

*Newsletter*

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## 2009 State of the Library Report

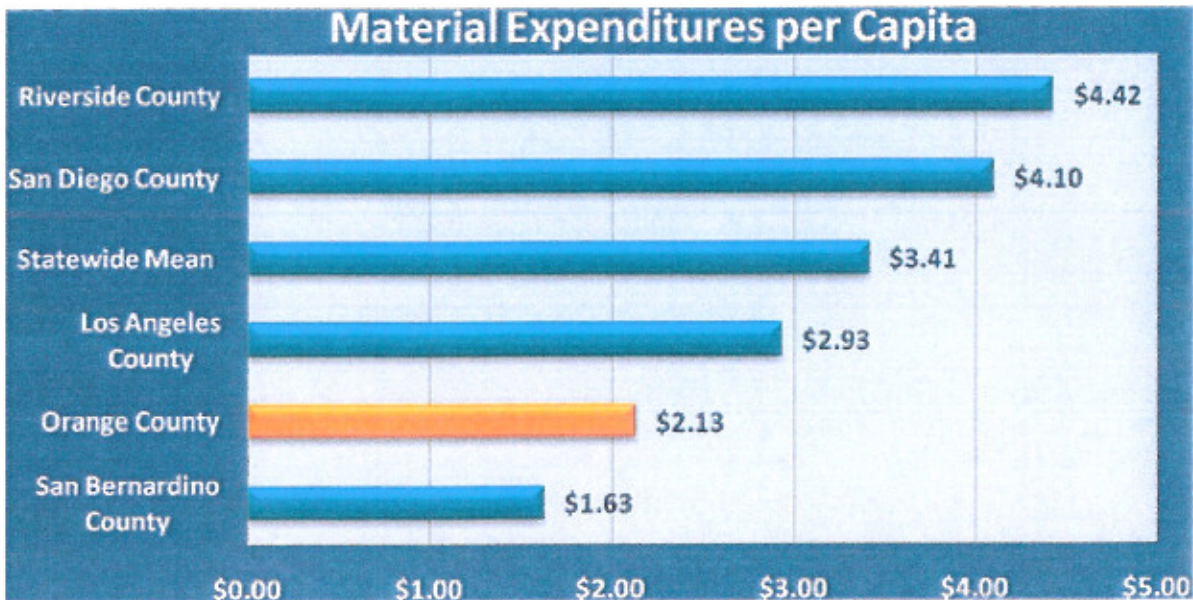
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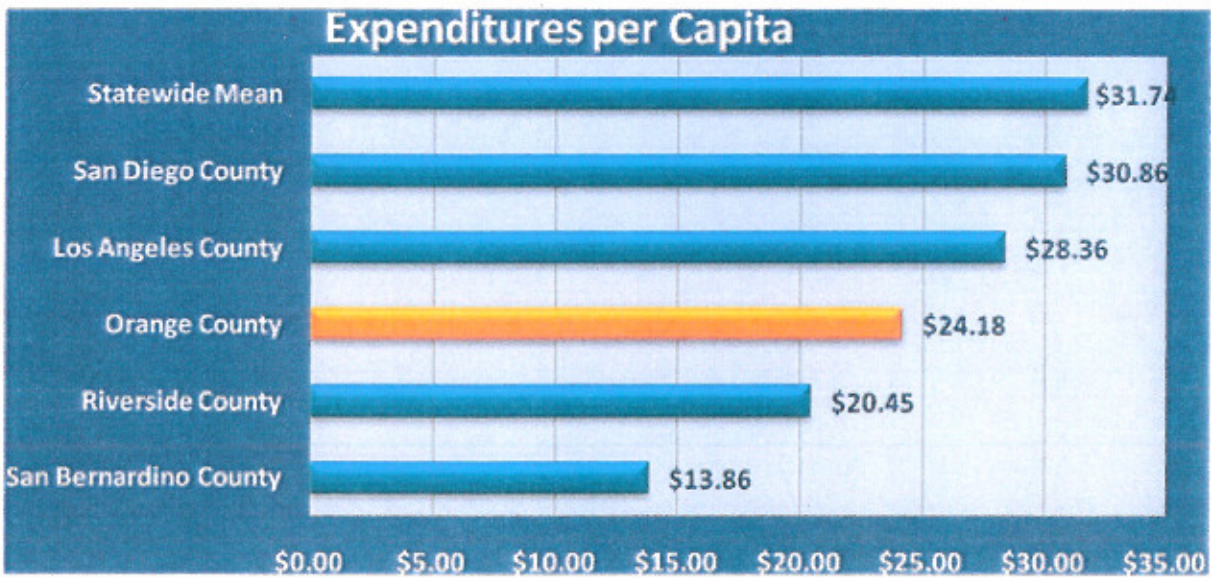
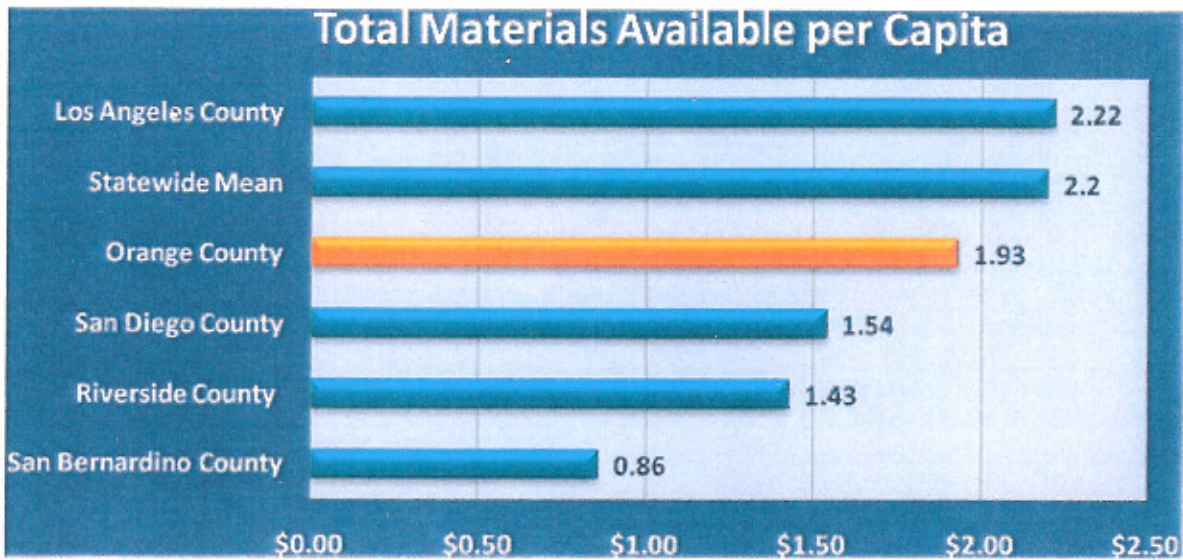
In fiscal year 2008-09, the Orange County Public Libraries' (OCPL) operating budget totaled approximately \$45,000,000. OCPL fulfills its mission of providing library services to Orange County's diverse communities by offering the loan and use of a broad spectrum of resources in a variety of formats with professional assistance in using those resources. Special programs for children, teens and adults, adult literacy training, and community center functions are also part of OCPL's service program. This year, we have successfully integrated with OC Community Resources, a consolidation of OC Public Libraries, OC Parks, OC Community Services and OC Animal Care, thus providing OC Public Libraries greater access to resources and availability of venues beyond the limitations of our current facilities.

