

Garfield County Libraries

2010



Mission

The Garfield County Public Library District seeks to create, promote, and provide an environment of literacy, education, information, and entertainment for everyone in our communities.

www.gcpld.org

Annual Report



GARFIELD COUNTY
LIBRARIES

Timeline

January 2010

The Parachute Branch relocated to a temporary facility in downtown Parachute. Seventy-five percent of the subcontractors who worked on the Parachute and Rifle Branch

Libraries were local.



Food or Fines



February 2010

Food for Fines brought in 3,297 food items, which were donated to Lift-Up.

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February 2010

The Libraries participated in The Big Read featuring *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. There were over 32 programs, including fire dancing, Literary Nights, and a graphic short story contest. Tim Hamilton,



creator of the newly released graphic novel adaptation of F451, spoke at a community event, as well as at high schools throughout Garfield County.



The Libraries joined Facebook to reach more people and have conversations with the community.



April 2010

A new logo was unveiled.

April 23, 2010

June & July 2010

There were 6,988 people who attended the children's and teens' Summer Reading Program events throughout Garfield County. Adults also participated by reading 2,695 books.



June 2010

The Libraries began offering six design choices for library cards - each comes with a keytag.



September 16, 2010

Author Sandra Dallas visited as part of the Parachute Branch's opening festivities.



December 9, 2010

Governor Ritter attended the ribbon cutting for the Rifle Branch's rooftop solar array.



September 11, 2010

The remodeled and expanded Parachute Branch opened to the public!

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July 28, 2010

The Libraries launched a new website, www.gcpld.org. It features pages for kids, teens, Literacy Outreach, and even a page in Spanish.



November 20, 2010

The new 30,000 square foot Rifle Branch opened with over 33,000 books and triple the number of computers as before. The project also included a new community plaza and parking structure.

A Message from the Board President



Board President
Nella Barker

In 2010, we opened two new libraries, Rifle and Parachute. We have already seen a tremendous increase in traffic through these beautiful buildings and the numbers of materials checked out in both locations have skyrocketed. The community rooms, study rooms and computers are all enjoying a high amount of use.

Work has begun on the remodel of the New Castle Branch Library and we're working with the towns of Silt, Carbondale and the city of Glenwood Springs towards solutions for those communities. In these economically challenging times, we are fortunate to have the strong funding for this construction, which has allowed us to take advantage of the depressed market while creating jobs for the many local subcontractors who have worked on our projects.

Statistical Summary

Number of Branches:	6
Number of Staff:	53
Population Served:	56,298
Registered Borrowers:	32,672
Visitors to the Branches:	462,038
Circulation of Materials:	516,308
Reference Questions:	85,880
Programs Held:	866
Materials Added in 2010:	35,311
Total Collection:	182,655

A Message from the Executive Director



Executive Director
Amelia Shelley

The past year was an exciting one for the District as we opened two beautiful new libraries. The feedback we've received from users has been exceptionally positive and we are thrilled that both buildings have seen a significant increase in use and have attracted droves of new library card holders. Both facilities received financial support from individuals, businesses and governmental agencies. In particular, donations from Encana Energy and grants from the Governor's Energy Office and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs helped us to achieve our goal of creating energy-efficient, cost-effective buildings that reduce our overhead and expenses.

We also worked toward improved services for our patrons by adding self-checkout stations to all branches in 2010. Despite the continued decline in sales tax revenues, we were able to purchase a large variety of new materials and worked with our online catalog provider (Marmot) to develop a new, user-friendly interface called VuFind that enhances your ability to find and place holds on items. As we look ahead, the District will continue to seek practical and innovative solutions to your library needs.



Analysis of the Two Funding Sources

Quarter Cent Sales Tax



The designated quarter cent sales tax pays to keep your libraries open. Sales tax revenues decreased \$500,000 from 2009, for a total decrease of over \$1.4 million in 2 years.

Revenues:

Sales Tax	Interest	Fines & Forfeitures	Grants, Etc.	Total Income
\$2,200,563	\$8,397	\$102,036	\$5,950	\$2,316,946

Expenses:

Employee Costs	Books & Materials	Building Overhead	Capital Improvement	Other Expenses	Total Expenses
\$2,042,489	\$472,695	\$120,119	\$0	\$684,592	\$3,319,895

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
\$5,161,348	\$179,204	\$64,462	\$1,355,270	\$6,760,284

Expenses:

Capital Improvement	Debt Service	Building Overhead	Employee Costs	Other Expenses	Total Expenses
\$11,333,544	\$1,083,695	\$241,295	\$280,464	\$332,135	\$13,271,133