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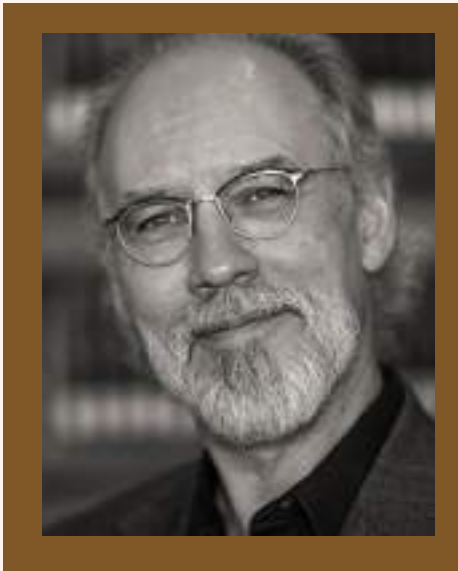
**GARFIELD COUNTY
LIBRARIES ANNUAL
REPORT**

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



- Hired new Executive Director, Jamie LaRue
- Final phase of expanded hours-all branches open on Sunday 1-5PM
- Promoted Amy Tonozzi, Ana Gaytan and Brenda Kingen to branch managers of Rifle, New Castle and Silt Branch Libraries.
- Visit by Governor Polis to the Glenwood Springs branch to play Dungeons and Dragons.
- Welcomed new board member, John Mallonee
- Held our first annual Hispanic Heritage Festival at the Rifle Branch Library.
- Glenwood Springs branch hosts our first annual district-wide Comics Festival event along with the Parachute Branch which hosted their Free Comic Book day celebration.
- Attended the Guadalajara Book Fair for the first time to build our Spanish language collections.
- First post pandemic ESL class
- As part of a national trend, we began experiencing an increase in book challenges
- Participated in the first annual Glenwood Springs PRIDE celebration

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I've now been the Executive Director of the Garfield County Public Library District for a little over a year. During that time, I've had the chance to talk with almost all the staff, and many of the leaders in the community.

My philosophy of leadership is that it begins with listening. Then it's a process of distillation. Eventually, it becomes pretty clear what an organization should focus on. So here's what the library will be working on in 2023.

Community interviews. What are the deep issues of our communities? To find out, we'll be contacting many of you-- business leaders, non-profit directors, educators, faith leaders, elected officials, and more--to hear from you exactly what we struggle with and aspire to. The library isn't able to address everything, but the odds are good we can help. Of course, we'll still stay focused on our own mission: promoting literacy, building community, growing knowledge.

But that leaves us lots of scope to add our assets to those of others.

Adopt a long range plan. At the conclusion of these interviews, we'll look for a way to put the community at the center of our plans. As part of that process, we'll be establishing an annual board retreat to adopt formal goals and measurements to ensure that we're making progress.

Increase circulation (checkouts) by 20%. I've been comparing our statistics to those of other Colorado libraries. My goal is to put as many books in as many homes as possible. Countless studies have shown the power of early literacy: children are healthier and live longer, are less likely to wind up in jail, get more education and do better financially. What's the tipping point? 500 books in the home. So we'll be focusing on more displays, booklists, reading clubs, and programs.

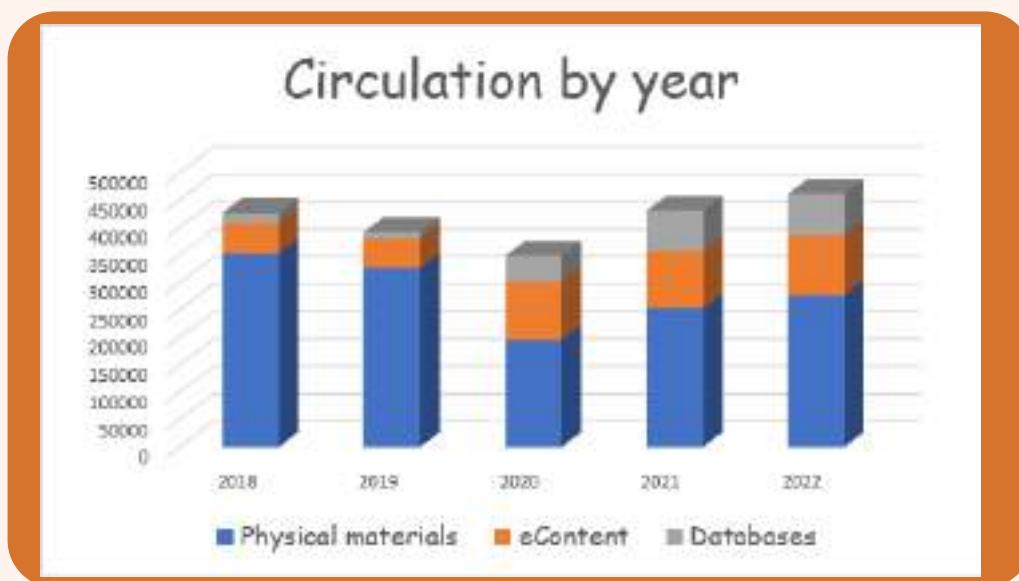
Building refreshes. Most of our buildings are now 10 years old, and it's time to invest a little love in modernizing our spaces, both inside and outside. Stay tuned!

