

2009 Annual Report



PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY **LIBRARY**

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Colorado Library of the year



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VISION

Books and Beyond

MISSION

We serve as a foundation for our community by offering welcoming, well equipped and maintained facilities, outstanding collections, and well-trained employees who provide expert service encouraging the joy of reading, supporting lifelong learning and presenting access to information from around the world.

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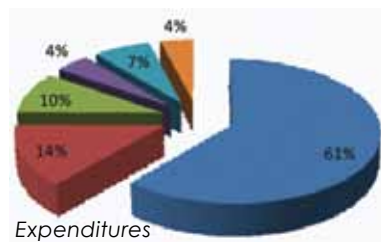
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REVENUE SOURCES

Local property tax	\$6,501,274
Specific ownership tax	\$661,851
Investment earnings	\$92,706
Charges for services, sales, fines & interest	\$189,345
Operating contracts & gifts	\$145,789

Total Revenues \$7,498,259

EXPENDITURES

Personnel, 61% - salaries and benefits	\$4,472,352
Materials, 14% - books, AV, subscriptions, etc.	\$1,003,757
Facilities, 10% - utilities, leases, maintenance	\$697,146
Debt service, 4% - payment on Pueblo West	\$311,950
Operations, 7% - contracts, administration, etc.	\$510,495
Information technology, 4% - computers, etc.	\$293,705

Total Expenditures \$7,289,405

Library statistics

1,441,927 checkouts (13% increase)	14,356 new library cards issued
432,529 uses of online databases (174% increase)	91,058 total patrons registered
301,428 computer log-ons (24% increase)	569,153 self checkouts
76,058 program and event attendees (7% increase)	51,924 reference phone calls
363,550 patrons assisted (3% increase)	15,598 volunteer hours
105,537 holds filled (16% increase)	
955,406 total visits (8% increase)	

Library use continued to rise in 2009.



People gather at Mitchell Park for a Books in the Park outdoor-library program.

New Libraries

The Pueblo City-County Library District opened two new locations in 2009, bringing the total number of public libraries to 14.

The Pueblo West Library expanded to 28,000 square feet and had its grand opening in April 2009. The new library, designed by Denver-based Humphries Poli Architects, is the first public building in Pueblo County to be LEED certified as an environmentally friendly building by the U.S. Green Building Council.

PCCLD's Board of Trustees named the new library for the generous donation of the land by the Pueblo West Metropolitan Board.

The Library @ the Y opened in late 2009. It is a 1,000 square foot library housed at the new YMCA facility.



A child browses the shelves at Pueblo West Library.



The newly opened Library @ the Y.

Serving our community

The Big Read/All Pueblo Reads 2009: A Celebration of Latino Literature featuring *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros and *Sun, Stone, and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories* edited by Jorge F. Hernandez

PCCLD completed its fifth annual All Pueblo Reads project. Nearly 18,000 Puebloans participated in the project, which featured 59 events and 22 community partners during October and early November. Highlights included Cheech Marin's Chicano Collection on exhibit in the InfoZone, a Chautauqua performance by Fred Blanco as **César Chávez**, the second annual **Booklovers Blacktie Ball**, and the public appearance and book signing featuring author Sandra Cisneros.

Summer Reading Club 2009: Be Creative

PCCLD's award-winning Summer Reading Club attracted 13,472 participants to its babies, kids and teen programs. The arts-themed clubs ran from June through mid August. A variety of educational performers entertained crowds at all library locations and the goal of getting young people to keep reading throughout the summer was accomplished.

R. M. Watts Business and Vocation Center

The R. M. Watts Business and Vocation Center is located at the Pueblo West Library and was made possible thanks to a gift from the R. M. Watts Foundation. The center seeks to partner with the business and nonprofit communities, offer an expanded business collection, work with individuals exploring small-business startup and expansion, and assist individuals with career and vocational resources.

