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2004 Annual Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004



First Lady Laura Bush presents the National Award for Library Service to the Free Library of Philadelphia, represented here by W. Wilson Goode, Sr., chair of the Free Library of Philadelphia Board of Trustees



Helping to rename the Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library are Mayor John Street (center), Jean Blackwell Foster (far left), City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell (left of Mayor Street), and, to the right, Library President and Director Elliot Shelkrot and Foundation Board Chair Peter Benoliel

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Leadership Letter

On January 22, 2004, First Lady Laura Bush presented the Free Library with the nation's highest library award: the 2003 National Award for Library Service. Recipients are selected by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for their "systematic and ongoing commitment to public service through exemplary and innovative programs and community partnerships."

We're deeply honored by the award – and pleased that the most recent Mayor's Report on City Services found 91.4 percent of library users satisfied with the helpfulness of Free Library personnel.

Besides those honors, the past year brought us major challenges, including a heightened awareness of issues of security for the staff and the public and a cut in our State funding from \$9.4 million in fiscal 2003 to \$5.9 million this year. That cut required a significant reduction in the purchase of books, tapes, and CDs and a reduction in the number of librarians and other staff. We also made changes in management and administrative positions, putting more staff in public service positions and fewer in back-of-house operations. Nonetheless, our front-line staff is spread very thin, and therefore there is an increase in the sporadic closing of branches when there are no replacements available for staff absent because of illness or other emergencies. Some of this year's service statistics – which in previous years climbed steadily – reflect these budget challenges. Meanwhile, visits to our website continued to climb rapidly.

Our State funding for fiscal year 2005 will be \$7.2 million. That doesn't bring us close to our 2003 allotment, but we're glad for it, and profoundly grateful to everyone – especially the Friends of the Free Library – who were our advocates in Harrisburg. Thank you, thank you! We also heartily thank our donors, whose contributions this year were higher than expected.

So this letter ends as it began, with gratitude. Whether government budgets surge or slump, many factors keep the Free Library strong, year after year – including the loyalty of Free Library users; the excellence and commitment of the Library staff, boards, volunteers, Friends, and supporters; and the remarkable partnership between the City of Philadelphia, of which we are an agency, and the donors whose gifts through the Free Library Foundation help make our service the very best it can be.



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Peter Benoiel, Elliot Shelkrot, and W. Wilson Goode, Sr., with young readers

Kids and Books!



Rapt listeners at the Paschalville Branch

AT THE HEART OF THE FREE LIBRARY'S MISSION IS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE AND BOOKS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2004, THIS IMPORTANT MAGIC HAPPENED IN MANY WAYS, INCLUDING THESE:

Earliest books: Through the Library's **Books Aloud!** workshops and its related literacy programs for United Way, 2,471 attendees – child-care workers and parents – in 129 workshops across the City learned how to most effectively use children's books with preschoolers. Considered the City's premier program for early literacy training, Books Aloud! also gives trainees free books and support materials.

Homework help: **LEAP – the Library's after-school program**, which operates throughout the City every school-day afternoon – again served many thousands of children and teens, providing help with homework and with computers. LEAP's 200 Teen Leadership Assistants also serve as mentors for the crowds of young people who stream into libraries when the school day ends.

Books through the summer: From June through August of 2003, the Library's **Summer Reading Program** – which uses games and prizes to encourage reading – set a new record of nearly 55,000 young participants, with a 23% increase in the number of teens. Many librarians emphasized writing as well as reading, and one regional library collected more than 500 book reports.

Wachovia was lead sponsor of the program for the eleventh consecutive year. Further support came from the Petersmeyer Family Foundation; PKG Foundation; AMETEK Foundation, Inc.; Berwind Corporation; Sunoco, Inc.; Verizon Corporation; and UGI Corporation. In-kind support was provided by the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Rite Aid, the Philadelphia Phillies, Herr Foods, and other sponsors.

