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On the cover bottom left to right: Jim & Nancy Blair, unveiling ceremony for Library of the Year, Lucinda Williams, courtesy Northwest Arkansas Times
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
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
City total ................................................. $ 1,711,198

Library Ratios and Peer Comparison

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² Cardholders may live outside Fayetteville city limits.

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 .................................................... $2,569,646
Capital outlay .............................................. $ 184,939
Total ........................................................... $ 2,754,585

2005 Library Measures

POPULATION SERVED (2006 special census)
   Fayetteville ........................................... 67,020
   Washington County ................................... 193,771
Library cardholders ....................................... 60,714
Overall program attendance .......................... 40,024
Children's programs .................................... 28,369
Materials owned ........................................ 197,823
Periodicals .............................................. 278
Reference questions answered ...................... 70,857
Use of materials (circulation) ....................... 830,693
Children's materials ................................... 289,668
Visits¹ ...................................................... 524,974
Volunteer hours ......................................... 13,539
Staff (Full-Time Equivalent) ........................ 35.5
Staff with M.L.S. degree ................................ 9
Hours open ............................................... 61
Square feet of library facility ...................... 88,000

¹ Counter does not count more than one person walking through entrance gates at the same time.

City Library Benchmark Comparisons

(with cities that host major state-funded universities)

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<th>City</th>
<th>Population</th>
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<th>Hours Open</th>
<th>FTEs</th>
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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 Blair Library is a success.
of Blair Library’s opening is truly 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 Committee.
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.

“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
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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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