6A promises. In 2019, the voters approved library funding with the understanding that we'd step up our outreach to the many Spanish speakers in our community, to the seniors, to the veterans, and to teens. We also vowed to invest in our staff, to recruit, invest in, and retain people. That remains an ongoing focus.

Questions about our plans? Feel free to chat with your local branches. Or email me directly at jarue@gcpld.org.

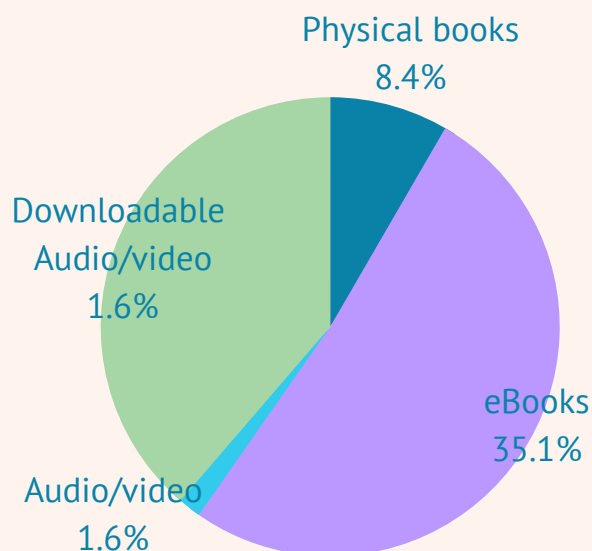
CIRCULATION & HOLDINGS

Other than a dip in circulation during the pandemic, GCPLD has seen a steady rise in eMaterial checkouts and database usage, and a continuing decline in physical materials circulation.



