

New Orleans Public Library

Campaign Accomplishments 2006

Renovated and reopened the flooded Alvar Branch in Bywater. This \$800,000 project was accomplished in four months with in-kind contributions from the US library community and cash donations from local and national donors.

Renovated interior of the Children's Resource Center (Napoleon at Magazine) primarily through in-kind donations and volunteer effort from the US library community. Donated funds are committed for exterior repairs to complete the renovation.

Six of the thirteen NOPL libraries (including Main) are in operation.

Staff has climbed to 85 from fewer than 20 post-Katrina. Although staffing remains lean, hours open to the public are approaching full-time.

Two small temporary facilities were donated and put into service at Algiers Regional and Smith (Lakeview) branch locations.

Two bookmobiles were purchased and outfitted with donations and are ready for service.

Six temporary branches will be established with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation of approximately \$2.4 million. These small branches will serve for three years as permanent libraries are rebuilt. Gates Foundation will fund nearly all capital, and 2/3 of staff costs.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has funded a 1.5-year demonstration of new on-demand printing technology at NOPL that the Library will use to replace volumes in its collection and in school collections and explore new approaches to providing books to its patrons.

Rebuild Campaign has raised \$3 million in one year: \$1.1 million cash received; \$600,000 cash pledged; \$1.3 million in-kind books, furniture, services, etc. received.

New Orleans Public Library Foundation investment fund has grown from \$3.68 million (December 2005) to \$4.3 million (December 2006) through earnings and Rebuild Campaign fundraising. The fund achieved annualized total return of 12.47%.