

Access. Discover. Innovate.



minds
wide
open

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY welcomes and supports all people in their enjoyment of reading and pursuit of lifelong learning.

Working together, we strive to provide equal access to information, ideas and knowledge through books, programs and other resources.

We believe in the freedom to read, to learn, to discover.

Our mission.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S mission is to support collection development, programs and technology initiatives that connect library users to their community and to the world and ensure that all Chicagoans have the freedom to read, to learn and to discover at the Chicago Public Library.

The Foundation was created in 1986 by visionary civic leaders who shared a conviction that private resources are essential to keeping the outstanding Chicago Public Library truly world-class. Established in the spirit of true public/private partnership with the City, the Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization. As a 'publicly supported' entity, gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



Friends,

Change swept through Chicago in 2011, bringing the first new mayor in 22 years, and an exciting new vision for our celebrated and much loved public library.

We open our minds, discovering new ways to increase access for all Chicagoans. Together, we are ready to innovate, and to strengthen what is great about our Library. We are building on a solid foundation and history, accelerating the delivery of bold, future-focused services in person and online.

We have marked the retirement of Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey and longtime Library Board President Jayne Carr Thompson, whose legacy is evident in the Library's tremendous infrastructure and highly regarded program advances.

Dempsey and Thompson led a system that offers services in 79 locations—44 of them built during their terms. The branches are known for their fiercely loyal readers, computer users, job seekers, teen digital leaders, kids hungry to learn, and teachers helping with homework.

The four new branches we opened in 2011 are all LEED certified. Thanks to visionary public and private supporters, we announced that trailblazing STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) programs would be added to YOUmedia centers for pre-teens and teens in several branches in 2012.

We are grateful for the chance to expand the vision for this great public library. To rapidly changing demands and needs, we bring an unshakeable dedication to open access and equal opportunities for every man, woman, and child in the city.

We call on new and longstanding donors to help us imagine and create future opportunities, knowing that our businesses, foundations, and people are uncommonly generous. Through public-private partnerships, they amplify the impact of Chicago's investment in learning at the Library.

Above all, we are as committed to Chicago's youngest learners as we are to their great grandparents and to employers who depend on a skilled and adaptive workforce.

Minds wide open, in this report we see through the eyes of three proud Chicago Public Library cardholders—to understand what the Library means to them today—and imagine what the years ahead could hold.

Thank you, Chicago, for believing so strongly in *your* public library and its future.

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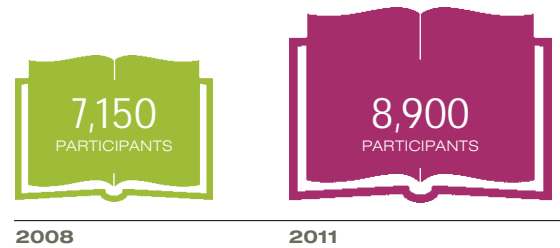
What gives life and vitality to the Library?

It's the people who walk into branches that anchor Chicago neighborhoods, heading for 2,500 public access computers, free WiFi, ethnic heritage programs, financial workshops, talks by top authors, and concerts. It's the people who log on to reserve one of 5.6 million holdings or download music and spoken word. The total of these physical and digital encounters exceeds 15 million visitors. Think of the potential.



access

one book, one chicago program



We meet people where they are—welcoming new readers, pre-readers, and adults struggling to read. We are in 79 neighborhoods and online 24/7. The Library is here for retirees starting anew, immigrants learning about a different culture, or readers of One Book, One Chicago selections, sponsored by donors to the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

This is where we all get to listen, learn, and log on—leaving stronger and smarter every time.

**Doors open**

After decades of steering students to libraries, Phyllis Roker now gets to the Avalon Branch in the Chatham neighborhood as often as she pleases. Sometimes she settles into her favorite carrel on the eighth floor of the Harold Washington Library Center.

“It’s for me now,” chuckles the retired New York City teacher, who moved to Chicago in 2006. “I use the computer, take classes, celebrate Kwanzaa, and attend author programs downtown.”

