

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

*A year of fulfilling dreams,
delivering on promises,
and sustaining a community!*

The Eastern Avenue Branch Library opened its doors on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.! Hundreds lined up in anticipation, and thousands indulged in the day's events, enjoying the city's newest library. The Eastern Avenue branch is one of three public libraries in Davenport connecting a diverse community to resources that inform, enrich, educate, and entertain. Although this may sound like a fairy tale, it's not. The library provides the essential city services expected by Davenport residents helping make Davenport a great place to live, work, and play!

The Eastern Avenue branch was made possible by the City of Davenport, the FRIENDS of the library, community grants, the citizens of Davenport, and the patrons of the Davenport Public Library.





A Year of Excitement and Change is what Fiscal Year 2011 brought the Davenport Public Library System. The thrill of opening the Eastern Avenue Branch Library to thousands on “Opening Day” will be a sight to be remembered for many years. The results from the first year speak for themselves!

* Due to the geothermal heating and cooling system and other energy saving initiatives, the cost of utilities for the Eastern Avenue Branch was 60% less than the cost of utilities of the Fairmount Branch. This cost savings will continue for years to come. The “green” building and its storm management system is a model throughout the region.

* The FRIENDS of the Library’s Chair-ity Event was a new, fun fund-raising event!

* This is just the beginning of our library system with all three buildings in place, and we are very grateful for the continued support of the Davenport community!

* Please note the statistics below for the tremendous increase in library usage, showing once again how **essential** libraries are to the community.

--LaWanda Roudebush, Library Director

Your tax dollar is a 467% return on investment!

Quantity Used	Library Services	Value of Services
484,497	Books Borrowed	\$9,568,816
24,486	Magazines Borrowed	\$122,430
309,950	Videos Borrowed (e.g., Blockbuster)	\$1,394,775
110,228	Books on Tape Borrowed	\$2,775,700
6969	Downloadable e-Book and e-Audiobooks	\$116,731
366,652	In-house Library Usage	\$1,604,103
101,454	Interlibrary Loan	\$2,663,168
935	Meeting Room Use by Public	\$40,906
761	Library sponsored programs	\$190,250
4574	Adult Programs Attended	\$57,175
2246	Teen Programs Attended	\$23,723
16958	Children's Programs Attended	\$137,784
108,479	Hours of Computer Use, e.g., Internet and MS Word	\$1,301,748
490,585	DPL Websites & Blogs	\$490,585
696	Months of Use for Other Database Searching	\$13,920
123,209	Reference Questions Asked	\$1,386,101
	Total Value	\$21,867,914

Thank you to Chelmsford (Mass.) Public Library, DesMoines Public Library, Maine State Library, and the Massachusetts Library Association for use of their value calculators.

Why do you love the Davenport Public Library?



I like the librarians here!



I like to study!



Library Activity
Continues to Explode
in Davenport!

2011 Statistics

	2011	2010	2009
Hours Open	7267	5079	5079
Total Volumes Owned	372,826	314,103	301,777
Library Visits (All Locations)	578,957	511,259	449,218
Registered Borrowers	50,914	45,703	45,114
Total Circulation	946,114	695,036	688,090
Reference Questions	123,209	107,527	102,132
Webpage Visits			
www.davenportlibrary.com / blogs	448,518	276,401	239,742
www.qcmemory.org	32,695	22,960	22,860
In-House Computer Use	108,479	97,398	121,090
Meeting Room Use	935	964	909
Library Programming			
Number of In-House Programs	522	678	629
Participants at In-House Programs	23,778	21,998	22,490



An Average Day at Your Library!

- ⇒ 1905 people enter one of the Davenport Public Libraries.
- ⇒ 3142 items are circulated.
- ⇒ 405 patron questions are answered.
- ⇒ 1583 patrons visit a Davenport library website/blog.
- ⇒ 357 people use the library's computers daily.
- ⇒ 78 people attend a library Sponsored program.
- ⇒ 1 out of 2 citizens in Davenport has a Davenport library card!

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your patronage!

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