

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

A *Message* FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is my pleasure to present the High Plains Library District's 2008 Annual Report to you. I hope that you will take a few minutes to reflect on the ways High Plains Library District has helped enhance and transform the lives of many in our community. 2008 was a year of many accomplishments and I'm proud to share some of them with you in this quick overview. It is my hope that through these highlights you will see how committed we are to living our mission of "connecting communities to information, inspiration and entertainment."

The Erie Community Library opened on January 12, 2008, and the Carbon Valley Regional Library opened on March 3, 2008. Both facilities were built with "green" standards and are beautiful additions to HPLD.

Opening the new libraries provided the perfect opportunity for HPLD to transition into a new, more interactive way of serving our customers. One central "Ask Here" desk in each library, library staff available throughout the library to help you at your point of need, express check-out machines, and enhanced virtual content have enabled our staff to provide extended library services inside and outside of our buildings.

The added flexibility with staffing has also made it possible for us to be active partners in our communities. Two special projects, a computer lab in the Evans Community Center and a library kiosk in Galeton (a collaborative project with the Eaton Public Library), demonstrate our service philosophy to extend access to HPLD's resources and services. We also added a new Outreach van to the District which allows us to easily take small collections of materials for checkout to senior centers and daycares.

In April the Board of Trustees voted to change our organizational name to High Plains Library District. This was the first step of many in our branding project which was initiated to be more reflective of our status as a distinct political jurisdiction separate from county government and to build a stronger and more visible reputation in and with the communities we serve. Putting our new brand into play meant laying out the District's future goals

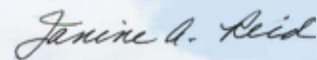
in the form of a 10 year long range plan and from that, a 3 year strategic plan. Both documents support our new mission and vision statements and can be viewed online.

HPLD's innovative and dedicated staff initiated several new and relevant programs that have quickly become popular. Our Language Café provides an opportunity for participants to practice their conversation skills in different languages. Wii Gaming nights bring all ages out to practice their athleticism. Entrepreneurs and business people have benefitted from GRAB (Greely Research Assistance for Business) workshops about various business topics as well as individual research assistance from librarians.

We accomplished so many new things in '08, while continuing to offer programs and services our customers value. The 2nd Annual Big Read featuring Fahrenheit 451 drew thousands of people to read the selected novel and participate in a variety of programs. We continue to offer storytimes, book discussions, film discussions, computer classes, free internet and word processing computers, and homework help. With the opening of the new libraries, our collection has grown to over 625,000 items.

I've been in libraries for 30 years and am full of joy and gratitude for all the District is able to provide. I thank the staff for their commitment to making the library such a worthy destination for the community; I thank the HPLD Board of Trustees for their leadership and commitment to making HPLD a leader in the industry; and I thank you, our customers for supporting us and believing in the value of libraries.

Sincerely,
Janine A. Reid; Executive Director



WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Materials & Services \$6,795,438
 Books, audio books, videos, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers, online databases, computer and technical services, new technology equipment, library programs, special acquisitions, facility maintenance and operations, contracted services and minor equipment.

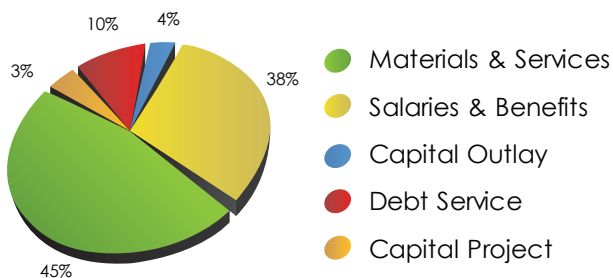
Salaries & Benefits \$5,712,390
 Health, dental, life and disability insurance, retirement fund, and staff development programs.

Capital Outlay \$578,124
 Equipment or furniture costing more than \$5000.

Debt Service \$ 1,492,085
 Payment for Certificates of Participation which financed capital construction in the District.

Capital Project \$ 453,948
 Monetary support for opening day collections, technology, and general items needed to complete construction projects.

TOTAL \$15,031,985



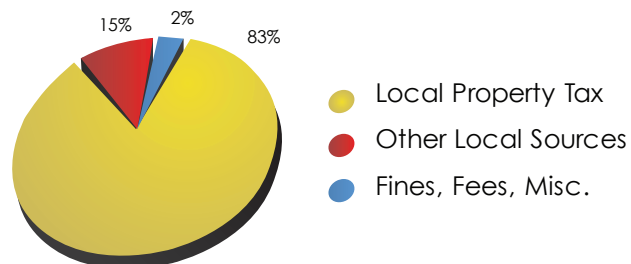
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Local Property Tax \$13,009,141
 Paid by property owners within the Weld Library District

Other Local Sources \$2,321,646
 Specific ownership tax (a portion of fees paid for vehicles, boats, etc. and license tags), interest on investments, contracts, contributions in kind, donations, and grants.

Fines, