

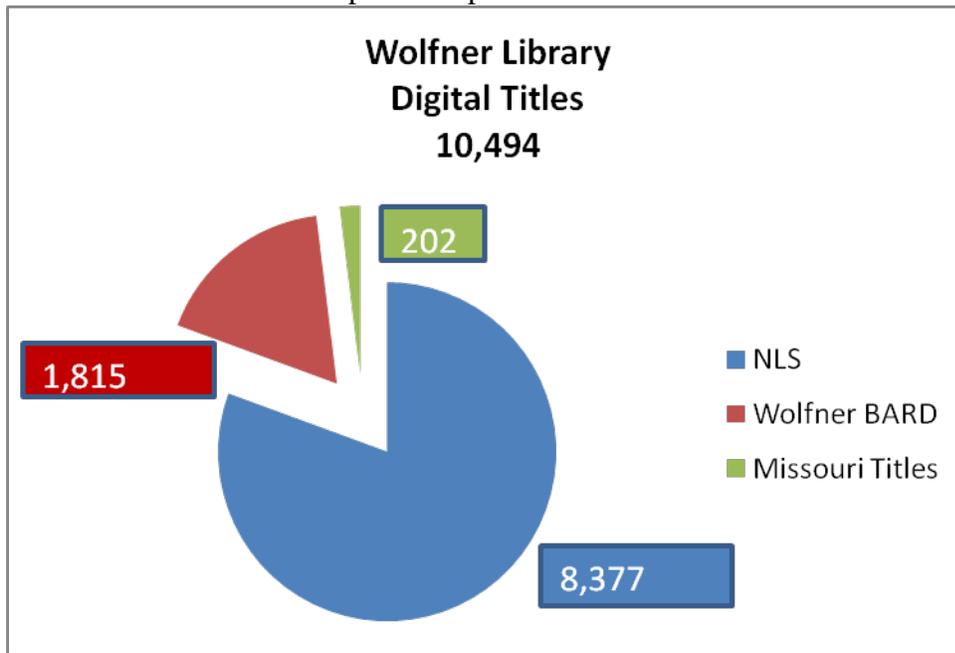
ATTACHMENT A

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Wolfner formally changed its name from Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library. The change was met with approval by the Wolfner Advisory Council, Friends of Wolfner Library and patrons.

DIGITAL TRANSITION

Wolfner's duplication staff transitioned from analog cassette duplication to digital download/duplication fully in 2011. They made the radical break with the past and ceased cassette production then thoroughly **assimilated downloading/duplication**. The duplication staff is comprised of 3 full time employees, and part-time assistance from circulation staff cross-trained in the download/duplication procedures.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Wolfner Library outreach team traveled to many locations throughout the state of Missouri this past year. Presentations, exhibits and trainings were conducted in the following counties:

Boone, Camden, Carroll, Cole, Franklin, Iron, Jefferson, Montgomery, Morgan, Pettis, Platte, Scott, Ripley, St. Charles, St. Louis, Taney and Wayne.

Twenty-two outreach events were facilitated by Wolfner staff which allowed information to be displayed and or presented to a total of approximately 5,500 attendees for all these events.

Increased use of Facebook promoted Wolfner services to the public. Increased postings in *Show Me Express*, the State Library newsletter, gave more exposure to library staff around the state.

YOUTH SERVICES AT WOLFNER LIBRARY

In 2011 the BARD program was opened to schools, and Wolfner's Youth Services Librarian worked diligently to introduce school staff to BARD. At this time, 21 schools are downloading audiobooks through BARD for their students.



In the summer of 2011, Wolfner again participated in the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme for the summer reading program. In 2011, the general theme for the club was World Cultures. The slogan for younger children was *One World, Many Stories* and the slogan for teens was *You Are Here*. A total of 58 young patrons registered, and 37 completed the program. Those who reported a reading time received participation prizes, such as rubber punching balls, tote bags and tactile Rubik's Cube puzzles, and club members who met all reading goals for their club were entered into a grand prize drawing. The grand prize for each club was a Playaway audio home library of new and classic fiction.

ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM 2011



This year's program was a great success. Of the 82 readers who signed up for the program, 65 reported their reading, resulting in these top three winners.

Program participants reported that they have discovered new (to them) authors that they are now enjoying. Wolfner staff has also received numerous suggestions for next year's theme.

WOLFNER VOLUNTEER SERVICES

In 2011, 44 volunteers worked a total of 3,133 hours. 65 digital books were produced: 25 adult, 14 young adult, and 26 juvenile. All 10 books for the 'Show Me' school award were recorded

and put on one cartridge, as were all 10 books for the ‘Building Block Picture Book’ award. The ‘Angels of Mercy’ series by Charlotte Hubbard was completed and put on one cartridge. 90 Missouri digital titles were added to the KLAS SHELF project, making them available for download to all KLAS customers.

Forty-two print/braille books were created, including two copies of each Building Block award book, and at least one of the majority of the Show Me award books.

Volunteers assembled over 2000 outreach and volunteer recording packets, stuffed over 5000 applications, put labels on over 2000 envelopes, and put 7667 labels on cartridges and book boxes.

Volunteers reviewed and corrected over 2000 records in the KLAS catalog database.

A workshop was held for volunteers working in the recording program, in conjunction with the NLS consultant visit. Mary Beth Wise, NLS consultant, talked to all the volunteers as a group about recording tips in general, and then worked with each individual narrator in the recording booth.

DIVIDED LOYALTIES AUDIO TOUR

Wolfner Library collaborated with the Missouri State Archives to produce an audio tour of Divided Loyalties: Civil War Documents. The audio companion was accessible on the Wolfner and Missouri Digital Heritage home pages in both an audio and screen-reader compatible text format. The exhibit had more than nine million pages of Civil War-related documents to examine the upheaval and uncertainty that characterized Missouri during the Civil War era.

WOLFNER LIBRARY 2011 STATISTICS HIGHLIGHTS

The following statistics were sent to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) of the Library of Congress for the *Network Library Services: Review Readership Information*, federal fiscal year 2010, report period of Oct. 1, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2011.

Active Individual Readership

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adults	13,550	8,891	10,007	8,283
Juvenile	423	317	335	413
Total	13,973	9,208	10,342	9706

Public and Private Schools & Institutions

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
Elementary and secondary only	774	774	811	836

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
Institutions	1,751	1,745	1,800	1,899

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
Grand Total Readership*	20,977	16,188	17,542	17,302

*Readership is total individuals (9,706) plus 4 times institutions (1,899)

