



# Buena Park Library District Annual Report 2008/2009

## Celebrating 90 years of service to the community

### The 2008-2009 Year in Review

Welcome to the Buena Park Library District's 2008-2009 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of what we accomplished during 2008-2009 and highlights our priorities for 2009-2010.

The past year was a real mix of highs and lows. Among the highs, the Library District celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a ribbon cutting and day of cultural performances. There was even a cake! The Library also received a grant to expand Library services to the Hispanic community. We started a bilingual storytime for children and conducted a series of bilingual beginner computer classes for adults.

While use of the Library continues to grow during these tough economic times, the decline in property tax revenue forced the Library Board to make cuts in January 2009, with the goal to maintain hours and services. However, ongoing revenue issues meant the Library Board had to take additional measures for the 2009-2010 year. This included reducing the materials budget by 50% and closing the library on Mondays.

On a more positive note, we are moving forward with two major technology projects. A new library system, Polaris, will be installed to replace the antiquated one we are using. This is being done with money saved for this purpose. Even more exciting, a generous grant from Supervisor Chris Norby is allowing the Library to create a computer center that will provide 20 workstations for the public. Look for this to happen in January 2010.

The Library staff takes great pride in providing the best possible library service to all of you. We appreciate your recognition of this fact in your letters of thanks and donations of books and funds. Remember, if you link to the Amazon.com website from the Library's homepage, we receive a small percentage of what you order.

Have questions or suggestions? Visit our website at [www.buenaparklibrary.org](http://www.buenaparklibrary.org).

*Thank you for your continued support!*  
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#### Library Hours

Tues - Thurs 10am - 8pm  
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

The library is closed Sunday,  
Mondays and holidays.

#### Mission Statement:

The Buena Park Library District is committed to meeting the informational needs of its culturally diverse community

- We provide a vast array of resources in a variety of formats representing diverse points of view
- We employ a dedicated, responsive staff that takes pride in providing expert service
- We provide programs and services that are based on community needs

## Buena Park Library District

### Priorities for 2009-2010

Installation of new Integrated Library System, Polaris (July-November)  
Installation of public computer center from Supervisor Norby grant  
(November-January)

Expand multi-cultural programming

Budget Realities continue including:

Additional 8% reduction in revenues due to State budget  
decision

Additional reduction of part-time hours

Reduction of materials budget by 50%

Closing library on Mondays

Employee contribution to pension plan increased

### Board of Trustees 2008-2009

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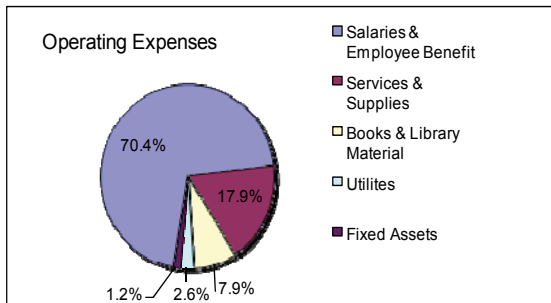
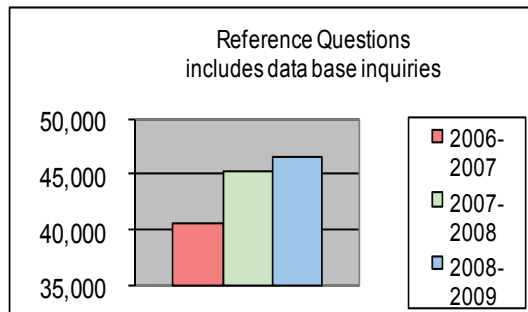
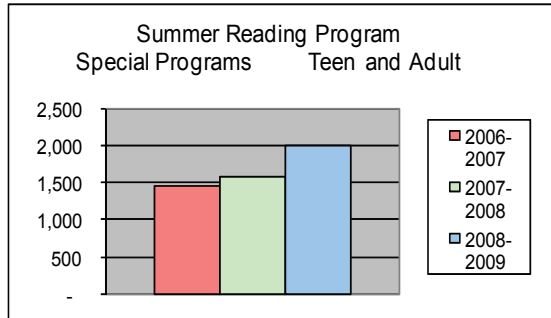
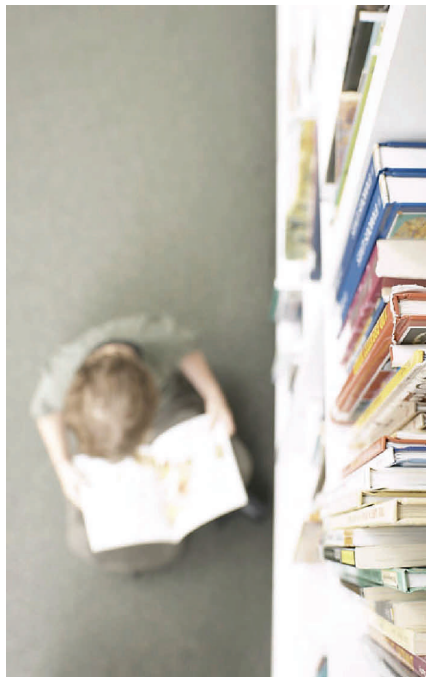
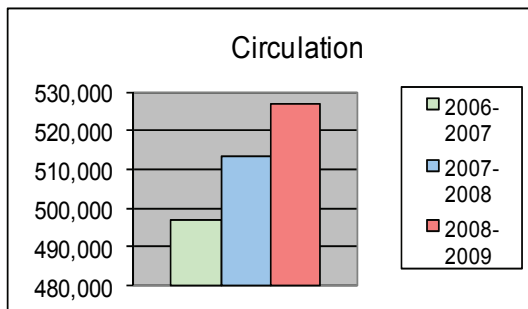
# New Computer System for the Buena Park Library District

Much of 2009 was spent evaluating various Library computer systems. "Dynix Classic," our current Library computer system, was installed over 20 years ago, and although it has served the Library well for many years, our current vendor will not be supporting our system much longer. We have been saving for the past few years knowing the day would come when we would have to move on to a new system and are very excited to tell you about the new system that was selected! Polaris Library Systems is one of the top rated systems in the country, received extremely positive ratings from its customers and is affordable for our Library. The Polaris system uses current technologies and will improve the library's entire scope of automated services. Best of all, it offers many new features for our customers including:

- An enhanced library catalog with book cover images, book reviews, tables of contents and summaries.
- A special children's catalog
- Many new lists of notable books and "newly added items to the catalog" to offer tempting suggestions for future reading
- A savable list of the books you've read
- Library notices by e-mail

Polaris is a standardized Web-based system, and, as a result, our customers should feel comfortable using the new system since it functions much like their computers at home or at work.

We will "GO LIVE" with the new Polaris Library System on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Library will be closed November 14<sup>th</sup> thru November 18<sup>th</sup> as we prepare for the new system. To assist you during the Library's closing, the Library will be offering extended checkout prior to our closing. Also, we will not charge fines for any Library items returned between November 19<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>. We are confident the new system will improve your library experience.



## Highlights of 2008-2009

### Expanded outreach to the Latino community

Received LSTA Grant as part of Eureka! Leadership Project and used to provide staff with cultural and language training

Implemented special bilingual programs:

- Dia De Los Muertos
- Bilingual Storytimes
- Adult Computer training

### 90th Birthday Celebration

Ceremonial ribbon cutting and open house with cultural performances held during National Library Week with attendance by Buena Park Mayor Don McCay and Councilman Art Brown, State Senator Lou Correa and Assemblyman Tony Mendoza

### Budget Adjustments

Mid-year budget adjustments were made with the goal of minimal impact to hours and services

- Materials budget cut by 10%
- Part-time hours cut by 10%
- Hiring freeze put into effect
- Employee salaries frozen

