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Library Statistics

January - October 2010

Library Visitors

per month: 2073
 total open days: 244
 per day: 85

Reference Questions Answered

per month: 461

www.millerlibrary.org

visits per month: 9,932
 pageviews per month: 19,344

Website features

Gardening Answers Knowledgebase
 Plant Sales & Garden Tours Calendar
 Student Research Guide
 Topical Resources Lists

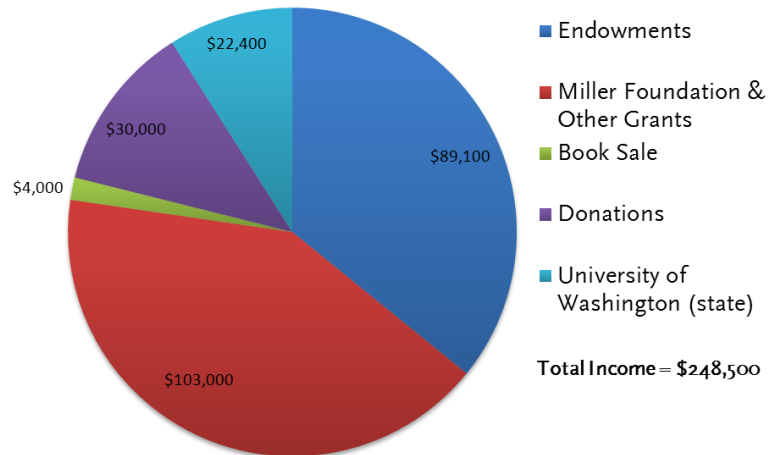
Acquisitions

General reference books: 84
 Rare book room: 7
 Pacific Northwest reference: 20
 Pacific Northwest lending: 26
 Lending books: 165
 Children & Teachers books: 47
Total new items: 352

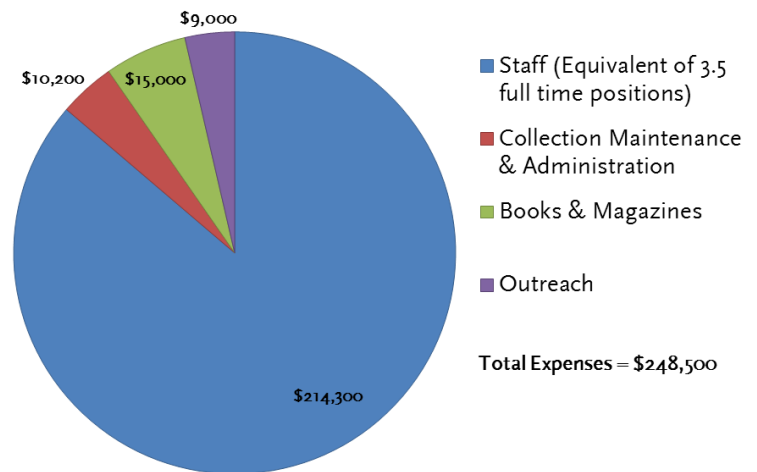
Garden Lovers' Book Sale: donate your books!

The sixth annual Garden Lovers' Book Sale is Friday-Saturday, April 1-2, 2011. The success of this fundraising event depends on your donated plant-related books. Don't delay, donate your gently used books today!

Projected Income for 2010



Projected Expenses for 2010



Current & former Miller Library staff & volunteers reunited at the 25th Anniversary celebration



Council on Botanical & Horticultural Libraries 2010 Annual Meeting

What do Harvard University, the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, and Jardin Botanique de Montréal have in common? All of these illustrious institutions, and many more, sent representatives to the 42nd annual meeting of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL), hosted by the Miller Library last May.

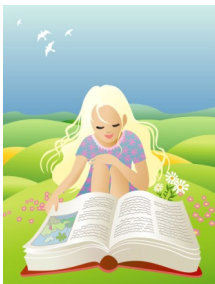
The 75 attending librarians share a passion for plants and libraries, and many have been members for a long time.

The three-day meeting included presentations and tours at the Seattle Public Library, The Washington Park Arboretum, the Bloedel Reserve, the UW campus and the Center for Urban Horticulture. Notable speakers included Val Easton, Steve Lorton, Dan Hinkley and Ray Larson.

The meeting was a great success, as best expressed by an attendee from the Chicago Botanic Garden who declared, "Flawless in Seattle."



Family Programs



Join us each month for stories and activities that celebrate gardens, plants, and nature. Programs are on Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Planned for children age 2 to 8 and their families, all programs are free and open to the public!

- November 20, 2010
- January 29, 2011
- March 19, 2011
- April 16, 2011
- May 14, 2011
- June 11, 2011

- Incredible Insects**
- Start Something Wonderful**
- Relax in the Garden**
- The Magic of Seeds**
- Fabulous Flowers**
- City Gardens**

Art in the Library 2011



- June - July
- August - September
- October - November
- December - January

- Contemporary QuiltArt Association**
December - January
- Molly Hashimoto**
February - March
- American Society of Botanical Artists**
April
- UWBG grad students**
May
- Shirley Sidell**
- Roberta McDaris Long**
- Trees in Art group show**
- Louise Smith**

Gardening Answers Knowledgebase

Question & Answers: 737
 Garden Tips: 185
 Recommended Websites: 579

Knowledgebase record #824

PAL Question Are pine needles good for mulch in the garden and for fruit trees?

Answer

Pine needles are most often used with plants that prefer acid soil, but according to *Mulch It!* by Stu Campbell (Storey, 2001), they can be used elsewhere, too, at a depth of one to one and a half inches. It is considered a myth (see information from Washington State University horticulture professor Linda Chalker-Scott in *Organic Gardening*, February 2007, p.8) that they will acidify your soil. They are good for insulation, weed control, and moisture retention, and excellent for water penetration. However, they decompose very slowly and are not liked by earthworms. You can shred the needles a bit before applying them as mulch, and that will speed their decomposition.

Keywords [Mulching](#)

Season All Season

Date 2010-10-27

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We are continually adding new questions, so be sure to keep coming back.

reference questions are thoroughly researched and thoughtfully answered. Then the information is shared online for everyone's benefit.