The Birmingham Public Library has completed another year of the kind of achievement that inspires institutional pride. The many accomplishments acknowledged in this report represent the library's traditional dedication to providing a high-quality library service in a user-friendly environment. While technological advances have changed and will continue to modify the tools for providing library services, the spirit in which the service is delivered continues to thrive.

By the Numbers
- Circulation: 4,492,546
- Membership: 126,125
- Visits: 2,003,271
- Centres: 56,196
- Branches: 5,12,261
- Inter-library Use: 1,873,928
- Reference transactions: 1,193,203
- Public computer use: 931,999
- Summer Reading Club participants: 6,931
- Summer Reading Club certificates: 3,822
- Summer Reading Club programs: 890
- Summer Reading Club program attendance: 23,719
- Library programs: 1,758
- Program attendance: 56,692
- Meeting room bookings: 2,688
- Staff in continuing education: 6,452
- New material added: 70,984
- New bibliographic records created: 43,635
- Retrospective conversions: 34,962
- Digital collections usage: 243,742
- Best Seller's Club members: 2,236
- Photocopies: 647,015

With New Services
- New e-mail system for greater efficiency
- Self-check stations at Central and the four branches
- Outside media book drop at Central
- New computer training centers, Five Points and Springville Road
- BPL News Blog
- BPL profile on MySpace.com
- EventKeeper web calendar
- Free Wi-Fi at Central (coming soon at other locations)
- Casual seating and Wi-Fi access in the atrium at Central
- Credit cards accepted at Central and the four branches

With New Products
- Downloadable audio books systemwide
- Primary audio books at some locations
- Serial Set, African Americans Overseas and Politics in America
- New local databases: Alabama Civil War Collections, 1860-1930
- (2,750 records); Alabama Episcopal Church Newspapers (4,160 records); Alabama Archives Database (12,201 records); Red Mountain Genealogy Interests (4,520 records); Obituary Index (33,548 records); BPL DVD (Dvd Collection) (4,420 records)
- Digital Collections: 2,625 items in CONTENTION, 35 folders and pamphlets scanned, 14 books scanned, 18th century Bishop Church collection added to the Libraries' Internet access
- Websites: You Can Trust, 697 megadigibel
- Publication of two books: A Woman of the Town and Historic Photos of Birmingham

In the Schools and Daycare Centers
- Off to a Great Start - packets for Birmingham City Schools students: Kindergarten through 12th grade
- 5th graders: 135 classrooms
- 6th graders: 101 classrooms
- 7th graders: 317 students
- Licensed to Read: 135 schools, 800 library cards
- WITV Cart: 4,000 library cards
- Between the Lions: 107 cards for Head Start students
- BPL on your School: 3,325 classrooms, 120 boxes of books provided to schools, 11,000 books checked out
- Reading to Be Remembered/ Jumpstart's Read for the Record - BPL librarians read to 2,000 children in a single day
- Emergent library storytimes and workshops
- Camp Birmingham and Epic's Summer Enrichment Camp
- Reading Ready: 800 students and their parents
- United Way Read It Forward book discussions
- Birmingham Cultural Alliance: 15 sessions, 324 students
- Teaching American History Project - teaching materials for seminars for teachers in the Birmingham City Schools
- Art in Action - joint project with the Birmingham Museum of Art brought 2,000 students to the library
- Homework: Birmingham Ambassadors Program
- Jefferson County Board of Education - media specialists in service training
- Birmingham City Schools: in-service day for administrators