Always, Dr. Seuss – but especially on his 100th birthday, in March! Free Library observances included a "Seussational" birthday party at the Paschalville Branch, where 100 children listened to stories, played Green Eggs and Ham tick tack toe, ate cake, and received new books courtesy of the First Book National Book Bank.

Reading to elders: At Germantown's Center in the Park, five young performers read a play to an appreciative audience of elders. Based on the novel *Meet Addy*, by Connie Porter, the reading was directed by Northwest Regional Area Coordinator Barbara Baumgartner. Projected student artwork illustrated the presentation.

Reading to – dogs? In a program involving the Northeast Regional Library and the New Foundations Charter School, kindergarteners practiced “reading” books to trained therapy dogs, who were gracious listeners. Older students were available to help with the effort.

Illustrating books: When the Tacony Branch held an art contest for illustrations of children’s favorite books, more than 350 entries were received. At the concluding awards ceremony, submissions covered every inch of wall space in the library’s meeting room.

Teens and Books



**IN ADDITION TO ITS SUMMER READING PROGRAM,
THE FREE LIBRARY HAS PIONEERED
CREATIVE WAYS OF ENCOURAGING TEENS TO READ.**

One Book, One Philadelphia author James McBride also took part in the Field Family Teen Author Series

- Our system-wide **Field Family Teen Author Series** puts free books into the hands of high-school and middle-school English classes, then brings those students and authors together for discussion. This year 1,600 books were given to students, and the 12 authors – including Alice Walker, David Macaulay, and Joyce Carol Oates – spoke with students at 30 events.

“Dear Mrs. [Joyce Carol] Oates: Thank you so much for signing the book. That really ment a lot to me because not many people would care enough to do something like that. . . . Thank you for taking time to listen to our voice. Sometimes it seems like no one cares but you showed you did.” – student from Northeast High School

- **This year the Overbrook Park Branch** brought 61 authors to speak to fans of all ages, including teens.
- Across Philadelphia, **200 Teen Book Critics** write short reviews of books for *Highlights*, the Library’s publication about materials for teens, and for posting on the website. Further, each month *The Philadelphia Inquirer* now publishes a teen’s feature-length book review.



- Supporting all these programs are the highly popular **teen collections**. Teen books and AV materials ready for re-shelving tend to be plucked from the rolling carts before they reach the shelves.

Books for All



One Book, One Philadelphia provided fun as well as insight

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND IN NEIGHBORING COUNTIES – TEENS AS WELL AS ADULTS – PARTICIPATED IN ONE BOOK, ONE PHILADELPHIA, A JOINT PROGRAM OF THE FREE LIBRARY AND THE OFFICE OF MAYOR JOHN F. STREET.

This year's book, *The Color of Water*, by James McBride, is a moving memoir about a mother's determination to keep her family strong. More than 140 related programs were held at libraries and other locations, and more than 75 community partners supported the program.

Lead sponsor of the program was again Independence Blue Cross. Other sponsors were Philadelphia's Office of the City Representative; PECO, An Exelon Company; Wachovia; the Comcast Foundation; Starbucks Coffee Company; Pepper Hamilton LLP; Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP; and Dilworth Paxson LLP.

Service Statistics	FY 2004 (7/1/03 - 6/30/04)	FY 2003 (7/1/02 - 6/30/03)
Library visits	6,216,973	6,440,990
Reference questions handled	3,219,215	3,414,391
Registered borrowers	482,854	474,221
Materials loaned, system-wide	6,963,935	7,056,608
Interlibrary loan requests processed	25,326	26,384

Note: Decreases in some FY 2004 statistics reflect a shortage of staff and a reduction in the purchase of books and other circulating materials resulting from budget reductions.

Program Statistics	FY 2004 (7/1/03 - 6/30/04)	FY 2003 (7/1/02 - 6/30/03)
Number of adult programs	8,466	8,342
Attendance at adult programs	146,512	145,774
Number of children's programs	12,117	12,375
Attendance at children's programs	249,578	275,765

Note: Decreases in children's program statistics reflect a shortage of staff.

