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2005 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Beyond Imagination ...

2005! What an extraordinary year in our library's history!

In June, FPL received the prestigious Library of the Year award bestowed by Thomson Gale Publishers and *Library Journal*. The annual award recognized our library for its service to the Fayetteville community, the significant increase in use over the past eight years and innovative programming that can be emulated by libraries nationwide.

Surpassing major public libraries in Seattle, Cleveland, Minnesota and Washington State, FPL received a \$10,000 check and a four-page cover story in the June 15, 2005 issue of *Library Journal*. Standing in the second tallest building in Chicago (one designed by Fayetteville native Edward Durrell Stone, by the way), Gordon Macomber, President of Thomson Gale said that FPL "was a model for underperforming libraries anywhere." Pretty good for a library that eight years ago had few books, no evening or Sunday hours, and no computers.

But that's not all: 2005 was our first full year in Blair Library, and library use spiked almost beyond our capacity to meet the demand. What a terrific problem to have, right? Thank goodness for those self-checkout machines, because by year end patrons had checked out a record 830,000 items. Our summer reading programs reached 8,000 children and teens, with 1,900 participating in independent reading. Teen programming took off, with 70 events and 3,800 participants. Docents conducted 149 tours for more than 3,600 people including each elementary school child in Fayetteville public schools.

There's more. In fall, we announced that the Blair Library project remained within its \$23.3 million budget, thanks to the teamwork of the Library, City of Fayetteville, design team and contractors. Major "punch list" and warranty items were completed without expense to the library, including a new finish on the cork floors. We are paid in full and debt-free.

In October, with 64% of the library's funding coming from the city's general fund—a fund that is not keeping pace with the need for public safety and other city services—the City Council asked the library to pursue its own funding through an additional dedicated property tax to be approved by the voters. The need for secure and stable funding became priority number one.

Finally, we said goodbye to two longtime trustees, Michael H. Thomas and Steve Singleton, bestowing on them the status of Trustees Emeritus for their outstanding dedication. Two excellent new members were appointed to the board, Dan Ferritor and Elizabeth Jordan. Together, we will keep working to strengthen our community and ensure free and public access to information and ideas.

Louis Gottsponer President, Board of Trustees Louise Schaper Executive Director

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2005 Financials and Performance Measures

Operating and Materials Revenues

FISCAL YEAR 2005

City of Fayetteville	
General fund	1,431,198
CIP capital items \$	23,000
CIP books	257,000
City total\$	1,711,198
Library millage\$	833,725
State aid to public libraries \$	67,633
Fines, Fees & Other	277,487
Contributions from FPLF\$	60,915
Contributions from Friends of FPL\$	24,000
Grand total	2,974,958

Library Ratios and Peer Comparison

MEASURE FOR CITIES	FPL	NATIONAL
50-99,000	2005	AVERAGE 2005
Library holdings per capita	2.95	3.3
Annual visits per capita	7.83	5.6
Reference transactions per capita	1.05	I.I
Collection turnover	4.2	2.8
Circulation per capita	12.3	9.3
Percent population with library card ²	90%	60%
Book/materials expenditures per capita	\$4.26	\$5.28
Annual expenditures per capita	\$38.34	\$39.73

¹ From Statistical Report 2006: Public Library Data Service, Public Library Association, Chicago, 2006 (for year 2005).

Library Expenditures

JANUARY 1, 2005 - DECEMBER 31, 2005

Personnel services\$1	,554,666
Books, AV & E-resources\$	285,183
Materials & supplies\$	417,393
Services & charges	191,957
Maintenance	120,447
Subtotal	,569,646
Capital outlay	184,939
Total	,754,585

2005 Library Measures

POPULATION SERVED (2006 special census)

Fayetteville
Washington County
Library cardholders
Overall program attendance
Children's programs
Materials owned
$Periodicals \dots \dots 278$
Reference questions answered 70,857
Use of materials (circulation)830,693
Children's materials
Visits ¹
Volunteer hours
Staff (Full-Time Equivalent)
Staff with M.L.S. degree9
Hours open
Square feet of library facility

Counter does not count more than one person walking through entrance gates at the same time.

