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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.



Garfield County Public Library System

2006
Annual Report

www.garfieldlibraries.org

GENERAL INFORMATION & STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Administrative Headquarters: Rifle, CO
 Population Served: 52,189 est. Summer 2006*
 Number of Branches: 6
 Number of Staff: 47
 Registered Borrowers: 24,679
 Overall Circulation: 374,909
 Number of Visitors: 303,535

Reference Questions: 43,077
 Programs: 587
 Program Attendance: 22,226
 Interlibrary Loans Lent: 2,969
 Interlibrary Loans Borrowed: 5,423
 Materials Added: 12,537
 Volumes Held: 149,650

*Source Colorado Department Local Affairs

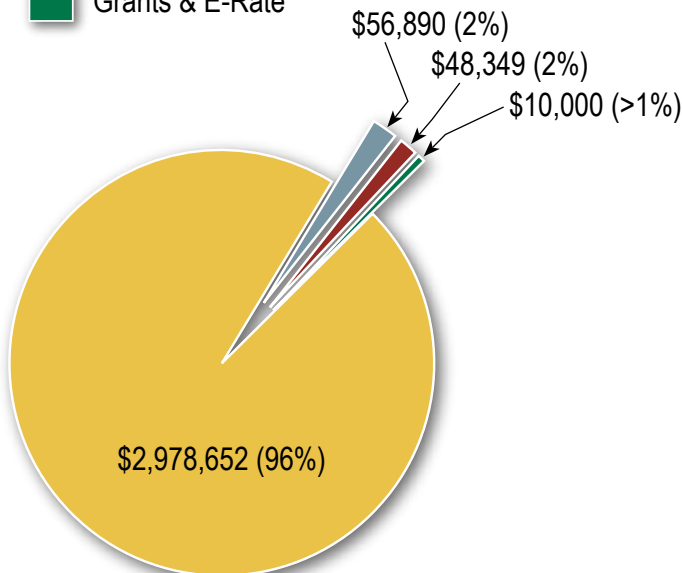
STATISTICAL SUMMARY BY BRANCH

	Gordon Cooper	Glenwood Springs	New Castle	Silt	Rifle	Parachute
Circulation	58,350	90,280	65,446	38,374	79,495	42,964
Reference Questions	8,463	14,095	7,523	3,389	8,068	1,539
Interlibrary Loans Lent	314	640	852	405	421	337
Interlibrary Loans Borrowed	601	1,319	873	651	919	1,060
Materials Added	17,540	33,639	36,216	19,699	27,192	15,303
Visitors	72,541	73,672	38,657	25,777	49,456	43,432
Programs (Adult/Children)	8/80	5/69	2/119	0/58	0/163	18/65

2006 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

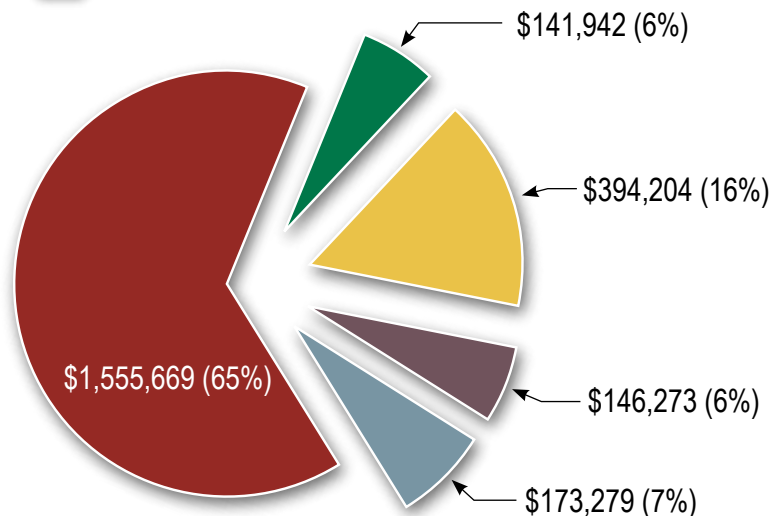
REVENUES \$3,093,891

- Sales Tax
- Interest
- Fines & Fees
- Grants & E-Rate



EXPENDITURES \$2,411,368

- Salaries & Benefits
- Other Operating Expenses
- Books/Periodicals/Databases/Digitization
- Capital Replacement
- Building Related Expenses



The Garfield County Public Library System strives to enrich and empower every customer by fostering a love of learning. The library realized outstanding success in 2006. A record 374,909 items were circulated this past year!