Technology



Reading Terminal, Market Street at 12th Street (1912), from the Print and Picture Collection

Technology Statistics	FY 2004	FY 2003
	(7/1/03 - 6/30/04)	(7/1/02 - 6/30/03)
Library web site access (“hits”)	67,784,632	59,996,052
Electronic resource use	160,916	143,333
Number of “My Account” uses	87,875	94,701
Public-access computers	700	700

- **Historic Images of Philadelphia** is the Library’s newest digital collection. Dating primarily from 1850 to 1900, these photographs are drawn from the 20,000 images in the *Philadelphiana Collection* of the Central Library’s Print and Picture Collection. View *Historic Images* on our website, www.library.phila.gov.

- In compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) of 2002, a **computer filter** intended to block access to visual material harmful to minors was installed on all Free Library computers. A librarian may temporarily remove the filter for an adult who requests it.

- Library users across the City are now able to:

- **receive 20 minutes of live, individualized help from a certified tutor** – via computer – through **Homework Help Online**. Formerly called LEAP Online, this service is available for fourth- through twelfth-graders from almost all libraries between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. It’s also available from homes between 2:00 and 10:00 p.m., seven days a week, through the Library’s website. The service is funded by the Library Services and Technology Act, the Philadelphia City Institute Board of Managers, the Pinnacle Fund, the McLean Contributionship, and the Lattner Foundation.

- **automatically reserve a Library computer**, by swiping a Library card through a PC reservation scanner. A print-out identifies which computer is now reserved and how soon it will be available. Sessions are usually an hour or a half hour, depending on the branch.

- **automatically reserve many books** for pick-up at the user’s preferred library. To begin a reservation, a user locates the title in the computer catalog, clicks on the words “Request Title,” and enters a valid Library card number and PIN.

- **New PCs** – 570 of them – have been installed at the Central and regional libraries. Their updated technology increases Internet compatibility and allows services like PC reservation, above. New PCs for branches will follow.

- **Rosetta Stone**, acquired through a grant from Lincoln Financial Group Foundation, is one of the newest of the Free Library’s many special electronic resources. *Rosetta Stone* helps speakers of other languages learn English, using photographs matched to words that are both written and electronically spoken.

Branch and Regional Libraries



“PLEASE BE PROUD THAT YOU WORK FOR ONE OF THE MOST EQUALIZING, IF NOT THE MOST EQUALIZING, OF ALL INSTITUTIONS – THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.”

LINDA FEIN, RETIRED NORTHEAST AREA ADMINISTRATOR

EVERYONE came to Northeast Regional's 40th anniversary celebration!

- The **Northeast Regional Library celebrated its 40th anniversary** in October. In partnership with the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the City's Department of Public Health, it also launched **“Philly Health Info – the #1 Stop for Regional Health Resources.”** At a kiosk, trained volunteers help people research medical matters, using approved Internet resources.
- Renovations proceed on the last of the library branches. By June, construction of the **new Widener Branch building** at 28th Street and Lehigh Avenue was nearly complete. The **Walnut Street West Branch** closed its temporary quarters in June, preparing to move into its renovated building in the fall.
- This year **three libraries** took new names:
 - The **Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library** now honors the city councilman and U.S. congressman who helped create it.
 - The Southwark Branch became the **Charles Santore Branch**, honoring that neighborhood's former ward leader.
 - The Passyunk Branch became the **Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr., Branch**, to honor the area's long-time committeeman, ward chairman, and ward leader.



Donatucci family members: Register of Wills Ron Donatucci, Rita Donatucci, and Mrs. Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr.



