

ANNUAL REPORT



2010

Our library is being used more than ever!

Take a look at our usage statistics for 2010...

917 members strong

11,800 books & magazines on our shelves

1105 movies, FREE for you to borrow

15239 items checked out

17 programs

832 program attendees

3661 computer users

5152 virtual visits online



Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library

2010 Library Board and Staff Members

Ruth Brownley-Chair, Don Carter, Elizabeth Hamilton, Beth Koski, Margareta Linko-Vice-Chair, Diann Reinhardt, Morley Moore – Council Representative

**Lori Guillemette-CEO, Joe-Anne McMillan-Library Clerk,
Melissa Whitman – Children’s Program Coordinator and Library Clerk**

Letter from the CEO

In 2010 Whitestone residents and visitors made use of our services more than ever before. The Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library plays a vital role in the lives of many of our community members, proven by our high usage statistics and positive feedback we have received.

In the past year we offered more one on one computer classes, along with audiobook and social media tutorials. We strive to keep up with technological advances, so if you have a new gadget, whether it’s an Ipad, Ipod, MP3 player or e-reader we’re here for you!

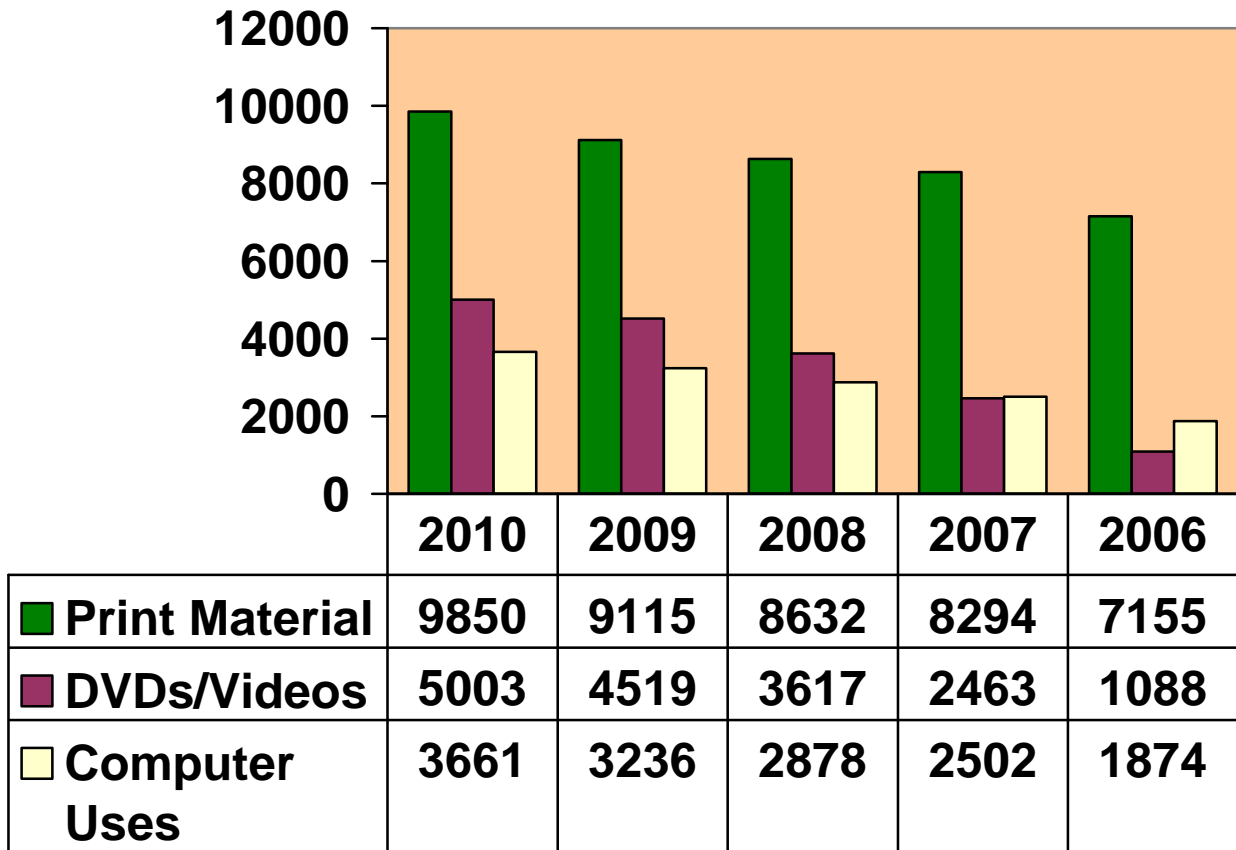
This has been an exceptional year for the members of the Library board and staff. We have been recognized by the Ministry of Culture, winning the Angus Mowat Excellence in Service Award.

We would like to thank each and every library member for their enthusiastic support of our library. Our volunteers also play an integral role in our success. Special thanks also go to the Staff and Council of the Municipality of Whitestone along with the Provincial and Federal Governments of Ontario.

Lori Guillemette

CEO

Library Growth Chart



More facts about 2010

- We received over \$3300.00 in donated books and movies that were entered into the collection.
- More than 250 volunteer hours were donated.
- Based on a rental fee of \$3.50 our members saved over **\$17,500.00** in free dvds
- Over 600 people have signed up for our wireless highspeed internet.
- **Library membership has risen 49% over the last 2 years.**

Some of the library programs and services offered this year were:

- Fancy Nancy Tea Party
- Computer training
- Facebook sessions
- TD Summer Reading Program – Destination Jungle
- Midnight Madness
- Bi-weekly School Visiting Program (JK – Grade 8)
- 4th Annual Seniors Day
- 3rd Annual Read and Ride Contest
- Tackle Share
- Computer Workshops
- Wii gaming days
- Food For Fines
- Storytime with Santa
- Christmas Open House
- Dove Self Esteem Program
- Digitization Days

Some of these programs were one time events, others are ongoing.

For 6 weeks we had the “Our Ontario” crew set up at the library to digitize our community’s local history.

In addition to our municipal and provincial funding, some of the additional grants we secured this year ...

- Summer Student Subsidy (Parry Sound Employment Services)
- Ministry of Culture Investment in Libraries
- Community Access Program (funded in part by Industry Canada)
- Connectivity Funding (Ministry of Culture, administered by the Southern Ontario Library Service)

"I can't think of a nicer place to spend a rainy day than with all the wonderful people and books at the library "



We now have over 5500 audiobooks and 3700 ebooks available for download from our website!



"I have checked out the audio books. There is such an amazing selection! I know what I'm asking for at Christmas - a really good MP3 player so I can use the audio books. We are so lucky to have the best library..."



We've proctored over 30 online boater exams, saving our residents a trip into town!



Storytime with Santa



"How wonderful! You inspire me to do the same at my school library!!! Excellent idea, effort and turnout! The children look so happy and engaged!"

Angus Mowat Award of Excellence

The Whitestone-Hagerman Memorial Public Library received the Angus Mowat Award for Excellence in Service for our **Celebrating Seniors Open House** which was held in June 2010. Marian Beaugard from the Seniors Safekeeping Program provided an information session called Elders at Risk – Protecting Your Neighbours and all seniors from Whitestone and the surrounding area were invited to the open house to experience what the library had to offer. Since then, the library has seen a spike in membership among seniors. This annual award is given to one small library in the province and we share this honour with our Municipal Council and members of the Whitestone Community.

THANK YOU!

Our volunteer base continues to grow. From shelving books, helping at our annual book sale, sorting through donations to our Used Book Shop, etc. A special thank you goes out to each and every volunteer who generously gave their time.

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