

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2009/10 BUDGET

AGENCY 72 DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Detroit Public Library enables Detroit's potential through information access and great experiences. Through focused programs and easy access to resources that meet customer needs, the DPL continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to its customers and to the City of Detroit.

In January 2008, the Detroit Library Commission approved a five-year strategic plan for the library system. "Strategic Directions 2008 – 2013," provides roadmap that would guide the library in managing its future over the next several years. In this plan, the library outlines seven areas of focus that would guide library infrastructure, programs, services and operations. The agency goals reflect the library's strategic and disciplined approach towards building a vibrant and thriving library infrastructure, programs and services, for this generation and for generations to come.

DESCRIPTION

The Detroit Public Library serves as the City's information hub and a major educational, cultural and informational resource. The library has a book collection of over 3.7 million catalogued volumes; this is supplemented by current periodicals, and an extensive Audio, Video and DVD collection. In addition, the library has up to 4 million pieces of manuscripts, sheet music, scores, photographs, pictures and government documents. Twenty-three (23) neighborhood branches serve as community centers, providing informational services that are unique to their communities. Over 800 public access computers provide customers with Internet access. Computer assistance and training is available at most library locations. Two bookmobiles make weekly stops to schools and community centers farthest removed from library locations.

Detroit Public Library (DPL) desires to provide the highest level of public library services to the citizens of Detroit by maintaining, constantly evaluating and improving on traditional and innovative public library services.

GOALS

1. Position the library to successfully launch its new brand identity: "Find Yourself Here."
2. Aggressively pursue economies and efficiencies to create funding that would help us address the library's many infrastructure needs, without compromising effectiveness.
3. Explore and implement a capital improvement fundraising campaign, to assist in creating a strong and stable future for the DPL.
4. Address structural improvement needs, to help preserve and sustain the library's facility infrastructure.
5. Continue to explore and implement focused services that speak to specific customer needs (for example, technology and career centers, teen centers, cyber connection centers for seniors, etc.)
6. Position and market DPL as the community's agent, resource and primary partner for addressing literacy needs.
7. Continue to seek out community leadership opportunities that enhance the library's role in the city.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$49,733,663	\$49,733,663
REVENUES	<u>49,733,663</u>	<u>49,733,663</u>
NET TAX COST	\$ 0	\$ 0
POSITIONS	466	466