**Bentonville Public Library Advisory Board**

- Emily Douglas
- Melanie Elliott
- Elaine Kerr
- Octavio Sanchez
- George Spence

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**Friends of the Bentonville Public Library**

- Gail Trolinger, President
- Lucy Henderson, Vice President
- Betty Cleek, Treasurer
- Emily Douglas, Secretary

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**Library Volunteers**

Thank you to Suzanne Hicks for volunteering at the library for more than six years. Special recognition to Ann McKnight for her long service to BPL July 2003—July 2008. A dedicated individual, Mrs. McKnight volunteered more than 1,500 hours.

Amanda Alsip
Jacob Smith
Timothy Daniel
Gina Stevens
Suzanna Hicks
Ivette Stevens
Ann McKnight
Robert VanBibber
Levi Mele
Don Wallace
William Sheffit
Derek Williams

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**Northwest Arkansas Genealogy Society**

Thank you to Society members for volunteering 1,558 hours at the library, assisting library patrons in family research. Special recognition goes to Carol Miles for volunteering 291 hours at BPL.

Carly Anderson
Beth Hickman
Judy Vanderham
ZaDean Ayer
Marian Jordan
Ruth Barnes
Myra Baker
Mary Marquess
Jan Reeves
John Bates
June Melton
Frances Thompson
Carolyn Fugedy
Carol Miles
Kay Turner

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**Teen Volunteers**

42 local teenagers volunteered at BPL in 2008, giving 914.5 hours to the library. Special thanks to Brittany Tavernero who volunteered 83 hours and Callie Edwards who volunteered 62 hours.

Ashley Arnold
Christian Horton
Askar Pradhan
Aaron Barlow
Sage Hoyt
Christian Reinsch
Andrew Brummet
Hanna Johnson
Michael Reinsch
Summer Chapell
Daniel Johnston
Divya Shah
Arun Chawla
Zach Jones
Varnun Shah
Mallory Cibulka
Indran Kalmanathan
Celine Siahmakoun
Carlin Dean
Tannee Laemme
Lucero Soza
Mitt Dutty
Laura Lancaster
Lexi Stewart
Callie Edwards
Emily Landefeld
Brittany Tavernero
Amelia Faulk
Mamie Mattern
Heather Thomas
Stephanie Galen
Cody McClone
Isabella Thomas
Megan Hargus
Darryl Mitchell
Hannah Tomin
Brittany Hawkins
Amanda Parker
Jessica VanHook
Alisha Holman
Kelli Porter
Ashley Wortheby

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**BPL Mission Statement**

The Bentonville Public Library’s mission is to promote the development of literate and independent citizens through open access to diverse cultural, intellectual and informational sources.

**2008 Accomplishments**

- Emphasized programming and services for youth and adults, with a special focus on partnering with community organizations.
- Began providing outreach to public schools and community organizations as library staff visited teachers’ fairs, educator events, schools and other community events.
- New youth programming offerings, such as weekly “Baby Play and Rhyme Time” and a homeschool program, plus initiated a Teen Advisory Board.
- Emphasized staff training and development through collaborative and procedural meetings, including the library’s first staff in-service day.
- Developed a viable and productive teen volunteer program to assist with various library tasks. 42 teens volunteered 914.5 hours in 2008. Together with adult volunteerism, the library had more than 100 volunteers who donated 3,243 hours of service.

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**BPL 2008 Statistics at a Glance**

- BPL experienced more than 264,800 visits.
- Library staff assisted patrons 20,143 times.
- 6,291 new library users were registered in 2008; 77% of those items were checked out using the self-check terminals.
- Library computers were used 50,649 times.
- 21,752 new books, videos, audio books & periodicals were added to the library’s collection, bringing the total collection size to 70,416 items, valued at $1,547,047.84.
- Library meeting facilities were utilized 850 times by 380,074 patrons.

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**Library Expenditures 2008**

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*$500,000 payment to Library Foundation in 2008 completed the City’s $2 million financial contribution toward construction of the new facility.
Bentonville Library partnered with the Children’s Museum of Northwest Arkansas to provide a fun-filled day of family-friendly activities at the library. “Rexy’s Jurassic Party” events centered on the library’s half-size dinosaur replica.

2009 promises to be even better at Bentonville Public Library. Many fun and educational youth and adult programs are being planned by library staff. 2009 Library goals include:

- Striving to meet the changing needs of our technologically-savvy users by providing access to downloadable e-audios, a new electronic collection.
- Begin providing Inter-Library Loan (ILL) services for library customers.
- Developing a strategic plan for the library, implementing user-surveys or focus groups along with input from the Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation and the City of Bentonville.

I want to take a moment to thank the entire library staff. As our community grows, so do our services. I appreciate your flexibility and hard work to meet our increasing usage. Special thanks to our library support groups—Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Library and Bentonville Library Foundation. Each person volunteering in this capacity is extremely dedicated and wonderfully supportive of the library. Our successes are even greater because of you. Thank you also to our library volunteers who assist with daily operations. Your contributions mean so much. Finally, thank you for your continued support—Mayor McCaslin, City Council aldermen and City of Bentonville departments. Special appreciation must be mentioned for Parks and Electric departments for ongoing assistance with grounds and facility projects.

Sincerely, Hadi S. Dudley