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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Statistical Summary

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<td>County Population</td>
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<td>Materials Added in 2011</td>
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District Message

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The other big change is that we went mobile with an app for smart phones and tablets. GCPLD 2 Go lets users have quick access to their accounts and our materials.

We continued working on new facilities hiring architects for three projects in Silt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs which began their design phases in 2011. The New Castle Branch Library began construction in 2011 with a targeted completion in April 2012.

The District's Foundation grew as well with a number of successful grant efforts resulting in an additional $109,000 for the District in 2011 from sources other than tax dollars. A list of those donors is located below.

- Amelia Shelley, Executive Director & Nella Barker, Board Chair

**Thank You 2011 Donors**

American Library Association
Aspen Community Foundation
Nella Barker and Greg Valunas
Bill Barrett Corporation
Dan Becker
Brenden Mann Foundation
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
Jean and Michael Delaney
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Friends of the New Castle Library
Garfield County
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Anne Barratt Martins
Kristen Pfaff
Daniel and Meg Quiat
Rifle Historical Society
Marilee and Gregg Rippy
Spring Board Advised Fund
Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
Valley View Hospital
Michael and Laura Werts
Wells Fargo Bank
Eric and Shirley Williams

Complete financials are available on our website, www.gcpld.org.
GoToWorkshops @YourLibrary began. This workshop series, which is designed to help unemployed and underemployed people find good jobs, runs through mid-2012.

February 2011
The Libraries again offered the Food for Fines program which brought in 4,407 food items & donated it all to Lift-Up.

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