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AN UPDATE ON INTERLIBRARY LOAN

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WHAT IS INTERLIBRARY LOAN?

- ❑ Resource Sharing Program between libraries throughout CO and the US.
- ❑ We borrow items through OCLC's Firstsearch interface.
- ❑ We lend items through OCLC's Firstsearch and SWIFT (Colorado State Library).
- ❑ Items shared include books, dvds, blurays, audiobooks, playaways, music cds, and journal articles.
- ❑ Most libraries will lend for free.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Before

- Used to be located under the RRA department.
- Collection development librarians sent requests to the ILL dept that weren't suitable for purchase and we would borrow through ILL.
- Avg number of ILL's borrowed a month was 295.
- Renewals were discouraged.

Now

- Located in the Technical Services department.
- One person makes the decision whether to purchase or borrow through ILL (faster and efficient system).
- Avg number of ILL's borrowed a month now is 425.
- Renewals are allowed.

PURCHASING VS. BORROWING

- According to the 2010 PLDS survey, PCCLD fell considerably short against peer libraries in items loaned and borrowed through ILL.
- From Oct 2011-April 2012 we have received 4,450 material requests. We have borrowed 2/3 of those requests through ILL.
- Criteria include age of item, format, completion of a series, and local interest.

BORROWING PROCESS



INCREASING BORROWING

- ❑ Not purchasing as many patron requests.
- ❑ Borrowing items that have been lost that we don't want to add back into the collection.
- ❑ Educating our patrons on the ILL service.

INCREASING LENDING

- ❑ ILL is a reciprocal system so it is important to lend just as much as we borrow.
- ❑ Routine maintenance on our OCLC holdings.
- ❑ Continue to lend newer formats such as blurays and playaways.
- ❑ Lend ebooks in the future?

KEEPING COSTS LOW & PATRONS HAPPY

- ❑ Continue to participate in consortial agreements such as Colorado Courier, COKAMO, and Blue Sky Express for cheaper and faster delivery.
- ❑ Borrow from free libraries.
- ❑ Continue allowing five borrowed ILL items at once.
- ❑ Ask for renewals on items rather than order them multiple times.
- ❑ If a request is not filled the first time, we will resubmit the request multiple times.

**Pueblo City-County Library District's
Reasons to build three new libraries now:**

1. Library services are inadequate and needed in the three identified areas (St. Charles Mesa, Greenhorn Valley and East Side).

- A need for libraries in these areas was identified in both the 2005 and 2010 strategic plans.

2. These projects are affordable now due to the library's responsible savings and spending practices.

- Xcel/Black Hills tax revenue (ex: City of Pueblo's new Police/Courts building and City Hall remodeling, Pueblo County's Justice Center).
- Refinanced Pueblo West Library debt at historically low rate.

3. Current economic conditions make now the optimal time to build.

- Inexpensive construction and donated land.

