



Fact Sheet - FY 2012/13

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 and enriching quality of life &
 Leading in personal service, research and technology.

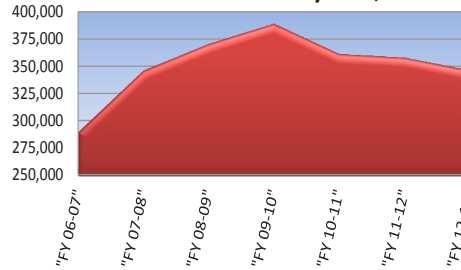
Governance

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. The Director of the Library reports to the Deputy County Manager.

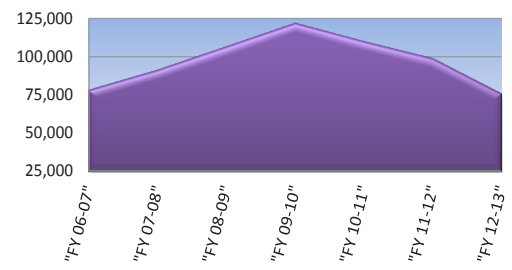
Private Support

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

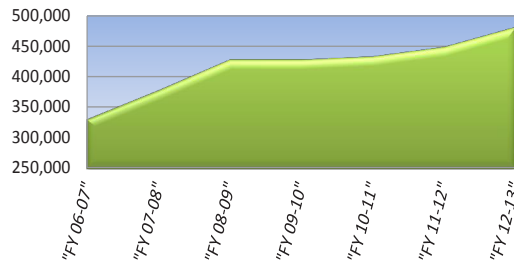
Public Visits to Library: 345,982



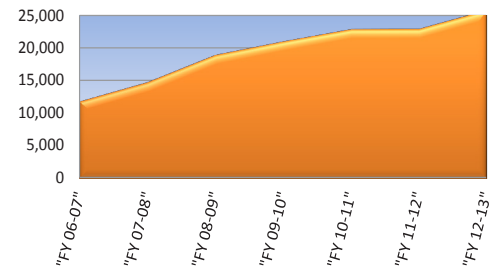
Public Use of Computers: 76,143



Public Use of Materials: 481,331



Program Attendance: 25,815



Facilities: Main library and three branch libraries

- Population Served: 191,030 - Onslow County
- Library Card Holders: 48,634
- Programs for the Public: 851 (Total)
34 for Adults, 69 for Young Adult & 748 for Children & Families
- Materials Owned: 137,354
- Computers for Public Use: 79
- Visits to OCPL Website: 307,694
- Research Questions Asked: 59,322
- Access to Databases: 74
- Total eBook Collection: 42,809
- Total Downloadable Audio: 11,566
- Total Downloadable Video Collection: 793

Major Accomplishments

- Onslow County Public Library installed new patron identification photos in our system to help avoid identity theft.
- Obtained a state-of-the-art digital reader printer in our reference department.
- Celebrated National Poetry Month by creating "Sounds of Onslow," a production featuring local poets. The production was posted through social media outlets and was well received by the community.
- Partnered with the Friends of the Library to secure a grant from the Public Welfare Foundation for purchase of Civil War soldier pension records.
- OCPL broke ground in September 2012 for the new branch library in Sneads Ferry.
- OCPL initiated revised staff training focused on transitioning to digital services in response to growing demand for digital resources by patrons.