



Message from the Director

This past year, FY 2014/15, was a landmark year for the Huntington Beach Public Library – we celebrated 40 years of the Library in Central Park and had a wonderful celebration of the Library both then and now. Our Oak View Branch celebrated 20 years in the Oak View neighborhood, helping families and children grow and succeed.

The Library has done so much over the past 40 years – we have moved from albums, eight track tapes and card catalogs into the new digital era, with WiFi, tablets and online resources. One thing hasn't changed - we continue to work on new programs, projects and services, so that our residents have what they need to learn, grow and succeed. This annual report highlights our progress over the past year as we continue to work to make your library the best it can be.

The economy continues to slowly improve, and the Library's budget was stable with some additional funding for the collection and capital projects. We've expanded our digital collections and continue to work on updating and improving our physical collections.

Back in 1994, the Library was one of the first to have an automated book return and sorting system. This past year we were able to replace that old failed machine with a new state of the art system. Our new automated Book sorting and return system helps books get checked in faster and with greater accuracy, while helping us get the books back on the shelf faster, for the next reader.

We continue to have phenomenal Volunteer support for the Library, allowing us to offer more programs and services. We had over 2,400 events, meetings and programs going on during the year, including new Theater productions and new Children's programs.

Support from the Friends of the Library and the Friends of the Children's Library continue to make a major difference in the level of service we can provide. Both in support of new systems and buying new books, the Friends have allowed the library to purchase new materials and keep up with demand.

2016 looks to be equally busy and exciting as we look forward to our next 40 years in the Central Park.

Thank you to all library supporters, members and residents –

Sincerely,
Stephanie Beverage
Director of Library Services



The Huntington Beach Public Library and Cultural Center will be the transformational place at the heart of our City, where families come to share experiences, read and experiment and grow.



The Huntington Beach Public Library and Cultural Center welcomes, empowers and enriches our community by providing innovative and traditional library services that inspire and encourage transformation and growth.



- ~ Complete an initial wayfinding study for the library system.
- ~ Improve the overall Internet speed at all library locations to 1G through connection to the CalREN network.
- ~ Research and recommend to the City Council for consideration participation as a pilot location for the new statewide online high school program for adults to receive their high school diploma and enhance educational opportunities for the community



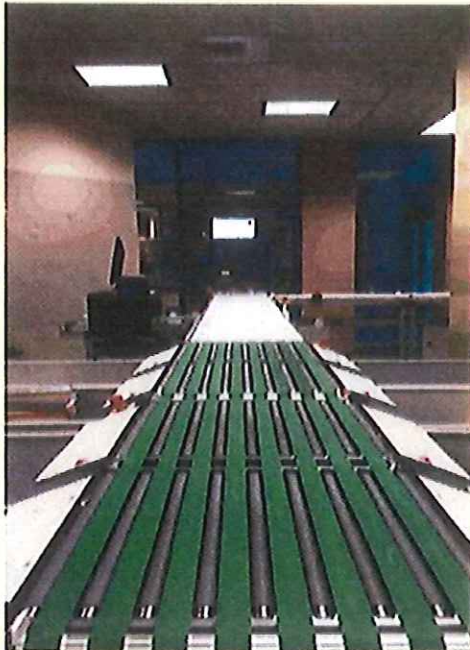
Innovative Programs

Expanded Digital Collections

We added more titles and continue to expand access to all kinds of digital formats. Over 40,000 digital items were circulated in 2014/15.

Automated Book Return

A new automated book return and sorting system was installed this year. the new system saves time and gets books back on the shelf faster.

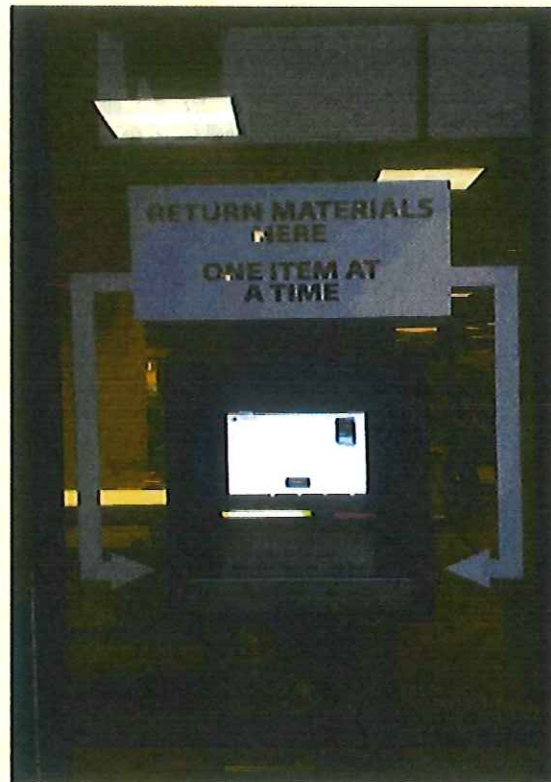


Workplace Literacy

Huntington Beach Literacy continued the onsite program for employees at local hotels. Classes to help hotel employees speak better English are offered at multiple locations.

