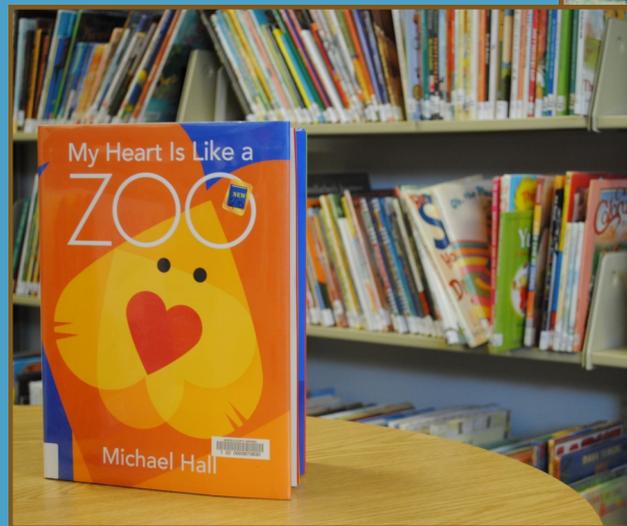


Garfield County Libraries 2009 Annual Report

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.

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Timeline



January 1, 2009

The Library District's newsletter, *Page by Page*, was launched.

JAN

Food
or
Fines

February 2009

The Libraries offered the Food for Fines program which brought in 2,386 food items that were donated to Lift-Up.



June & July 2009

There were 2,333 children and 417 teens registered for the Summer Reading Programs. They turned in an amazing 6,449 reading logs! Adults also participated and read 2,121 books.



September 18, 2009

The Rifle Branch opened at the temporary facility at 139 W 3rd Street.



October 21, 2009

Over 100 members of the community celebrated the groundbreaking of the new 26,000 square foot Rifle Branch Library.

DEC

February 2009

Computer classes were introduced at all branches to teach basic mouse skills and e-mail for beginners.



March 2009

The Libraries participated in The Big Read featuring *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett.

There were over 30 programs including a play, film contest, and a Black and White Gala with New York Times best-selling author C.J. Box.



July & August 2009

The Gordon Cooper Branch hosted the "Visions of the Universe" exhibit.

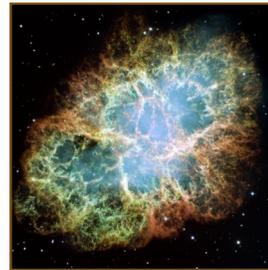


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September 1, 2009

Literacy Outreach, a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching essential literacy skills to adults, joined the Library District.

December 17, 2009

The Parachute Branch Library broke ground on its expansion and remodel project.



A Message from the Board President



Board President Nella Barker and Executive Director Amelia Shelley

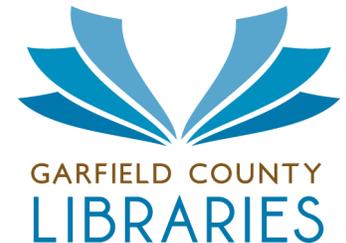
With the ballot issue approved in 2006 to fund the building projects throughout the county, we have made huge strides with the new Rifle Branch Library and the remodeling of the Parachute Branch Library. We have been working with the remaining communities to find the best solutions for their libraries. In the meantime, because of the economy our existing libraries are seeing a significant increase in patronage. The computers are in constant use as people search for jobs, write resumes, and try to find remedies for health issues. Books are flying off the shelves as people are borrowing instead of purchasing. We're grateful to be in a position to respond to these needs.

Statistical Summary

Number of Branches:	6
Number of Staff:	55
Population Served:	55,063
Registered Borrowers:	31,579
Visitors to the Branches:	474,789
Circulation of Materials:	508,897
Reference Questions:	60,406
Programs Held:	1,129
Materials Added in 2009:	29,936
Total Collection:	168,134

A Message from the Executive Director

As I look back on 2009, I realize we accomplished some sizable goals while facing a precipitous drop in revenues. Both the Rifle and Parachute Branch Library projects went through design development and construction documents. We also worked on preliminary library plans with several other communities. Following a national trend, the District experienced a 36% increase in circulation of materials and a 45% increase in computer use. We surpassed 100% of the goals set forth in the District's 2008-2011 Strategic Plan in 2009. We also offered 75% more children and teen programs and 45% more adult programs than in the previous year. We improved processes so that best selling books and popular movies become available as soon as they are released, and waiting times are reduced on new titles. We did experience reductions in sales tax revenues and staff, but were able to maintain our hours and reduce our workforce through attrition. The year left us hopeful that 2010 would be better and that we would have two new facilities opening to demonstrate our commitment to our communities. A huge plus has been a \$1.7 million Department of Local Affairs grant we received in partnership with the City of Rifle that has allowed that project to include a civic plaza and parking structure that will serve the entire Rifle downtown area. We owe a great debt to our patrons and the citizens of Garfield County for their belief in public libraries and I thank you for your support.



A Tale of Two Funding Sources

Quarter Cent Sales Tax



The designated quarter cent sales tax pays to keep your libraries open. Sales tax revenues decreased by nearly one million dollars from 2008.

Revenues:

Sales Tax	Interest	Fines & Forfeitures	Grants, Etc.	Total Income
\$2,844,476	\$13,050	\$59,396	\$39,851	\$2,956,773

Expenses:

Employee Costs	Books & Materials	Building Overhead	Capital Improvement	Other Expenses	Total Expenses
\$2,229,525	\$409,060	\$231,466	\$175,692	\$128,359	\$3,174,102

1 Mill Property Tax



The 1 Mill property tax is used to build and remodel all six library branches through 2027.

Revenues:

Property Tax	Specific Ownership Tax	Interest	Grants, Etc.	Total Income
\$3,288,028	\$201,640	\$80,334	\$742,664	\$4,312,666

Expenses:

Capital Improvement	Debt Service	Building Overhead	Employee Costs	Other Expenses	Total Expenses
\$2,301,118	\$405,567	\$182,352	\$182,563	\$126,013	\$3,197,613