

Message from the Director

I get tired of using sentences with the words “tough economy” or “tight budget” and I know you are tired of hearing those phrases. So let me talk about how appreciative the members of the library staff are for the support of our public.



You come to the library every day we are open to borrow books, to attend story times or author presentations, to read magazines and newspapers, to use the Internet computer stations, to do research and ask us questions, to spend some time in a (relatively) quiet place. You fill our survey box with suggestions, comments and philosophical thoughts. (I read every single one of them and share with staff—and sometimes we listen!) You value your library.

That means a lot to me and to my staff. We will continue to work hard for you. That’s a promise.

Brian Soneda

City of Mount Vernon

Bud Norris, Mayor

2010 Library Board of Trustees

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Library Hours

Monday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holidays

The Library is closed on the following holidays:

New Years Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Presidents’ Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans’ Day
Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

2010 Annual Report



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Message from the Board Chair

On behalf of the Mount Vernon City Library Trustees, I would like to express my greatest appreciation to the Mount Vernon City Library staff for their ongoing dedication to doing their best with a lot less funds allocated to the Library budget for 2010.



2010 Highlights

- ◆ Sonya Beard, Community benefactor, made a pledge of \$500,000 as a “lead gift” to start a capital campaign for new library in Mount Vernon.
- As a result of Ms. Beard’s gift, it was possible to create the new Mount Vernon Library Foundation.
- ◆ Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements with Burlington and Anacortes were followed in 2010 with a similar agreement with Sedro-Woolley.
- ◆ The Library had another tremendously successful Summer Reading Program in 2010, with 1,079 participants, up from 896 in 2009.
- ◆ A range of adult cultural programs were put in place: Picturing America, author readings, Family Game Night.
- ◆ The bilingual family story time in the evenings has been getting more attendance and reaches out to working families.
- ◆ The Library’s downloadable audio books were put in place. The Li-

brary has to constantly be looking at new ways of delivering information to a variety of users.

- ◆ The part-time teen services assistant has done great programs with teens including poetry open mic, continued writer’s group, game nights and Do-It-Yourself crafts.
- ◆ The Internet access computers are always in use by people who often don’t have a computer at home. New resume writing software was added (part of the Renew WA grant). The ERCs (electronic resource computers) which don’t have time limits allow people to access their school work or job searching.
- ◆ The Library, along with other public libraries in Skagit County, partnered with regional performing arts groups in 2010 productions, including Annie (with META Performing Arts). Big! (with Theatre Arts Guild) and the Family Concert (with Skagit Symphony).
- ◆ Two successful Book Sales were held by the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library. We as the Trustee Board appreciate them strongly for their constant support of library programs and events.

Marija Anderson



A huge crowd came to Hillcrest Park for a Summer-Reading performance by the ever-popular Reptile Man.

2010 SERVICE MEASURES

Days open	298
Items circulated	398,035
Items used in the library	55,989
Items in collection	87,524
Withdrawn or missing	9,324
Library attendance	202,653
Program attendance	13,409
Internet terminal customers	3,376
Summer Reading participants	1,079

2010 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2010 Library Budget	1,192,561
Revenue	
(beginning fund equity)	\$71,280
(from property taxes)	\$1,009,981
(from fines and forfeits)	\$34,400
(from charges for services)	\$29,200
(from Skagit County)	\$17,500
(misc)	\$30,200

