

# Cobb County Public Library System



Dream, Dare,  
Discover  
The Value of  
Your  
Library  
Card!

Part of the Cobb County Community for Over 50 Years!

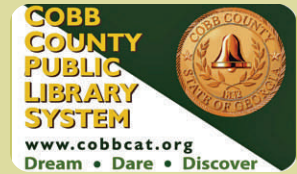
*The Cobb County Public Library  
Is A Place...*

Where we welcome and encourage all people in their enjoyment of reading and their pursuit for lifelong learning.

Where we are committed to being a vital resource center by providing equal access to information, materials, and services to enrich people's lives.

Where people can dream, dare, and discover.

*The Value of Your Library Card = \$242.70*



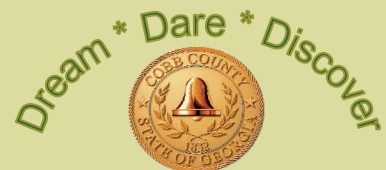
Items Checked Out	4,423,755
Patron Visits	2,642,245
Questions Answered	2,820,215
Public Computer Use	1,600,00
Library Card Holders	359,846
Program Attendance	118,634
Library Materials	1,159,945

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2009

*Dream \* Dare \* Discover*

was a phenomenal year for Cobb County Library System in many ways.

Cobb County cut the ribbon on the newly renovated and expanded Mountain View Regional Library. People of all ages are enjoying the new children's space, the additional computers and the variety of new programs. Mt. View's Children's Department was the site for a taping of Atlanta's Fox 5 News Wednesday's Child television program on adoption. It was a great opportunity to showcase the bright and colorful children's area.



*Books Borrowed Savings = \$76,761,275*

Cobb Public Library continued to make a difference in the lives of the people each and every day. As people faced the challenges of the difficult economic times, the efforts of the library staff ensured that all people that visited one of the 17 libraries, or called on the telephone, or accessed one of the numerous online databases from home, received quality library service. It was because of the efforts of staff and needs of the public that Cobb Library System ranked #1 in computer usage in the state of Georgia. Over 400,000 computer sessions were used in 2009. Cobb Library System ranked #2 in circulation of materials. Over 4 million library materials were borrowed from our 365,000 library card holders. Cobb Library System offers many opportunities for our library users to learn, dream and explore. Residents of Cobb County know that their libraries provide a wealth of resources and materials.



Public Computer Use = \$5,854,008

*Value of Meeting Room Use = \$141,200*

Chairman Sam Olens negotiated the sale of Merchant's Walk Library to the Edens and Avant Group for \$1.6 million dollars. Proceeds from the sale of the library will go towards the design, renovation and furnishing of 16,864 square foot facility in the Parkaire Landing Shopping Center. East Cobb Library, the new name for Merchant's Walk Library, is being designed for future library technology, programs, and services. The new library will have a dedicated teen area, a children's activity room, a multi-purpose room that will accommodate 100 people and study rooms. This major renovation project is being managed by the County's Property Management construction and design teams. The library system expects the project to be completed by early 2010.



Free Childrens' Programs = \$711,804

*Volunteers Donated Time = \$99,702*

Volunteers continued to share their time and talents in support of the library system. The Cobb Library Foundation raised funds to enhance library programs and services. This fiscal year the Foundation donated \$15,000 to establish a portable laptop training lab for the library system. Basic computer classes are offered free of charge to people in the community. The Friends of the Library continued to promote and support the library system through their annual book sales. Proceeds from the sale funded literacy programs



such as the annual summer reading program for the youth in our communities. The library system recognized the importance and value of their dedicate volunteers at a reception in April, 2009.

*2009 Annual Value of the Library to the Cobb County Community = \$98, 831,172*

Cobb Library System developed two partnerships this fiscal year. CobbWorks Mobile Van visited several libraries where job training and resume writing assistance were provided to library customers. CobbWorks staff also conducted career skill development classes at various libraries. Books-to-Go, an outreach program that provides library materials to participants in the Cobb Meals on Wheels program, was instituted in partnership with Cobb Senior Services. Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority and Georgia Public Library Service partnered to provide Kill-A-Watt Energy Detector Toolkits to every public library in Georgia, including Cobb's 17 libraries. The Kill-A-Watt detector measures the energy consumption of household appliances and estimated the cost for operating the appliances.