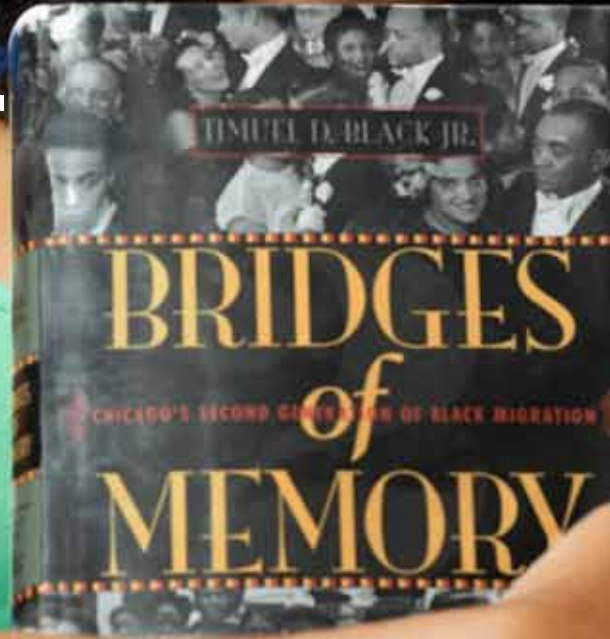


CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY + FOUNDATION
2012 annual report

**OUR CHICAGO.
OUR STORIES.**





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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. Gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible.



Friends,

You see the fist pumps, hear the whispered “Yesses!” and spot the sudden smiles—the sounds and sights of millions of personal victories sparked at the Chicago Public Library. They are made possible by generous donors to the Chicago Public Library Foundation and the wholehearted support of the City of Chicago.

It was a year of rolling out innovative services. Understanding the accelerating technology needs of Chicagoans, we launched a multi-year initiative to improve access, first by installing free open-source software on all CPL public computers. Patrons are now able to produce resumes, presentations and spreadsheets—essential tools for students, jobseekers and entrepreneurs.

Last summer 60,000 Chicago kids took part in the Foundation-sponsored Summer Reading Program, learning about healthy eating and exercise. The children read more than 1.5 million books, a new record. More than 1,000 teen volunteers contributed 25,607 hours of service assisting staff with programs and book reports. In 2013 we are expanding this high-impact program to challenge kids to continue learning about science, technology, engineering, arts, and math year round.



Thanks to Foundation donors, the Teacher in the Library program continued in 58 neighborhood libraries, where certified teachers helped 58,000 students focus on math and reading skills and complete homework assignments. With Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s encouragement, Teachers in Training will help kids in even more Library locations this year.

Thirty libraries and museums across the country are replicating the YOUmedia digital learning program, which started at the Harold Washington Library Center. The White House has hailed the program as a model in which teens become proficient at using technology to learn, play and prepare for careers. YOUmedia has expanded to four branches with funds from the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program, Boeing, Motorola Solutions Foundation and continuing major support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

We have opened a new Edgewater Branch and are developing new library services in Back of the Yards, where the public library will serve the entire community and share a footprint with an international baccalaureate high school. The Humboldt Park Branch now has a new cutting edge science and math learning center for middle schoolers, and Albany Park and Chinatown can look forward to new branches that are now in the construction and planning stages respectively. All will be LEED-certified buildings with state-of-the-art technology, teen spaces and community rooms.

No one represents the lasting imprint of a public library better than Dr. Timuel Black, the 94-year-old legend whose profile concludes our report. He has a kindred spirit in President Barack Obama, who also learned to love libraries as a child.

We are grateful for your support and eager to hear more stories of transformation at the Chicago Public Library.

What’s your story?