Best of all, Roker goes to workshops of the Neighborhood Writing Alliance (NWA) at the southside King Branch.

A poet has emerged.

“I just started writing seriously when I moved to Chicago,” she said. “Before that, I wrote only to motivate my students.”

PHYLLIS ROKER



That’s all changed. Through the NWA, a long-time Library partner, she’s published in *The Journal of Ordinary Thought* and read one of her stories at the Goodman Theatre. On WBEZ/FM public radio, she has recited her searing poem about a boy lost to the streets, cut off from any family, teacher—or library.

Connections multiply

Roker knows the power of connections. The Library has welcomed her into a world of inspiration and a community of fellow writers, poets, and artists. It has become both a lifeline—and a launch pad.

“The library is for all of us,” she says, “and I’m greedy for more—more computer time, more everything.”

On the Web

For more information on discovery and enrichment programming, visit chipublib.org and cplfoundation.org

YOUR ACCESS OPTIONS

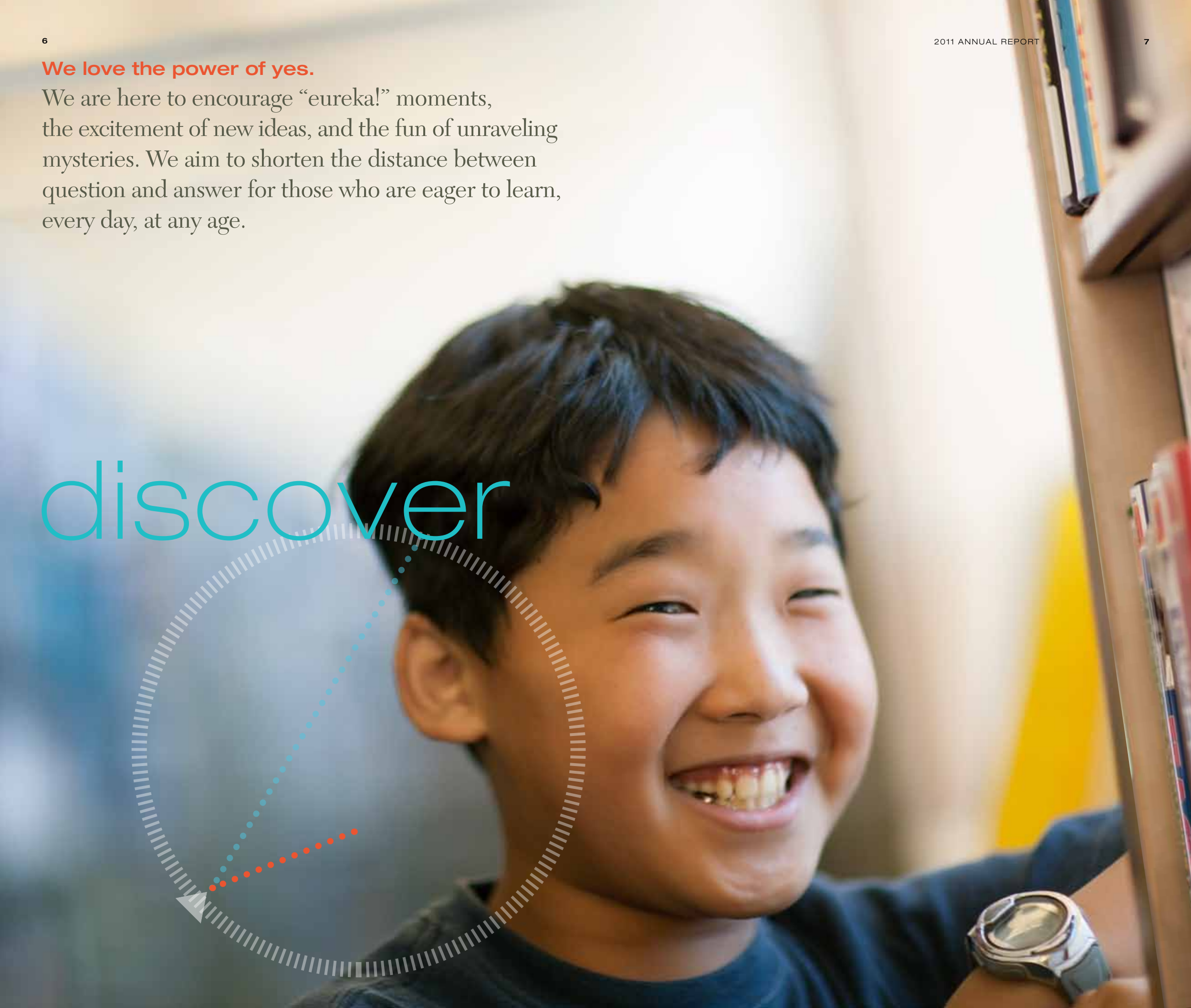
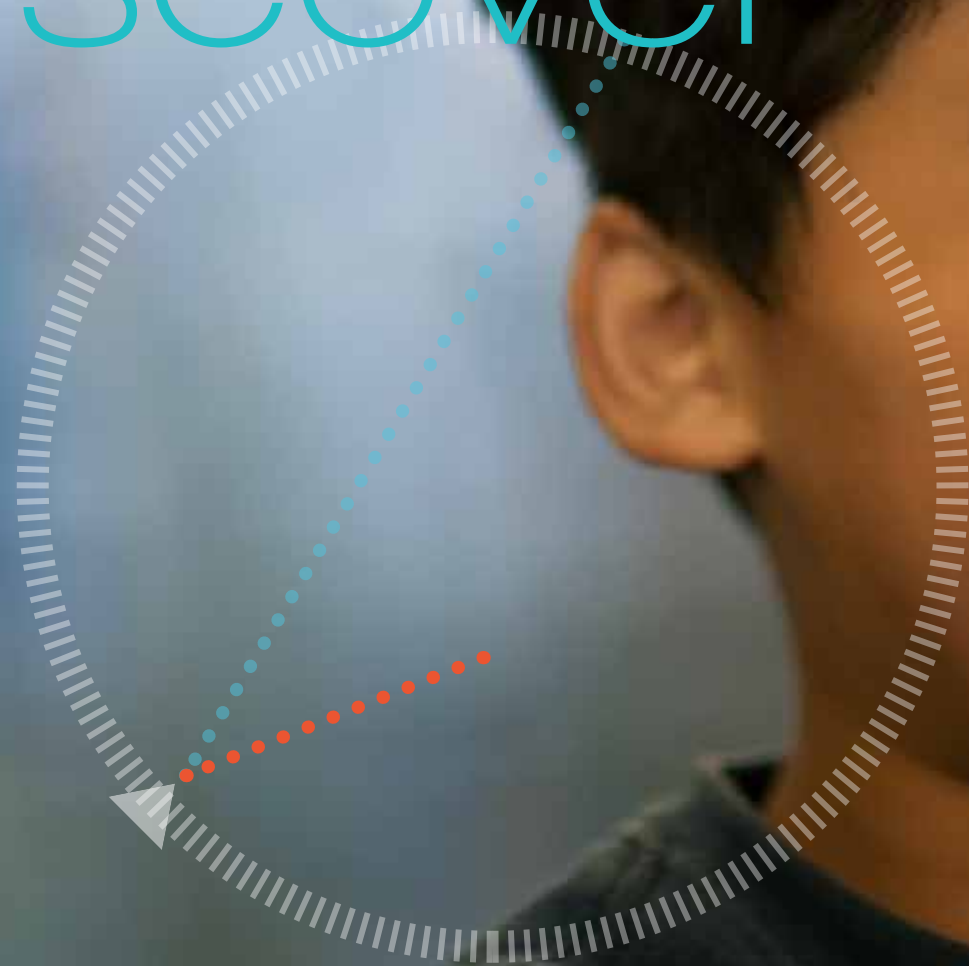
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- author talks
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- poetry fest
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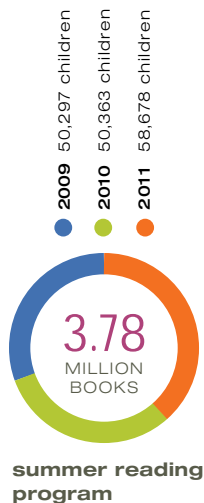
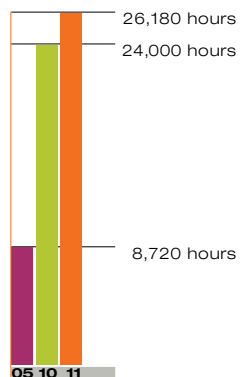
We are here to encourage “eureka!” moments, the excitement of new ideas, and the fun of unraveling mysteries. We aim to shorten the distance between question and answer for those who are eager to learn, every day, at any age.

