

# ANNUAL REPORT MESA COUNTY LIBRARIES

# 2024

## Library was Finalist for the National Medal

Last year, Mesa County Libraries was honored as a finalist for the National Medal, the highest award a library can receive in the United States. Out of 13 libraries recognized, we were thrilled to share this national acknowledgment with our dedicated staff and community.

Our application highlighted several standout services our community treasures, including Comic Con, the Teen Self-Care Fair, our 970West

Studio, Artist in Residence program, and the Adult Learning Center. These programs exemplify our commitment to helping the community learn, create, discover, and connect in innovative ways. Many of these services are unique to Mesa County Libraries and not commonly offered elsewhere.

Looking ahead, Mesa County Libraries is preparing to navigate a reduced budget due to lower

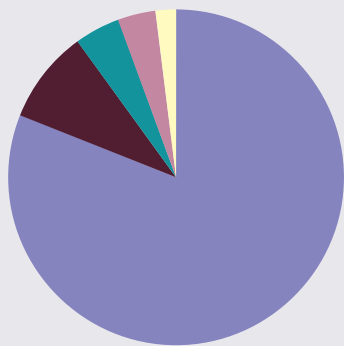


property tax revenue projected for 2026. To plan effectively, we are collaborating with the Library Foundation to prioritize future projects and begin saving for them. Key initiatives include determining the best use for the recently acquired vacant property adjacent to the Central Library, evaluating the future of the Orchard Mesa Branch Library in light of its proximity to the Central Library, and securing a temporary location for the Friends of the Mesa County Libraries book donation, sorting, and sale activities.

As always, we value and look forward to hearing community input as we shape the future of our libraries.

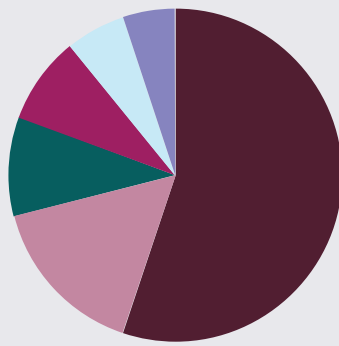
**Michelle Boisvenue-Fox**  
Executive Director,  
Mesa County Libraries

### 2024 FINANCIAL DATA



**TOTAL REVENUE = \$10,863,393**

- Property Taxes - \$8,812,982
- Ownership Taxes - \$972,858
- Fees & Misc. - \$478,868
- Gifts & Donations - \$384,214
- Capital Projects - \$214,471



**TOTAL EXPENDITURES = \$9,635,169**

- Personnel - \$5,352,694
- Capital Projects - \$1,504,643
- Library Materials - \$903,016
- Support Services - \$832,644
- Facilities - \$575,246
- Technology - \$466,926

(Preliminary unaudited figures)



# TOP Checked out Items



## TEEN FICTION

1. **The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**  
– Suzanne Collins



## VIDEO GAMES

1. **Super Mario Bros. Wonder**



## ADULT DVDS

1. **Barbie**



## OVERDRIVE/LIBBY E-BOOKS

1. **The Women**  
– Kristen Hannah



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

1. **Dog Man II, Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea**  
– Dav Pilkey



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# Library Stats

The usage of Mesa County Libraries demonstrates the relevance of our services and the growing recognition of the library's positive impact on our community. We are delighted to see a wide range of users actively engaging with the library's resources, including books, events, programs, and various other offerings. This positive trend inspires us to continue enhancing and expanding our services to meet the evolving needs of our patrons.

- 0%** Library Visits  
= 719,426
- 2%** Checkouts & Renewals  
= 1,316,611
- 8%** Electronic Circulation  
= 327,518
- 5%** Library Cardholders  
= 67,576
- 20%** Event Attendance  
= 45,377
- 5%** Computer Use/Sessions  
= 54,212 sessions
- 44%** 970West Studio Reservations  
= 416

# Did You Know?

Throughout the library district, 441,741 items were checked-out using the self-checkout machines.

Mesa County Libraries drive thru & walk up holds increased 52% to 5242.

Library staff provided 1 on 1 technical instruction to 2287 individuals.

Mesa County Libraries gave out over 13,000 food bags or snacks to children

As a result of harvests from the Mesa County Libraries' Discovery Garden, over 500 pounds of fresh produce was donated to local food banks.



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