

Wallingford Public Library Operating Budget  
Statement of cash receipts & disbursements  
Year ended June 30, 2009

<b>Receipts</b>	
Town of Wallingford	\$2,579,793
State grant	3,917
Fines	57,766
Interest	2,889
Photocopies	3,811
Transferred from Expansion & restricted funds	19,177
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$2,667,353</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Salaries and wages	\$1,465,563
Materials	290,897
Benefits	266,897
Payroll taxes	122,496
Automated Services	73,412
Repairs and maintenance	35,374
Equipment & improvements	62,717
Equipment & improvements Exp. fund	19,177
Pension	80,182
Utilities	108,059
Insurance	24,879
Library supplies	20,288
Janitorial service and supplies	45,341
Postage and miscellaneous	10,795
Programs and publications	17,197
Continuing education & membership	6,770
Auditing and accounting	8,000
Payroll processing	4,727
Photocopier lease and expenses	3,771
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,666,542</b>
Transfer	(175,000)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(174,189)
Net assets July 1, 2008	205,436
Net assets June 30, 2009	\$31,247

The Library Development Fund, established October 5, 1977, was valued at \$527,976 as of June 30, 2008.

An audited statement of Wallingford Public Library Association finances, including special funds and investments, is available for inspection at the Library.

Wallingford Public Library Staff  
2008 / 2009

Library Director - Leslie Scherer  
Assistant Director - Amy Humphries  
Head of Circulation - Julian Aiken  
Head of Technical Services - Patricia Johnson  
Circulation & Technical Assistants - Patricia Bathrick, Janet Craig, Julie Woytowich, Elizabeth Zalonski  
Library Acquisitions - Elizabeth Walker  
Administrative Assistant - Mary Heffernon  
Head of Children's Services - Ruth T. Gaffey  
Children's Librarians - Kate McCarthy-Bond, Susan Stewart, Bonnie Strickland-Naczi  
Head of Community Services - Elizabeth Devlin  
Head of Young Adult Services - Barbara Borne  
Reference/Technology Librarian - Janet Flewelling  
Reference/Teen Librarian - Jennifer Nash  
Reference Librarians - David Andrews, Catherine Ahern  
Reference Assistant - Jean Kobrin  
Custodian - Jorge Chaparro



**Part-Time Staff**

Regina Aleksardravisius	Margaret Arrato
Christy Billings	Susan Brown
Linda Cinquino	Susana Cruz
Edina Duracak	Tina Farrell
Jacqueline Frazer	Judy Horn
Darlene James	Sarah Kostandin
Christine Koval	Teresa Kristan
Suzanne Krol	Kathleen Larkin
Joan Lewis*	Janice Matson
Judith Moore	Lisa Moreno*
Linda Muszynski	Crystal Raiola
Susan Ryczek	Elizabeth Valenti*

**Library Pages**

Krista Borsari*	Dorothy Card
Chris Ciemniewski	June Costello
Julia Dandio	Theresa Davies
Nero Duracak	MacGregor Linsley
Alan Marcarelli*	Mary Sara Naczi
Lauretta Robertson	Rosa Santana
Caitlin Toczko*	

**Part-Time Custodians, Maintenance & Security**

Robert Avino, Carmen Chaparro, Raul Pinto, Nick Russo, Robert Woytowich

Resigned\*

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## Message from the President and the Library Director

This first full year in our expanded Library brought record crowds and phenomenal increases in circulation. The dismal economy and spacious new facility combined to create a “perfect storm” for library use. With jobs scarce and incomes stagnant, Connecticut residents looked to their public libraries for free books, newspapers, high-speed Internet, DVDs, programs, and more. Wallingford is fortunate--or perhaps prescient--to have completed construction in time to meet this demand, and to have funded the project before the world-wide economic downturn.

What do we mean by phenomenal increases? How about circulation up nearly 30%: 650,000 items borrowed; more than 70,000 reserves filled; more than 100,000 public Internet users; and more than 20,000 children, teens, and adults attending programs.

