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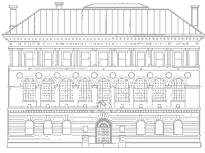
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“The Library is essential to the Ironbound community and I am more than a little pleased that we have such a wonderful resource in our neighborhood.” Anthony



A Message from the Director

Continuing challenges resulted from last year's significant budget reductions, but the City's decision to keep our funding stable at the 2010 level made it possible for us to continue to provide library services. With a smaller staff, hours had to be reduced and the Roseville Branch had to be closed, yet our dedicated staff members managed the difficult situation with grace.

As our attrition policy remained in effect, everyone took on added responsibilities in order to offer vital services. Those services included hundreds of programs for children and adults, internet access at the Main Library and in the branches, job and career assistance, nearly 200,000 reference transactions, spectacular exhibits and displays, and numerous other activities.

A substantial award from the Community Development Block Grant Recovery program enabled us to add a much-needed ramp to the entrance at Main Library. Designed to complement the facade of the building, the ADA compliant ramp has eased access for many of our patrons. The grant also funded similar improvements to accessibility throughout the branch system.

We were also honored to receive a major grant from the PNC Foundation for financial education for preschoolers. Working with their already highly successful Grow Up Great project, we began to provide programming to young children throughout Newark to establish a base for lifelong fiscal wisdom and responsibility.

Finally, the Library administration and staff were delighted that trustee and longtime Library supporter, Timothy J. Crist, Ph.D., took on a new leadership role as President of the Board of Trustees. We also welcomed Claudia Granados as our newest Board member.

All in all, 2011 was an exciting and productive year, largely due to the efforts of our wonderful staff. To quote Dr. Crist, "There are no finer public servants—in the full sense of the phrase—than the staff of the Newark Public Library."

Please discover the highlights of our successes in the pages that follow.

As always, we thank you for your support of the Newark Public Library and hope that you will visit us soon.

Sincerely,



Wilma J. Grey
Director, The Newark Public Library

"The Library is the only reliable place that we can go to check out books to read with our children, where they can surf the net if they have no computers at home."

“The Library is very useful because when I have a project I come here and I get a

Youth Services

The Library instilled a love of reading and fostered literacy by offering books, activities, and programs for children and teens during the year. Staff helped students to take advantage of our many resources for homework help and research, and engaged children with story times, arts and crafts, and games.

The Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge

The Prudential Foundation generously supported a six-week program to encourage Newark’s children to read to prevent summer learning loss. Award-winning musicians Beth and Scott Bierko entertained at the Challenge kick-off. Library staff coordinated twice-a-day activities in keeping with the themes “One World, Many Stories” (for ages 5 through 12) and “You Are Here” for teens.

Educational and fun programs included *Didgeridoo Down Under* which combined music, puppetry, and character building in an Australian-themed program; and interactive workshops from the Essex County Environmental Center about plants and animals.

College Prep and College Fairs at the Springfield Branch

Volunteers at the Springfield Branch offered free college preparatory classes that included SAT and HSPA review to high school juniors and seniors. They ran college essay writing workshops and helped students to complete their college applications and personal statements. They also helped students apply for scholarships and register for financial aid. In addition, the Springfield Branch hosted representatives from various colleges and universities at their on-site college fairs.



Clara Wilson and Sandra Jones with Springfield branch Summer Reading award winners at the closing ceremony

Additional Programs

The Library screened the following films for the Youth Cinema portion of the **Newark Black Film Festival**: *James Armistead*, *Uncle Jed’s Barbershop*, *Finding Lincoln*, *Caribbean: The Chief and the Carpenter*, and *Panchita the Prairie Dog*.

Children and their families were treated to “travel around the world” with various programs such as *Stories in Motion—One World, Many Stories* with Ralston Morris, professional storyteller. Encore Performing Arts, Inc. presented *Calypso Jam-O-Rama*, an exploration of mento, calypso, and reggae music. The musical duo Taino presented *Gracias a La Vida: Thanksgiving Around the World and Caribbean Holiday*.

