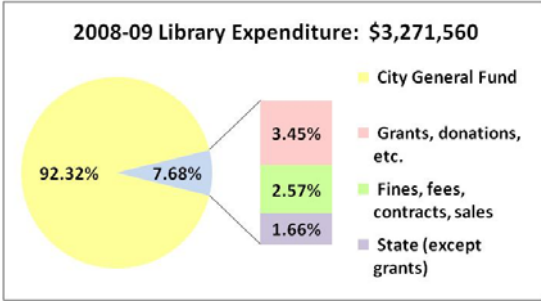




## Statistical Highlights

- **515,979** items were borrowed  
*An 11% increase over last year!*
- **389,653** visits were made to the  
*Library and Bookmobile*
- **9,109** people of all ages attended 213  
*cultural and informational programs*
- **30,124** questions were answered
- **2,169** volunteer hours were given

## Financial Report



## Donated Collections & Gifts

Thank you to John Castagna and the Haasis Hikers for archival material documenting the 30+ year history of the club founded by Dr. Ferdinand Haasis, and its many local hiking trips; the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce for minutes of the original Monterey Chamber from 1923-24; Barbara LeBeck for Jerry LeBeck's photo collection of documenting the Monterey Peninsula during the 1960s through 1980s; the Estate of Marcia Frisbee Devoe for local history materials; John McCleary for his collection of 76 Monterey Peninsula People videos featuring 53 interviewees; and Gerald Wasserman for an oil painting depicting the Hovden Cannery.

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## Mission Statement

*Inspire, Delight, Educate All*

*We are here for you in the Library,  
aboard the Bookmobile, and on the Web*

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## Highlights and Achievements

**Early Learning with Families** The Library was awarded the *Early Learning with Families* grant from the California State Library for a second year. These funds made it possible to present 58 storytimes at six preschools during the year, to create 20 “Storytime Kits”, a teacher resource bag containing books, CDs and activity guides. The grant also made possible six Saturday storytimes featuring staff and guest presenters, enabled the Library to purchase toys and educational games to make the Library more welcoming for children and families, and provided materials to support parenting skills.



**A Big Year for Teens at the Library** Attendance at Library programs for teens was up over 1000%! The jump, in large part, was due to the introduction of *Chill Time*, a new program giving local teens a weekly opportunity to play games, relax and socialize after school in the Community Room. Teens also had the chance to share their technical talents at the Library’s first ever Technology Fair, and put their collective creative energy into a pair of fantastic signs for the Teen Zone. Events for History Day and the High School Poetry Awards provided some academic help and recognition for hardworking students. Finally, the Library’s



teen space itself got a face lift this year with new furniture and decor paid for by the Friends of the Library and selected by our Teen Advisors.

**Welcome to the New Bookmobile** It features smiling faces of Bookmobile customers and staff on the outside, “Welcome” in many languages, green features including solar panels to power the lights and computers, and it runs on biodiesel fuel. The lower floor, and a ramp instead of stairs, provides easier access for customers of all ages and abilities. Inside, there is plenty of room for a good selection of books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines for customers to borrow, and the Bookmobile now offers free Internet access. This is Monterey’s 3<sup>rd</sup> generation bookmobile, continuing a long tradition of bringing books and library services to families, seniors, and children in neighborhoods, parks and schools. Testament to the deep appreciation for Bookmobile service, half the cost of purchasing the new vehicle came as a generous bequest from the estate of a longtime Bookmobile customer.



## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Monterey Public Library raised over \$40,000 for the Library through a range of activities including book sales, the annual Monterey House Tour and the Chocolate & Wine tasting event. Members also raised money by working at election polls and for the Big Sur Marathon.

The Friends, in turn, donated \$12,000 to the Library’s Bucks for Books campaign, which went to the purchase of books and other materials. The Friends also provided funds to support the *Shades & Stories of Monterey* project, to purchase storage furniture for the California History Room, four laptops for customers to use in the Library, new book carts for the Youth area, a teen Multimedia Creativity Lab, and to throw a festive party to welcome the new Bookmobile. The Friends provided cash awards for students participating in Monterey County History Day and in the annual High School Poetry Competition.



Become a member and help raise funds and fun to support your community Library. For more information call 831.646.5601 or visit [www.mplfriends.com](http://www.mplfriends.com).

## Message from the Library Director

With a sigh of relief – and a sense of pride in all that we accomplished – we “close the book” on the past year at the Monterey Public Library.

During these unprecedented economic times more Monterey residents and visitors checked out materials, asked questions and visited the Library and Bookmobile than ever before. Library staff were “first responders” helping the newly unemployed, learners young and old, families stretching dwindling dollars, business owners, and thousands more!

And thanks to support from the Library Board, Friends of the Library, City Council, NIP and neighborhood groups, Library users, donors, City and library staff we weathered the threat of layoffs and potential loss of Sunday open hours. I thank you all very much - and promise that the Monterey Public Library will continue to inspire, delight and educate all for the future – the Library IDEA!

*Kim Bui Burton*

