

## Renfrew Public Library

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### Our Hours

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Monday to Thursday</b> | <b>10:30a.m. - 8:00p.m.</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>             | <b>10:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>           | <b>10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.</b> |

## Renfrew Public Library Mission Statement

The Renfrew Public Library, its Board of Trustees and the Library's professional staff are dedicated to providing library patrons reasonable access to available expressions of creativity and knowledge, to include up-to-date source material regardless of format that can be reasonably obtained, as well as access to communications technology, all suited to reading-for-pleasure and to a lesser extent, the general academic needs of those citizens of Renfrew and neighboring participating townships.



# Annual Report 2009

SEPTEMBER 2010

## Message from the Library Board

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### OF 2009

- New heating and air-conditioning
- New front doors, replicas of the original library doors
- New "historical style" library sign
- New library website
- New videogame collection and programming

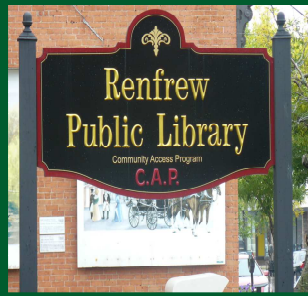
The Renfrew Public Library Board of Trustees occupied itself with two major tasks during the year. First, there was general agreement that the Board would return to the planning table the aim to assess the ongoing relevance of the strategic plan developed in 2005, with the express purpose of articulating more relevant considerations for the next three to five years, where necessary. This does not mean the library's ten-year capital plan would be ignored. To the contrary, some capital (infrastructure) issues which had been relegated to the mid- to longer-term actually required our attention much earlier than planned. To that end, the library has seen some important infrastructure work completed for the benefit of

employees, volunteers and patrons. For that we are eternally grateful to the Town of Renfrew, for their unflagging support to the library. Secondly, the trustees also agreed to step up their work on policy development. Much has changed, recently, with respect to the governance of libraries in Ontario, and the products, programs and services library patrons now expect from their community's library. The ubiquity of the computer and the phenomenon of social media are changing the landscape of libraries around the world, and the Renfrew Public Library is doing its bit, to stay abreast of the most important issues. Finally, the board of

trustees would like to express its sincerest gratitude to the library's chief executive officer, Bettijane O'Neill, for her outstanding leadership and very knowledgeable approach to all of the issues and challenges presented during the year. The board also acknowledges the true professionalism of each and every staff member without whose collective contributions the Renfrew Public Library would not be the respected institution that it is.

**Dean Black**  
Chairman

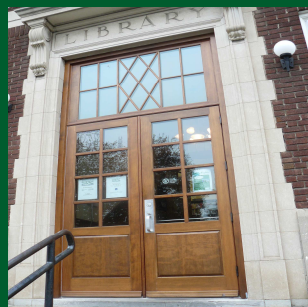




New Library Sign

*“Perhaps no place is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.”*

- Lady Bird Johnson



New Library Doors

## Strategic Accomplishments of 2009

- Thanks to the Ministry of Culture, the Library was able to obtain Ancestry Library along with many other Knowledge Ontario databases
- The Library has a new logo and website
- The Library began publishing an electronic and paper newsletter
- Thanks to a grant from the Ministry of Culture, the Library was able to purchase a small collection of videogames and gaming consoles, a projector and related furniture to attract young adults
- In support of local authors, two writers presented readings during Ontario Public Library Week
- New front doors were installed (replicas of the originals), the foyer of the Carnegie library was upgraded, a new library sign was erected and a much needed HVAC system was installed
- Five new public access computers were obtained to replace aging originals

### Library Board Members

- Dean Black Chairman
- Lynda Janney
- Donna Clark
- Jacqueline Gaudreau
- Judy Ewart
- Bill Guyea
- Bill Ringrose

### Library Staff Members

- Bettijane O’Neill CEO & Chief Librarian
- Sandra Fishenden
- Maggie Murdock
- Susan Klinck
- Kay Bowles
- Cathy Freemark
- Sharon Shalla

## Financial Statement

| Revenue        | 2009           | 2008           |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Ontario grants | \$31,710.00    | \$20,383       |
| Federal grants | 1,663          | 1,533          |
| Renfrew        | 371,270        | 351,747        |
| Townships      | 21,534         | 21,534         |
| Other          | 21,034         | 25,553         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>447,211</b> | <b>420,750</b> |

| Expenditure       | 2009           | 2008           |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Library materials | \$46,848.00    | \$48,750.00    |
| Staff cost        | 325,737        | 311,877        |
| Facility costs    | 74,626         | 60,123         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>447,211</b> | <b>420,750</b> |

