

Report 2000



**Noblesville-
Southeastern
Public Library**

Annual

**Proudly serving
the citizens of
Delaware, Fall
Creek, Noblesville
and Wayne
Townships of
Hamilton County,
Indiana.**

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Facts and Figures

In 2000, the Noblesville-Southeastern Public Library recorded 60,000 or 87.3% of residents, in Delaware, Fall Creek, Noblesville and Wayne Townships as **registered borrowers**. This is a 12.56% increase over 1999.

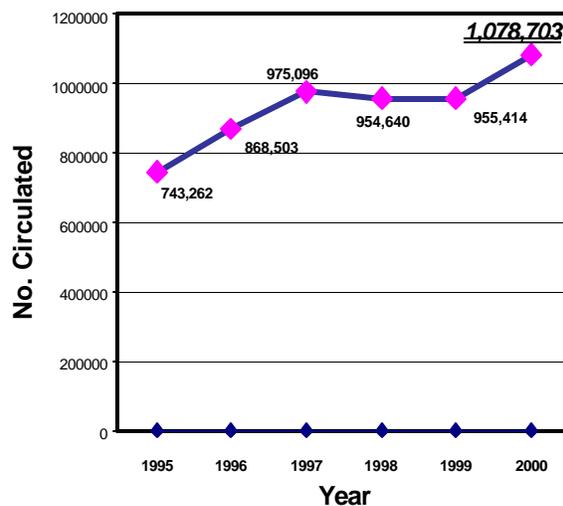


Our **collections** include over 256,000 books, 25,000 video materials, 22,000 audio materials, 250 CD-ROMS and DVDs, and 630 different periodicals and newspapers. There are 51 computers accessible to the public, with 45 of those having Internet connections.

Our staff of 29 **reference** librarians answered an average of 833 questions per week, totaling close to 46,000 for the year.

The **circulation** of library materials reached an all time high of 1,078,703, exceeding the previous year by 12.9%. Another 1,304 items were sent out on loan to other libraries.

Circulation Trends



New and Improved

To better serve the changing needs of our customers, the libraries in Fishers and Noblesville **expanded hours** to be open 69 hours each week with evening hours (after 5 p.m.) each night of the week.



Two **remote drop boxes** were put into service near the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation Administration Building and at South Harbour Shoppes in Noblesville. These new drop-off points allow area residents added ease in returning library materials in a more timely manner.

Patrons who have access to e-mail, are now given the option of being **notified electronically** of materials due in the library within 2 days.

In total, the libraries proudly added over 20,200 **new materials** into circulation for public use throughout the year.

Purposeful Programming

The **Summer Reading Program** continued on its successful ride with the addition of an adult reading group. In its first year, there were 500 adults registered for the program. The youth sections saw 2,490 readers registered in the children's program and 121 registered in the Young Adults group. Total registration numbers were up 15.2% over 1999.



One of the many strengths of the Youth Services department is the diverse **programming** they deliver to both the youth and parents of those youth. In 2000, 902 programs were offered at the Fishers and Noblesville libraries, with a total registration of over 18,317 participants.

Special Services

The **Indiana Room** in the Noblesville Library houses historical records of individuals, families, the County and the State of Indiana. The census, birth, marriage, death and cemetery records, plat maps, and Family Tree Maker software are available to assist



patrons in tracing their family history and other important historical information. These resources are in constant use and have even become a popular destination for vacationers. In 2000, the staff offered 4 genealogy workshops, and worked with Noblesville Main Street in preparing for the History Channel's Great Race

program, which named us "Best Overnight Stop".

The "**English as a Second Language**" program received a \$3,300 grant from the Legacy Fund of Hamilton County, enabling the program to more than double the number of students served in this yearlong program.

Extending Our Reach

Much to the delight of area pre-schools, day cares and senior centers, the **Mobile Outreach** program was reinstated after a short absence. This service delivers library materials to those who cannot regularly visit the library facilities, as well as helping to extend special reading programs to our young readers.



The **Adult Literacy** program continues to serve those in need of tutorial assistance. In 2000, 18 individuals completed training as tutors and 11 students were matched with those tutors for one-on-one instruction. The remaining seven tutors worked with the Conner School and the Hamilton County Jail literacy classes.

Lifelong Learning

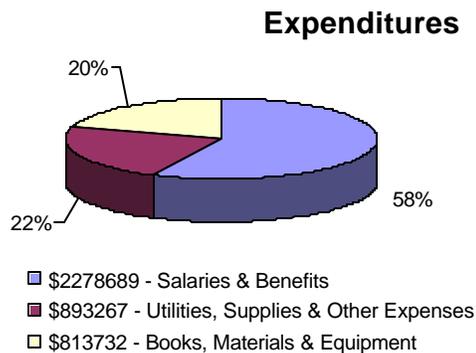
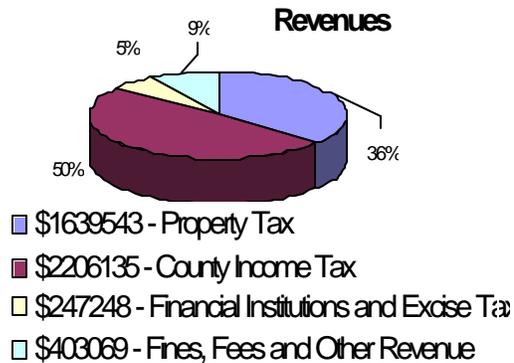
The Outreach Department oversees the **programming for the adult audiences**. This year nearly 5,500 adults (ages 18 and over) attended one or more of the 449 programs offered. Topics were educational, entertaining and pertinent to today's lifestyles.



In addition to these figures, the Mobile Outreach brought 242 programs to area day cares, nursing homes, pre-schools and various other specialty groups. These programs touched approximately 4,600 persons.

In total, over 10,000 persons attended one of the 691 various educational opportunities offered through Fishers and Noblesville libraries.

Focus On Financials





Mission Statement

The mission of the Noblesville-Southeastern Public Library is to make available the recorded knowledge of civilization, in whatever format, to all citizens and thus promote and foster the free flow of information and ideas.

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**"The current definitive answer to almost any question
can be found within the four walls of most libraries."**

- Arthur Ashe