The Library partnered with the Puerto Rican Heritage Statewide Parade of NJ to sponsor the annual Youth Essay Contest.

Programs for teens included Digital Story Telling, World Games On-Line, and Get Your Gaming on @ NPL.



Summer Reading kick-off with Library mascot, Corky

good grade. Also when I need help you guys help me with whatever I need.”

“I love the Newark Public Library, it feels like home & the librarians remember my fave books.”

Financial Education for Preschoolers

On April 13, the PNC Foundation held a press conference at the Library to announce For Me, For You, For Later, a new component to their already successful, Grow Up Great program. Special guests Elmo and Cookie Monster entertained children from the Newark Preschool Council who came for the special activities of the day. Jim Rohr, chairman and CEO of PNC, and Gary Knell, president and CEO of Sesame Workshop, announced a grant of \$305,694 to the Newark Public Library to support financial education for preschoolers.

On September 26, over 200 preschoolers attended the Library’s launch of the eighteen-month financial education initiative. With a goal of reaching 7,500 children, the project includes outreach to schools and live performances for the Main Library and every branch.



Newark preschoolers at the PNC Foundation press conference

Staff visits to local preschool and daycare centers provided children ages three to five with story times and interactive activities. Every child received a bilingual PNC kit and three plastic jars to encourage saving, sharing and spending. The PNC Grow Up Great Financial Education Collection, available at all Newark Public Library locations, has books and other materials focused on financial concepts, in English and Spanish. The Library hosted a series of performances for preschoolers and their families with musicians Beth & Scott Bierko and Friends and storyteller Julie Pasqual.



Beth & Scott Bierko and Friends help kick off Financial Education for Preschoolers at the Library.

“The Library is SO helpful! I come here for all my assignments.

Collections and Services

Through the NJWorks@yourlibrary® initiative, job seekers gained access to the *Career Transitions* and the *Job and Career Accelerator* databases for assistance with resume preparation, job hunting and interviewing skills, and millions of job listings. NJWorks also provided Job Readiness Computer Skills Workshops to our public. Reference staff updated and distributed job information handouts.

The Reference Division added the database Standard & Poor's *NetAdvantage*, a major business resource that provides access to stock prices as well as to bond reports, the *Register of Corporations*, company profiles, and industry surveys.

Due to budget reductions, the staff had to make difficult decisions about collection development and was forced to cut standing orders. Fortunately, however, librarians were able to buy materials for designated collections using the generous donations to our endowment funds.

Staff ordered materials on healthy living for children and adults with money received from the New Jersey State Library as part of the Salton Inc. anti-trust suit.

Special Services staff offered beginner and intermediate American Sign Language classes.



Kurt Landsberger donated over 2,000 postcards of early 20th century Essex County buildings and landscapes to the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center (CFCNJIC).

Donald M. Karp donated 1,000 annual reports from banks as well as the funds to catalog them. This collection is now accessible in the CFCNJIC.

For the first time, adults were invited to participate in The Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme was "Novel Destinations."

Book displays at the Main Library included Paranormal Detectives, National Poetry Month, and What Makes Wall Street Run?

The Special Collections Division welcomed groups and individuals interested in the Library's collections

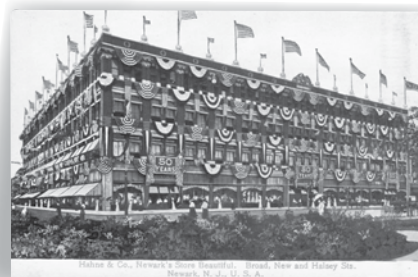
of artists' books, rare books, prints, posters, autographs, shopping bags, fine press publications, and Ukiyo-e and ehon (Japanese woodblock prints and books). The Division loaned fine prints to the African American Museum of Philadelphia for the exhibition, *Free to Be: The Artistry & Impact of African Americans*

in Paris, 1900–1940), and posters to the Morris Museum for the exhibition, *Jersey Rocks: A History of Rock and Roll in the Garden State*.

