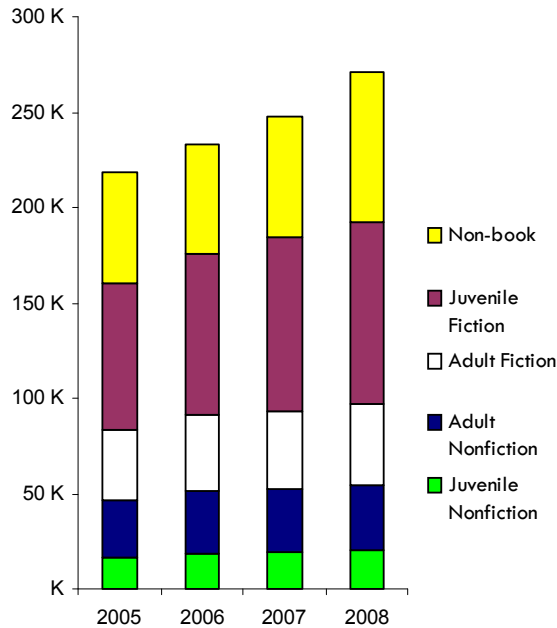


## By the Numbers

**Upper Dublin Cardholders: 10,404**

### MAIN LIBRARY CIRCULATION



### MAIN LIBRARY STATISTICS

	2006	2007	2008
Days Open	350	353	355
Circulation	233,041	247,865	270,993
Total Visits	153,317	164,005	179,904
Collection Size	104,438	107,593	110,078
Reference Questions	6,204	7,387	6,597
Weekly Computer Users	609	770	1,025
Website Hits	115,430	141,493	175,456

Most 2008 Visits	Wed, July 23	932
Most Items Checked Out in 2008	Tues, Sept 2	1,576

Collection Items (UD & NH)	
Added in 2008	Withdrawn in 2008
Books: 10,819	Books: 9,692
Audio/Visual: 2,364	Audio/Visual: 492

See the library's 2004-2009 Long Range Plan:

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## Upper Dublin Public Library

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### Our Mission

The mission of the Upper Dublin Public Library is to satisfy the informational, intellectual and cultural needs of all township residents by providing materials, programs and services that enrich people's lives. We accomplish this mission by ensuring:

- A welcoming environment
- Knowledgeable staff
- Fiscally responsible oversight

### Friends of the Library

The Friends is a non-profit, volunteer group whose purpose is to stimulate public interest in the library and purchase those desirable extras that tax dollars do not cover. With their generous support, 2,294 people enjoyed 46 of Upper Dublin Public Library's programs in 2008. The Friends also funded the Summer Reading Club brochures and co-sponsored the library's 75th anniversary newsletter. The Friends raised \$12,328 from the ongoing book sale and \$5,711 in memberships. Visitors can help support the Friends by purchasing their new eco-friendly book bags for \$2/each.



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## 2008: The Year in Review

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# 2008 Year in Review

## From the Director

In 2008, we said goodbye to the library's card catalog. You remember—the wooden cabinets with little cards that told you where to find a book. Although this card catalog has been obsolete for the last decade when the library's catalog went online, the removal of something as historically fundamental as THE card catalog deserves



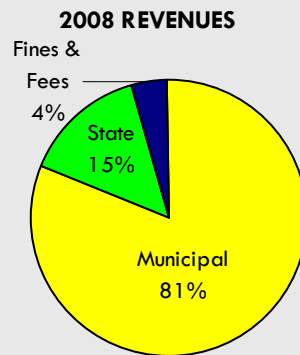
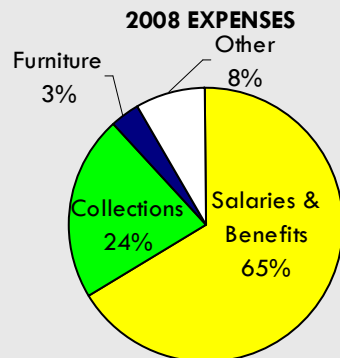
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mention. In its place, you will now find two study carrels. While most people still come here to find a book, many people also come here to use our comfortable and functional furniture such as carrels for quiet study or tables for group projects.

Over the last several years, you may have noticed other changes—shelves added or chairs rearranged—all in an effort to better accommodate our visitors. The library staff and I stretched and squeezed what we could out of our current space until it became clear that we needed help. What do we need to do to meet the community's growing needs? With Library Services and Technology Act funds administered by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, the library embarked on a Facilities Planning project. We thank the hundreds of you who helped us begin thinking about our current and future needs by participating in various surveys. What we've learned is that while our card catalog may be out of date, library services are more fashionable than ever before. We'll keep you posted!

-Cherilyn P. Fiory

## Finances



## Highlights

### In 2008, we improved your library experience by:

- expanding the teen section to make room for more seating, computers, and shelving.
- moving our popular paperback collection to a more visible location.
- adding endpanel displays in Adult Fiction to better highlight the collection.
- informing you of library news through a township-wide newsletter mailing. Look for future installments in the Parks & Recreation Leisure Guide.

### In 2008, we improved our technology services by:

- arranging a mobile classroom of laptops onsite for use at computer classes and teen programs.
- developing a teen-appropriate video game collection for check out.
- providing access to TumbleBook Library—ebooks for ekids—from our website.
- creating a presence on Facebook—become a Friend of the Upper Dublin Public Library today!

## Programming

In 2008, the library provided interactive educational and cultural programs for all ages. Our new Computer Classes for Beginners were a hit. Six new laptops allowed "classrooms" to be quickly set up and broken down wherever space was available. Programs for teens brought them right into the



Kay Klocko teaches a computer class



Experimenting during Science in the Summer

action—from a dance revolution to a cooking competition to a teen band showcase (co-sponsored with UD Parks & Rec). It was all learning by doing. Children journeyed to a new country every month with the library's Passport to the World program. And for families too busy during the week, the library started offering Saturday storytimes.

### 2008 UPPER DUBLIN & NORTH HILLS PROGRAMS

	Offered	Attendance
Children	370	9,523
Teen	114	1,476
Adult	90	786

## North Hills Community Library



Learning to rock with Guitar Hero

Monthly teen programs developed a dedicated following in 2008; average attendance was 14. Working with staff from the North Hills summer program, the Science in the Summer event had one of the best attendances ever. The Gates Foundation awarded funds to upgrade three public computers. Computer and leisure seating was replaced. Circulation in 2008 more than doubled from 2007, mostly due to increasing audio/visual collections.

### 2008 NORTH HILLS STATISTICS

Circulation	2,853	Collection Size	6,847
Visits	7,289	Questions	343