From left: Free Library President and Director Elliot Shelkrot, State Representative Babette Josephs, State Senator Vincent Fumo, Richard Santore, Mrs. Charles Santore, Sr., Charles Santore, Jr., Joe Santore, City Councilman Frank DiCicco, and Vincent Carnuccio

• **Area libraries offer thousands of programs** for adults – from book discussions and historical presentations to gardening workshops and computer classes – and even more programs for children. For example:

At many libraries, including the Chestnut Hill Branch, **chess is in!** At the Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library, highly popular Chess Clubs provide opportunity to scores of players, from preschoolers to seniors.



Young chess players and adult helpers at the Chestnut Hill Branch

In the summer of 2003, at 52 branches, GlaxoSmithKline's **Science in the Summer** program offered hands-on classes in paleontology for children. During four 45-minute sessions, kids studied fossils, dinosaurs, and earth science.

At the Independence Branch, **Brown Bag Lunch programs** welcome local office workers and others for mid-day presentations on issues like financial planning and health.

Philadelphians Love Their Libraries!

The Cecil B. Moore Avenue Branch received a gift of \$301 from the students of Robert Vaux High School, who this year for the first time were able to choose the recipient of their annual "Share the Love" gift.

"Dear Everyone at Katharine Drexel:

Thank you for being so pleasant and helpful to me. The City of Phila. is lucky to have all of you!"

"I want you to know how much I appreciate the Bustleton Library Branch. My late husband and I enjoyed reading books from this Branch for 60+ years. [Now] I am unable to go there so I call and have a family member pick up the books I requested. The staff are very kind and helpful."

"I grew up in Logan, and going to the library for the first time and getting my library card are distinct memories. I now teach in a university setting. I am not sure of how much [my] unreturned books would have cost, but I have added some dollars for 'inflation.' Thanks very much for putting this money towards keeping the Logan Branch going!" (A check for \$350 was enclosed.)

"I would particularly like to praise your Kingsessing Branch for their friendly, professional, and informative service."

"I would like to visit the Haddington library, but I will have to bring two handkerchiefs. It is a very nostalgic place."

The Central Library



Model of expanded Central Library

THE LONG-AWAITED EXPANSION OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY GREW CLOSER WITH THE SELECTION OF RENOWNED ARCHITECT MOSHE SAFDIE FROM AMONG 40 APPLICANT FIRMS.

After extensive discussion with neighbors, the public, the staff, and various expert consultants, Mr. Safdie has designed a light-filled expansion behind the existing building that will provide desperately needed room for reading, collections, computers, and the special needs of children and teens. Mr. Safdie's plan also includes an "urban room" housing amenities like a café and shops. The architect selection process was funded by the William Penn Foundation and the Pinetree Foundation.

• **The Central Library administers all system-wide activities, such as the after school and Summer Reading programs and One Book, One Philadelphia, but it also presents many programs of its own** – 1,310 this year, for people of all ages and interests. Of Central's 806,351 visitors in fiscal 2004, 50,581 were people arriving for programs like the following:



At 94, famed dancer and choreographer Katherine Dunham addresses a Free Library audience in a program funded by Dance Advance

The Philadelphia Free Library Lectures and Central's other lecture series brought 124 authors to speak here, including John Updike, Amy Tan, and Toni Morrison. Two monthly series focusing on poetry were offered, as **Poets, Poems, and Poetry** joined the long-standing **Monday Poets**.

Sundays on Stage, sponsored by the Philadelphia City Institute Board of Managers, presented free, multi-cultural performances for all ages, including Japanese drumming; Greek, Balkan, and Jewish American music; and salsa dance.

More programs at Central

Sixteen programs and workshops for teens were held, including the **Teen Poetry Slam**, funded by the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, in which 30 young poets from 21 high schools read their work to an enthusiastic audience of 250; and the annual **Youth Empowerment Summit (YES)**, which drew 350 teens for a day of inspiring presentations, workshops, and career discussions. YES was supported by the Pew Fund, the Field Family Teen Author Series, the Philadelphia Foundation, the City of Philadelphia, and Murray M. Dalziel.



