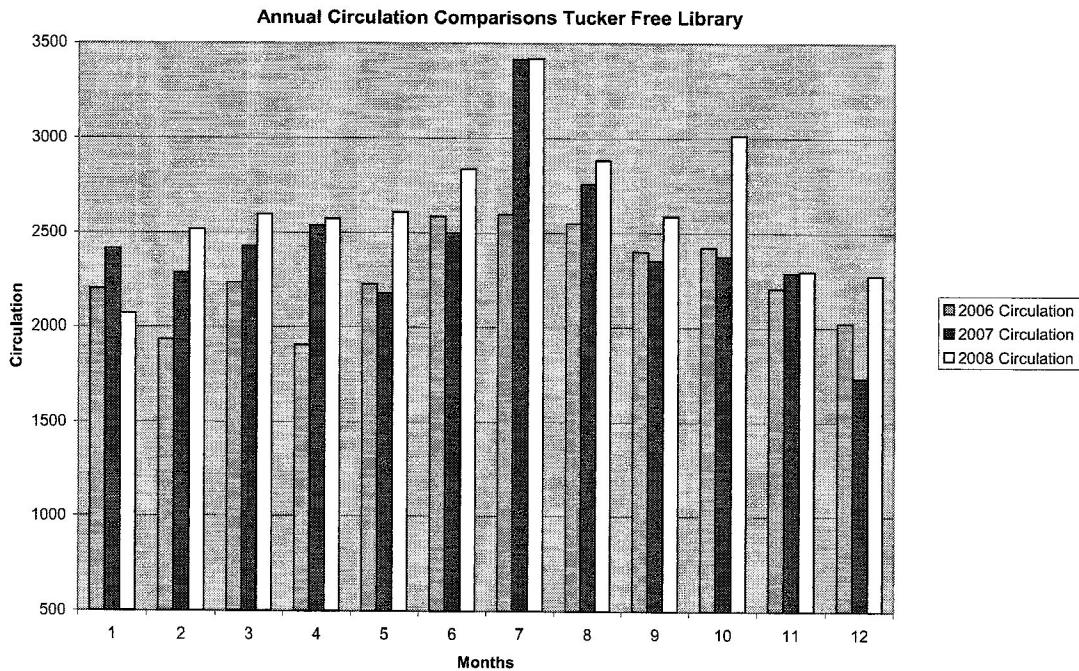

Tucker Free Library

It was a busy year at the Tucker Free Library. Henniker residents, like their counterparts across the country, have been flocking to the library in record numbers. All areas of service have seen a marked increase in use, the most obvious being circulation with over 4,000 more check-outs this year than 2006, and 2,000 more than 2007! Since December of 2005, 996 Henniker residents signed up as NEW PATRONS of the Tucker Free Library. Numbers similar to this are being reported in all areas of the country; and as personal budgets tighten, more and more people are seeking the services of the local library. The town library is an integral part of our community, offering free movies, books, newspapers, programs, internet service, and in some cases, a place to get warm.



In early January a LIBRARY SERVICES VALUE CALCULATOR was added to our website. As the number of uses was plugged into the calculator, it was amazing to see how much money our collection had saved the Henniker community. The chart below lists, by library service, the number of times a service was used and how much it would have cost Henniker residents if they purchased the service. Last year the Tucker Free Library Board of Trustees asked for and received an appropriation of \$165,333 at Town meeting, and Henniker residents received \$828,853 worth of service or for every tax dollar funded to the library through the appropriation, \$5.01 worth of service was provided.

Activities of significance in 2008...

- The hours of operation of the Tucker Free Library were changed on February 2, 2008. The new schedule provides more consistency and one additional hour of evening service.
- Henniker residents attended an open house to celebrate National Library Week in April.
- The Henniker Rotary Club donated \$2,540 to the Tucker Free Library to establish a trust fund in memory of Walter K. Robinson. The trust fund will be used to continue building the Walter K. Robinson Classics Collection.
- The Tucker Free Library was the recipient of two national material grants. The first to arrive was a collection of books from the "We the People Bookshelf" that were selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. The second material grant to arrive was a large collection of posters depicting various artists, icons, and cultural concerns. The "Picturing America" grant was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum & Library Services, and the Office of Head Start. The posters are on display throughout the Tucker Free Library.

