



# The Public Libraries of JEFFERSON COUNTY



How The  
**Smartest Card**  
Works for You!

The Smartest Card  
**Get it. Use it.**  
@your library®

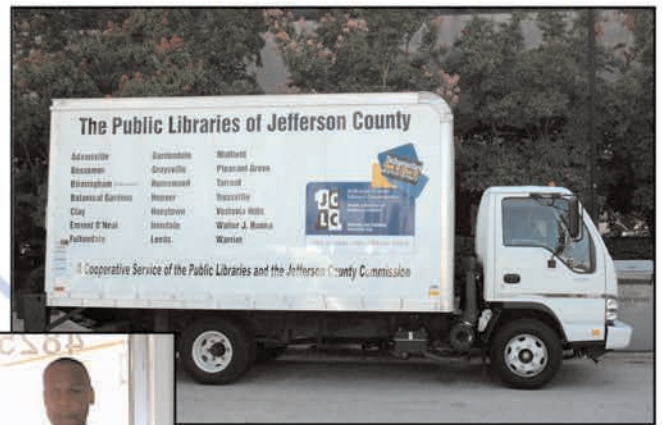


In Jefferson County, our residents go to libraries to find jobs, start new careers, and help grow their small businesses. They borrow books, music, and movies. They learn to use the latest technology – our computer network delivers the best in databases and current information. They get questions answered, engage in civic activities, and meet with friends. Each year, our delivery vans transport 4 million items throughout our network of libraries. By using one card, Jefferson County residents have access to “*one* delivery - *one* network - *one* system”. This Report to the Community is our way of identifying that level of service and delivery for Fiscal Year 2010.

2010 A Report To The Community

# One County One Delivery

- Delivery Service Transports Nearly 4,000,000 Items Among 39 Libraries Annually
- Over 700,000 Holds Placed



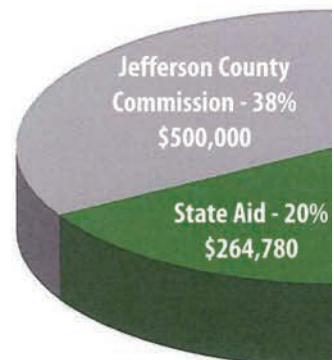
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Public Libraries of Jefferson County  
Website: www.jc-lc.org  
*one county one library*

# One County One System

- 372,632 Citizens with Library Cards
- 1,956,217 Books/Media in System
- 4,674,941 Visits to Libraries
- 204,139 Program Attendance
- 2,343,010 Questions Answered
- 913,250 Computer Users



Jefferson County Library Commission  
Services Provided to  
FY2009



# One County One Network

- Internet Access for 39 Locations
- Electronic Catalog and Checkout System
- Reference Databases
- 5,524,049 Items Checked Out
- 27,105 Audiobooks Downloaded
- Reference Database Usage  
6,054,542



- Heritage Quest (Genealogy)  
853,567
- Reference USA (Business)  
1,863,758
- Catalog Visits  
992,364

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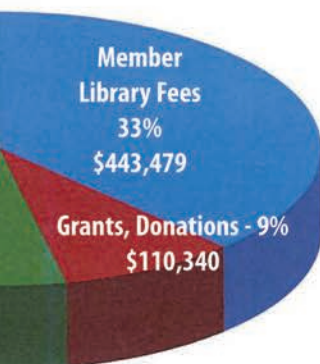
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operative Funding Sources  
39 Public Libraries  
-2010



Every year, Americans visit the library more often than we go to the movies and six times more often than we attend live sporting events (includes professional and NCAA football, baseball, basketball and hockey).

## No ticket required

U.S. Public Library  
Visits  
1.4 Billion



U.S. Movie  
Attendance  
1.3 Billion



U.S. Sporting  
Event  
Attendance  
218 Million



Sources: (MLS, 2007, *Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2007*; *Statistical Abstracts of the United States, 2010*; [www.mpa.org/researchStatistics.asp](http://www.mpa.org/researchStatistics.asp)).

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## To Jefferson County Library Users:

The Jefferson County Library Cooperative (JCLC) is a group of 21 individual municipal Jefferson County libraries that banded together thirty-two years ago to create the "one county... one card" system. Citizens of all ages use one library card countywide and have access to all the resources of all the libraries in the county, plus an online catalog, the Internet, numerous databases and the Books-By-Mail program. Our countywide delivery system transports materials throughout the county to satisfy users' requests and returns them to the owning library for the borrower's convenience. Each JCLC public library is funded by its local city government and governed by its own library board. JCLC is the non-profit organization that manages the system-wide services – the glue that links us together.

Our members include the following public libraries: Adamsville, Bessemer, Birmingham Public Library System (19 branches), Botanical Gardens, Clay, Fairfield, Fultondale, Gardendale, Graysville, Homewood, Hoover, Hueytown, Irondale, Leeds, Midfield, Mountain Brook, Pleasant Grove, Tarrant, Trussville, Vestavia Hills, and Warrior.

On behalf of the 21 directors of our member libraries, we greatly appreciate that over the past thirty-two years you have been such steady, staunch supporters of JCLC and all of our public libraries. Your tax dollars, along with funding from the local municipalities, the Jefferson County Commission, the Alabama Public Library Service, and now tax deductible public donations, aid in making us "one" cooperative. We take great pride in providing world class library service to citizens of all ages throughout Jefferson County.

Sincerely,



Donna Sartain  
President  
Jefferson County Library Cooperative



Patricia F. Ryan  
Executive Director  
Jefferson County Library Cooperative

## Keep *One County One Card* We Need Your Help!

At a time when the residents of Jefferson County are using their libraries more than ever, the Library Cooperative is faced with **deep budget cuts**. We need your help.

### TAKE ACTION

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