With grant funding, staff in the CFCNJIC organized and cataloged many archival collections. These documents are now accessible in CLAVIS, the Library's public online catalog.

The Reference Division continued to offer back-up reference service in all subject areas for libraries throughout New Jersey.

Postcard of Hahne's Department Store in Newark, from the collections of the Charles F. Cummings NJ Information Center, donated by Kurt Landsberger



“The passion you feel for your work always shines through. Thanks so much for the quality reference work Newark Public Library always provides.” Peggy

It's such an important place."

Exhibits

"The Library
allows me to
escape the
stresses of my
life and explore
other worlds."
Zoraida

Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times on loan from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. A display of items from the Library's Special Collections Division complemented the exhibit.

The Ironbound Series, photographs and mixed media by New Jersey artist Betty Guernsey

A Lifetime of Giving:
The William J. Dane Fine Print Collection

Program: Reception to honor
William J. Dane and celebrate the exhibit

For Decoration and Agitation: An Exhibition
of Stencil and Pochoir Books and Art

B-Boys and Butterflies:
The Stencil Art of Jerry Gant

Programs: "An Evening with Jerry Gant"
presented by the Friends of the Newark
Public Library, and Stencil Workshop
with Jerry Gant and Friends



above: Jerry Gant speaks at the Friends annual meeting.

below: Fine prints on view during
A Lifetime of Giving exhibit



"You see, books do not discriminate against the reader. They do not ask the color of your skin, your religious beliefs or financial status. They simply ask to be opened and enjoyed." Campbell

Programs

A regular schedule of programs, special events, and exhibits highlights the diversity of both the Library's collections and the communities that it serves.



7th Principle Dance & Drum Ensemble

Black History Celebration

"We are a Dancing People—The History of Black Dance from Then until Now" paid tribute, through an exhibit and programs, to the exuberance and grace of black dance from its origins in African villages to its incorporation into mass culture and Broadway shows.

The opening reception featured jazz by the Sherry Winston Trio and African dance by the 7th Principle Dance & Drum Ensemble. Speakers were photographer Mansa K. Mussa and Cheryl Willis Hudson, author of the children's book *My Friend Maya Loves to Dance*.

Other programs included:

Egypt and other dances by the Daughters of Hetheru

Journey into Africa—songs and dances from Senegal to Soweto by the Okra Dance Company

Liturgical dance by Armor Bearers for Christ, St. James AME Church in Newark

Sonia Sanchez, acclaimed poet

A talk by Baruti Kafele, Principal of Newark Technical High School, on how to motivate young African American males

Annual African American Read-In, featuring South Ward leaders

Inaugural meeting of the W.E.B. DuBois Reading Circle—Their first book was *The Making of African America: the Four Great Migrations* by Ira Berlin.

The exhibit and programs were made possible by a generous grant from the PNC Foundation.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

"Journey from Aztlán: Mexican Heritage New Jerseyans" recognized the history and cultural traditions of Mexico and examined the presence and contributions of Mexican heritage New Jerseyans. The exhibit presented original artwork by contemporary Mexican-American artists in the tri-state area, as well as original prints by celebrated Mexican artists from the Newark Public Library's Special Collections. The opening reception featured keynote speaker Felipe Galindo (Feggo), renowned Mexican fine artist, cartoonist, and animator. Mariachi Oro de México performed.

Other programs included:

Dancing across Mexico, a performance by Calpulli Danza Mexicana

Screening and discussion of documentaries, part of the US/Mexico Interdependent Film Series on immigration and related issues: *Los Que se Quedan/Those Who Remain*, *Cronicas de Manhatitlán/ The Manhatitlán Chronicles*, *Subterraneans: Norteña Music in New York*, and *The Manhatitlán Codex*

A workshop on traditional Mexican crafts and a performance of Aztec dances by Calpulli Huehuetlatolli as part of the The Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos celebration

Fiesta by Emilio Amero. Color lithograph. Newark Public Library's Fine Print Collection.