From babies to seniors, local residents enjoyed stories, book and poetry discussions, speakers, films, workshops, and entertainment at the Library. There were many exceptional programs this year; among them, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Sichan Siv filled the Community Room in September, and again in June, speaking of his early life in Cambodia and reading from his autobiography, *Golden Bones*. Children’s book author and illustrator Tomi de Paola paid a very special visit to the Library in October, celebrating the gift to the Library of 23 pieces of his original artwork by the late Kathryn and John Hackett. The Library partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Department of Youth and Social Services, WE CARE, and the school system to provide live entertainment, bilingual story times, and after-school programs and homework help in English and Spanish.

The Library has refined procedures and adopted new technologies to cope with the increases in use. Gone are the 3 x 5 green cards that for many years helped to keep track of due dates, replaced by computer-generated receipts listing the items borrowed and dates due. Patrons are encouraged to provide email addresses for courtesy notices and reserves, greatly reducing the time WPL staff spends on the telephone. Staff members worked with a vendor to develop a self-check machine that should shorten lines, and speed patrons on their way.

It is exactly twenty-five years since WPL purchased its first computer, and began the transition to automated circulation and an online catalog. The importance of online databases and the influence of the Internet as an information resource have escalated throughout the last decade, making the Library’s website and the role of our librarians as Internet, database, and software instructors and facilitators increasingly important. This year our technology and reference librarians completely reworked the website to make it more intuitive and comprehensive. The children’s and teen librarians added blogs and podcasts to their pages. An

online, interactive calendar for patrons to register for programs have made planning and scheduling meeting rooms easier.

Volunteers from Choate and the community have helped librarians meet the need for computer literacy by offering individual instruction sessions. Library staff members offered small class instruction in basic computer use, Internet, Microsoft Office products and more. Continuing education for both staff and public are more important than ever in this fast-moving information climate. WPL staff members attended conferences on a wide variety of topics and technologies in order to stay current with the best practices for delivering information to our patrons.

Although major construction was completed in February 2008, the building project continued into this year. The elevator was completely renovated to meet new fire and safety codes; and signs to help patrons navigate the building were installed. Additional furniture and shelving deliveries continue to make the building more comfortable and user-friendly; and a new public fax machine is a convenience for our users.

The Library held a Community Planning Day in April to generate ideas and help determine priorities for the development of library services. The Board is working this fall to develop a new strategic plan of goals and objectives to guide the administration and staff.

The financial problems of the State reverberated through the Connecticut library community this spring when the Governor presented a budget with deep cuts in the infrastructure that supports inter-library cooperation. WPL staff members, board members, and users worked together to inform local legislators about the importance of these programs to their users, and most cuts were rescinded in the final budget.

In May, the Board established a new award to honor outstanding volunteers. The Coleman-Ives award is named in honor of Sally T. Coleman and Louise C. Ives, two extraordinary women whose service to the Library spans nearly 40 years. The inaugural recipient of this award is Peggy Zambano. Peggy has served on the Board since 2000, and co-chaired the successful Expansion Fundraising Committee. She currently chairs the Library Development Committee. Through her efforts, the Book Seller used book store is a great success, raising money for the Library and providing Wallingford with an excellent source of used books.

We thank the Board of Managers, Library Staff, Library users, and the Town of Wallingford for their hard work, patronage and support. We look forward to working with all of you again next year to ensure that the community earns a superior return on its investment in its Library.

*Gerald Reid*  
President, Board of Managers

*Leslie Scherer*  
Library Director

## Library Collection

Holdings	Total
Books	210,218
Audiobooks	3756
Compact Discs	8932
DVDs	8221
Videocassettes	6074
CD-ROM	260
Databases	17

## Library Use

Wallingford Borrowers	34,223
Items Borrowed	
Books & Magazines	321,449
DVDs/Videos	240,359
Audio	80,767
Other	3,669
Total	646,244
Public Internet Usage	100,000
Interlibrary Loan Activity	69,371
Reference Transactions	70,000
Online Renewals & Reserves	115,132
Program Attendance	20,000

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