Every journey needs a direction, and 2022 was a year when Mesa County Libraries worked with the community to determine the best way for the library to serve residents of our area.

The result was a new strategic roadmap, which replaces the library’s expiring strategic plan. Focus areas defined in the strategic roadmap will help Mesa County Libraries develop activities and pursue new opportunities that are of high value to the community. A strategic roadmap requires the library to keep a finger on the community’s pulse and to pivot among focus areas when necessary. The current focus areas in the strategic roadmap are social safety net; awareness and accessibility; and community and belonging.

Another important part of the library’s journey in 2022 was breaking ground on the long-anticipated construction of a new Clifton Branch. The new library, to be located at 3270 D ½ Road on the new Clifton Community Campus, will be three times the size of the current Clifton Branch, with an expected opening in late summer or early fall 2023.

As of early 2023, fundraising for the new branch is on track, and the construction schedule is on time. More than a quarter of the cost of the $11.5 million project is being funded through a capital campaign of the Mesa County Libraries Foundation, and we appreciate their hard work in raising grants and donations to complete the project.

This important community space has been supported by many community members, businesses, and organizations, and we owe them all a debt of gratitude. We are thrilled that we can offer more space, build new relationships, serve more people, and provide more services in the new location.

Mesa County Libraries’ journey in 2023 promises to be exciting and productive. We look forward to serving our community along the way.

Michelle Boisvenue-Fox
Library Director
**TOP 5 Checked out Items**

**KIDS FICTION**
1. **Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties**  
   – Dav Pilkey
2. **Dog Man: Mothering Heights**  
   – Dav Pilkey
3. **Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild**  
   – Dav Pilkey
4. **Dog Man: Unleashed**  
   – Dav Pilkey
5. **Dog Man: Grime and Punishment**  
   – Dav Pilkey

**TEEN FICTION**
1. **A Court of Thorns and Roses**  
   – Sarah J. Maas
2. **Firekeeper’s Daughter**  
   – Angeline Boulley
3. **The Hunger Games**  
   – Suzanne Collins
4. **The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**  
   – Suzanne Collins
5. **A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder**  
   – Holly Jackson

**ADULT FICTION**
1. **Shadows Reel: Joe Pickett Series, Book 22**  
   – C.J. Box
2. **Sparring Partners**  
   – John Grisham
3. **The Lincoln Highway**  
   – Amor Towles
4. **Run, Rose, Run: A Novel**  
   – Dolly Parton
5. **City of the Dead**  
   – Jonathan Kellerman

**DVDs**
1. **The Dry**
2. **Dune**
3. **Free Guy**
4. **Cry Macho**
5. **Ghostbusters Afterlife**

**Kanopy**
1. **I’m an Animal: Season 1**
2. **The Librarians: Season 1**
3. **Alone: Season 2**
4. **Alone: Season 1**
5. **The Librarians: Season 4**

**Hoopla**
1. **Magazine BingePass**
2. **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (audiobook)**  
   – J.K. Rowling
3. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone (audiobook)**  
   – J.K. Rowling
4. **The Woman in the Library (audiobook)**  
   – Sulari Gentill
5. **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (audiobook)**  
   – J.K. Rowling

**Bounceback Stats**
Mesa County Libraries continued to see increased use during 2022, continuing a bounceback from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many patrons found their way back to our library locations, driving a steady increase in visitation since libraries reopened in early 2021. Event attendance skyrocketed in 2022 as more people discovered community connections through library programs.

- **Library Visits**: 791,454
- **Checkouts & Renewals**: 1,295,018
- **Electronic Circulation**: 279,344
- **Library Cardholders**: 70,899
- **Event Attendance**: 32,831
- **Wireless Use**: 375,480 sessions
- **Volunteer Hours**: 10,447

**Did You Know?**
**In 2022 ...**
- Mesa County Libraries Comic Con had 4,600 attendees, and the library’s Culture Fest celebration had 1,550.
- Congratulations go to the 20 students who earned high school credentials via the Career Online High School and GED preparation programs at Mesa County Libraries.
- Public reservations to use the 970West Studio more than doubled from the previous year, totaling 296.

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