“I live for my Wednesday night knit and crochet club. We call ourselves the Bergen Crafters!” Karen

Author Appearances

Eyes of the Innocent, Brad Parks

Midnight and the Meaning of Love, Sister Souljah (Harlem Book Fair event)

Brickettes: Tales and Poems from New Ark, Stanley E. Terrell

Fingerprint, Earl “The Street Doctor” Best

Kill or Be Killed, Anasa Maat

Literature and History

A memorial for Stanley B. Winters (1929-2011) included speakers Walter Chambers, Robert Curvin, Nadaline Dworkin, Douglas Eldridge, Kenneth Gibson, Warren Grover, and Anthony Schuman. The commemoration was co-sponsored by the Newark History Society, Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee, NJIT, and the Library.

Many Voices, One Newark: Writing from Culture and Context with authors Benilde Little, Kal Wagenheim, Moody Holiday, Marc Curtis Little, and Anasa Maat, was co-sponsored by Rutgers University-Newark, NJIT, Essex County College Africana Institute, Harlem Book Fair-Newark, and the Library.

The Living Abe Lincoln—a reenactment

Lincoln and Newark presented by Harold Holzer, Lincoln Scholar and Chairman of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and Thomas McCabe, lecturer, Rutgers University-Newark, was co-sponsored by the Newark History Society

Gary James poetry program

Community Interest

Natural Disaster Preparedness and Awareness workshop (organized by the Muhammad Mosque No. 25, Newark and co-sponsored with the Library)

Community Foreclosure Education workshops (Newark/Essex Foreclosure Taskforce)

The Special Services Room offered adoption information sessions with DYFS.

The Library hosted live performances of both the Zawadi African Dance Troupe and the Newark School of the Arts Hip Hop Dance Troupe, as part of the citywide GoNewark Hoopfest celebration.

Both Clinton and North End branches ran very successful knit and crochet clubs.

EnGendering Justice: Women’s Cross Cultural Prison Narratives

Film screenings: *What I Want My Words to Do to You* by Eve Ensler, *Freedom Road* by Lorna Ann Johnston, and *Miss Gulag*

Book discussion: *Memoirs from the Women’s Prison* by Nawal El Saadawi presented by Dr. Fawzia Afzal-Khan, MSU Distinguished Scholar

Panel Discussion with: Nawal El Saadawi, author of *Memoirs from the Women’s Prison*; Barbara Harlow, author of *Resistance Literature*; Megan Sweeney, author of *Reading Is My Window: Books and the Art of Reading in Women’s Prisons*; and Michele Lise Tarter, author of *Shakedown: Reflections on Teaching in a Maximum Security Women’s Prison*

Organized by Montclair State University’s Women and Gender Studies Program and Department of Justice Studies; made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Health

Mental Health and the Latino Community co-sponsored by NAMI NJ en Español (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and the Library, Educational Workshop Series Topics: Achieving Our Personal Goals, Stress, Young People and Mental Health, Problem-Solving Skills, and Depression and ADHD

Beyond The Eyes:
4th Annual Open House

Music

Old Fashioned One Night Song Revival: Remembering Thomas Dorsey and Other Legends

Gospel Day with Newark’s senior citizens

Revolución, Independencia e Inmigración (Peruvian Independence Celebration)

Traditions of Peru Cultural Group

Teen Gospel Talent Night

Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society

Led by Dorothea M. Moore, the F.E.W. Harper Literary Society has been offering book discussions and programs on the theme of the African Diaspora since 1987. This year’s special programs included speaker Lawrence Hamm presenting *This Far by Faith!*; *The Return of Voices of the Poets, Open Mike for the Community*; and a screening of *Eyes on the Prize: The Time Has Come (1964-1966)*.

