mission
We are passionate about making a difference in our community, one person at a time, by enriching lives and empowering people through relevant, accessible, high quality library services.
GENERAL INFORMATION & STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Administrative Headquarters: Rifle, CO
Population Served: 52,189 est. Summer 2006*
Number of Branches: 6
Number of Staff: 47
Registered Borrowers: 24,679
Overall Circulation: 374,909
Number of Visitors: 303,535

*Source Colorado Department Local Affairs

_reference Questions: 43,077
Programs: 587
Program Attendance: 22,226
Interlibrary Loans Lent: 2,969
Interlibrary Loans Borrowed: 5,423
Materials Added: 12,537
Volumes Held: 149,650

STATISTICAL SUMMARY BY BRANCH

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<th>Circulation</th>
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2006 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES $3,093,891
- Sales Tax $2,978,652 (96%)
- Interest $48,349 (2%)
- Fines & Fees $56,890 (2%)
- Grants & E-Rate $10,000 (>1%)

EXPENDITURES $2,411,368
- Salaries & Benefits $1,555,669 (65%)
- Other Operating Expenses $146,273 (6%)
- Books/Periodicals/Databases/Digitization $141,942 (6%)
- Capital Replacement $394,204 (16%)
- Building Related Expenses $173,279 (7%)
- Sales Tax $56,890 (2%)
- Interest $48,349 (2%)
- Fines & Fees $56,890 (2%)
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GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
The Garfield County Public Library System strives to enrich and empower every customer by fostering a love of learning. The library realized outstanding success in 2006. A record 374,909 items were circulated this past year!

While 2006 seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye, major accomplishments were happening at the Garfield County Public Libraries. Through the hard work and efforts of many volunteers the Garfield County Public Library System became a special taxing district. In addition to a successful vote to direct the County Commissioners to dedicate the entire .25 percent sales tax that was approved in 1981 to the operations and services of the libraries, the citizens of Garfield County approved a one mill property tax increase for 20 years to embark on major capital improvement projects for all six county libraries.

In mid November the library system began its extended operational hours, adding Sunday from 1 - 5 pm, to the Glenwood and Rifle Branches.

Now your library never closes! Libraries on the Western Slope that are members of the Marmot Library Network consortium now provide free downloads of audio books and music through Overdrive. The new online collection is available anytime of day from anywhere in the world. Try it today.

The Garfield County Libraries completed a 10 week program of encouraging children to read and use the library during the summer of 2006. Using the multi-state collaborative theme “Paws Claws Scales and Tales”, all six libraries in the Garfield County Public Library System provided special programming that was free and open to the public.

This is the first year all libraries offered a teen program for 7th graders and up. The multi state cooperative teen program theme was “Creature Feature @ Your Library”. Three of the six libraries offered teen programming in addition to teen reading logs.

Two libraries offered outreach programming to neighborhoods that are geographically isolated from the library. One library offered a “Family Reading Contract” program with prizes to reward the families who shut off all electronics and read together as a family.

This year, every aspect of the Summer Reading Program experienced growth. 2,125 children registered for the Summer Reading Program in 2006. This is a 14% increase over the 1,821 registered in 2005. Children, teen and families logged 17,944 hours of reading in the summer of 2006. This is an 8% increase in hours read. The Garfield County Libraries experienced an 18% increase in the average attendance at the weekly programs featuring clowns, an acrobat, magicians, puppeteers, a vaudevillian act and a musician.

Garfield County Public Library also hosted a number of outstanding speakers in 2006. In 1988 New Zealand born Helen Thayer became the first woman and first American to circumnavigate the Magnetic North Pole. Her best-selling book, Polar Dream, tells the story of her historic adventure with her beloved companion Charlie, her protector from the ever constant threat of polar bear attack. Kinky Friedman, musician, former candidate for Texas Governor, and author of numerous books also gave an outstanding program.
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**BRANCH HOURS**

**Gordon Cooper Branch Library**  
76 S. 4th Street  
Carbondale, CO (970) 963-2889  
MON: 10 - 8  
TUE: 10 - 6  
WED: 10 - 8  
THU: 10 - 6  
FRI: 8 - 5  
SAT: 10 - 5

**Glenwood Springs Branch Library**  
413 9th Street  
Glenwood Springs, CO (970) 945-5958  
MON: 10 - 6  
TUE: 10 - 8  
WED: 10 - 6  
THU: 10 - 8  
FRI: 10 - 5  
SAT: 10 - 5  
SUN: 1 - 5

**New Castle Branch Library**  
402 West Main  
New Castle, CO (970) 984-2346  
MON: 10 - 6  
TUE: 10 - 8  
WED: 10 - 6  
THU: 10 - 8  
FRI: 10 - 5  
SAT: 10 - 5

**Silt Branch Library**  
600 Home Ave.  
Silt, CO (970) 876-5500  
MON: 10 - 6  
TUE: 10 - 8  
WED: 10 - 6  
THU: 10 - 8  
FRI: 10 - 5  
SAT: 10 - 5

**Rifle Branch Library**  
107 E. 2nd Street  
Rifle, CO (970) 625-3471  
MON: 10 - 6  
TUE: 10 - 8  
WED: 10 - 6  
THU: 10 - 8  
FRI: 10 - 5  
SAT: 10 - 5  
SUN: 1 - 5

**Parachute Branch Library**  
244 Grand Valley Way  
Parachute, CO (970) 285-9870  
MON: 10 - 6  
TUE: 10 - 8  
WED: 10 - 6  
THU: 10 - 8  
FRI: 10 - 5  
SAT: 10 - 5