discover



Discoveries come in a flash, or at the end of a careful search. The Library is built for breakthroughs. Books lead to brainstorm, after-school workshops inspire way-cool science, and story hours tell toddlers all about numbers and letters and colors. Every resource multiplies possibilities.

teachers in the library after-school homework help



1039 = **26,769**
 VOLUNTEERS HOURS
 summer reading program:
 junior volunteers listen
 to summer book reports

A new world beckons
 Word by word, book by book, they learned the English language. After arriving from Korea that first summer, Jung Hyun Lee, then 10, and her brother Hak Gull, 8, started with early reader books in the Foundation-funded Summer Reading Program. By fall they were ready for school.

Saturdays find them back at the Albany Park Branch—competing with each other over the most books borrowed, going to special programs, and even teaching Korean games. Weekday afternoons they work with the Foundation’s Teachers in the Library on homework and study skills.



MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL WITH SUMMER RAHM’S READERS, TOP. JUNG HYUN LEE, ABOVE; BROTHER HAK GULL LEE, PRECEDING SPREAD.

Leaping forward
 One activity leads to another for these eager explorers. In a 2011 workshop, they made books about orchestra instruments and signed on for a six-week “Radical Robotics with Mad Science” course. They designed small mechanical objects and learned how robots could affect the future. “It was like a puzzle, a mystery,” they say of the Foundation-sponsored program.

The Albany Park Branch collection of 6,000 Korean titles links the Lee family to their heritage. Says Librarian Young Park: “I’m proud of the Library for this diversity and for helping immigrant kids learn about America.”

From the moment they arrived in Chicago, new interests sparked their learning. The Lee kids are just beginning their journey of possibilities at the Chicago Public Library.

On the Web

For more information on children’s and young adult programming, visit cplfoundation.org and chipublib.org/forkids and chipublib.org/forteens.



summer reading

YOUR DISCOVERY PATHS

- summer reading *
- teachers in the library *
- bookmania *
- children’s librarians *
- science connections *
- Kraft great kids *
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- early literacy programs and story times *

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Launched at the library.

It's a common experience for people who need answers. Tapping into the Library's vast resources, they check data, track down patent records, and practice taking sample tests. You name it, we've got it—cosmetology tests, LSATs, or firefighter exams.

We imagine what might be possible, for ourselves and for this great city.



innovate

It is a one-stop shop for the aspiring police officer, the budding entrepreneur, the garage inventor, or the ambitious chef. We can look for that first job, put together a resume, retool for a different future, and lay out big plans. We're motivated to try, and try harder. It all starts here.

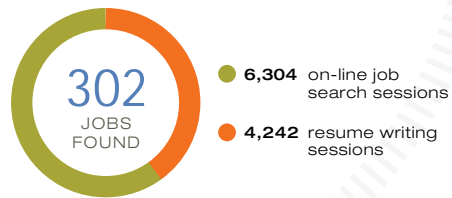


CHRIS FORCE



On the Web

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2011 employment assistance by cyberNavigators *

Finding a focus

What started as a hobby became a booming business.

As a kid, Chris Force was always “a book and drawing geek”. A voracious reader, he plunged in to after-school programs at his neighborhood library—and started producing little pamphlets about art and music.

As a teenager, he spiffed up his product and boosted its circulation.