Support for the Library

Library Construction and Renovations

The long-awaited Main Library Front Entrance Access Project was completed in the spring. Designed by the architectural firm of Johnson Jones Architects Planners, Inc., the two granite ADA accessible walkways flanking the doorway blend seamlessly with the historic building. Speakers at the June 22 ribbon cutting program for the addition included Council President Donald Payne, Jr.; HUD's Newark Regional Office Director, Diane Johnson; and William Elmore, a West Ward resident and activist for the elderly and disabled who has been an advocate for the Main Library's ramp for the last several years. Newark Council members Mildred Crump, Carlos Gonzalez, Anibal Ramos Jr., and Darrin S. Sharif attended the ceremony. They were joined by Cynthia DeSouza, an advocate for the disabled and a former Ms. Wheelchair NJ, and a host of other disability advocates and Library friends.

These renovations as well as ADA accessibility projects at Branch Brook, Clinton, and Roseville were completed in 2011 with a 1.4 million dollar Community Development Block Recovery grant (CDBG-R) that the Library received in 2010. Funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Newark. Interior renovations at Main Library (also funded by the CDBG-R grant) continued from 2010 with new carpet in the James Brown African American Room and third floor of the Main Library, and wiring for additional computers.

Mr. Elmore and guests inaugurate the new ramp.



Friends of the HRIC

The Friends of the HRIC, chaired by José R. Acevedo, presented their 2011 Awards Dinner, Building on Our Latino Roots, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, on May 4, 2011. The honorees were Ivonne Díaz-Claisse, Ph.D.; Eric Muñoz, M.D. (posthumous); and Javier Robles, J.D. for the María De Castro Blake Community Service Awards, and Casto Maldonado for the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Newark Public Library received the Outstanding Institutional Support Award, and Olga Jiménez Wagenheim, Ph.D. and Ingrid Betancourt received the Founders Award. Formerly the NJHRIC Support Network, the FoHRIC is now a nonprofit entity working in support of the Library and the NJHRIC (New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center).

The Friends of the Newark Public Library

The Friends, led by President Carol Jenkins-Cooper, presented a special fund-raising tribute, Newark Songbirds: Jazz through the Years, featuring Lady CiCi, Yvette Glover, Denise Hamilton, Cynthia Holiday, Carrie Jackson, Jacki Jones, Antoinette Montague, Pam Purvis, and Pat Tandy with the Radam Schwartz Trio. Barbara Kukla, former editor of the *Star-Ledger's Newark This Week*, chaired the event.

The Friends began the Titles for Teens fundraising campaign with the goal of adding 2,011 books to the Library's collections for teens and preteens. Through the success of this campaign, along with the proceeds of their 20th Annual Book Sale, they were able to contribute \$10,000 towards the purchase of these materials.



Maureen Hester,
Campbell Hester,
and Mayor
Cory Booker

Restricted Grants

The Library secures restricted grants that offset the cost of programs, services, and materials which would not otherwise be funded through our annual city appropriated budget.

County of Essex—\$5,000 for 2011 Hispanic Heritage Celebration

County of Essex—\$2,000 for 2012 Hispanic Heritage Celebration

William J. Dane—\$3,000 for collection development, visual arts collection

Friends of the HRIC—\$3,000 collection development for La Sala Hispanoamericana

Friends of the Newark Public Library—\$10,000 for teen collections

New Jersey Historical Commission—\$65,000 for general operating support

New Jersey Historical Commission—\$3,000 for the 2011 Hispanic Heritage Celebration

New Jersey Historical Commission—\$14,945 for cataloging of Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center archival materials

PNC Foundation—\$25,000 for the Black History Celebration

PNC Foundation—\$305,694 for Grow Up Great Financial Education

Prudential Foundation—\$20,000 for the Summer Reading Challenge

Charles E. Thenen Foundation—\$5,000 for the Academic Support Program, Springfield Branch

New Jersey State Library—\$11,049 collection development, healthy living

Booked for the Evening

Eighth grade student Campbell Hester was the special guest speaker at Booked for the Evening. This fundraising gala dinner for 225 guests was held on November 3 at Nanina's in the Park. Dinner Chairman was Francis J. Giantomasi, Esq., of the firm Genova, Burns and Giantomasi.

