

Fact Sheet - FY 2010/11

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.

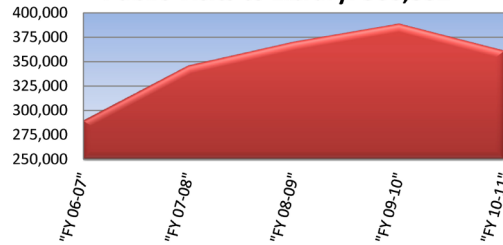
Governance

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.

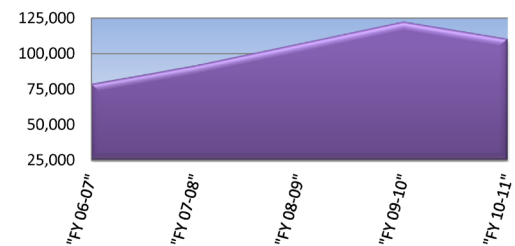
Private Support

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

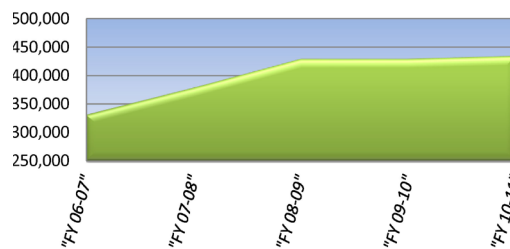
Public Visits to Library: 360,882



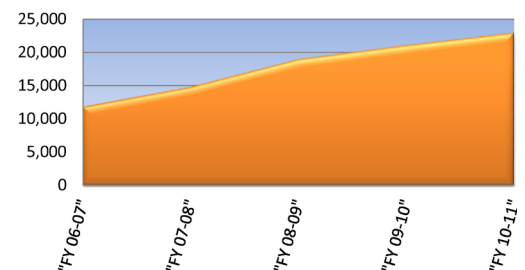
Public Use of Computers: 110,333



Public Use of Materials: 433,137



Program Attendance: 22,895



Facilities: Main library and three branch libraries

- Population Served: 184,000 -Onslow County
- Library Card Holders: 45,829
- Programs for the Public: 899 (Total)
43 for Adults & 856 for Children & Families
- Materials Owned: 161,518
- Computers for Public Use: 73
- Visits to OCPL Website: 174,216
- Research Questions Asked: 56,281

Major Accomplishments

- Onslow County Public Library received re-funding for the construction of a new branch library in Sneads Ferry.
- Onslow County Public Library launched an ongoing local oral history project in partnership with the Library Board of Trustees and the Swansboro Historical Society.
- Onslow County Public Library initiated revised staff training focused on transitioning to digital services in response to growing demand for digital resources by patrons.
- Onslow County Public Library launched an ongoing African American Civil War Soldier & Sailor Genealogy Project.