YES participants

“Wildly popular” **Arts and Crafts Circle** workshops offered hands-on experience with skills like working with polymer clay and pressing flowers.

The Workplace served nearly 4,300 job-seekers through workshops, personal help with employer research and employment correspondence, and a job fair.

• Central voices on the airwaves:

For many years, Area Administrator Joe Hilton has spoken with kids and parents on a live, call-in radio show, recommending good books for youngsters aged six to thirteen. “The Kids Corner Bookmobile” is heard the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on WXPB, 88.5 FM – and Joe’s recommendations are available online at www.kidscorner.org.

On the first Saturday of each month, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on WRTI, 90.1 FM, Fleisher Collection Curator Kile Smith co-hosts the monthly airings of “Discoveries From the Fleisher Collection.” This program features recordings of orchestral music performed using full scores and parts from the Collection.

“This is to let you know how pleased I was with the excellent service provided to me last week, by Mr. Sidney Grolnick, librarian, in the music department. I needed help with some research . . . [and] called your music department as a last resort. What he sent was exactly what I needed.”

Awards

2003 National Award for Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, to the Free Library for systematic and ongoing commitment to public service through exemplary and innovative programs and community partnerships

Preschool Best Practices Award from the Pennsylvania Libraries Association, to the Free Library for promoting early literacy in partnership with WHYY through the special family event, “Storytime With Caillou,” part of the Library’s series of Sundays on Stage multicultural programs, sponsored by the Philadelphia City Institute’s Board of Managers

Patricia A. Dobbin Memorial Award from the Southeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Library Association, to Director of Public Services Helen Miller for outstanding commitment to libraries and library service

2003 Access Achievement Award from the Mayor’s Commission on People with Disabilities, to the Free Library for outstanding commitment to increasing access for people with disabilities through the removal of physical and attitudinal barriers

The President’s Award from the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, to Stephanie Naidoff for her dynamic leadership in bringing **One Book, One Philadelphia** to fruition

2003 Special Recognition Award from the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, to President and Director Elliot Shelkrot for his part in helping Philadelphians address and enjoy their diversity and experience intergroup harmony and cooperation.

Collections Statistics	FY 2004 <small>(7/1/03 - 6/30/04)</small>	FY 2003 <small>(7/1/02 - 6/30/03)</small>
*Catalogued books		
Adult:	2,921,336	2,971,532
Juvenile:	1,220,267	1,240,514
Audio materials	1,038,109	1,213,452
Government documents	1,191,319	1,191,786
Microforms	2,027,584	2,022,492
Video cassettes	181,055	177,380
DVDs	18,804	10,056
Journal, magazine, and newspaper titles	3,350	4,275

*This category includes paperback books and pamphlets.

This year’s statistics reflect the reduction in purchasing as well as other factors such as the transition of some materials from print to electronic format and the weeding of items no longer appropriate.

The Free Library owns materials in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, German, Gujarati, Haitian French Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Khmer/Cambodian, Korean, Lao, Pennsylvania Dutch, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, and Yiddish.



“MY ASSOCIATION WITH FLP AS A VOLUNTEER HAS BROUGHT ME MUCH SATISFACTION. I HAVE FELT APPRECIATED FROM THE BEGINNING, AND IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO BE A VIRTUAL INSIDER”

Central Library volunteers and staff at the Volunteers Recognition Reception

Free Library Volunteers Make the Difference

The writer of the quotation above – a volunteer for five years – has been a Free Library user for 56. He and the nearly 2,500 other volunteers who this year performed countless services for the Library range in age from teens to seniors – and daily “make the difference” in the smooth operation of library functions and events.

Throughout the system, volunteers shelve books, straighten collections, facilitate the Books to Go program, assist with programs, tidy gardens, and generally lend their skills and talents wherever needed.