Story Times

Story Times have been expanded throughout the week. Using established Early Literacy Development principles, story times help very young children develop crucial pre-literacy skills. Library staff are working on the 1,000 Books by Kindergarten Challenge.






the Golden Hub of Innovation

The Orange County Business Council presented the HBPL – Literacy Volunteers with an Honorable Mention in the Public-Private Partnership Category for the Workplace Literacy Program.

This program provides language skills to employees at two local hotels. The employees are able to attend class on work time to improve their English language skills.



THE HUB FOR
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The Huntington Beach Public Library received The Golden Hub of Innovation Award, presented by the Association of California Cities, Orange County, for the mobile Book Shack.

The Book Shack has been on multiple outings this year, including appearances and storytimes at the beach, the City Hall Business Expo and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



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Literacy Services

Literacy Volunteers

Huntington Beach Public Library reaches out to adults in the community who want to improve their English literacy skills. Literacy Services are offered at both Central Library and Oak View Branch. Volunteers go through a 15-hour training program before being matched with adult learners. During tutoring sessions, volunteers help the learners increase literacy skills to achieve personal goals such as acquiring better jobs, obtaining U.S. citizenship, being more involved in their children's education, reading a book in English for the first time, and becoming involved in the community in which they live. Literacy Volunteers gave over 18,800 hours of service the past year.

Together these programs offer:

One-to-One and small group tutoring

Weekly conversation classes

Quarterly workshops for tutors and learners

Field trips for tutors and learners

English with Computer Classes

Computer Literacy Classes

Early Literacy Storytimes

Saturday Literacy and Science classes

Yearly recognition events for tutors and learners

Library Literacy Programs

Adult Literacy reached 170 learners with more than 155 volunteer tutors at Central Library. Family Literacy reached 185 learners with 73 tutor volunteer tutors at Oak View Branch. An additional 35 volunteers helped in the office, on the board, at special programs and events, and in many other ways.

Workplace Literacy Program

Literacy Volunteers continued onsite literacy classes at The Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel and the Huntington Beach Hyatt Resort & Spa, teaching English literacy classes onsite, during work hours, to more than 25 employees.

Saturday Literacy & Science

Saturday Literacy and Science Program is run in partnership with Oak View Elementary School and serves early elementary English Language Learners to improve basic literacy and English Skills at Oak View Branch Library. More than 50 children participated in Saturday Literacy and Science classes, with attendance for the year exceeding 1,300.

Bilingual and Class Storytimes

Family Literacy staff offers weekly bilingual early literacy storytimes at Oak View Branch targeting families with young children as well as class storytimes for Oak View Preschool classes during the school year.

FUNDRAISING

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**Third annual "Wine and Words"
event at the Waterfront Hilton**



**The Taste of
Huntington Beach**



Restaurant fundraisers



**Annual Duck-A-Thon, with the
booth donated by supporter**



Literacy Open House

Community 5K in Central Park

**Community Development
Block Grant Funds \$10,000**

**State Library Grant in the
amount of \$55,357**

**CENIC Project
Grant**

**LSTA Grant for Digital
Storytime App**



Children's Programs



Number of Children's Programs

1,217

Number of Attendees:

73,633

**Number of
Storytimes:**



**Number of
Storytime
Attendees:**

55,942



Enchanting services

Volunteers

The Huntington Beach Public Library is fortunate to have a large number of volunteers that give their time to enhance library services. Volunteers can be counted on to re-shelve books, provide tutoring and read to our youth.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Literacy Tutor: Help an adult learn to read; help someone to read, write and speak English

Computer Coach

Homework Club Tutor

Help shelve library books and media items

Taste of Huntington Beach Donation Committee

Chess Club Coach

Math Guru

S.T.A.R. Program Reader (Story telling and reading)