And now, more than a decade later, he is founder and editor-in-chief at Alarm Press, a Chicago-based commercial publisher. While producing two print magazines on design and music, their digital components, and several books, he co-founded another company to publish seven trade journals. Together they employ about 120 individuals—and counting.

Between dreams and profits was the Chicago Public Library—the transformative research time Force spent in the business section, guided by endlessly resourceful reference librarians.

Energizing entrepreneurs

The library became his business incubator. “We found everything—databases we could not afford, books on branding, sales, marketing, and management,” says Force. “We reserved meeting rooms. Everything was close at hand.”

He still goes by the Harold Washington Library Center daily, walking from his South Loop home to his offices on Michigan Avenue.

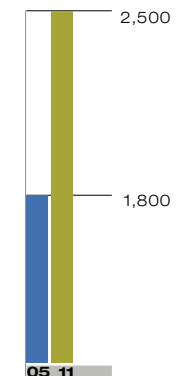
“It’s the working man’s college. If you don’t have the time or money to get an MBA, all those books are right there.”



- business librarians**
- financial literacy ***
- money smart**
- business databases**
- YOUmedia ***
- cyberNavigators ***
- especially for job searchers**
- law at the library**

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free public access computers



Minds wide open, we envision a great library for Chicago's people—a space where access to information expands our minds, discovering ideas changes our lives, and sparking innovation propels our futures.

discover

interaction / exchange / exposure / encounter



Library access points

- physical platforms**
 - 79 locations
 - 5.6 million circulation materials books, movies, audiobooks, ebooks, music and more
 - 2,500 free computers
 - special collections
 - meeting rooms and community spaces

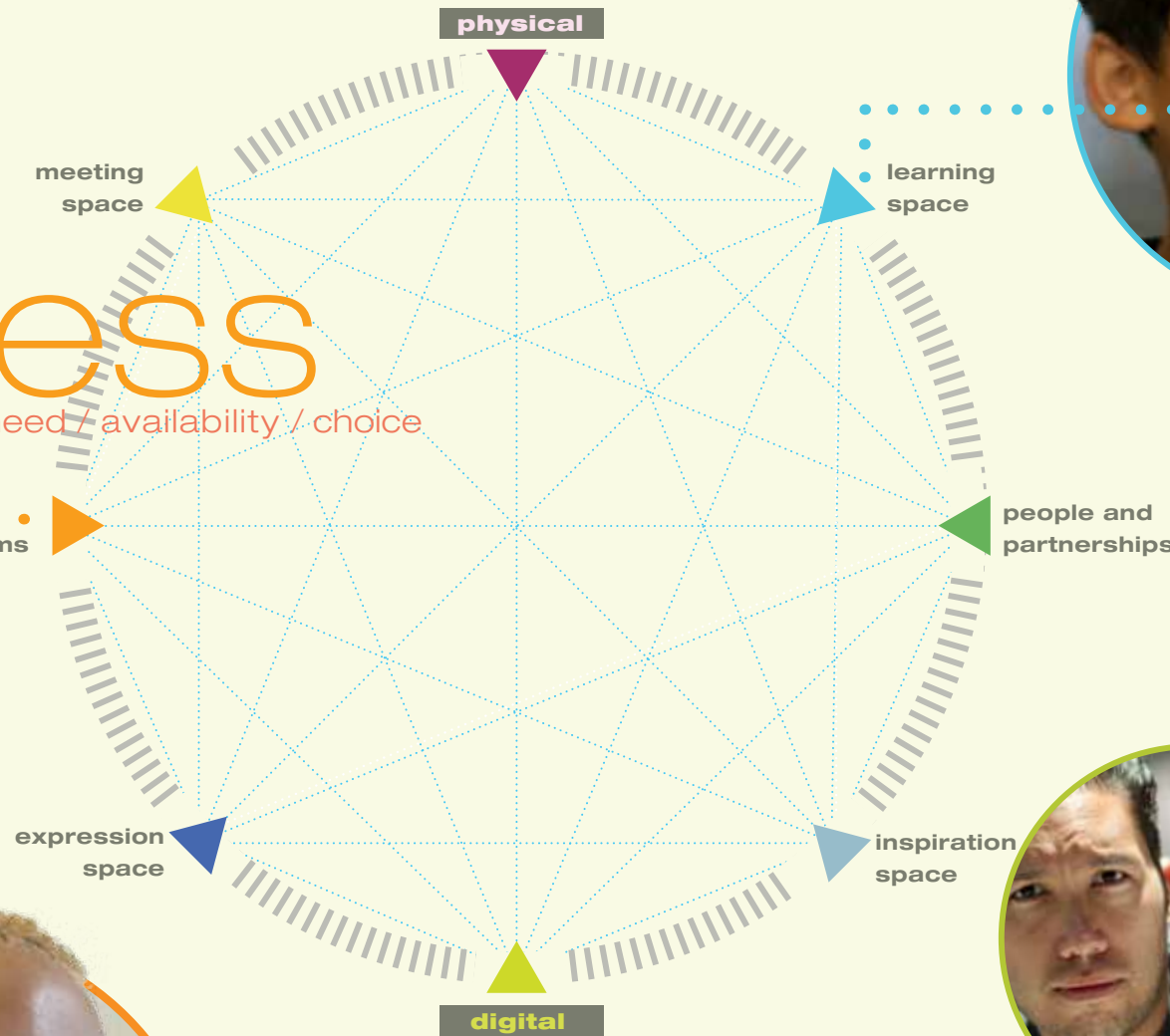
- digital platforms**
 - cybernavigators
 - ask a librarian
 - digital expression spaces for teens
 - especially for job searchers
 - chicagopubliclibrary.org

