young Buellton Library patrons say,

“The Library is an essential part of our lives.”
Honorable Mayor Siminski, Members of the City Council, City Administrator Laurel Barcelona, and community members:

In early 2009, implementation of the City’s Chevron Energy Project began at the Lompoc Library. The new energy efficient lighting in our public spaces caused the staff and library users to look up and see the library differently. It inspired us to begin design work on a new layout and service plan. Our goal was to make the Library more user-friendly and efficient by rearrangement of public service desks and public computer areas.

By year’s end we had moved shelves, shifted whole collections of books and other materials, reworded signage, and completed installation of a new combined service counter for checking materials in/out. Special one-time funding from the County of Santa Barbara was used to purchase and install the new service counter. With help from the City Facilities Maintenance crew, our dedicated staff made all the other changes happen.

If we view the lighting and redesigned spaces as bookends to 2009, the accomplishments within them stack up to show that the Library is ever changing to meet community needs:

- Our downloadable audiobook service, OverDrive, became iPod compatible, further extending the reach of the Library’s collection to commuters, joggers, and tech savvy young patrons. Over 2,000 titles were downloaded by Lompoc patrons in 2009.
- Programming expanded with a monthly Family Movie Night, another season of Jazz at the Library in August, and a Community Read event in collaboration with Allan Hancock College and the Santa Maria Public Library in October 2009.
- In May the Library migrated to a new Integrated Library System (ILS) with an online catalog that includes pictures of book covers and reviews and provides an improved search experience for Library users. Patrons can check the Top 50 Holds to see what DVDs and books other people on the Central Coast are looking for.
- Charlotte’s Web Children’s Library Learning Center construction drawings were submitted to the City Building Department for plan check, and an assessment of community capacity to fund the project was completed in July 2009.
- TumbleBooks Library premiered with e-books for our youngest patrons through independent readers; story books, language learning, and puzzles and games are available from any computer anytime by clicking the icon on the Library homepage.
- Novelist, a great online tool for exploring fiction for all age groups, joined the roster of outstanding databases available with a Lompoc Library card.

Despite the current economic downturn, we are optimistic about the future. Although we have reduced staffing and operating hours in this budget cycle, we have not cut back on our enthusiasm. We are working on a strategic plan, so that the Library will be poised to maximize
the gains that will be possible when funding increases. We are expanding our reach into the community by collaborating with the Boys and Girls Club, Lompoc Unified School District, First Five of Santa Barbara County, and other agencies. We are diligently working to anticipate the needs in our community and find imaginative ways to improve service.

The Library’s continued success would not be possible without the support of the Board of Trustees, Lompoc’s Mayor and City Council, County of Santa Barbara staff and Supervisors, our Friends of the Library and Library Foundation members, and our many volunteers.

The Lompoc Library is not only looking up but looking forward to another year of interacting with the residents and visitors in our community who come to the Library every day with unique questions, requests, stories, and needs.

Sincerely,

Allan F. Clark
President, Library Board of Trustees

Molly Gerald
Library Director

Mission Statement

Our mission is to strengthen our community and enhance the quality of life for its citizens by offering free and public access to a vast array of ideas and information.

We seek to be aware of the needs of the people we serve and to be supportive of the love of reading, lifelong learning, and an informed citizenry.

We acquire, organize, and provide books and materials in other formats and offer varied and enriching programs.
Lompoc Public Library System

Library Board of Trustees
- Allan Clark, President
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- Diane Lawrence, Secretary
- Wickie Rodenhi
- Holly Sierra

Library Management Team
- Molly Gerald, Library Director
- Barbara Cooper, Circulation Services
- Ashlee Chavez, Adult Services Manager
- Lezlee Hurtado, Youth Services Manager
- Lee Edie, Administrative Services
- Christina Chill, Literacy Coordinator
- Adam Fabela, Technical Services
- Elizabeth Chapman, Branch Manager, Buellton Library
- Lara Schnick, Branch Manager, Village Library

Organization Chart
Looking Up:
Library support

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”
Sir Winston Churchill

Friends of the Lompoc Library System – since 1970
lomfriends@blackgold.org

The Friends group meets immediate needs of the libraries not covered in their budgets with quarterly book sales and other projects.

