With the addition of a new library leader, Mesa County Libraries (MCL) have begun building on past successes.

In 2019, MCL made the decision to eliminate all overdue fines beginning in January 2020. After completing research, MCL staff determined that there were many people affected by too many fines who could no longer use the library. Further, those with the highest average fines were people living in ZIP codes with the highest rates of poverty. Library use is expected to increase as a result of this new direction.

Work is underway on a new library building at 3180 F Road to replace the existing Clifton Branch. To aid in design of the new library, the MCL Board of Trustees completed a needs assessment in 2019 with input from community members at public forums. MCL is moving forward on a 20,000-square-foot building.

To cap the year, a 2020-2022 strategic plan was developed to focus on three new areas: Access to Services, Space/Place, and Education.

We look forward to serving our communities,

Michelle Boisvenue-Fox,
Library Director
TOP 5

Checked out Items

KIDS FICTION
1. Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild – Dav Pilkey
2. Dog Man and Cat Kid – Dav Pilkey
4. Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas – Dav Pilkey
5. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever – Jeff Kinney

TEEN FICTION
1. The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas
2. The Sun Is Also a Star – Nicola Yoon
3. Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
4. Red Queen – Victoria Aveyard
5. The Fault in Our Stars – John Green

ADULT FICTION
1. Dark Sacred Night – Michael Connelly
2. The Reckoning: A Novel – John Grisham
3. Where the Crawdads Sing: A Novel – Delia Owens
5. Long Road to Mercy – David Baldacci

Unique & Amazing Features
1. 970West Studio Space
2. Comic Con Event
3. Culture Fest Event
4. Discovery Garden Space
5. 2019 Grand Junction Film Festival award (Veterans Remember production)

Key Stats
- Library Cardholders = 82,273
- Checkouts & Renewals = 1,326,006
- Total Programs = 1,985
- Library Visits = 738,977
- Program Attendance = 50,166

Use Increases
- Literacy Student Hours = 14,513
- Digital Checkouts = 166,121
- Reference Questions = 49,088
- 970West Studio Reservations = 354
- Adult Program Attendance = 6,677

In 2019...
- Total library cardholders increased by 5%.
- Wi-Fi use increased 2.4%.
- Social media and enewsletter followers increased 17.6%.
- 18 students completed GED and Career Online High School programs through MCL.
- Volunteers contributed 17,562 hours of their time. Thank you!

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