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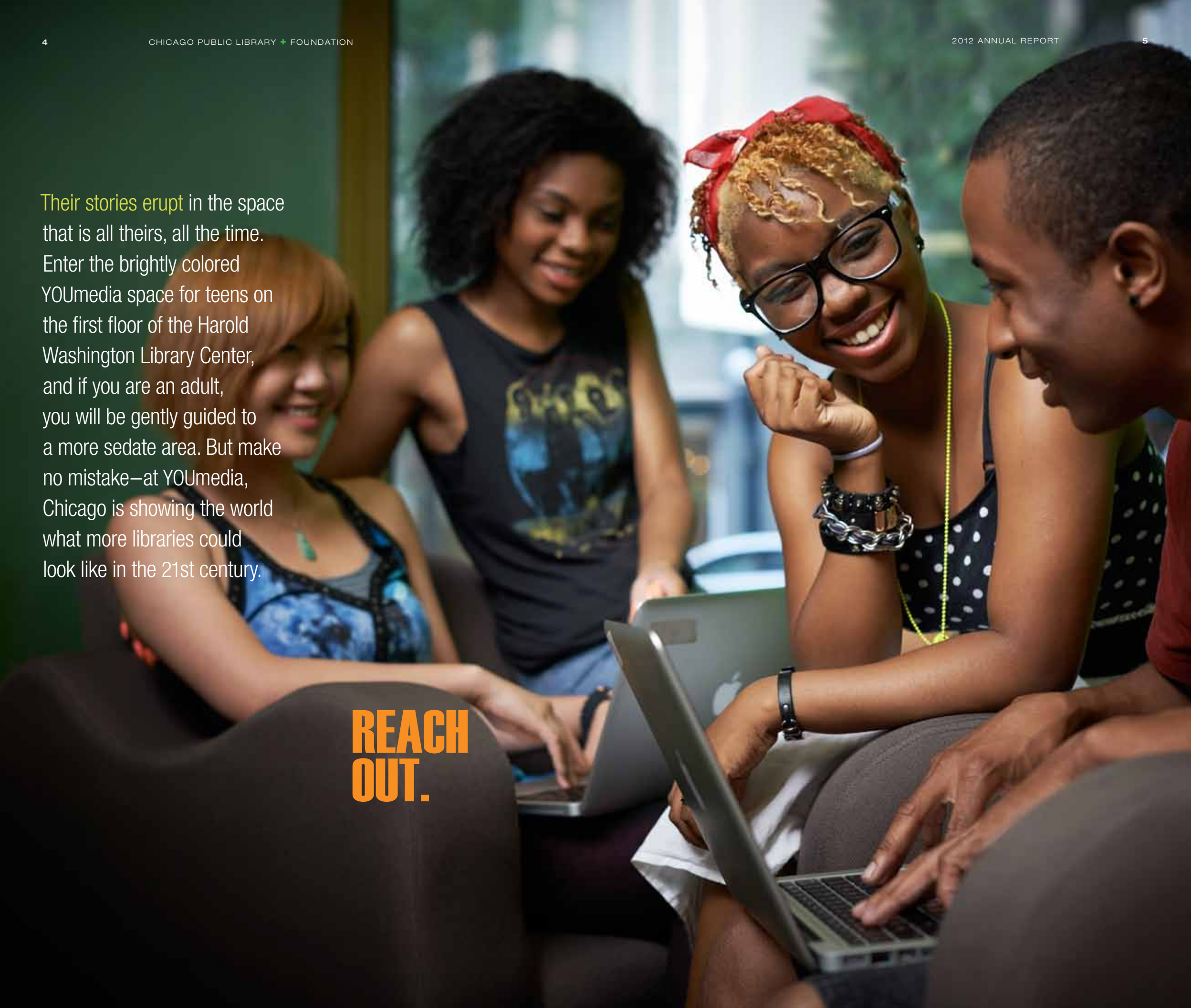
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Their stories erupt in the space that is all theirs, all the time. Enter the brightly colored YOUmedia space for teens on the first floor of the Harold Washington Library Center, and if you are an adult, you will be gently guided to a more sedate area. But make no mistake—at YOUmedia, Chicago is showing the world what more libraries could look like in the 21st century.

**REACH
OUT.**

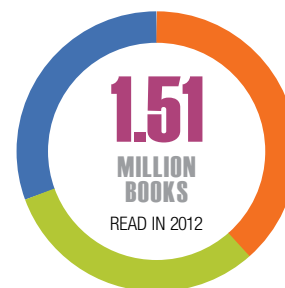


The books are on the perimeter, surrounding tables where students lean over laptops, widescreens where teens move through video games, a recording studio where students make their own music and space where teens write and draw their own stories. Up on the third floor, teens experiment with new technology in the Maker Lab to create three-dimensional objects.

