

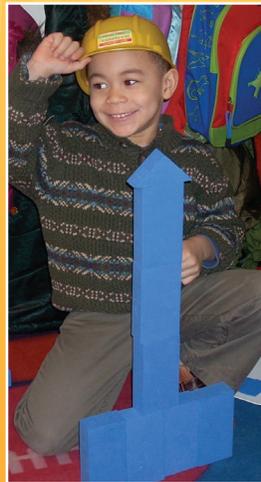
## Our Vision

A future in which the Library's collections, programs, and leadership help ensure:

- That every *Evanston resident* has the opportunity to enjoy an intellectually and culturally rich life
- That every *child* enters school with the requisite developmental skills
- That every *child* experiences the pleasure of reading and the joy of learning
- That our *community* celebrates and appreciates its diversity
- That *those in need* can find assistance and information with ease

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## annual report 2012



## From the Library Director

In 2012, the Evanston Public Library (EPL) continued to establish our role as the important "third place" -- after home and work or school -- in our community. Built upon a history of service excellence, the EPL has enhanced library programs, services and resources to attract more patrons of all ages and from a variety of backgrounds.

Here are just a few highlights that I'd like to share:

- We expanded teen programming in 2012 by 153%, welcoming almost 4,000 teens to programs ranging from FUSE science training to crafts to book discussions and teen theater.
- Over 100 readers enjoyed *The Complete Stories* of Flannery O'Connor in our popular and engaging *Mission Impossible* adult book discussion program.
- We hired a new Latino Outreach Coordinator and expanded programming for our growing Latino community.
- With a focus on creating safe learning spaces, we worked with the Evanston Public Library Friends at The Mighty Twig to open the Chicago Avenue/Main Street neighborhood library in early 2013.



Our wonderful staff continues to develop innovative programming and new opportunities for learning and community-building.

Check out all that we offer by visiting our online Events Calendar at [epl.org](http://epl.org). Let us know what you like and how we can improve our service to you and your family.

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

  
Karen Danczak Lyons  
Library Director

## Our Sincere Appreciation to Our Generous Donors and Exemplary Volunteers

- 745 Fund for Excellence donors contributed \$124,000, up 22% from 2011. The Fund and other contributions and grants supported early childhood literacy and other programming for residents of all ages, and expanded our collections and outreach.
- Our loyal and energetic Book Sale volunteers held 3 book sales and raised \$59,631.
- Other volunteers in circulation, promotion, reference, and administrative departments logged over 8,200 hours of invaluable service.

## Our Finances

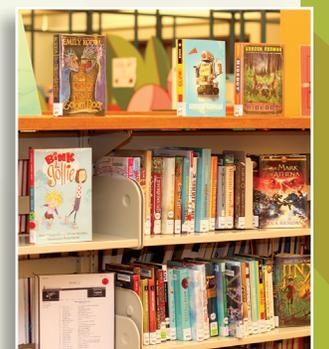
Operating Revenue (in 000s)		Operating Expenses (in 000s)	
Local Government	\$4,253	Staff	\$3,607
State Government	50	Adult Materials	495
Federal Government	76	Children's Materials	124
Other Receipts*	469	Other Operating**	580
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,848</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,806</b>
<b>Net Surplus \$42,000</b>			

\*includes gifts, grants, fees, fines

\*\*includes programming expenses

## Our Top 2012 Statistics

Library Cardholders – 62,597  
Total Collection – 426,042  
392,809 print books  
9,321 e-books  
399 print periodicals  
9,651 DVDs/videos  
13,862 audio items  
46 Licensed databases

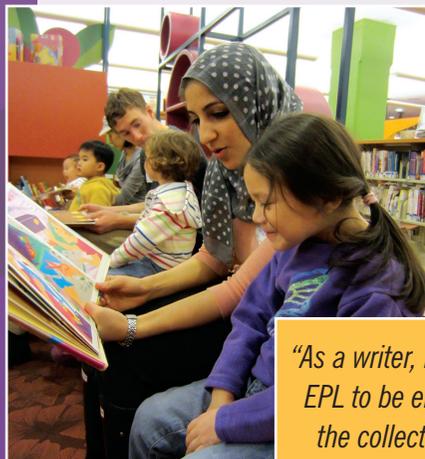


Checked-Out Materials & Downloads – 989,638  
Visits to the Library – 634,391  
Reference Questions Answered – 152,300