While 2006 seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye, major accomplishments were happening at the Garfield County Public Libraries. Through the hard work and efforts of many volunteers the Garfield County Public Library System became a special taxing district. In addition to a successful vote to direct the County Commissioners to dedicate the entire .25 percent sales tax that was approved in 1981 to the operations and services of the libraries, the citizens of Garfield County approved a one mill property tax increase for 20 years to embark on major capital improvement projects for all six county libraries.

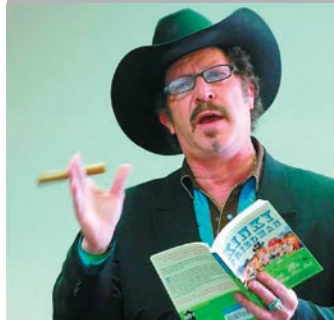
In mid November the library system began its extended operational hours, adding Sunday from 1 - 5 pm, to the Glenwood and Rifle Branches.

Now your library never closes! Libraries on the Western Slope that are members of the Marmot Library Network consortium now provide free downloads of audio books and music through Overdrive. The new online collection is available anytime of day from anywhere in the world. Try it today.

The Garfield County Libraries completed a 10 week program of encouraging children to read and use the library during the summer of 2006. Using the multi-state collaborative theme "Paws Claws Scales and Tales", all six libraries in the Garfield County Public Library System provided special programming that was free and open to the public.



Helen Thayer, Author
Polar Dream



Kinky Friedman speaking in
Carbondale



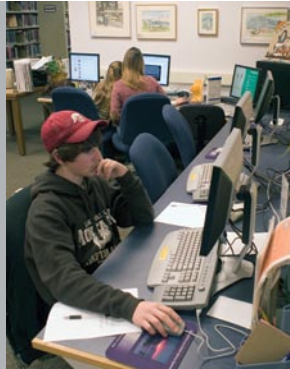
This is the first year all libraries offered a teen program for 7th graders and up. The multi state cooperative teen program theme was "Creature Feature @ Your Library". Three of the six libraries offered teen programming in addition to teen reading logs.

Two libraries offered outreach programming to neighborhoods that are geographically isolated from the library. One library offered a "Family Reading Contract" program with prizes to reward the families who shut off all electronics and read together as a family.

This year, every aspect of the Summer Reading Program experienced growth. 2,125 children registered for the Summer Reading Program in 2006. This is a 14% increase over the 1,821 registered in 2005. Children, teen and families logged 17,944 hours of reading in the summer of 2006. This is an 8% increase in hours read. The Garfield County Libraries experienced an 18% increase in the average attendance at the weekly programs featuring clowns, an acrobat, magicians, puppeteers, a vaudevillian act and a musician.

Garfield County Public Library also hosted a number of outstanding speakers in 2006. In 1988 New Zealand born Helen Thayer became the first woman and first American to circumnavigate the Magnetic North Pole. Her best-selling book, Polar Dream, tells the story of her historic adventure with her beloved companion Charlie, her protector from the ever constant threat of polar bear attack. Kinky Friedman, musician, former candidate for Texas Governor, and author of numerous books also gave an outstanding program.

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BRANCH HOURS

Gordon Cooper Branch Library
76 S. 4th Street
Carbondale, CO (970) 963-2889
MON: 10 - 8
TUE: 10 - 6
WED: 10 - 8
THU: 10 - 6
FRI: 8 - 5
SAT: 10 - 5

Glenwood Springs Branch Library
413 9th Street
Glenwood Springs, CO (970) 945-5958
MON: 10 - 6
TUE: 10 - 8
WED: 10 - 6
THU: 10 - 8
FRI: 10 - 5
SAT: 10 - 5
SUN: 1 - 5

New Castle Branch Library
402 West Main
New Castle, CO (970) 984-2346
MON: 10 - 6
TUE: 10 - 8
WED: 10 - 6
THU: 10 - 8
FRI: 10 - 5
SAT: 10 - 5

Silt Branch Library
600 Home Ave.
Silt, CO (970) 876-5500
MON: 10 - 6
TUE: 10 - 8
WED: 10 - 6
THU: 10 - 8
FRI: 10 - 5
SAT: 10 - 5

Rifle Branch Library
107 E. 2nd Street
Rifle, CO (970) 625-3471
MON: 10 - 6
TUE: 10 - 8
WED: 10 - 6
THU: 10 - 8
FRI: 10 - 5
SAT: 10 - 5
SUN: 1 - 5

Parachute Branch Library
244 Grand Valley Way
Parachute, CO (970) 285-9870
MON: 10 - 6
TUE: 10 - 8
WED: 10 - 6
THU: 10 - 8
FRI: 10 - 5
SAT: 10 - 5