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

1,027 VOLUNTEERS = **25,607** HOURS

**2012 summer reading program:
junior volunteers listen to summer
book reports**



summer reading program 2012
60,232 children



a magnet for youth

Back downstairs, teens curl up to read or hunch over homework. There's a performance space where they gather for open mic sessions known as Lyricist Loft to watch their friends express themselves in rap, song, poems, or whatever else seems right. It's all worth a listen.

"This friend kept trying to get me here a couple years ago, and I said—'What? The library? That's boring.' Finally I came. I really love this place. I joined the YOULit magazine team, drew comics, and really got better," said Sekani Reed, 2013 graduate of Lane Technical High School. Reed, who enters the Art Institute of Chicago this fall, credits the mentors who guided her development as an artist and helped her prepare a portfolio of her work.

Responsible for using their time creatively, students show a sense of ownership in the YOUmedia experience. One young man

took it on himself to create a training and certification program for teens who wanted to use the recording studio. "I wanted to protect the equipment. You have to know what you're doing to use this stuff," said Stelo Deonte Harrington, a rising junior at Wendell Phillips Academy High School.

a library reimagined

From its start in 2009, YOUmedia has been funded through the Chicago Public Library Foundation, with generous support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Pearson Foundation. MacArthur's Director of Education Connie Yowell helped to create the program, which is based on solid research. "One of the things we've learned from the teens is that school is a node on their network of learning. So what we try to think about is 'how do you build the infrastructure for a young person's network of learning?'" she says. "The library is one of those nodes." (*The Story of YOUmedia*, www.youmediachicago.org)

The atmosphere reflects the habits and needs of teens, says Marcus Lumpkin, who is a Youth Services Library Associate in YOUmedia. "The informality is intentional. We may have 100 or more teens here throughout the day. Some are homeless, others are at selective enrollment high schools, but they hang out together," he says. "These are the library patrons of tomorrow."

2012 Teacher in the Library after-school homework help

58 teachers IN THE LIBRARY • **19,533 hours**

youth access

- Summer Reading
- Teacher in the Library
- Bookmania
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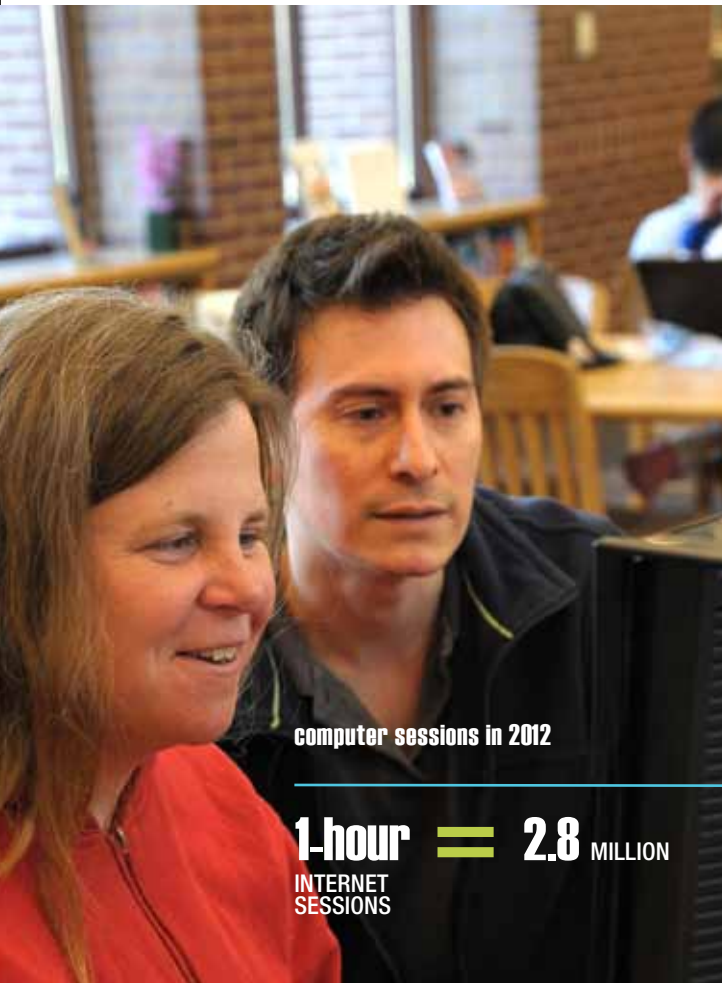
AIM HIGH.