Tucker Free Library (continued)

- The Tucker Free Library participated in the Robert & Karin Finlay Foundation Challenge to increase membership. Throughout the duration of the program, 416 Henniker residents signed up for new library cards. This represented an increase in patrons totaling 17.7%. While we didn't win the challenge, everyone who uses the Tucker Free Library is a winner!!!!
- **SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** The goal of the summer reading program was to create a greener program that would bring about more global/environmental/societal awareness for our kids. We didn't want to buy plastic toys that would end up in the landfill, we didn't want to waste reams of paper on publicity, reading logs, or certificates, and we wanted to do something that the kids could be proud of and get a sense of accomplishment. The Friends of the Tucker Free Library pledged 20 cents to the town library in San Ramon Nicaragua for each book read. A giant piggybank for stickers allowed the kids to see how much money they were collectively raising for their special project. The Friends set the goal at 2,500 books. **THE KIDS OF HENNIKER REALIZED THEIR GOAL ON AUGUST 1, 2008, a full month ahead of schedule!**
- Henniker author Susan Nagelson read from her book, Exiled Voices.

LIBRARY SERVICE	VALUE OF SERVICE	BASED ON...	USE AT TFL 2008	VALUE TO HENNIKER
Books--Adult Collection	\$ 27.00	Amazon.com average price	11,386	\$ 307,422.00
Books,Paperback--Adult Collection	\$ 8.00	Amazon.com average price	161	\$ 1,127.00
Books--E-Room Collection	\$ 20.00	Amazon.com average price	7,703	\$ 154,060.00
Books--J-Room Collection	\$ 20.00	Amazon.com average price	3,696	\$ 73,920.00
Books--Young Adult Collection	\$ 20.00	Amazon.com average price	1,141	\$ 22,820.00
Magazines Borrowed	\$ 3.50	Average newsstand price	2,488	\$ 8,708.00
Movies-- Adult Collection	\$ 22.00	Average price to purchase movie	1,537	\$ 33,814.00
Movies-- E-Room Collection	\$ 22.00	Average price to purchase movie	709	\$ 15,598.00
Movies--J-Room Collection	\$ 22.00	Average price to purchase movie	839	\$ 18,458.00
Audio Books --Adult Collection	\$ 80.00	Average price to purchase un-abridged	2,257	\$ 67,710.00
Audio Books--E Room Collection	\$ 80.00	Average price to purchase un-abridged	796	\$ 23,880.00
Audio Books--J Room Collection	\$ 80.00	Average price to purchase un-abridged	172	\$ 5,160.00
Audio Books--Young Adult Collection	\$ 80.00	Average price to purchase un-abridged	34	\$ 1,020.00
Interlibrary Loans	\$ 30.00	Amazon.com price plus shipping	519	\$ 15,570.00
Adult Programs Attended	\$ 10.00	Adult Admission to museum/event	308	\$ 3080.00
Children's Programs Attended	\$ 6.00	Museum/event admission fee	579	\$ 3474.00
Number of computer users	\$ 45.00	Monthly cost to have Internet in home	1,432	\$ 64,440.00
Hours of computer use	\$ 12.00	FedEx-Kinkos price per hour	716*	\$ 8,592.00
				\$ 828,853.00

*low number assumes 1432 users sat for only 30 minutes/policy when someone is waiting

Tucker Free Library (continued)



2008 Library Staff (left to right). Back row: Betty Rood, Denise Getts, Director Lynne Piotrowicz, Garrett Marshal. Middle Row: Maggie Martin, Lori Roukey. Front: Jennifer Bryant.