Honorees were Dr. and Mrs. Victor Parsonnet, Special Recognition for Individual Support; PNC, Special Recognition for Corporate Support; Kurt Landsberger, Bel-Art Products, Inc., Special Recognition for Community Service; and Carol Duncan, author and educator, President's Award.

Proceeds of over \$165,000 benefitted the Library's Annual Fund Campaign.



Dr. Robert Curvin (far right) presents the Special Recognition for Individual Support Award to Dr. & Mrs. Parsonnet.



Library Director Wilma Grey presents the Special Recognition for Corporate Support Award to Linda Bowden, Northern New Jersey Regional President, PNC.

“Love my favorite Public Library!” Miguel

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It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge our donors who have contributed to our 2011 Annual Fund Campaign or to one of our many restricted funds. Their support is essential to our success! For further information on making a donation, please visit the Library's website at www.npl.org.

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Awards and Accomplishments



Klutsis, for *Avant-Garde Art and Everyday Life*. He was also a speaker on a Book Culture Studies panel at the national convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

Curt Idrogo was appointed to the NJ State Library's Business Information Task Force.

Paula Baratta served as Exhibits Chairperson for the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) Conference Committee.

Nadine Sergejeff co-presented "Hard Times: Library Service for the Disadvantaged" at NJLA's Annual Conference. She also spoke about social media and using Drupal for website design at the LibraryLink NJ Continuing Education Task Force forum.

Heidi Cramer co-chaired the NJLA Publications Committee.

Deloris Moses and Paul Volpe received certificates of appreciation from Councilman Ras J. Baraka for their participation in the "South Ward Reads!" literacy program.

Leslie Kahn spoke at the NJLA Adult Services Forum on: "Librarians Do That?: the Expanding Roles of Reference Librarians."

Jared Ash contributed an essay on the Library's Artists' Book Collection to *Central Booking* and wrote an essay on Russian artist, Gustav

Rekha Gandhi served as a judge in a NJ State Library-run contest for "Best Practices in Early Literacy."

The Library received a certificate of appreciation from the Rutgers School of Social Work in recognition of its valuable contributions to the Transitions for Youth Summer Housing and Internship program.

Margaret George and Sandra L. West received resolutions from the City of Newark at the Annual Literacy Recognition Dinner.

Adya Beasley of *The Star-Ledger* won an NJLA Journalism award for her video of the 24 hour read-in at City Hall.

Barry Carter of *The Star-Ledger* won an NJLA Journalism award for his article about Newark Library branch closings.

The NJLA selected our advocate group, Friends of Newark Libraries Unite, for a 2011 Library Service Award.

"In this economy, on a tight budget, 95% of what I read is from the Newark Public Library. I conduct job searches, post resumes and attend some of the most informative public programs in Newark." Debra

Facts and Figures

Patron Visits	446,037
Circulation	259,270
Questions Answered	185,176
Computer Use Sessions	163,420
Library Card Registration	10,029
Items Cataloged	13,987

Programs (Library and Community Organization sponsored)

Programs/Attendance	1,460/29,177
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These statistics reflect the effect of the previous year's budget cuts and consequent reductions in branches and services.