OCPL currently operates thirty-four libraries, an administrative headquarters facility, and an advanced automation system serving a population of over 1.5 million.

These three graphs will compare our expenditures with other libraries in California. Listed in the graphs are the county systems closest to OCPL. Information was obtained from the most recent report from the State Library.

### Fiscal Year 2009 Benchmarks





### **OCPL System Activity Data**

- Items borrowed: Approximately 7 million
- Reference Questions answered: 1.7 million
- Number of patrons attending programs (lectures, story hour, book talks, etc): 190,220
- Internet session usage: 41,282,483 (minutes)

### **New Facilities Construction**

- Tustin Library Opening – Spring 2009 soft opening
- Expansion plans and construction for Laguna Niguel Library (funded by City of Laguna Niguel)
- Expansion plans for San Juan Capistrano Library (combination funding by FOL and City of San Juan Capistrano)

### **Technology Initiatives**

- New centralized telephone reference service
- Historical Images Digital Collection expansion
- RFID conversion
- Self-check out expansion
- eCommerce

### **Public Programs**

- Third "Literary Orange" Book Festival scheduled for April 4, 2009
- Award winning Egyptology lecture series to continue
- Readers Rally Open House
- Boomer Outreach – Financial Planning, Health & Wellness
- Provide greater accessibility of literacy services to the residents of Orange County
- Provide more comprehensive literacy services to Orange County residents
- Teen Tech Week
- Imagination Celebration
- Teen Poetry and Art Contest
- Teen Read Week
- Airport Art Contest
- Early Childhood Literacy
- Small Business Programs
- Introduction of Roving Reference
- Centennial County Libraries Anniversary

### **Upcoming Challenges**

- Property tax revenue decline due to economy
- State grant revenue decline

### **Vision Statement**

The Orange County Public Library will be an institution that creates a supportive environment for our diverse communities, stimulating intellectual curiosity and enhancing lifelong learning through free and equal access to materials available in a variety of formats.

### **Mission Statement**

To open new worlds to our diverse communities through knowledgeable and friendly staff who are trained in the latest technologies and tools offered at our branches and through our website which will, in turn, enable our patrons to explore resources for leisure, learning, business, and community interaction.

### **Core Services**

- **Facilities**

*Provide safe and easy access to libraries for the community*

- **Materials**

*Provide a broad spectrum of materials in multiple formats and provide the community with the best access to the collection*

- **Expertise**

*Provide knowledgeable, friendly, and experienced staff to support the information needs of the community*