

Fact Sheet - FY 2008/09

Onslow County Public Library

www.onslowcountync.gov/library



Mission

The mission of the Onslow County Public Library is to provide quality materials & services that fulfill the educational, informational, & cultural needs of all citizens in a welcoming & stimulating atmosphere.

Vision

Onslow County Public Library is an essential community resource offering free & open access to information, creating opportunities for lifelong learning, promoting cultural awareness & enriching the quality of life, & leading in personal service, research & technology.

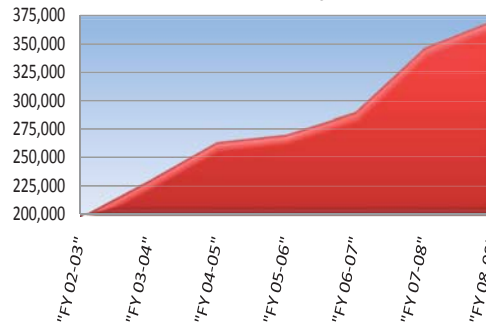
Governance

The Onslow County Public Library System is a department of Onslow County Government. The Library Board of Trustees is appointed by the County Commissioners & advises the Library on its policies. Philip Cherry III, Director of the Library, reports to the County Manager and is an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees.

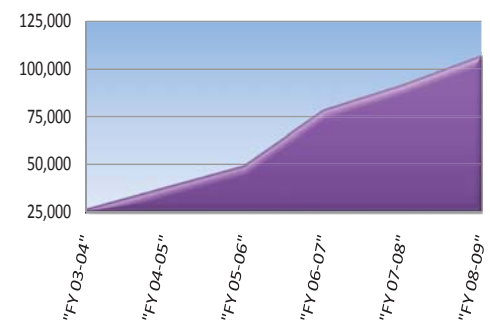
Private Support

The Onslow County Public Library System is supported by the non-profit organization, The Friends of the Library.

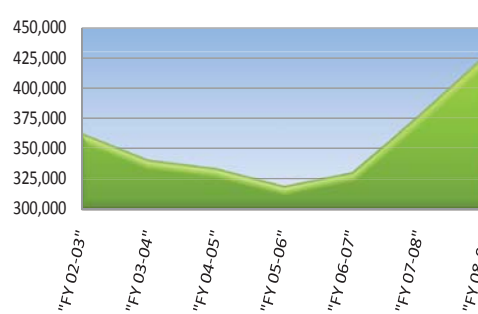
Public Visits to Library: 370,005



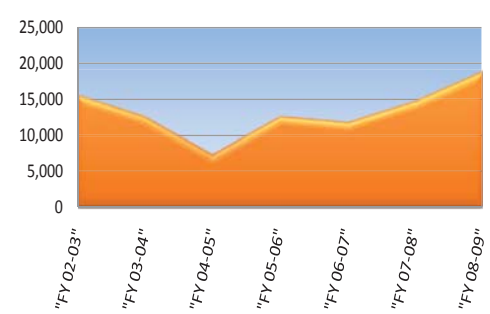
Public Use of Computers: 106,897



Public Use of Materials: 427,940



Program Attendance: 18,932



Facilities: Main library, three branch libraries & a law library

- Population Served: 176,000 -Onslow County
- Library Card Holders: 56,346
- Programs for the Public: 860 (Total)
67 for Adults & 793 for Children & Families
- Materials Owned: 149,126
- Computers for Public Use: 73
- Visits to OCPL Website: 433,080
- Research Questions Asked: 59,088

Major Accomplishments

- Onslow County Public Library opened a new 13 station free public access computer lab at the Richlands Branch Library. Opening this lab increased free public access to internet computers in this branch by 345%.
- Systemwide, Onslow County Public Library increased the number of free public access computers from 54 stations to 73 stations... a 35% increase.
- Onslow County Public Library increased online public access to free downloadable audio books by becoming a member of the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.
- The Foundation Center of New York selected Onslow County Public Library as one of only eleven NC libraries to become a Cooperating Collection, which provides free access to grant resources for nonprofits & individuals.