Financial Summary

Support and Revenues

City of Newark Allocation	\$11,248,308
State Library Aid	219,255
Donations	370,765
Grant Related Revenue	789,333
E-rate reimbursements	262,360
Designated Fund Growth	147,155
Investment Income	51,012
Fines and Fees	52,268
Other	12,612
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	\$13,153,068

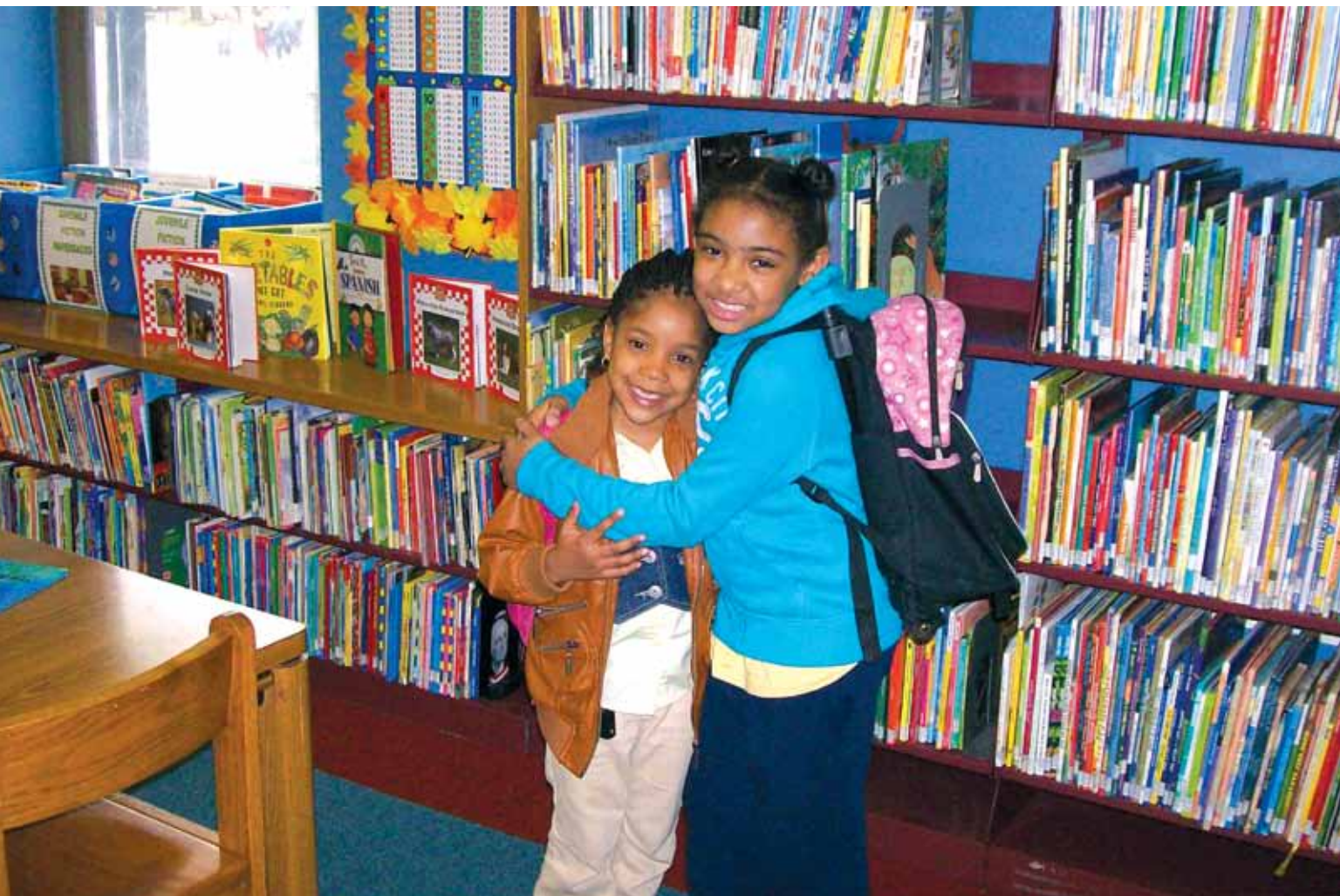
Expenditures

Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,544,448
Payroll Taxes & Employee Benefits	3,003,381
General & Administrative	360,485
Services by Contract	2,234,184
Books & Library Materials	374,901
Capital Expense	626,748
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,144,147

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