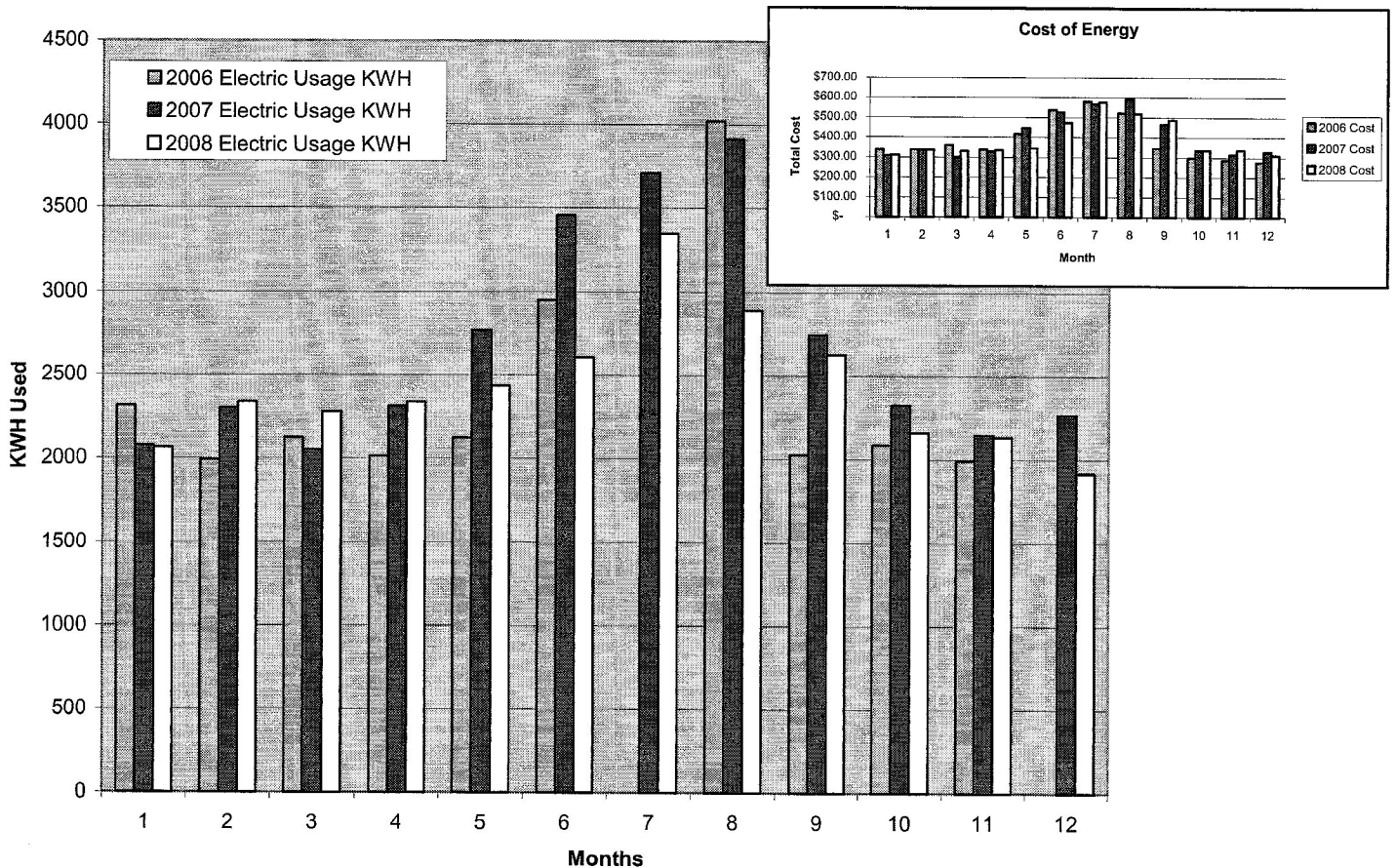
Energy Efficiency Projects That Have Been Completed

During the past three years some simple mechanical and behavioral changes had been instituted to decrease energy consumption. These changes included installation of programmable thermostats to control the use of the furnace and air conditioner, window fans were used to circulate the cool morning air throughout the building during the hot months of summer, and the air conditioning was used only with high heat and humidity. Had we not altered our use of the utilities in these simple and inexpensive ways, we would be looking at bills far exceeding our budget.