$City\ Library\ Benchmark\ Comparisons\ ({\it with\ cities\ that\ host\ major\ state-funded\ universities})$

City	Population	Operating Expenditures (In Millions)	Hours Open	FTEs	M.L.S. Librarians	Check outs	Existing Square Feet	PLANNED BUILDING (SQ. FEET)
Urbana, IL	36,395	\$2.35	70	39	17	687,926	50,000	
Ames, IA	61,539	\$2.62	72	42	12.5	1,256,993	50,000	
Fayetteville, AR	67,020	\$2.56	61	35.5	9	830,693	88,000	
Champaign, IL	67,959	\$4.79	74	66.7	17.8	1,536,847	46,000	122,000
Iowa City, IA	84,066	\$4.18	66	56.1	15	1,366,637	81,276	
Lawrence, KS	87,563	\$2.67	73	47.1	12	932,963	45,000	127,000
Denton, TX	108,381	\$3.99	70	49.5	19	955,055	67,800	
Columbia, MO	174,462	\$6.46	69	101.2	20	1,691,903	102,000	

² Cardholders may live outside Fayetteville city limits.

2005 Library









"The Library of the Year Award honors the library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding community service." Thomson Gale Publishing

Spring 2005

Students Tour Library

After many months and through cooperative work with the Fayetteville Public School District, all elementary students tour FPL. Thank you to the Tyson Advisory Team for their instrumental support in touring the students.

June 13th

Library of the Year

Fayetteville Public Library is named 2005 Thomson Gale/Library Journal Library of the Year. Jack Mulkey, Arkansas State Librarian; Mayor Dan Coody; Louis Gottsponer, President, FPL Board of Trustees; and Louise Schaper, Executive Director, FPL unveil the cover of the June 15 issue of Library Journal. The Library of the Year award honors the library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding community service. FPL is the first library in Arkansas to win the Library of the Year award.

June 27th

Presentation of Award

FPL receives a \$10,000 check at a special event hosted by Thomson Gale and *Library Journal* during the American Library Association's annual conference in Chicago. The event is held at the Mid-Century Club on the 80th floor of the Aon Center, a building designed by Fayetteville native Edward Durell Stone.

September 19th

Clinton Visits FPL

Jim Blair brings his old friend, former President Bill Clinton for a tour of Blair Library. A particularly poignant moment is when the two friends stand before the glass donor wall which highlights Diane Blair, Jim's late wife and one of the women for whom Blair Library is named. Clinton warmly greets many library patrons and staff, and is issued a library card at the conclusion of his visit.

October 9th

Roberta Fulbright Society Unveiled

The terrace at the library is draped in purple and white for a brunch honoring major donors to the capital campaign on the anniversary of the opening of Blair Library. At the conclusion of the brunch, the Roberta Fulbright Society—an annual giving society that honors donors who make significant annual gifts to the library—is unveiled.

October 11th

Poetry Sung, Poetry Said

Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Lucinda Williams takes the stage with her father, internationally known poet Miller Williams, for "A Celebration of Music and Poetry" at the Walton Arts Center. The crowd is enthralled both by Lucinda's lyrical words and Miller's delivery of his evocative poetry. The fundraising event hosted by the Friends of FPL in celebration of the first anniversary

of the Year!









"With the dedication of 'Undine', we enhance the reputation of Fayetteville as the Athens of the Ozarks, we raise the bar on public art, and we strengthen the FPL as a destination." Louise Schaper, Executive Director

of Blair Library's opening is truely an evening to remember. A special thanks to The Jim & Diane Blair Charitable Foundation for support of the concert.

October 17th

Future Planning Begins

The Library Board undertakes a planning process to guide the future development of services, programs and collections. Focus group interviews are held with the Library, Foundation and Friends boards; staff; and community members including teens. Thirty-three individual interviews are held with elected officials and stakeholders. Participants are asked about community issues, library strengths, and future directions for the library. Coupled with a peer comparative analysis, trend review, patron distribution analysis and a renewed mission and vision, the final report is scheduled for mid-2006.

November 3rd

Harry & The Potters Perform

This duo of brothers from the Boston area provides a high energy concert that rocks all wizards and muggles!

Dressed in Harry's trademark V-necks, ties and specs, Paul on guitar (Harry, Year Seven) and Joe on keyboards (Harry, Year Four) perform to standing and rocking room only in the Walker Meeting Room.