The needs of each library user change from day to day and evolve from decade to decade. Libraries are transforming as well—from quiet repositories of books and archives into lively hubs that anchor Chicago neighborhoods. In 2012, we connected people to information about health, ideas, entertainment, new skills and better jobs, on library computers during nearly 3 million free Internet sessions. We also offered laptops and more than 530,000 free WiFi sessions in all 79 locations last year.

The direction of his story changed for the better when he discovered that someone at the Chicago Lawn Branch could teach him how to use a computer, write a resume and set up an email account.

Viltidor Andre was born in Haiti and immigrated to Chicago in 1981, where he eventually found work in the steel mills. Life was good, before the American steel industry smacked into cheaper off-shore suppliers.

Today, he is out of work.



computer sessions in 2012

1-hour = **2.8** MILLION
INTERNET SESSIONS

pathways to employment

Andre helps a buddy paint houses, but he wants a steady job. Employers want resumes submitted online. Old friends from the steel yards tell him to take anything.

"My old supervisor, he's parking cars," says Andre. "I have no computer at my house, so what am I supposed to do?"

Andre represents a significant segment of Chicago's unemployed—hardworking and determined, but held back by outdated skills and no online access. "The digital divide endures," says Chicago Public Library Foundation President Rhona Frazin. "The Library has become an important economic link in the vitality of this city."

It is making a huge difference for Andre. "I found a good teacher. I'm learning to improve myself," he said, with pride in his voice.

on the web

For more information on business and workforce development, visit chipublib.org



nonstop access to learning

That good teacher is Library CyberNavigator Janice Alvarado, one of 45 tech mentors funded by donors to the Chicago Public Library Foundation. Alvarado has noticed that Andre likes to do things step by step. "He comes in three times a week, and wants to learn to use the computer and then focus on applying for jobs," she says. "He applied for a few sheet metal positions but has not heard back yet."

Through his new found computer skills, he found a temporary job as a cook for a while, but now he's back at the Chicago Lawn Branch computers working with a CyberNavigator where he continues to master his new skills. Soon he will continue the relentless search to give him back the peace of mind that comes from a regular paycheck.



free public access computers in 2012

2012 employment assistance by 45 CyberNavigators

- **7,744** on-line job search sessions
- **5,740** resume-writing sessions

business and workforce development access

- Financial literacy
- YOUmedia
- CyberNavigators
- Business librarians
- Money Smart
- Business databases
- Especially for Job Searchers web page
- Law at the Library
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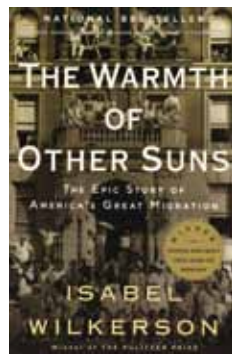
**SPEAK
UP.**

This is a place where someone once listened to a young boy, guided his thinking and then organized a collection of literature and lore that, almost a century later, holds the remarkable results of the boy's life. The listener could not know then what we know now—and that's the beauty of encounters at the Chicago Public Library. Thanks to generations of support, when people speak up, we listen and embrace the principles of a democratic society.

Timuel Black

He lives to tell the stories.

His own began 94 years ago in Alabama, where Jim Crow laws reigned ugly. By August 1919, his parents had moved to Chicago with their five-month-old son, Timuel D. Black, Jr. Racism here was less brutal but equally sharp. Negroes were red-lined into an area now known as Bronzeville. The story of Timuel Black and his family mirrors the many Great Migration stories told in 2013's stirring *One Book*, One Chicago selection, Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns*.