Even though we documented decreased consumption of energy, our bills remained high with the increased cost of the utilities. For example, during the summer of 2007 we used 11,076 KWH of electricity. During the summer of 2008 we used 8,847 KWH of electricity. The library decreased its consumption by 2,229 KWH of electricity yet our bill for the three month period was only \$118 less

than the same months of the prior year. The reality of the high cost of energy prompted the Board of Trustees to look at larger projects that would have a greater impact on the overall energy consumption of the Tucker Free Library. The question became what more could we do?

Electric Consumption



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ABOVE: Henniker kids decorate their canvas book bags during an activity sponsored by the Friends of the Tucker Free Library.

Several projects were on the table for discussion, including insulation and window repairs. As we discussed further energy saving measures, representatives from PSNH approached the Board and offered to complete an audit of our lighting system. The goal of the analysis was to determine the energy usage of the lighting infrastructure and then recommend an alternative system which used less energy. A summary of the completed projects follows:

- **LIGHTING RETROFIT:** After the lighting analysis, the Board of Trustees agreed to participate in the PSNH Smart Start Program. (The PSNH Smart Start Program allows for municipal entities to complete energy saving projects with no upfront financial expenditure.) The analysis projected that the savings realized by a complete overhaul of the lighting structure at Tucker Free Library

would amount to over \$650 annually. The scope of the project involved retrofitting all old lamp fixtures with new energy saving components. These components included the ballasts and the lamps. In several areas the old lamps were replaced with new equipment. Rebates for the new equipment cover one half of the expense of the retrofit, while our energy savings pay for the other half. Cost: \$0.

- **ADDITIONAL LIGHTING PROJECTS:** Replaced old light fixtures in the front lobby and front landing of the library. The fixture on the front landing was designed to broadcast more light down the stairs and is operated by a photocell so it only goes on when adequate light is not available. The existing interior lamp did not provide adequate lighting for security purpose. The new lamp was installed with a timer for programmable operations. Cost: \$430.

- **INSULATION JOB:** The scope of this project involved filling the 2.5' to 4' cavity that exists structurally between the ceiling of the Main Floor and the floor of the attic. The project took two days with no interruption in library service. Quality Insulation from Meredith, NH completed this project at a cost of \$4,100.

- **WINDOW TREATMENTS:** In December the old roller shades were replaced with new double cellular blinds. Double cellular blinds are the most energy efficient blinds available. The blinds remain down on the North, East, and West sides of the building to reduce the draft and loss of heat, while on sunny days the blinds on the South side of the building are raised to realize a solar heat benefit. Since staff members installed the blinds, the cost for 30 window treatments amounted to \$2,563 or \$85 per window.

Future Building Improvement Projects...

In the 2009 preliminary budget the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library included several projects that required funding. After evaluating the state of the economy, the Board of Trustees felt it was their fiscal responsibility to remove these projects from the 2009 budget, thus reducing our appropriation request by \$15,000. When the economy improves, we hope to accomplish some of the smaller projects through our operations budget and will tackle the larger ones in 2010.

- Electrical outlets need to be added on the Main Floor to accommodate patrons who bring in their own laptops. Quote: \$1,783.33
- New outlets also need to be installed to allow for window fans to be operated in the South windows on the Main Floor. Quote: \$376.38
- Exterior trim and windows need to be painted. Quote 1: \$7,500 / Quote 2: \$11,487

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- Fourteen discolored light covers on the Main Floor need to be replaced to realize the maximum benefit of the lighting retrofit. Quote: \$429.10 Fourteen Light Covers/S&H yet to be determined. Installation: \$70.00
- Carpeting on the Main Floor needs to be replaced. There are many areas where the carpeting on the Main Floor is fraying & wearing thin. Quote: Yet To Be Determined

We couldn't do it without the generous support of the community...

