

## From the Director:

2009 was another trying year, as economic indicators lagged, jobs were scarce, and New York's finances grew ever-worse. Amidst these problems the nation's public libraries remained a point of light, providing positive education and recreation opportunities for people of all ages and economic situations.

Some of our service measurements grant a good indication of how today's libraries are being used—and how they have changed. While the number of items borrowed remained steady, huge increases occurred in other areas: reference questions, interlibrary loans, program attendance, Internet and wireless usage, study room use, and public fax transmissions. Libraries have truly adapted to changing times, and despite home Internet use and e-books, are busier than ever. As such, they remain a great value, and the very model of shared services.

We've been working hard to make your library experience more enjoyable. The building is more accessible. Our Laptop Lounge has helped meet growing demand for Wi-Fi, and the Overdue Café is now serving fresh-brewed coffee and tea. A grant is in the works for a sorely needed renovation of the public restrooms. Grants were also secured to update the public computers, and to purchase equipment to add Wii gaming to our programs. The library web page was completely overhauled, with the addition of many interactive features, including the exciting BookLetters service to keep you informed of all the newest titles.

Children's & Young Adult services remain a key focus, as we work to open the wonderful world of reading to our youth. Reading remains our core service. I encourage you to take advantage of our excellent collection - everyone should always have a good book close at hand! - *Ed Dunscombe*



Coffee & Books!

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Halloween



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Endicott, NY 13760**

**Library Hours:  
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