**Children**

- *Literacy Education At Play (LEAP)* programs for preschoolers included reading about and enacting construction, cooking, and (in-library) “post office delivery” activities.
- *Tail-Waggin’ Tutors*—children read stories to dogs to build confidence while reading aloud.
- *El día de los niños/El día de los libros* (Children’s Day/Book Day) celebrated children, families, and the love of reading.
- *Playing with Science* for grades 3-8 connected Latino children with Latino scientists.
- Hundreds of reading and storytelling sessions



delighted children and families across the city, with EPL’s raconteurs named “2012 Best Storytellers in the North Shore” by *Make it Better Magazine*.

*“As a writer, I have always found EPL to be enormously helpful, the collection excellent, the online resources extensive, the librarians full of good suggestions.”*  
—Evanston freelance writer

**Teens**

- The Teens-only Loft provided a safe learning space for 6th through 12th graders seven days a week.
- Launched FUSE, a weekly hands-on challenge-based program rooted in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) fundamentals with Northwestern University’s Office of STEM Education Partnerships.
- The Loft’s B.O.O.K. teen theater troupe performed a stage adaptation of Lois Lowry’s *The Giver* to packed audiences.
- Hosted multiple author events with popular young adult authors including Sharon Draper, Veronica Roth, Maggie Stiefvater and Cory Doctorow.
- Continued to bring fathers and sons together to discuss young adult books in a monthly Father-Son book discussion group.

*“Our library system is simply outstanding and one of the wonderful things about living in Evanston.”*  
— Evanston book club member



**Adults**

- Leading national and local authors visited the library – Alan Furst, Rachel Swarms, Naomi Wolf, and others.
- Local rabbi/activist Brant Rosen led *Wrestling in the Daylight* program on Israel and Palestine.
- Year-round résumé preparation, job-hunting tips, and career-planning services supported new and experienced workers.
- Personal finance presentations offered information on investing, mortgages, college planning, retirement, estate planning, etc.
- Numerous discussion forums focused on relevant community issues and concerns.



**Expanded Programming and Participation**

Nearly 2,000 programs attracted over 33,600 participants, up 47%

	# of Programs	% Change	# Attending	% Change
Children	1003	+66%	24,275	+46%
Teens	299	+153%	3,823	+143%
Adults	679	+20%	5,530	+17%
Total*	1,981	+54%	33,628	+47%

\* Plus, 3,498 students participated in our Summer Reading Game, nearly double 2011’s readers



*“Thank you for doing EPL After-Hours! I love that you offer this program. It’s the hidden gem of Evanston. I come every month.”*  
— EPL movie lover

**Community Partnerships Enhance Programs**

- With Northwestern University Jumpstart volunteers, *Fun with Book Buddies* offered Friday reading hours for preschoolers.
- With Evanston Community Foundation and the Youth Job Center, *ABC Boosters* helped 3- to 4-year olds prepare for kindergarten, and teens gain summer job experiences.
- With District 65, Evanston Bike Club, and Northwestern’s Center for Talent Development, *Project EXCITE* trained teen-aged students in bike repair and provided math/science enrichment.
- With Foundation 65, collaborated on many programs, including *Engage! Imagine Peace in Evanston* for students exploring Evanston as a *Peaceable City by 2020*.



**Helping Students Excel**

- College essay writing events.
- *Brainfuse* and other tutoring programs.
- GRE-prep, licensing programs, and more tools for adult students.

**Giving Everyone the “Tech Edge”**

- Home access 24/7 to extensive business information and other research databases, plus learning tools such as *Mango* language learning resources.
- In-library wi-fi users logged 84,000 hours on-site.
- Computer & software tech-tip classes at the Main Library and other locations.

**Neighborhood Services & Branch News**

- Summer Reading Stops held at Dempster/Dodge, Robert Crown Center, Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, and The Mighty Twig.
- *Books on Wheels* delivered books and materials to residents who had difficulty getting to the library.
- Year-round programs held for all ages at churches and synagogues, public schools, parks and more.
- 40,000+ free used books distributed throughout the city.
- Expanded staff to include full-time Community Outreach Librarian and Latino Outreach Coordinator.
- North Branch got a new look for its 60th anniversary.
- Partnered with Evanston Public Library Friends for fundraising and planning and completing the Chicago Ave/Main Street branch transition.