Board Officers
Nina Taylor, President
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Fran Houston, Turducken Liaison
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Cathy Rudolph, Newsletter
Sharon McVicar, Magazine Subscriptions

Lompoc District Libraries Foundation – since 1997
libraryfoundation@blackgold.org

The Library Foundation raises funds for capital projects, the Endowment for Books and educational programs.

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Sachi Yenokida, Secretary
Ed Grand, Treasurer
Patricia Coggin
Dick DeWees
Kay Eatmon
Kathy Froemming

Ex-Officio Directors
Wickie Rodenhi, Library Trustee
Suzanne Schwark, Past Pres./EMC Chair
Molly Gerald, Library Director

Turducken Dinner Group – since 2003

The Turducken Dinners have raised over $130,000 for the downtown library and Village Library since 2003. The funds are donated equally to the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation.

Turduckens
Jim & Laurie Beck
Ed & Ramona Casarez
Stan & Lisa Hart
Dewayne & Bonnie Holmdahl

Lompoc Library Volunteers – since 1907

Volunteers donated 9,338 hours to our libraries in 2009.
Staff member, Susan Ross, checks out DVDs to patron Don Rocconi. Don not only uses the Lompoc and Village Libraries several times a week, but also participates in the Great Books group and Poetry group monthly meetings.

**Library Measures, FY 2008-2009**

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<th>Measure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Population served – Santa Barbara Co. Library Zone 2</td>
<td>66,376</td>
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<td>Square footage of 3 library facilities</td>
<td>25,238</td>
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<td>Square miles covered in the service area</td>
<td>444</td>
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<td>Library cardholders</td>
<td>36,723</td>
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<td>Children cardholders</td>
<td>11,825</td>
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<td>Overall program attendance</td>
<td>10,032</td>
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<td>Children’s program attendance</td>
<td>8,637</td>
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<td>Print materials owned</td>
<td>98,239</td>
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<td>Audiovisual materials owned</td>
<td>15,081</td>
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<td>Reference questions answered</td>
<td>25,936</td>
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<td>Use of materials (circulation) / per capita</td>
<td>332,186 / 5</td>
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<td>Visits to the Library / per capita</td>
<td>283,432 / 4.27</td>
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<td>Volunteers (full time equivalent)</td>
<td>5.91</td>
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<td>Staff with Master of Library Science Degree</td>
<td>2.40</td>
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Looking Up: finding the best answers

Adult Services Manager, Ashlee Chavez, researches a patron’s question.

Youth Services Manager, Lezlee Hurtado, assists a young library user.

Teens work in peer groups in the newly designed Teen Zone.
Looking Up: technology access

A new study documents the use of the Internet in public libraries: “In a world increasingly defined by technology, the public library is one of the widest bridges to the Internet and computers, not only for those who cannot afford their own connection, but for those who find the library is an easier, faster, friendlier, or more effective way to use these tools.”


Adult Services Manager, Ashlee Chavez, assists a patron in moving data from a PDF document to an Excel spreadsheet for her research needs.
Looking Up: programs for all ages

Hundreds of area residents of Santa Maria and Lompoc joined Allan Hancock students in reading the 2007 bestseller *Little Heathens* in fall 2009. Author Millie Kalish delighted audiences with a view of the hard times of the Great Depression that was realistic yet filled with hope and high spirits.