513,453 total checkouts in 2022

Total GCPLD collection
1,583,163 items



2022 BY THE NUMBERS



308,675 patrons came to our libraries in 2022

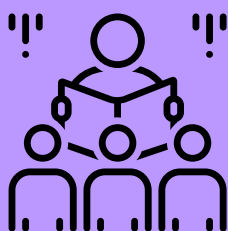
62,852 Registered library cardholders



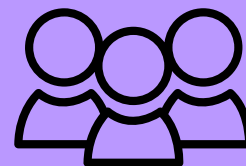
32,391 Public computer usage



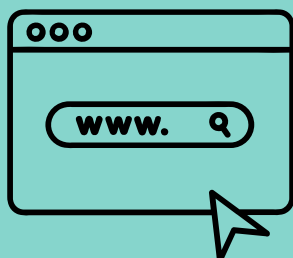
63,583 WiFi sessions



2,018 total programs offered

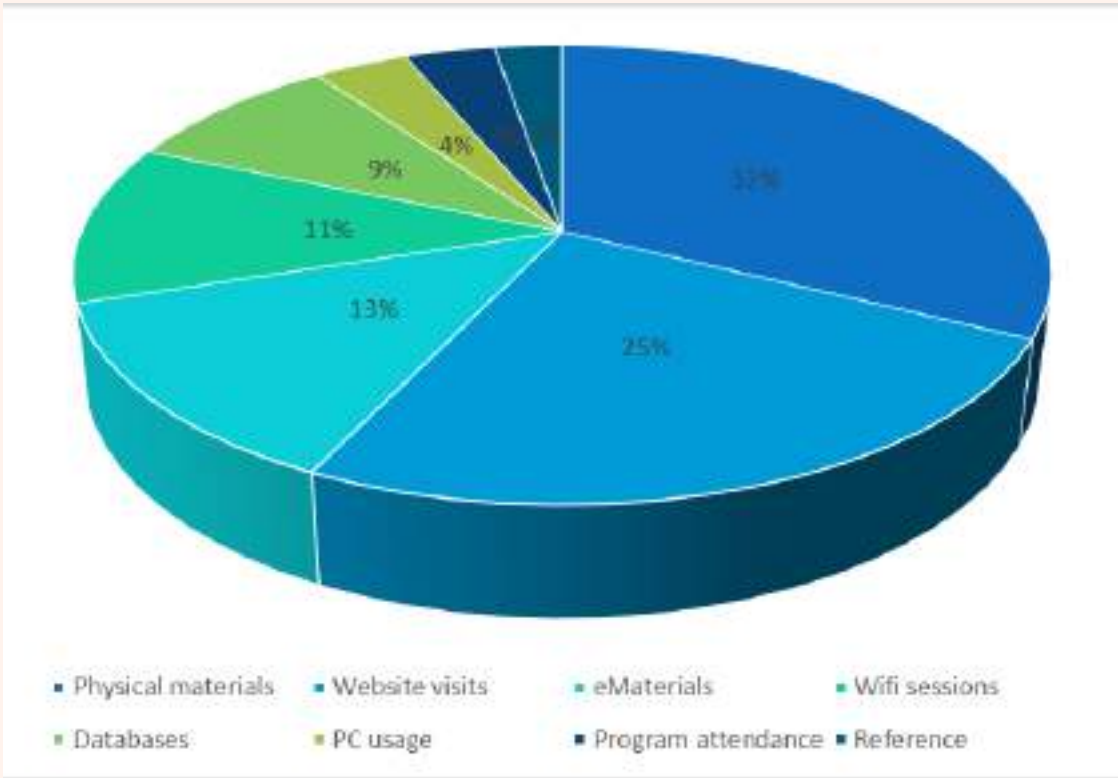


30,681 program attendees



212,232 Website visits

TOTAL MATERIALS AND SERVICE USAGE



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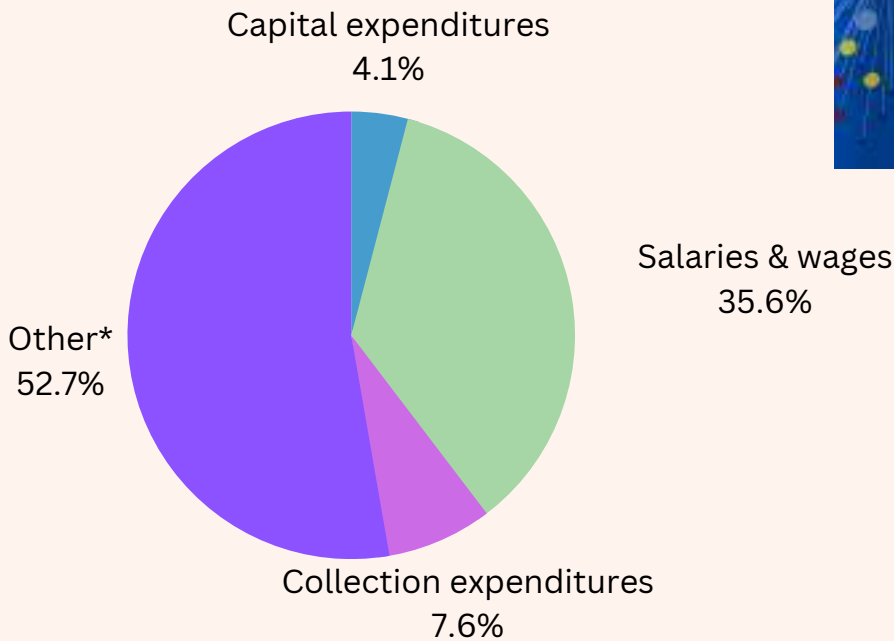
Income

Total Income	\$10,644,068
Total Capital Income	\$0
Local Government	\$9,797,868
State Government	\$18,054
Federal Government	\$80,233
Other	\$747,913



Expenditures

\$8,642,023



MOVING FORWARD- 2023 AND BEYOND



Installation of new self check-out kiosks at all branches

Launch of brand new website

The Good of the Hive bee mural project at our Rifle Branch

New security cameras for the safety of patrons and staff

Renovated classroom and admin office space upstairs at the rifle branch

Implementation of stipend for staff Spanish language skills

Continuing education assistance policy for staff

Promotion of Amaranda Feragosa as interim branch manager in parachute

Continued expansion of Spanish language collection, outreach and services

Human Library Project at the carbondale branch

Revision of employee handbook

New employee recognition program

Redesign library cards including first Spanish library card

No fee policy for meeting rooms

Space planning redesign for branches

Implementation of new library account passwords