The Friends of the Tucker Free Library provide not only volunteer support at library programs, but have made significant financial contributions for special projects. This support is possible because of the money earned at the annual Bookfest, held on the Saturday morning of Columbus Day weekend. The New England College Athletic Department helped us again this year. Several teams gathered to quickly move boxes of books from the attic of the library to the Grange.

- The Friends of the Tucker Free Library paid for all activities associated with the Summer Reading Program, including entertainment for the final program, illusionist Jason Purdy.
- The Friends of the Tucker Free Library paid the annual subscription rate for our website, tuckerfreelibrary.org.
- Henniker residents downloaded 837 audio books offered through the NH State Library. This service, which cost \$500 in 2008, was paid for by the Friends of the Tucker Free Library.
- 318 children & 200 adults enjoyed the PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY program funded by the Friends of the Tucker Free Library.
- The current officers of the Friends group include: Janine Bates, Marilyn Borgendale, Mary Corsetti, Laurie Goldberg, and Marilyn Knapp. We are grateful for their continued dedication, support, and service.

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Tucker Free Library are especially appreciative of all the assistance the Town of Henniker provides. Special thanks to the crew of the Transfer Station, the Parks Department, and the Highway Department for all the ways they help us throughout the year.

The Trustees of the Tucker Free Library accepted monetary and supply donations from (in order of donations received):

- Helen Holmes for Francis O. Holmes Fund
- Lois Fitch for Robert N. Fitch Fund
- Larinda Routon for Walter K. Robinson Classic Collection
- Rebecca & Peter Josephson for general materials
- Friends of Edith Dockham
- Henniker Rotary Club to establish the Walter K. Robinson Trust Fund
- Paul & Martha Nemicolo for Mary F. Kjellman Fund
- Helen Holmes for Francis O. Holmes Fund
- Carolyn Patenaude for Robert N. Fitch Fund
- Judith Englander & John Echternach for general materials
- Chris & Robin Pullo for general materials
- Thank you to Gary & Melinda McGrath for the box of bookends for our display areas
- SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO ROUTINELY DROP MONEY INTO OUR DONATION BOXES AT THE CIRCULATION DESKS! (\$372.20)

Proceeds from long established funds continue to greatly benefit the operation of the library and also allow the purchase of equipment, books, and other media in specific categories. These funds include:

Marjorie B. Bennett Fund
Scott J. Berry Fund
Anna L. Childs Fund
D&W and E.L. Cogswell Fund
L.A. Cogswell Fund
Willis Cogswell Fund
Alice Colby Fund
James W. Doon Fund

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Robert N. Fitch Fund
 Francis O. Holmes Fund
 A.D. Huntoon Fund
 Mary F. Kjellman Fund
 Henry Preston Fund
 George W. Tucker Fund

The library not only appreciates the financial gains from these bequests, but also the honor of having the memories of past members of the Henniker community perpetuated at the Tucker Free Library.

Respectfully submitted
 on behalf of the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library by
 Lynn M. Piotrowicz, M.A., M.L.S.
 Director

Statistics			
Circulation	3,1674	Registered Patrons	3,102
Downloadable Audiobooks	837	New Patrons 2008	439
Ill Requests Made of Tucker Free	414	Non-Resident Patrons	2
Ill Requests Made for Tucker Free	519	Internet Usage	1,432
	33,030	Program Attendance	887
		Summer Reading Club Participants	142
Circulation Breakdown by Patron Type			
Patron Type	Number Patron/Type	Circulation	
1 Year Resident	127	676	
Adult Resident	1,787	21,752	
Juvenile Resident	900	5,499	
NEC Student	125	180	
Non-Residents	2	416	
Provisional	17	30	
Staff	9	1,987	
Home Delivery	2	649	
Material Statistics			
Category	Purchased	Gifts	Total
Adult Added	936	138	1,074
Young Adult Added	147	25	172
Junior Materials Added	173	59	232
Youth Materials Added	158	123	281
Materials Discarded			906