A juggler entertains young readers as part of the Summer Reading Program, which drew over 800 participants in June – August 2009, with the theme, *Be Creative @ Your Library!*

Children create their own programming too, using the fun props available in the Children’s Department at the library.
The Lompoc Public Library System, Library Zone 2 of Santa Barbara County, serves a geographic area of 444 square miles and a population of 66,376. In addition to the main library, the Lompoc Library staff provides administrative and professional support to the Buellton Library and the Village Library.

Buellton Library

- The Buellton Library became the community space for free legal advice, when the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County received a grant to fund an attorney’s ongoing services at the Library several days each month.

- Third grade students at Oak Valley Elementary School designated the Buellton Library as the recipient in a grant they wrote with their teachers as a lesson in philanthropy. The students were honored with a special reception in the Library’s Olga Klibo Children’s Room.
Looking Up: serving nearby communities

Village Library

Staff member Stacy Brigman checks books out to a patron.

- The Friends of the Village Library have raised up to $25,000 a year since 2007 to fund operations. An anonymous donation has provided the base funding of $12,500 per year.

- County Supervisor Doreen Farr uses the Village Library as a community space to meet with her constituents and discuss their concerns.

Free Wii Gaming!

Teens can get their game on at the Village Library during Wii and Rock Band gaming Saturdays.

Days in December and through January 23rd

3pm-5pm

Village Library
3755 Constellation Rd
805-733-3323
The Literacy Program has operated as an adjunct service of the Lompoc Library since 1989.

Looking Up: Literacy programming

Adult Reading Program tutor Timber Vetter assists student Cindy Jeon. Another tutor pair works together in the background.

Literacy Program Funding Sources for 2009-2010:

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<th>Source</th>
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<td>Grant funding from the California State Library:</td>
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<td>Santa Barbara Foundation:</td>
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<td>Wal-Mart</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>Friends of the Library</td>
<td>4,700</td>
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<td>Fundraising and contributions (projection)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$62,783</strong></td>
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Literacy Program Measures, 2008-2009:

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<td>Students served</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>Students that advanced a grade level or attained a personal goal</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>Hours of literacy instruction provided by 63 tutors</td>
<td>3,694</td>
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<td>New tutors that completed the 12-hour tutor training</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>Other volunteer support hours contributed</td>
<td>1,739</td>
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<td>Children / families served in Families for Literacy programming</td>
<td>76 / 32</td>
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<td>Residents reached through outreach programs</td>
<td>4,091</td>
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<td>Children’s books distributed to at-risk families</td>
<td>2,899</td>
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<td>Agencies worked with collaboratively</td>
<td>22</td>
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Looking Up: 
funding our libraries

City of Lompoc Funding, FY 2008-2009

Source: City of Lompoc 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statements

State, County & City Funding Sources

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<td>STATE</td>
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<td>$18,010</td>
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<td>Budget</td>
<td>$948,755</td>
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<td>52,620</td>
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<td>$18.03</td>
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<td>Buellton Library</td>
<td>$2,621</td>
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<td>Budget</td>
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<td>Expenditure per capita</td>
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Benchmark Comparisons (County Library Zones 1, 2 & 3)

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<td>1 (Santa Barbara)</td>
<td>227,349</td>
<td>$6,246,380</td>
<td>75.79</td>
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<td>2 (Lompoc)</td>
<td>66,376</td>
<td>$1,278,686*</td>
<td>17.14</td>
<td>3,872</td>
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<td>3 (Santa Maria)</td>
<td>137,587</td>
<td>$2,980,765</td>
<td>39.20</td>
<td>3,466</td>
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* includes Literacy Program budget – figures based on unaudited budget
California State Library Statistics 2008-2009 City/County (local) income.
Update on progress: The Charlotte’s Web Project was submitted to the City of Lompoc Building Department for Plan Check in December 2009.

The Library Foundation completed a campaign feasibility study in Fall 2009 that showed strong support for the project, and local giving capacity of $300,000. Funding possible through area-wide foundation support was estimated at $1.2 million.

Library staff and Trustees will present a project update to the Lompoc City Council in May 2010.