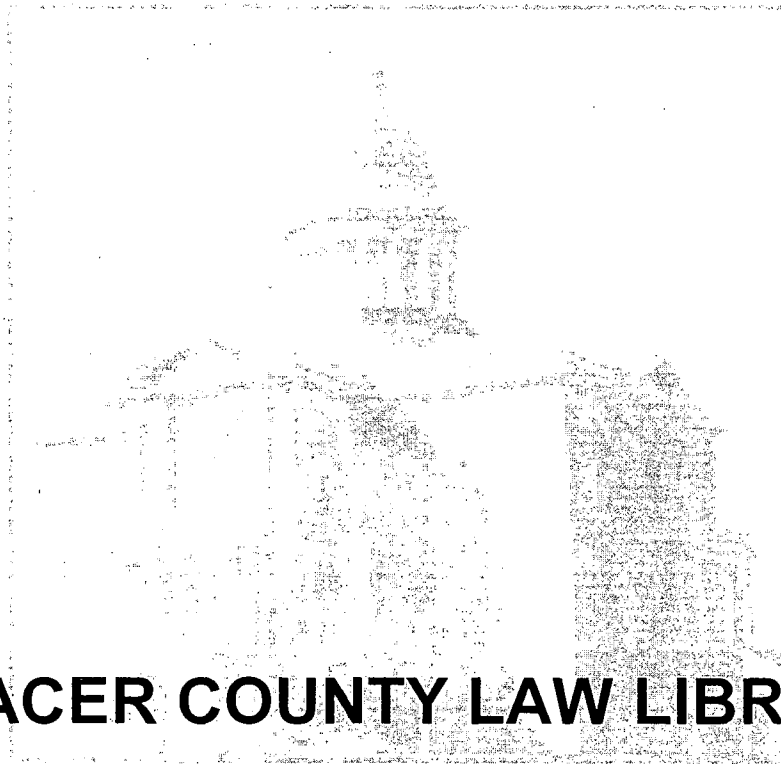


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# PLACER COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT

2008-2009

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The Board of Law Library Trustees submits this annual report to the County Board of Supervisors on the condition of the law library trust fund pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6349 and 6350 of the California Business and Professions Code.

The Law Library Board of Trustees held regularly scheduled meetings on the second Monday of each month. In February, Greg Fayard joined the board, replacing outgoing Placer County Bar Association President Levin.

The library's primary source of income is its portion of the civil filing fees. The law library's current \$35 portion cannot be increased without an act of the Legislature. During FY 08-09, the law library's income from filing fees was \$395,654, while income from the previous year FY 07-08 was \$350,096. This represents an increase of \$45,558 or a 13% increase in filing fee income. This year's revenues exceeded expenditures by \$69,979. At the end of the year the law library trust account balance was \$188,098. The law library board continues to work toward opening a branch law library in Roseville.

For the second time since the Law Library opened in its current location in the fall of 1995, Placer County made reimbursement for facility operating expenses under Business and Professions Code Section 6361. The County budgeted and approved reimbursement in the amount of \$20,000. This year's facility expenses of \$44,537 were extraordinarily high due to the unexpected expense of replacing the library roof and the cost of the library network upgrade.

With the increase in civil filing fee income and the contribution from Placer County toward library facilities, the law library expanded the materials collection in the area of self-help law books and criminal practice guides. This year the library replaced the LawDesk CD-Rom-based legal research system with Westlaw. The Westlaw subscription allows patrons to search cases and codes from every state and also represents a dramatic increase in the amount of legal


treatises, forms and practice guides. The Westlaw subscription is in addition to the CEB OnLaw, HeinOnline and Lexis subscriptions that were added last year. Goals for next year include replacing the four aging public computers to complete the technology upgrade.

When the civil court clerk's office moved from the Historic Courthouse to the Dewitt Center in August of 2007, the law library experienced a 12% drop in use. In August 2008 the courthouse opened at the Santucci Justice Center in Roseville and now the court clerk's office is no longer located in Auburn. This latest change was expected to negatively affect the law library usage rate but usage actually increased. Over the course of the year 11,487 people used the library and staff answered 6,080 reference questions. This represented a 7.7% increase in the number of library users and a 1.8% increase in the number of reference questions.

The law library continues to work closely with the Placer County Library. The law library was part of the County Library computer network upgrade completed in November 2008. As a result, the library now has the network access speed necessary to provide online legal research to the public and it is a wi-fi hotspot. Two of the library's major databases, CEB OnLaw and HeinOnline are accessible through the library wi-fi.

Law Librarian Christopher Christman is serving his fifth year as treasurer of the statewide county law library organization, the California Council of County Law Librarians (CCCLL). He is also on the legislative committee for that organization. This year CCCLL was successful in authoring legislation included in the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2009. The legislation made changes to 16 sections affecting the powers and duties of county law libraries.

Respectfully Submitted November 2009,  
PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF LAW LIBRARY TRUSTEES

  
Alex Constantino, Secretary

ASSETS

Law Library Trust Account	118,119.20
Buildings and Improvements	320,121.93
Total	438,241.13

BOOK INVENTORY

Total Volumes July 1, 2008	8,586
Volumes Added	287
Volumes Discarded	200
Total Volumes	8,673

LIBRARY STAFF

Christopher Christman - Librarian  
Diane Wells - Library Clerk  
Mark Tombaugh - Extra-Help Library Clerk

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	8:00 - 8:00
Tuesday	8:00 - 8:00
Wednesday	8:00 - 5:00
Thursday	8:00 - 5:00
Friday	8:00 - 5:00
Saturday	10:00 - 2:00

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*Revenues and Expenses For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009*

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**REVENUES**

6854	Printer Copies / Disks	1,610	
6950	Interest	5,403	
6965	Conference Room	875	
6965	Copy Machine	564	
8143	Court Filing Fees	395,654	
8755	Donations	863	
	B&P 6361 Reimbursement	20,000	
	<b>Total revenues</b>		<b>\$424,969</b>

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**EXPENSES**

2051	Communications	7,193	
2405	Condominium Monthly Assessment	18,279	
2406	Bathroom Maintenance	926	
2439	Professional Dues	460	
2523	Office Supplies	1,403	
2528	Security	328	
2556	Computer Maintenance	144	
2556	Library Staff	170,806	
2841	Staff Training	65	
2860	Books / Materials / CDS	125,647	
2931	Travel	613	
2965	Utilities	4,927	
2556	Placer County Library Fee	10,609	
	<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>\$354,990</b>
	<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>		<b>\$69,979</b>