

Garfield County Libraries

2011 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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LIBRARIES

District Message



Amelia Shelley & Nella Barker

Another year of growth and development is behind us and we made several significant strides in 2011. This is particularly remarkable considering that we learned in early June of a refund on state sales tax that would cut

nearly \$1 million out of our operating budget over the next two years. This is in addition to sales tax revenues that have yet to recover due to the lagging economy. The Garfield County Board of Commissioners helped offset this deficit with a grant of \$247,500 and we are extremely grateful for their support.

Two of the most significant changes in 2011 include the implementation of the Prospector network for borrowing materials from libraries

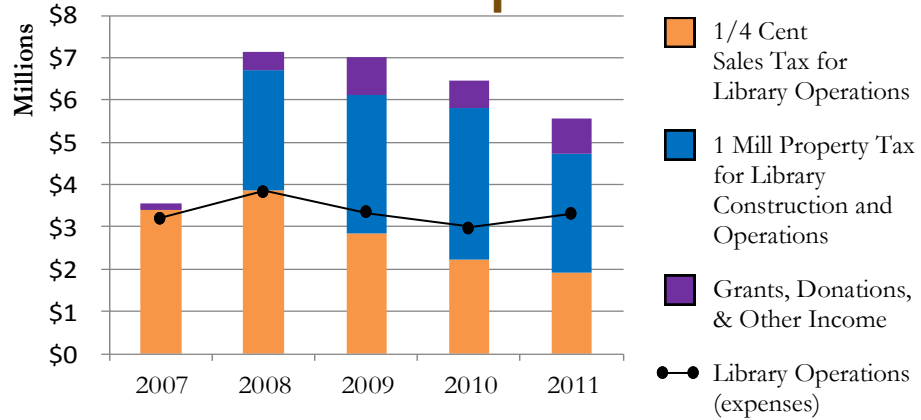
statewide. This change has meant shorter wait times for popular titles and better access to academic and specialized libraries for our patrons.

Statistical Summary

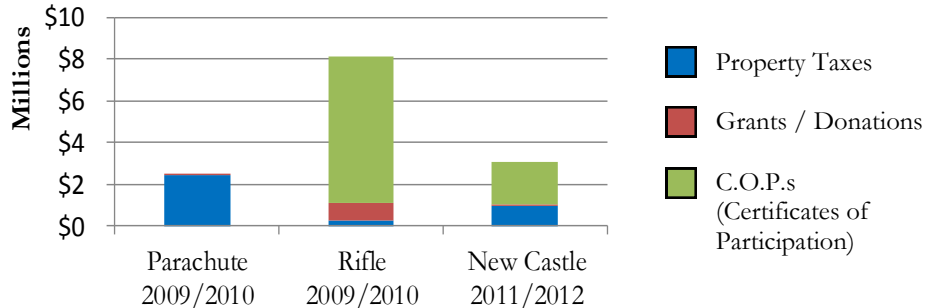
Number of Branches	6
Number of Staff	61
Board of Trustees	7
County Population	56,139
Registered Borrowers	33,920
Annual Visitors	514,267
Circulation of Materials	604,283
Reference Questions	100,356
Programs Held	997
Materials Added in 2011	29,099
Total Collection	183,603

Financials

Income & Expenses



Costs of Construction



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.

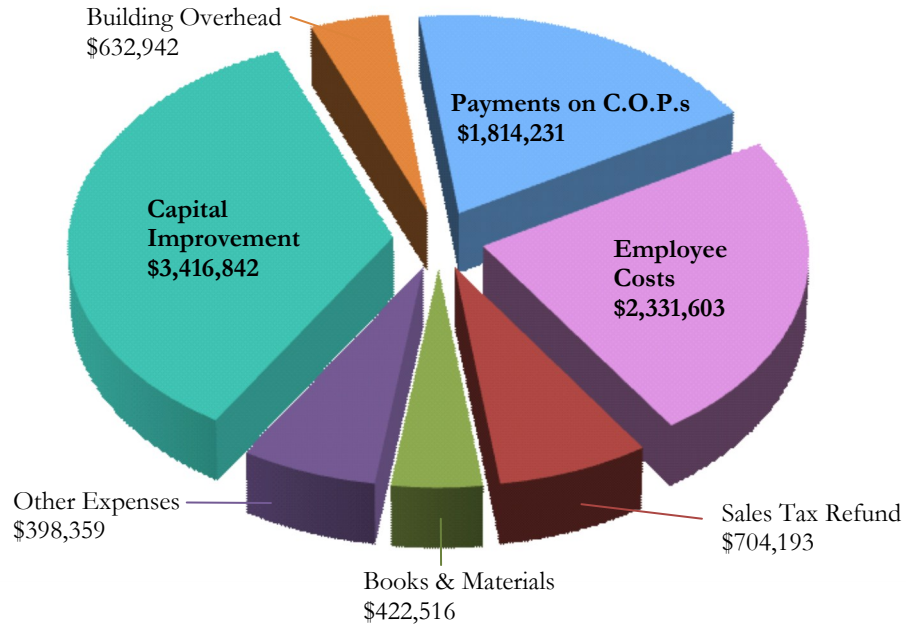
The District's Foundation grew as well with a number of successful grant efforts resulting in an additional \$109,000 for the District in 2011 from sources other than tax dollars. A list of those donors is located below.

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

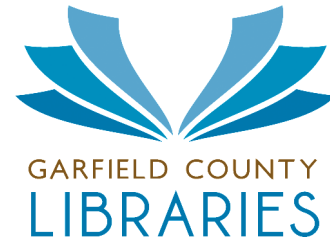
Thank You 2011 Donors

American Library Association	Ethel Jones
Aspen Community Foundation	Lanny and Arlene Kroh
Nella Barker and Greg Valunas	Bill and Joan Lamont
Bill Barrett Corporation	LSTA Grant- State of Colorado
Dan Becker	Anne Barratt Martins
Brenden Mann Foundation	Kristen Pfaff
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment	Daniel and Meg Quiat
Jan and Michael Delaney	Rifle Historical Society
Margot Eicher	Marilee and Gregg Rippy
EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.	Spring Board Advised Fund
Friends of the New Castle Library	Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
Garfield County	Valley View Hospital
Bernita Grove	Michael and Laura Weerts
Joy and Michael Guffey	Wells Fargo Bank
	Eric and Shirley Williams
Kathryn E. Williams Advised Fund	

2011 Expenditures



Complete financials are available on our website, www.gcpld.org.



Timeline

Food or Fines



February 2011

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



June & July 2011

There were 3,300 people who participated in the Summer Reading Programs. Children, teens, and adults turned in an incredible 8,364 reading logs!

November 2011
Literacy Outreach celebrated 25 years of raising adult literacy.



November 19, 2011
Judy Martens retired from the Rifle Branch Library after 30 years.

December 2011
The Libraries launched a free mobile phone app, GCPLD 2 Go.



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February 2011

The New Castle Branch moved to their temporary facility so the library could begin remodeling.



Prospector

May 2011

The Garfield County Libraries, along with all the Marmot libraries, joined the lending network called Prospector.

This allows Garfield County patrons access to over 30 million books, DVDs, and other materials.

September 7, 2011

A “Topping Off Ceremony” was held as the last beam was placed on the New Castle building project.



October 13, 2011

One Book, One Town in Carbondale brought in author Helen Thorpe to speak about her book, *Just Like Us*.

December 2011

GoToWorkshops @YourLibrary began. This workshop series, which is designed to help unemployed and underemployed people find good jobs, runs through mid-2012.