Downloadable e-audiobooks

After feedback was collected from the public, PCCLD decided to make downloadable e-audiobooks a priority. A grant from the Friends of the Library made this offering possible. Patrons can download their favorite titles from home and listen to them on a home computer or MP3 player.

Books a la Cart

Books a la Cart is a books-on-wheels program that brings the library to many underserved areas of our community. This mini-bookmobile can be seen at various locations throughout Pueblo County loaning books to people in neighborhoods that do not have branch libraries close by.

InfoZone exhibit: Torn From Home

The InfoZone News Museum hosted *Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee*, a traveling exhibit created by the Lied Discovery Children's Museum of Las Vegas. More than 11,600 visitors were taken on a hands-on journey into the lives of millions of children forced to flee their homes in conflict regions throughout the world.



The Veronika String Quartet performs at the All Pueblo Reads Kickoff.

Thanks to our 2009 donors!

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The purpose of the Friends of the Pueblo City-County Library District is to help the library system make educational, informational, cultural and recreational services available to the public.

In fulfillment of their purpose, the Friends do amazing things to help the library in many ways. Here are a few of their accomplishments from the past year:

- Donated nearly \$30,000 to fund library projects including downloadable audio books, camera and monitor for customer service area, equipment, furniture and an author program.
- Donated \$6,500 to PCCLD's Summer Reading program.
- Provided \$5,500 for printing and postage of *News & Events* newsletter.
- Awarded a \$3,000 annual scholarship to Amy Nelson, a library district employee earning a Master's of Library Science degree.
- Judged thousands of entries and/or provided prizes for the Scary Story Contest, Poetry Contest, Create Your Own Dr. Seuss Character Contest, Pueblo Girl Essay Contest, Youth Writing Contest and Up With Reading Bookmark Contest.

To make these contributions possible, the Friends raise funds through memberships and the sale of used books.

- Memberships totaled 814.
- Books Again, the FOL used book store, sold more than \$111,500 worth of used books in 2009.
- During 2009, volunteers logged more than 7,683 hours in operating Books Again Bookstore.

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 Cheryl Wagelin
 Karen Walker
 Eunice Weatherford
 Edward West
 Jo Ann White
 Charlotte Whitney
 Norm Wiedrick
 Genevieve Willas
 Chris Williams
 Ernamarie Williams
 Pattee Williams
 Lysa Willis
 Julie Wilson
 Karen Wilson
 Billy Wisthoff
 Randy Wix
 Catherine Wojtala
 Rena Woltjer
 April Wright
 Ilene Wright
 Karen Wright
 Linda Yarnell
 Jennifer Young
 Kathryn Youngers
 Lee Zimmer

Pueblo City-County Library District has 14 locations to serve the public. There are four free-standing libraries, one on the YMCA Community Campus and nine satellite libraries, which house part of the public library's collection in a school media center.

Barkman Library
 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.
 Pueblo, CO 81001
 (719) 562-5680

Pueblo West Library
 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
 Pueblo West, CO 81007
 (719) 562-5660

Satellite Libraries:
 Avondale Elementary
 213 Hwy. 50 E.
 (719) 947-3047

Cesar Chavez Academy
 2500 W. 18 St.
 (719) 586-9199

Rye Elementary
 8120 Hwy. 165 W.
 (719) 489-2272

Lamb Library
 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
 Pueblo, CO 81005
 (719) 562-5670

Rawlings Library
 100 E. Abriendo Ave.
 Pueblo, CO 81004
 (719) 562-5600

Beulah School
 8734 Schoolhouse Ln.
 (719) 485-3127

North Mesa Elementary
 28881 Gale Rd.
 (719) 948-2551

South Mesa Elementary
 23701 E. Preston Rd.
 (719) 543-0738

Library @ the Y
 3200 Spaulding
 Pueblo, CO 81008
 (719) 553-0102

Craver Middle School
 4850 Crow Cut Off
 (719) 676-3850

Risley Middle School
 625 N. Monument Ave.
 (719) 549-7449

Vineland Elementary
 35777 Iris Rd.
 (719) 948-2633