

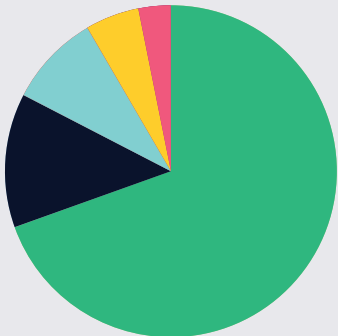
ANNUAL REPORT

MESA COUNTY LIBRARIES

2023

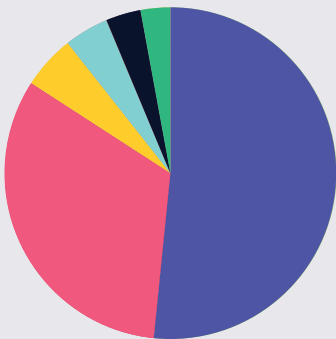
2023 FINANCIAL DATA

(Preliminary unaudited figures)



TOTAL REVENUE = \$10,289,510

- Property Taxes - \$7,154,827
- Capital Projects - \$1,344,472
- Ownership Taxes - \$927,027
- Fees & Misc. - \$539,908
- Gifts & Donations - \$323,276



TOTAL EXPENDITURES = \$15,267,842

- Capital Projects - \$7,879,313
- Personnel - \$4,967,165
- Library Materials - \$799,656
- Support Services - \$659,963
- Facilities - \$520,380
- Technology - \$441,365

A New Library in Clifton

Last year, Mesa County Libraries opened a new library on the County's Clifton Campus at 3270 D ½ Road. The new library is three times the size of the former location. We are very proud the Library Foundation met and exceeded its \$3.5M goal, thanks to community support!

The total \$11.5M project was also a result of the foresight of the Mesa County Library Board of Trustees who set money aside annually since 2017, ensuring that this project did not result in a tax increase. The community asked for an increase in people space, such as study, meeting, and community rooms that residents can reserve for free. The new library also includes space for kids and teens, plus a fireplace with a view.

Visitors are enjoying the natural light and artwork, in addition to an increased physical collection, public computers and a community art

gallery. The artwork for Clifton was chosen by a committee of residents, artists, and library staff. The library will continue to work on additional features in the years to come. This will include a small accessible parking lot near the South entrance, green features like solar power and EV charging stations, as grants and funds become available.

Looking toward the future, Mesa County Libraries will complete a Community Needs Assessment and create our first master facility plan that will direct future capital projects for the library. As always, we welcome and look forward to community input.

Michelle Boisvenue-Fox
Executive Director

2023 Stats

TOP 5

Checked out Items

KID'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1. The Pigeon Needs a Bath!**
– Mo Willems
- 2. Dragons Love Tacos**
– Adam Rubin
- 3. The Pigeon Has to Go to School!**
– Mo Willems
- 4. The Berenstain Bears, No Girls Allowed**
– Stan and Jan Berenstain
- 5. Track That Monkey!**
– Casey Neumann

TEEN FICTION

- 1. The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**
– Suzanne Collins
- 2. A Court of Thorns and Roses**
– Sarah J. Maas
- 3. The Hunger Games**
– Suzanne Collins
- 4. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder**
– Holly Jackson
- 5. A Court of Mist and Fury**
– Sarah J. Maas

ADULT FICTION

- 1. Storm Watch**
– C.J. Box
- 2. Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel**
– Bonnie Garmus
- 3. Desert Star**
– Michael Connelly
- 4. Simply Lies**
– David Baldacci
- 5. A World of Curiosities**
– Louise Penny

ADULT DVDS

- 1. Top Gun Maverick**
- 2. Ticket To Paradise**
- 3. A Man Called Otto**
- 4. The Fabelmans**
- 5. Yellowstone - Season 5, Part 1**

OVERDRIVE/LIBBY E-BOOKS

- 1. Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel**
– Bonnie Garmus
- 2. Storm Watch**
– C.J. Box
- 3. The Last Thing He Told Me**
– Laura Dave
- 4. The Boys from Biloxi**
– John Grisham
- 5. Mad Honey: A Novel**
– Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan

CULTURE & PARK PASSES

- 1. State Parks Pass, Colorado**
- 2. EUREKA! McConnell Science Museum**
- 3. Museum of Western Colorado**
- 4. Colorado National Monument**
- 5. Botanical Gardens**

Did You Know?

In 2023 ...

- The Fruita Branch Library installed the first permanent StoryWalk in the Library District around the Fruita Community Center's campus in the spring of 2023.
- 888 people attended library programs at the Collbran Branch Library in 2023. The population of Collbran is 369.

Library Stats

Mesa County Libraries increased usage reflects not only the relevance of our offerings, but also the growing recognition of its impact on the expansion of our services throughout our community. We are thrilled to see a broad spectrum of users actively utilizing our library for not only paper books, but also the electronic offerings and a diverse range of hosted library events. This upward trend of engagement inspires us to continually enhance and expand our library's offerings to meet the evolving needs of our patrons.



Library Visits
= 718,926



Checkouts & Renewals
= 1,296,957



Electronic Circulation
= 302,574



Library Cardholders
= 71,505



Event Attendance
= 37,791



Wireless Use
= 379,480 sessions



Volunteer Hours
= 11,982

Library Board of Trustees

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