

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY LIBRARY

Mission Statement

The Glendale Public Library provides services, materials and activities to enrich life, foster literacy, inspire intellectual curiosity and stimulate the imagination.

Department Description

To achieve the library's primary mission the staff maintains high standards of service and professionalism and is dedicated to contributing to Glendale's quality of life by meeting the ongoing and changing needs of the community.

Through its many services the library encourages adult and early childhood literacy and serves as a vital civic center and community gathering place for long time and newly arrived residents.

Library staff serves the public at Central Library, six branch libraries, Brand Art and Music Library and Art Center, and a bookmobile that provides service to schools, housing projects and senior living facilities.

Relationship to City Strategic Goals

Education, Knowledge, & Literacy

The library provides comprehensive high quality educational opportunities for all segments of the community by providing enriched life-long learning opportunities. By providing high quality, engaging libraries actively used by the public, the library fosters a community that reads and has a high level of literacy, has high community participation in education, and has businesses engaged in education and workforce development.

Arts & Culture

The library provides a rich variety of arts and cultural experiences and promotes education and participation in the arts throughout the community by providing access to quality arts experiences and diverse art and entertainment venues: (theatres, galleries, museums, literary events, community festivals and public art) not sure the last part is needed
The library supports local artists and organizations by initiating and hosting special events to promote local arts and culture.

Community Planning & Character

The library supports a high aesthetic quality for the city by providing a number of educational/outreach programs for historic and cultural preservation including tours, courses, lectures, and events. In addition the Central Library houses the Special Collections room which is a treasure trove of historical materials for the city.

Community Services & Facilities

The library provides community services and facilities that are accessible and tailored to the diverse needs of the community by providing facilities that are economically, culturally, and physically barrier free, providing excellent customer service, and providing facilities that are well designed and maintained and geographically located in places of greatest need.

Diversity

The library supports a community that values, celebrates and engages the City's rich diversity by providing multi-lingual materials and services for public use and by providing special events that recognize and celebrate Glendale's diversity.

Major Accomplishments

In fiscal year 2008, the library provided new types of programming including Spanish language computer classes and Armenian, Spanish, and Farsi children's story times.

Staffing Changes: There was a net decrease of one FTE from the fiscal year 2009 revised budget. This position was in the Literacy section of the department. Reallocations that were approved during the 2009 fiscal year are detailed within the division descriptions.

Changes from Prior Year

Budget Changes: Changes in the Department's budget from fiscal year 2009 revised budget is attributable to the elimination of a vacant position in the Literacy section of the department and reductions to the M&O budget for printing and graphics.

Organizational/Program Changes: The completed Snapshot project's budget was eliminated this year creating a reduction to the M&O budget for the department. This was a one-time increase to our budget. This year with the elimination of the Literacy Services Coordinator position, there will be some reorganization and reduction in services in the literacy department.

LIBRARY - GENERAL FUND			
	Actual Expenditures 2007-08	Original Budget 2008-09	Proposed Budget 2009-10
Salaries & Benefits	6,274,756	6,473,633	6,400,231
Maintenance & Operations	2,043,495	1,808,531	1,808,351
Capital Outlay	33,512	134,250	-
Total Appropriations	8,351,762	8,416,414	8,208,582

LIBRARY - OTHER FUND			
	Actual Expenditures 2007-08	Original Budget 2008-09	Proposed Budget 2009-10
Salaries & Benefits	129,880	171,137	177,750
Maintenance & Operations	341,153	224,750	273,735
Total Appropriations	471,033	395,887	451,485

Future Outlook

The library is proactively working with other City departments on several Citywide cost reduction strategies, on finding funding and support opportunities in the Federal Stimulus package, and on reassessing and

reprioritizing services to assist our community in these difficult economic times. The Library is continuing to enlarge its popular materials collection in recognition of patrons' limited resources and desire for free entertainment options.