November 17th

Amy Tan

Acclaimed novelist, Amy Tan, visits Blair Library for a reading and book signing of her latest novel, Saving Fish from Drowning. The Walker room overflows into the lobby and upstairs as 360 attendees wait for Amy and her two teacup Yorkies, who make an appearance at the end of her talk. Amy relates stories of her mother, the inspiration for many of her most beloved characters. The special event leaves many asking, "Who's next?"

December 6th

Undine Dedicated

A large group of art lovers gathers on the second floor ellipse for the dedication of *Undine*, a bronze sculpture by artist Anita Huffington. Generously donated by the Bradberry Family Foundation, the work is the first piece of public art at Blair Library, representing the culmination of months of work by the Public Art Task Force and Art Commitee. Huffington describes the sculpture as a water spirit that began as a sycamore root found along the bank of a creek during her daily walk. All attending are struck by the beauty of the piece and how it reflects the rolling hills which stand beyond the sculpture.

December 31st

Self-Checkouts Hit 50%

In December, the use of RFID-based self-checkout stations grows to half of all check outs. The stations are easy-to-use and fast.

Fayetteville Public Library Foundation

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Arts Live Theater The Bank of Fayetteville

Boston Mtn. Solid Waste District

Dixie Café

Doxa Total Design Strategy

Embassy Suites

Eureka Pizza

Fayetteville Adult & Community Education

Fayetteville Area Wal-Mart Stores

Fayetteville Junior Civic League Fayetteville Newcomers Club

FCC Management

Fire Mountain Restaurant

Friends of the Tulsa Zoo, Inc. Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa

Harp's Bakery

Harp's Supermercado

High Roller Cyclery

Insty-Prints

J D China

K-Mac Enterprises

KUAF

Lokomotion

Macaroni Grill

The Morning News

Nestle-Purina

Oklahoma Aquarium Penguin Ed's Barbecue

Pizza Hut

Radisson Hotel

Round Mountain Joinery

Silver Dollar City

University of Arkansas

Walton Arts Center

Wildheart Designs

Volunteer Speakers, Performers, Artists & Artisans

Michael Akins

Georgia Alderink

Julia Allen

Rebecca Allen

Cassandra Barnett

Dr. Jay Barth

Marlene Belza

Suzanne Billings

Jody Birchfield

Marlon Blackwell

Boston Mountain Brassworks

William Brescia

Ronnie Brewer

Tammy Bronson

Maxine Brown

Denele Campbell

Jerry Carr

Elaine Christy

Adam Clay

Robert Cochran

Marilyn Collins

Phil Cotterman

Darcy Estrada Desert Fire Middle Eastern

Dance Troupe

Margaret Dornaus

Bob Emenegger

Veronica Farfan-Lael

John Finch

Levi Foster

Francis Marion Chapter of the

NSDAR

Stephen Gates

Genoveva Ancer Flamenco Dancers

Molly Giles

Reverend Lowell Grisham

Harry Harnish

Jill, Sue, and Danny Hatfield

Michael Hefferman

Lynn Hehr

Jerry Hilliad

Karina Hunt

Rossitza Jekova-Goza

Elizabeth Jordan

Allyn Jordon

Agymah Kamau

Dinara Karimova

Kyle Kellams

Jeanne King Melissa King Tom Lavoie

Terry Lawson

Donna Lessard

Jorge Lopez

Taylor Madle

Jura Margulis

Don Marr

Alice McKee

Evelyn Ponti Millan

Alison Moore

Pat Moore

Mark and Cindy Morley

Tara Mueller

Kelly Mulhollan

Pat Musick

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Chris Nogy

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THE ALPHABET AS PART OF WHAT WE ARE

Some of what we came from came for a chance.

Others came indentured, others in chains, to these potential—then united—states, except for those who crossed the Bering Straits, but they were immigrants, too, although they came before there was a colony to name.

We're still astounded to find ourselves here, children of brave and slave and musketeer, coolie and buccaneer and wetback, what we call white and yellow, red and black, believing in living together and learning to.

Knowing how flesh can fail, minds misconstrue, we have to wonder how we have come this far toward what we want to be, being what we are.

Part of what keeps us restless and dreaming ahead is paper printed with ink, words to be read, thoughts to be spread about, newspapers and books, journals and magazines—for lingering looks, on slow strolls in the garden called the brain, at long impressions where a truth has lain.

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