

## 2009 BUDGET

The Library Budget Expenditures summarized

Personnel .....	\$3,623,085
Supplies/equipment .....	\$107,627
Maintenance & operations .....	\$184,111
Library materials .....	\$699,809
Total budget .....	\$5,089,174

## A WELL-USED COMMUNITY RESOURCE

1,079,456	Material checked out	+ 9.2% over 2008
1,041,480	Visitors to web site	+ 36% over 2008
2,500	Enrolled in Summer Reading	+ 300% over 2008
6,066	Podcast listeners	New in 2009
77,089	Reference questions answered	+ 1.4% over 2008
587,767	Number of visits	+ 42% greater than 2009 attendance at the Everett Comcast Arena
968	Programs presented to all audiences	34,206 attendees

## LOOKING AHEAD

The library will add 16 additional public computers thanks to our Gates Online Opportunity Grant and City of Everett matching funds.

We will host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Big Read event with Sno-Isle Regional Libraries featuring Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*, made possible by a grant from The National Endowment for the Arts.

We will be producing more Everett Voices podcasts, based on oral histories recorded almost 40 years ago.

The library's Renew Washington grant from the Washington State Library will provide a technology assistant for one-on-one computer help and additional classes.

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### MAIN LIBRARY

2702 Hoyt Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

Circulation ..... 425-257-8010  
Reference ..... 425-257-8000

### EVERGREEN BRANCH

9512 Evergreen Way  
Everett, WA 98204

Circulation ..... 425-257-8260  
Reference ..... 425-257-8250

### WEBSITE

Find us online at ..... [www.epls.org](http://www.epls.org)

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday .... 10 am - 9 pm  
Thursday - Saturday ..... 10 am - 6 pm  
Sunday ..... 1 pm - 5 pm

# EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY 2009 Annual Report

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Last year in this space I wrote about my hope that 2009 would be an even better year than 2008, and I am very happy to report that it was—from a library perspective, that is. Everett residents used their library more than ever, checking out over 1,000,000 items, and increasing enrollment in the Summer Reading Program by 300%.

We welcomed over 1,000,000 visitors to our web site, increased attendance at adult programs by 159%, and produced award-winning podcasts that web visitors downloaded over 6,000 times.

This is all great news, and helps us know that we're doing the right things as we continue implementing our strategic plan. But ultimately these are just numbers. The real story is how the library makes your life better.

Eileen Simmons



**CUSTOMERS** *We provide outstanding services and facilities that are convenient for our customers.*

Reading during the summer helps kids keep up their skills, and prepares them to enter school in the fall ready to learn. Our Summer Reading Program was a huge success this year, with a 300% increase in registrations across all age groups.

The library is committed to improving the service we provide for our teens. Four bookshelves, one table, and two chairs are just not good enough. Thanks to grants and donations we've raised almost \$77,000 toward the construction of a teen space in the Main Library. We need approximately \$35,000 more. If you'd like to help, ask us how!

The timing was perfect when the library installed a total of 16 new public computers at both locations thanks to a grant from the Gates Foundation and matching funds from the City of Everett. This enabled us to better meet the growing demand for online job searching.



**COMMUNICATIONS** *Providing accurate, timely information creates a stronger, more visible organization.*

EPL continues to broaden our multi-faceted communication strategy. Our electronic newsletter is published every six weeks, and joins the director's blog and podcast. New in 2009 is Areadinglife.com, our blog on books, film, and music, as well as award-winning podcasts on local history and reading.



**COMMUNITY** *We are committed to enriching the quality of life for Everett residents through our services, community outreach, and partnerships.*

EPL staff spent more time than ever outside the building in 2009. The library participated in a variety of community events, including Sorticulture, Green Everett, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and We Support Our Kids at Wiggums Hollow.

In October we celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Main Library building with a gala evening, featuring a lecture on the library's history, a tour of our art collection, and a show-and-tell with treasures from our vault—not to mention great food and wine. Proceeds from this event will help fund our teen room project.



**COLLECTIONS** *Our collections are among our most important assets. We provide what is current, popular, and useful along with the best of the cultural and historical record.*

Our blog, AReadingLife.com, debuted in late October, and has developed into a highly entertaining source for reviews of great books, music, and films you might not find on your own. At a loss for what to read next? Let our staff make a recommendation at <http://areadinglife.com>.

Our podcasts provide yet another link to our collections, whether you choose to follow the Lone Reader with his eclectic tastes, learn more about local history, or take an audio tour of the Library's art collection. There's a podcast for everyone at [epls.org/podcast](http://epls.org/podcast).

The Big Read came to Everett and Snohomish County thanks to a grant from the NEA and a partnership between the Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Regional Libraries. Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon* was the book of choice, and the month-long celebration of all things Hammett was such a success, we're working on a Big Read for 2010.