- people and partnerships**
 - teachers in the library
 - neighborhood writing alliance
 - science connections
 - kraft great kids
 - words & music

- programs**
 - bookamania
 - great kids read
 - youmedia
 - teen volume
 - one book, one chicago
 - adult book discussions
 - law at the library
 - money smart
 - summer reading
 - poetry fest
 - celebrating diversity

access

options / interest / need / availability / choice



innovate

change / creation / synthesis / integration / invention



Chicago Public Library

Financial Information

for the year ended December 31, 2011

Revenues

City of Chicago	\$	84,382,292
State Of Illinois		6,704,370
Federal		1,597,067
Chicago Public Library Foundation		4,423,177
Fines and Fees		2,835,522
Capital Income From Bonds*		13,156,118
Total revenues	\$	113,098,546

Expenditures

Personnel	\$	61,584,753
Library Books and Materials		7,000,000
Capital Income from Bonds*		13,156,118
Other Operating Expenses		31,357,675
Total expenditures	\$	113,098,546

*Capital income and capital construction expenditures reflect cash flow payments



Chicago Public Library Foundation

Statement of Activities

for the year ended December 31, 2011



Support and Revenue

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$ 392,023	\$ 2,453,846	\$ —	\$ 2,845,869
Special event, net of expenses	850,758	—	—	850,758
Endowment, interest and other income	1,170,122	—	—	1,170,122
Donated services	1,059,701	—	—	1,059,701
Net assets released from restrictions	2,934,241	(2,934,241)	—	—
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 6,406,845	\$ (480,395)	\$ —	\$ 5,926,450

Expenses

Grants to Chicago Public Library:

Teachers in the Library and CyberNavigators	\$ 1,366,208	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,366,208
YOUmedia and Teen Learning	933,509	—	—	933,509
Collections and Other Library Programs	720,598	—	—	720,598
Summer Reading Program and Bookamania	637,104	—	—	637,104
Great Kids Read	277,000	—	—	277,000
One Book, One Chicago	234,542	—	—	234,542
Early Literacy Programs	185,252	—	—	185,252
Donated Services to Chicago Public Library	68,964	—	—	68,964
Total Library Programs and Services	\$ 4,423,177	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,423,177
Management, General and Fund-Raising	913,154	—	—	913,154
Donated Services (management, general and fundraising)	1,059,701	—	—	1,059,701
Total Expenses	\$ 6,396,032	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,396,032

Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities 10,813 (480,395) — (469,582)

Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net of expenses	(1,650,667)	(629,183)	—	(2,279,850)
Beginning net assets	12,820,722	8,946,771	8,641,882	30,409,375
Ending Net Assets	\$ 11,180,868	\$ 7,837,193	\$ 8,641,882	\$ 27,659,943

Note: A complete set of financial statements, audited by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, in which an unqualified opinion was rendered, is available upon written request to the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

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The Chicago Public Library Foundation and the Chicago Public Library wish to thank the following donors and program collaborators whose gifts and partnerships provide lifelong learning opportunities for all Chicagoans. Their generosity assures that Chicago is a city of readers where people have the skills and curiosity to find success in school, in the workplace, and in their lives.

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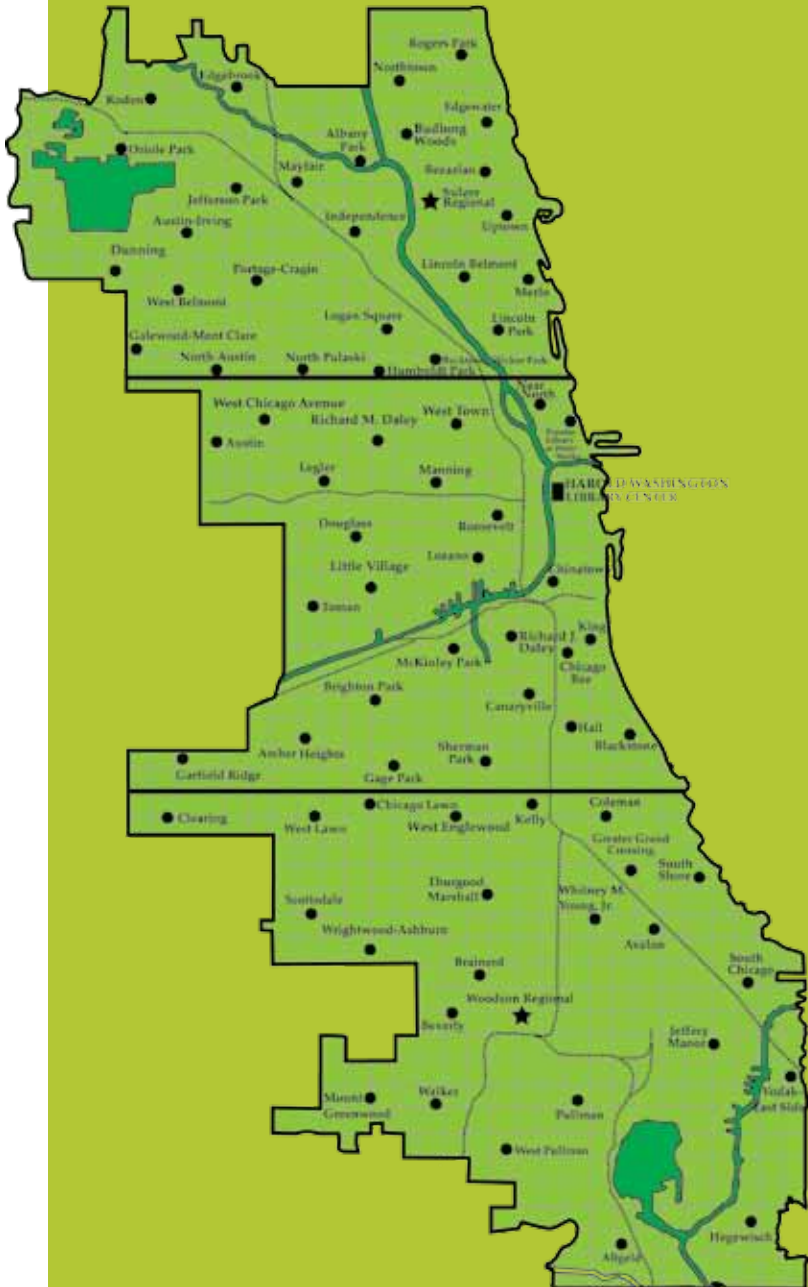
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