

Fact Sheet - FY 2009/10

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.

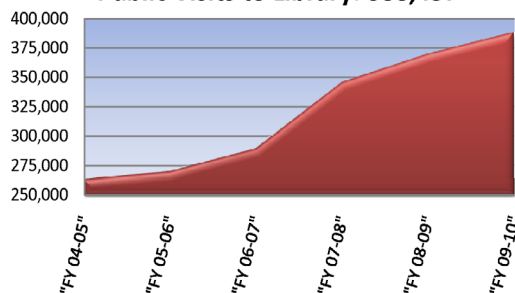
Governance

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.

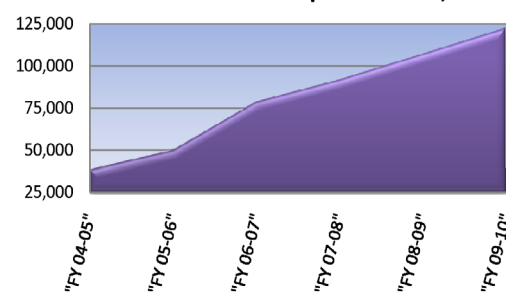
Private Support

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

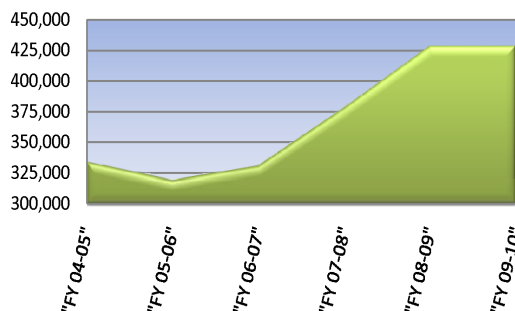
Public Visits to Library: 388,457



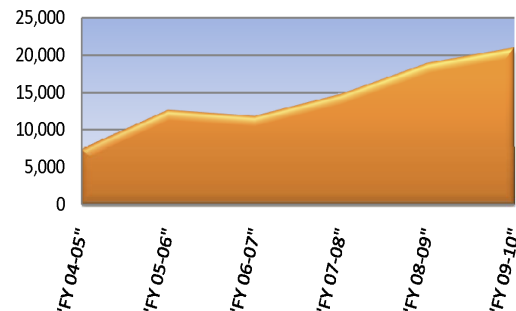
Public Use of Computers: 122,384



Public Use of Materials: 428,020



Program Attendance: 21,013



Facilities: Main library and three branch libraries

- Population Served: 176,000 -Onslow County
- Library Card Holders: 58,741
- Programs for the Public: 832 (Total)
48 for Adults & 784 for Children & Families
- Materials Owned: 157,021
- Computers for Public Use: 73
- Visits to OCPL Website: 174,216
- Research Questions Asked: 59,063

Major Accomplishments

- Onslow County Public Library opened a new 10 station free public access computer lab at the Swansboro Branch Library with support from a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Onslow County Public Library partnered with Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune to create a first-of-its-kind, award-winning Military Family Resource Collection at Main Library.
- Onslow County Public Library partnered with the N.C. Employment Security Commission to create weekly employment assistance to patrons at all branch libraries.
- Onslow County Public Library was awarded three 1st Place "Best of Show" awards for marketing and promotional materials at the 58th Biennial Conference of the North Carolina Library Association.