Garfield County Libraries

2012 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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District Message

Your local libraries continued to grow through 2012, including opening new facilities in New Castle and Silt. People are visiting both these locations more than ever before and checking out significantly more books and materials. So far we have received positive reviews all around! Both libraries have expanded spaces, meeting and study rooms, with special areas for adults, teens, and kids. We also began work on new libraries in Carbondale and Glenwood Springs which are set to open in 2013.

Our other branch libraries also saw growth in use, and we answered the demand with increased programming and adjusting hours so every other town had a library open late Monday through Thursday. Our staff levels and hours stayed steady, despite the continued impact of a state sales tax refund on our operating budget through 2012.

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners helped offset this deficit with another grant of $247,500 and we continue to be grateful for their support. We were able to garner a number of grants and donations that helped us as well, and we appreciate that support.

Statistical Summary

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Number of Branches</td>
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<td>Number of Staff</td>
<td>61</td>
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<td>Board of Trustees</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>County Population</td>
<td>56,270</td>
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<td>Registered Borrowers</td>
<td>38,088</td>
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<td>Annual Visitors</td>
<td>573,665</td>
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<td>Circulation of Materials</td>
<td>634,568</td>
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<td>Reference Questions</td>
<td>100,497</td>
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<td>Programs Held</td>
<td>1,292</td>
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<td>Materials Added</td>
<td>30,456</td>
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<td>Total Collection</td>
<td>184,064</td>
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Financials

Income & Expenses

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<td>1/4 Cent Sales Tax for Library Operations</td>
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<td>1 Mill Property Tax for Library Construction and Operations</td>
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<td>Grants, Donations, &amp; Other Income</td>
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<td>Library Operations (expenses)</td>
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Costs of Construction

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<td>Silt</td>
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In 2012 we continued to see an expansion of our e-book lending in Overdrive and also our inter-library borrowing through Marmot and Prospector. All three of these services saw a double-digit increase. We began focusing on our "virtual" library services this year with a goal of making as many of our services as possible available online. We believe that we are the best place in our communities for people to learn something new, and we hope to reach out to every person in every community to learn what matters most to them and how we can help. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at the library soon!

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

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Thank You 2012 Donors

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Dr. Ryan Zwelling
February 2012
The Libraries again offered the Food for Fines program which brought in 4,407 food items & donated it all to Lift-Up.

April 2012
Lucky Day Books were introduced to get hot new titles into the hands of more people in Garfield County.

June & July
Over 3,600 people participated in Summer Reading!

October 22, 2012
One Book, One Town in Carbondale brought in author Dorothy Wickenden to speak about her book, Nothing Daunted.

April 14, 2012
The New Castle Branch Grand Re-Opening!

May through August
The Rifle Branch hosted the traveling exhibit “Discover Earth” and held many nature and science events for all ages.

October 6, 2012
The Silt Branch held its Grand Opening!

September 1, 2012
New operating hours were introduced to give easier access to libraries at night, Monday through Thursday!

October 2012
The 5th Element program began giving elementary students in RE-2 a chance to participate in fun and enriching activities on Fridays.

October & November
The Silt Branch hosted a five-part course on the American Civil War.