

Anything You Want, We Got It; Anything You Need, We Got It

We won't sing about it the way Roy Orbison used to, but that doesn't mean that your Metropolitan Library System isn't able and willing to deliver what you want and need.

As we check 2011 off our To Do List, and before we charge full-throttle into 2012, we thought you might appreciate it if we let you know about a few of the special things we've been doing and plan to do in the months ahead.

We talked a lot during the last year about a new emphasis we've placed on eBooks and eMedia. MLS is certainly not a believer that "print is dead"—demand for new books, magazines, and newspapers continues and will continue for a long time to come—but demand is also increasing for material and information that can be accessed online. In 2011, customers checked out 76,638 eBooks, and just a little ahead of that, they checked out 79,282 audio books.

We also told you about some of our new and increasingly popular databases, which can be accessed through our website, www.metrolibrary.org, by clicking on "Databases". You took advantage of their accessibility and usage skyrocketed.

Three of our genealogy databases, Biography and Genealogy Master Index, Footnote, and Sanborn Maps, recorded increases of 773, 539 and 52 percent. We also helped a lot of you learn a new language with Mango Languages, which shot up 270 percent.

Fiscal year 2010-2011 marked our continued expansion of library services in Oklahoma County. We introduced new community programming and newly renovated facilities.

In October 2010, over 3,000 customers participated in our first *Booktober Fest*—our latest, and obviously very popular, reading programming for adults.

This summary doesn't really begin to cover MLS' contributions to our community—it's merely suggestive of the areas in which we're involved.

And what's for the coming year? Look for the Grand Opening of the new Northwest Library in the spring and the unveiling of the new, improved Southern Oaks Library this summer.

We can't slow down—and we're not letting you slow down, either.