Friends Gift Shop Associate

Used Book Sales Associate

Programs Assistant

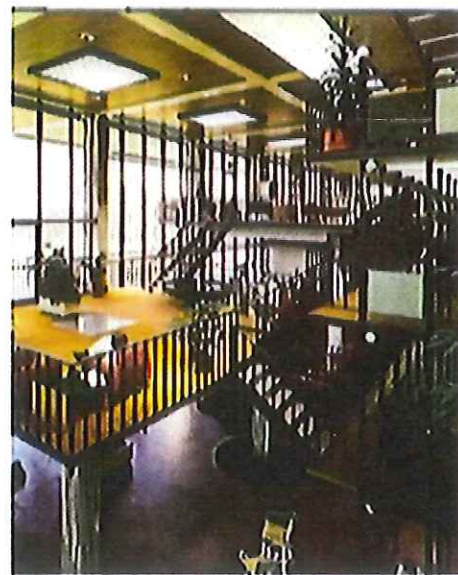
Number of hours donated
by our Volunteers

57,731

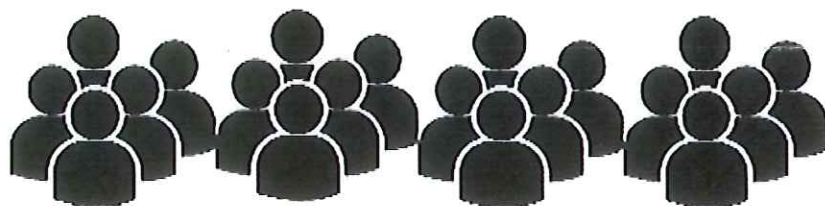
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2014/2015



1,101,092 Visitors

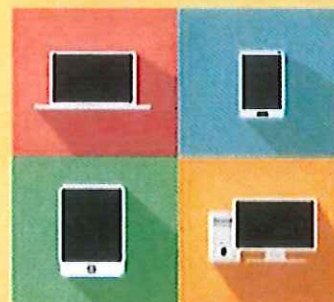


123,838
Library card
holders



960,495
items circulated

598,493 Library
website visits



99,333
Computer lab
sessions



41,806
E-Books checked
out



50,153 E-Books in the
Collection

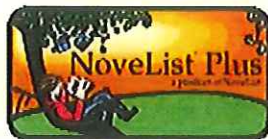
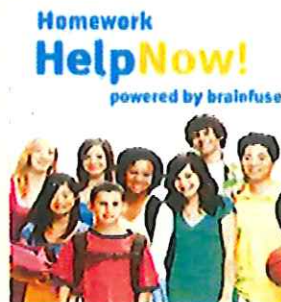
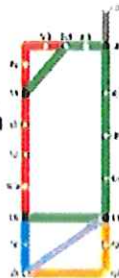
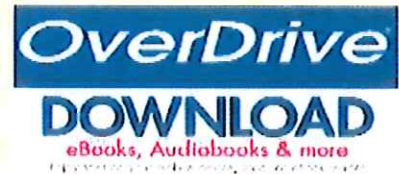


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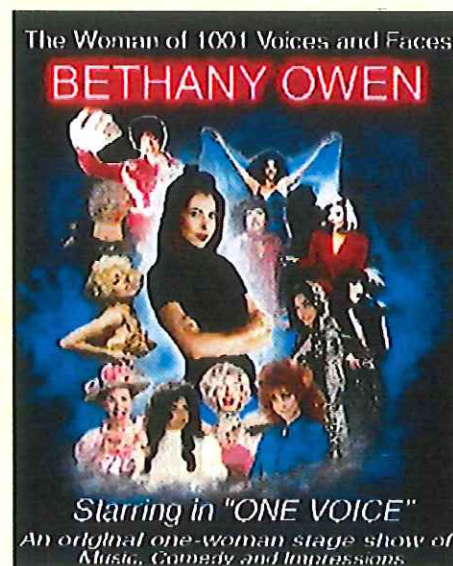
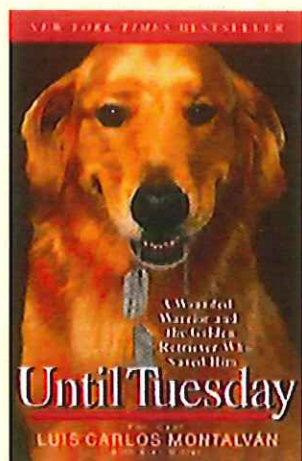
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Digital Resources



HBPL Cultural Events

The Huntington Beach Public Library has been host to 2,429 events and programs that enrich the lives of our residents



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