Historian and educator Timuel Black passes along the oral tradition of the Great Migration to a new generation.



the heart of a neighborhood

"I had parents who did not give up. Chicago was not the Promised Land, but it was better," Black says. "We were poor, but we had a sense of community growing up." They had a library, too.

He hung out with his buddies at the Hall Branch on South Michigan Avenue. He remembered Head Librarian Miss Vivian Harsh as beautiful and disciplined: "She expected us to do something intelligent."

He graduated from DuSable High School, was drafted into the segregated U.S. Army in World War II, fought at Normandy, and helped to free prisoners at Buchenwald.

Wearing his uniform on a visit back South, he was inwardly seething but outwardly calm as he sat at the back of buses. Decades later, he still thunders the self-evident truth, "All men are created equal."

That line from the Declaration of Independence truly defined Timuel Black's post-war career—as an educator, union organizer and civil rights leader. He challenged wrongs and improved the lives of countless students, workers and minorities.

Along the way he collected stories about Chicago's "Black Belt" for his oral history, *Bridges of Memory: Chicago's First Wave of Black Migration*, published in 2003. He contributed his papers to the archives named for his early mentor: The Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature at the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library—the largest archive of its type outside of Harlem. *Chicago Tribune* columnist Dawn Turner Trice calls those 257 library boxes "a gold mine for historians, screenwriters, genealogists, students, and other researchers."

one book, one chicago program



on the web

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



learning and enrichment access

- One Book, One Chicago
- Special Collections archiving and digitization
- Summer Reads for Adults
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- Neighborhood Writing Alliance
- Book clubs for adults
- Talking Books Center
- On-line resources at chipublib.org
- Ravinia Words and Music
- Music listening and rehearsal rooms
- Foundation-funded

an unfolding legacy

Black also counseled a young African American who was a South Side community organizer before his political fortunes skyrocketed. After he witnessed the election of Barack Obama, Timuel Black received birthday greetings from the President-elect in December 2008.

Obama shares Black's love of libraries. He told a Chicago gathering of the American Library Association in 2005: "The library has always been a window to a larger world—a place where we've always come to discover big ideas and profound concepts that help move the American story forward."



Chicago Public Library Financial Information

for the year ended December 31, 2012

Revenues

City of Chicago	\$	78,717,666
State Of Illinois		6,732,388
Federal		1,474,841
Chicago Public Library Foundation		4,387,576
Fines and Fees		2,769,965
Capital Income From Bonds*		10,456,463
Total revenues	\$	100,151,323

Expenditures

Personnel	\$	54,222,364
Library Books and Materials		8,000,000
Capital Income from Bonds*		10,456,463
Other Operating Expenses		27,472,496
Total expenditures	\$	100,151,323

*Capital income and capital construction expenditures reflect cash flow payments



Chicago Public Library Foundation Statement of Activities

for the year ended December 31, 2012



Support and Revenue	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$ 336,685	\$ 1,862,426	\$ —	\$ 2,199,111
Special event, net of expenses	991,631	—	—	991,631
Endowment, interest and other income	1,129,609	—	—	1,129,609
Donated services	321,271	—	—	321,271
Net assets released from restrictions	2,954,201	(2,954,201)	—	—
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 5,733,397	\$ (1,091,775)	\$ —	\$ 4,641,622

Expenses

Grants to Chicago Public Library:

Teachers in the Library and CyberNavigators	\$ 1,662,377	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,662,377
YOUmedia and Teen Learning	767,781	—	—	767,781
Collections and Other Library Programs	354,689	—	—	354,689
Summer Reading Program and Bookamania	583,806	—	—	583,806
Great Kids Read	311,420	—	—	311,420
One Book, One Chicago	197,826	—	—	197,826
Early Literacy Programs	223,817	—	—	223,817
Donated Services to Chicago Public Library	285,860	—	—	285,860
Total Library Programs and Services	\$ 4,387,576	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,387,576
Management, General and Fund-Raising	1,040,079	—	—	1,040,079
Donated Services (management, general and fundraising)	35,411	—	—	35,411
Total Expenses	\$ 5,463,066	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5,463,066

Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities	270,331	(1,091,775)	—	(821,444)
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Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net of expenses	(2,504,842)	(796,816)	—	1,708,026
Beginning net assets	11,180,868	7,837,193	8,641,882	27,659,943
Ending Net Assets	\$ 13,956,041	\$ 5,948,602	\$ 8,641,882	\$ 28,546,525

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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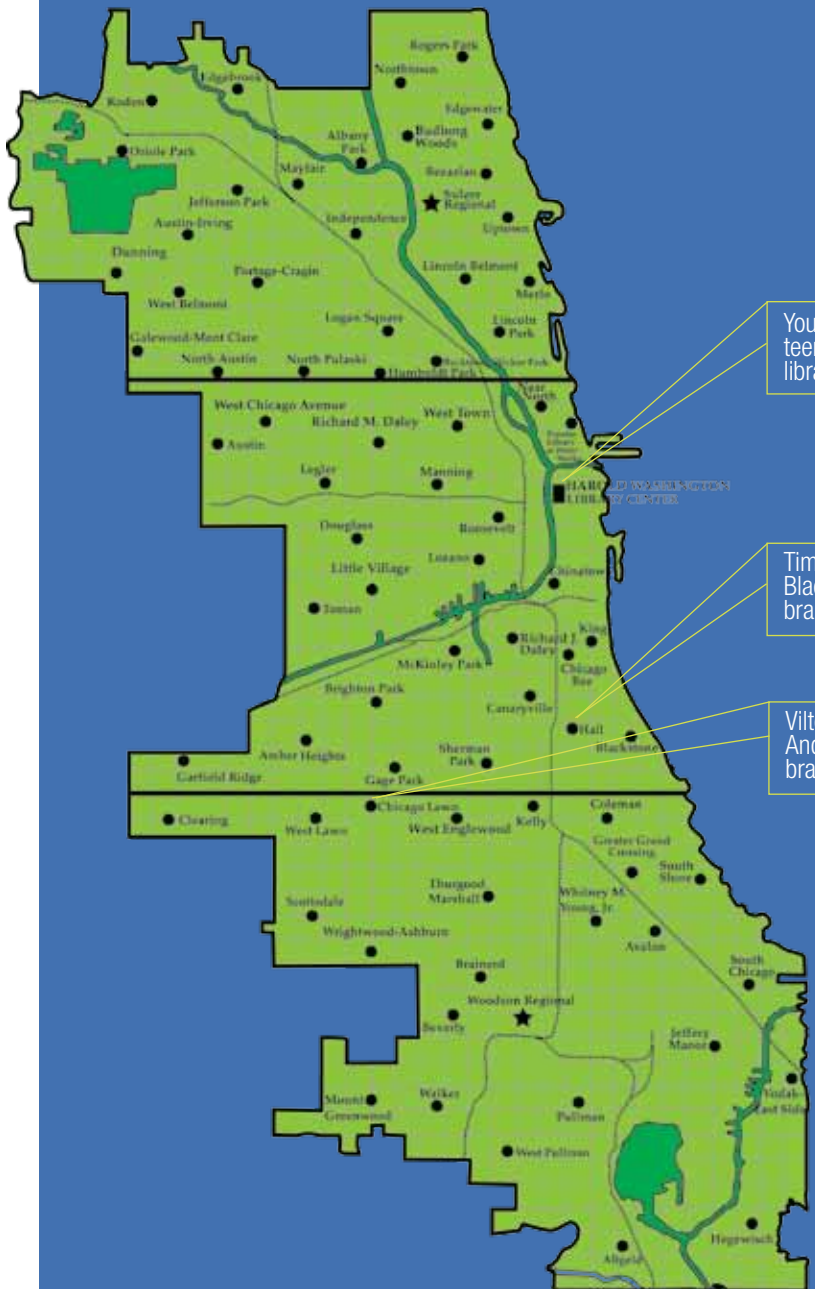
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