Volunteer Statistics	FY 2004 <small>(7/1/03 - 6/30/04)</small>	FY 2003 <small>(7/1/02 - 6/30/03)</small>
Volunteers	2,491	2,745
Volunteer hours	97,633	102,905

That’s What Friends Are For

“Libraries = Education = Jobs!” This year that was the message carried by Friends of the Free Library – independent, non-profit groups of Library volunteers and supporters – to legislators in Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Two busloads of Friends advocated hard for restoration of funds cut from the State budget, and others supported such efforts through spirited neighborhood Town Meetings held at the Bushrod, Whitman, and West Oak Lane branches.

Friends also serve by increasing public awareness and use of the Library, raising money for library needs, promoting cooperation between communities and libraries, and sponsoring special library programs – such as the Wadsworth Avenue Branch’s spirited Holiday Festival. Since 2001, the number of Friends groups at individual libraries has grown from 21 to 39.

The Friends’ Book Corner, located behind the Central Library, sells moderately priced used books donated by the public. It also sponsors and/or hosts many poetry readings, workshops, and festivals, including the **Philadelphia Poetry Festival** and **Friends Salute the Voices of Philadelphia**, a series of free poetry/spoken word writing and performance workshops.

Financial Highlights

Free Library of Philadelphia

FY 2004

(7/1/03 - 6/30/04)

*Operating Support and Revenue

City General Fund	\$38,281,893
**State Grant Funds	7,696,034

Total support and revenue

45,977,927

Operating Expense

Salaries and benefits	\$36,229,738
Library collections and materials	4,809,102
Facility leases, furnishings, maintenance	1,865,019
Technology purchases and support	1,307,172
Training and other professional services	483,843
Office supplies, postage, and printing	852,160
Other expense	430,893

Total expense

\$45,977,927

**Revenues may include encumbrances and/or appropriations from prior fiscal years, using the modified accrual and cash basis of accounting permitted by municipal accounting standards.*

***This category includes \$1,732,605 in State funding for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.*

Major Gifts and Grants

The Annenberg Foundation - \$5,000,000 over three years for the Central Library Renovation and Expansion Project

The Independence Foundation - \$750,000 over five years for the Central Library Renovation and Expansion Project

The Institute of Museum and Library Services - \$500,000 over three years to recruit and train librarians

The William Penn Foundation - \$379,967 over two years to enhance the capacity of the Development Department to prepare for and launch the capital campaign for the Central Library Renovation and Expansion Project

The Jane M. Jenks Southern Trust administered by Wachovia Bank, N.A. - a bequest of \$255,123 for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation - \$193,500 over three years to enhance arts and cultural programs at 10 branches in North Philadelphia

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provision of the **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)** as administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - \$164,500 (second year payment) for electronic career resources, Homework Help Online, and teen outreach; and \$100,000 for Phase II of the redesign of the Free Library's website

The Estate of Marion B. Gutsche - a bequest of \$165,000 for the Edwin A. Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music

The Pew Charitable Trusts - \$140,000 over two years for the Associate Leader mentoring program

The National Park Service / Save America's Treasures, administered by the National Endowment for the Humanities - \$135,000 to preserve the Free Library's collection of Early American sheet music

The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation - \$100,000 over two years for Phase II of the redesign of the Free Library's website

Financial Highlights

Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation

FY 2004
(7/1/03 - 6/30/04)

Statement of Activities for the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2004

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals 2004
Operating support and revenue				
Contributions - Central Library Project	-	\$9,514,193	-	\$9,514,193
Other operating support and revenue	\$3,032,146	3,525,156	-	6,557,302
Net assets released from restriction	4,158,419	(4,158,419)	-	-
Total operating support and revenue	7,190,565	8,880,930	-	16,071,495
Operating expenses	7,226,906	-	-	7,226,906
Change in net assets from operations	(36,341)	8,880,930	-	8,844,589
Long term investment return in excess of return designated for operations	347,930	817,484	-	1,165,414
Forgiveness of unsecured loan by Philadelphia City Institute's Board of Managers	250,000	-	-	250,000
Total change in net assets	\$561,589	\$9,698,414	-	\$10,260,003
Net assets at beginning of year, as restated	5,824,863	9,905,445	7,031,783	22,762,091
Total change in net assets	561,589	9,698,414	-	10,260,003
Net assets at end of year	\$6,386,452	\$19,603,859	\$7,031,783	\$33,022,094

