

2008 in Review



Population Served	23,000
Library Cardholders	10,115
Library Visitors	174,334
Computer Classes	90
Computer Sessions	18,636
Program Attendance	9,030
Materials Checked Out	115,000
Materials Owned	113,039
Adult Books	58,167
Children's Books	38,620
Teen Books	4,787
DVDs	1,906
Videos	2,376
Audiobooks	2,983
Magazine Titles	4,200 issues

LEMONT Public Library District

50 E. Wend Street
630-257-6541

Mon. - Thurs.	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT



Serving Lemont since 1929.

Residents of all ages can find free resources to meet their educational, informational and entertainment needs at Lemont Public Library.

In these difficult economic times, the free resources, services and access to technology that the library provides are more valuable than ever. We are open 7 days a week to meet the needs of our residents. We invite you to visit us at 50 E. Wend Street and check out all the library has to offer.

*Now, more than ever, the library is a great bargain
for your tax dollar!*

Access to Technology:

The library has a strong commitment to providing free access to technology. We offer:

- Online access 24/7 through the library's website. Reserve materials to pick up at the library, use research databases, online homework help, download audio and video, check the status of your library account and more.
- 30 computers for public use with internet, Microsoft Office applications and more.
- Free WIFI
- Web Printing - allows printing from home or from your laptop or PDA directly to the library's printers.
- Computer classes, from basic to advanced, at no cost.

Updated, Inviting Facilities:

In 2008, we remodeled and expanded the teen section with funding provided in part by the Illinois State Library. The area features new carpeting, paint, furniture and shelving to create an inviting, spacious area that Lemont teens can enjoy.

A “Teen Tech Zone” was created with the addition of seven new computers reserved exclusively for teen use.

Teens can browse the expanded fiction offerings, use our new computers for online projects and work with other teens on homework assignments.



In the Children’s section, we rearranged shelving to improve access to materials, installed new carpeting and painted the storytime room in bright new colors.

The library has two study rooms and a large meeting room available for Lemont residents and non-profit community groups to reserve. The meeting room will be updated this spring with new carpet and paint.

Programs for all ages:

The library provides a wide variety of free programs and events. In 2008, we introduced greatly expanded programming choices for teens and adults. Gaming, crafts and book discussions are just a few of the new program options for teens. Popular programs for adults cover a wide range of topics ranging from history, travel, cooking to photography, musical performances and more. Programs and contests encourage an enjoyment of reading at all stages of life.

Looking to the future

This year, the Library Board is embarking on a long-range planning process to help meet the needs of Lemont residents in the future. We will be inviting citizens to join an advisory committee to provide input on their needs and concerns.

We are monitoring the availability of stimulus funds and have a “shovel-ready” construction project for a \$4 million addition to the library that will be presented to state officials for consideration. This expansion would provide additional seating and study areas, a computer lab for training, and display and shelving space. It would also provide much-needed construction jobs that would benefit our local economy.

We are upgrading our technology infrastructure to better serve the needs of our residents. We recently hired a highly experienced Technology Manager to oversee the improvement and expansion of our technology services. We will be installing a computer reservation system in the near future and hope to upgrade the library meeting room to provide teleconferencing services to the public and community groups.

We will also expand technology training with hands-on classes in using electronic databases for business, genealogy and research purposes as well as workshops on technology-related topics such as digital photography, selling online, and website design.

