

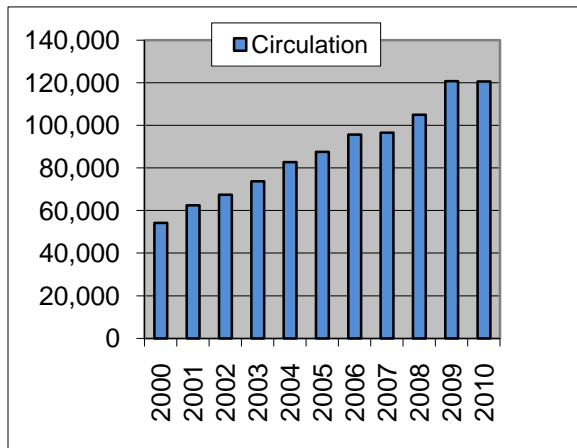
Fast Facts about the Columbus Public Library in 2010

LIBRARY USE

- 4,745 registered library users.
- Library users made 70,881 visits to the Columbus Public Library in 2010.
- The library is open 3,068 hours per year.
- Over the last 10 years, library visits have increased 74%. During the same time, the number of paid library staff has increased by 1 eight hour a week Page.

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

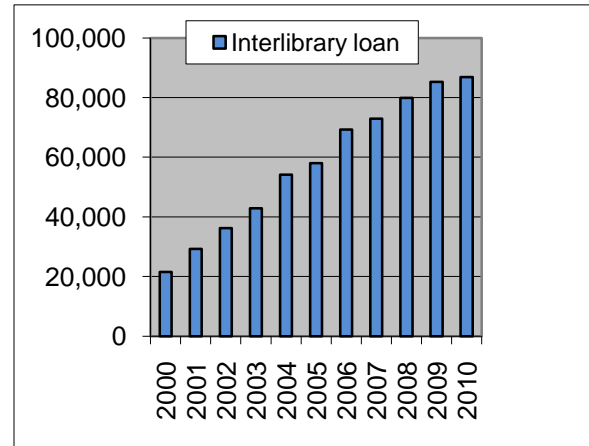
- The library offers a collection that includes 32,617 books, 2,642 audio (CD's) materials, 2,918 video/DVD's materials, 101 magazines, and 6 newspapers.
- The library circulated 120,567 items in 2010.



- The library's special collections include local history, family histories, and microfilm editions of local newspapers going back to the 1800's.
- Columbus Public Library continues to be the second largest library in circulation and the second largest in interlibrary loan use in Columbia County.

LIBRARIES WORKING TOGETHER

- The Columbus Public Library participates in a statewide interlibrary loan and delivery system through membership in South Central Library System.
- The library shares the cost of LINKcat (the library online catalog), books on tape/CD, large print books, performers and databases with other libraries.
- In 2010, the library filled 33,767 requests for materials not available locally for our card holders. Saving the library approximately \$844,175. It also shared 53,066 of our materials to fill requests from other libraries saving them approximately \$1,326,650.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The library provided a total of 116 programs with a total attendance of 3,252 in 2010.
- 511 children participated in the library's 2010 summer reading program and read a total of 5,733 hours.
- The library provides meeting space for individuals, organizations and listening sessions. Also tutoring space for Columbus Literacy Council and the local school system.
- The library serves as a distribution center for state and federal tax forms and an access point for electronic filing. Library staff assists with other online forms and services previously provided by government service centers.
- When disaster struck the library provided registration, information, Internet access, and distribution of supplies. It also acts as the media briefing facility for the EOC. The Library Director is one of the local PIO officers.

COMPUTER ACCESS & RESOURCES

- The library provides 5 public-access Internet computers used by job seekers and others.
- More than 20,174 people used the library computers in 2010.
- The library offers wireless access to library users.
- The library provides access to jobs databases and other job opportunity resources.
- The library provides access to eBooks, books on CD, Large Print books and much more.

COST OF LIBRARY SERVICES

- In 2010, the Columbus Public Library provided service at an average per capita cost of \$50.72.

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