is about the lives of people in different countries.

We also have a wide variety of aids to learning a foreign language, and the Teaching Company and Recorded Books produces an educational book on CD format narrated by college professors on a variety of interesting topics that is in our collection, as well.