The Central Library Project represents \$8,126,759 of the June 30, 2004, net asset value. An additional \$819,956 in restricted funds is available for the Children's Library portion of this project. The complete audited financial statements and report of the independent certified public accountants will be made available upon request.



Summer Reading Program Kick-Off, June, 2004: An actor impersonates the early-19th-century free African American entrepreneur and inventor James Forten

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215.685.9794
- McPherson Square**
601 E. Indiana Ave.
215.685.9995
- Nicetown-Tioga**
3720 N. Broad St.
215.685.9790
- Richmond**
2987 Almond St.
215.685.9992
- Ramonita G. de Rodriguez**
600 W. Girard Ave.
215.686.1768
- Widener**
2531 W. Lehigh Ave.
215.685.9799
- Northeast Regional**
2228 Cottman Ave.
215.685.0501
- Tacony**
6742 Torresdale Ave.
215.685.8755
- Torresdale**
3079 Holme Ave.
215.685.0494
- Welsh Road**
9233 Roosevelt Blvd.
215.685.0498
- Wyoming**
231 E. Wyoming Ave.
215.685.9158

NORTHEAST

- Bushrod**
6304 Castor Ave.
215.685.1471
- Bustleton**
10199 Bustleton Ave.
215.685.0472



NORTHWEST

- Andorra**
705 E. Cathedral Road
215.685.2552
- Chestnut Hill**
8711 Germantown Ave.
215.685.9290
- Falls of Schuylkill**
3501 Midvale Ave.
215.685.2093
- Greater Olney**
5501 N. 5th St.
215.685.2845
- Logan**
1333 Wagner Ave.
215.685.9156
- Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional**
68 W. Cheltenham Ave.
215.685.2150

- Lovett Memorial**
6945 Germantown Ave.
215.685.2095
- Oak Lane**
6614 N. 12th St.
215.685.2848
- Ogontz**
6017 Ogontz Ave.
215.685.3566
- Roxborough**
6245 Ridge Ave.
215.685.2550
- Wadsworth**
1500 Wadsworth Ave.
215.685.9293
- West Oak Lane**
2000 Washington Lane
215.685.2843

SOUTH

- Charles Santore**
932 S. 7th St.
215.686.1766
- Fumo Family**
2437 S. Broad St.
215.685.1758
- Queen Memorial**
1201 S. 23rd St.
215.685.1899
- South Philadelphia**
1700 S. Broad St.
215.685.1866
- Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr.**
1935 Shunk St.
215.685.1755
- Whitman**
200 Snyder Ave.
215.685.1754

WEST

- Blanche Nixon/Cobbs Creek**
5800 Cobbs Creek Prkwy.
215.685.1973
- Charles Durham**
3320 Haverford Ave.
215.685.7436
- Eastwick**
2851 Island Ave.
215.685.4170
- George Institute**
1461 N. 52nd St.
215.685.0177
- Haddington**
446 N. 65th St.
215.685.1970
- Haverford**
5543 Haverford Ave.
215.685.1964
- Kingsessing**
1201 S. 51st Street
215.685.2690
- Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional**
125 S. 52nd St.
215.685.7429
- Overbrook Park**
7422 Haverford Ave.
215.685.0182
- Paschalville**
6942 Woodland Ave.
215.685.2662
- Walnut Street West**
3927 Walnut St.
215.685.7671
- Wynnefield**
5325 Overbrook Ave.
215.685.0298