

Grove City Community Library

2008 Annual Report

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Internet

In 2008, our five Internet computers were used for 7,353 one hour appointments. We continue to see a high usage by those who do not have their own home computer access. The Internet computer dedicated to *Pennsylvania Career Link* job searches has seen a lot of activity due to the loss of jobs.

The Grove City Community Library web site has a wealth of information available for library patrons to access on any computer. The *POWER LIBRARY* is a valuable resource to magazines, newspapers, medical, literature and music and more. Ask the staff for the special code to access this free service on your home computer.

WiFi access to the Internet has been well used by those who bring their personal laptop computers to the library.

Using your library card number, the *Web-CollectionPlus* is now available to view our library holdings and your library account on our web site from a computer at any location.

Book Discussion Groups

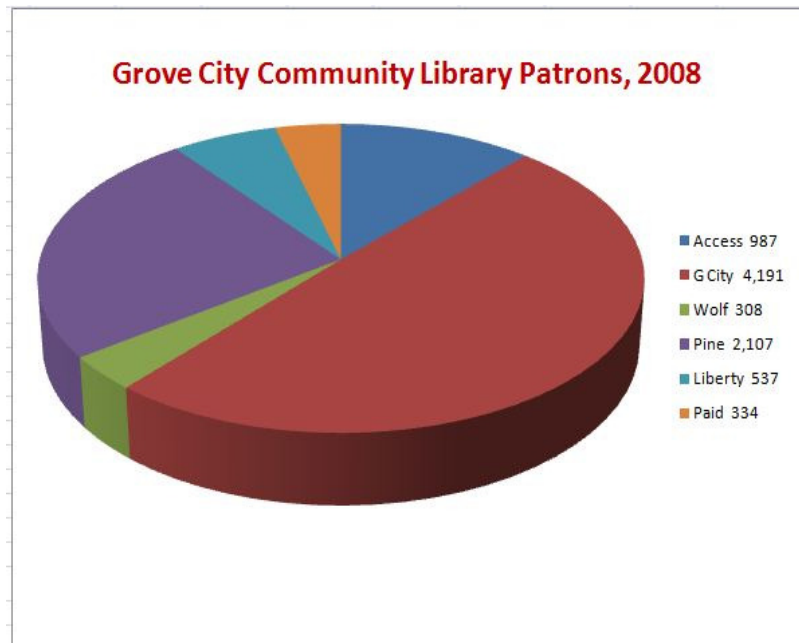
Two adult book discussion groups met in 2008. For the first six months, a series of novels about how decisions create pivotal moments in lives of the characters were discussed.

In the fall, the group read four novels with Friends and Family themes. Facilitator, Eileen Master led an average of 15 people in these fun and lively discussions.

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Grove City Community Library Patrons, 2008



Library Volunteers & Friends of the Library

Volunteers from age 14 through retirees assist us in many essential tasks. A total of 1,103 volunteer hours were contributed to the library. Multiplying those hours by \$7 per hour shows a savings of \$7,721 to the Library.

The Friends contributed \$14,750 as a result of their annual Fund Drive Letter, Used Book Sale, House Tour, Bake Sale, Christmas tree/wreath drawing and Library Card groups. We owe our Volunteers and Friends many thanks for helping us in more ways than one!



Children's Programs

Grove City Community Library plays a vital role in the education of our children. Numerous programs for babies, pre-schoolers, early readers through young adults are planned to encourage an enjoyment of reading.

Catch the Reading Bug was the theme of the 2008 summer reading program which registered 552 kids to read 20 books and total attendance of 1,923 for 34 different activities. A "Library Champion" yard sign was given to each child when 10 books were read. A total of 11,040 books were read!

Throughout the year, we hosted weekly Story Times, Bookworm Babies and Bookworm Clubs. Some of the book related events for school age children included American Girl Doll Tea Party, Mad Science Night, Nate the Great, Captain Underpants, Ancient Egypt Field Trip, Henry & Mudge, Fancy Nancy, and Christmas Around the World with Santa..

The Grove City school district as well as the day care/pre-school facilities make scheduled visits to the library and invite Miss Heather to their location for many special programs. This shows that good things happen when a community comes together.

Growing for Generations

The G.C. Community Library is a valuable resource that is highly regarded by the community. It has achieved many long range goals, but other identified goals cannot be achieved unless there is more space in which to provide such services.

The library Board and Staff strongly believes that the library, with the help of G.C. Borough should expand it's walls. An application for a PA Keystone matching grant is in the process for funding to resolve the following identified space related needs:

- Computer access for the public
- Meeting room for children's events
- Meeting room for adult book discussion groups
- Quiet study/reading area
- Additional shelf space for collection growth
- Adequate space for current and future staff

A campaign to inform the community of our need and ask for their support on all levels is scheduled to begin in 2009.

Teens Programs

Programs for the teens are held at least once per month. *Reel Reads* book based movie nights as well as DDR/Guitar Hero competitions and girl's Makeup/Beauty workshops are well attended. 58 teens participated in their own Summer Reading Program in 2008.

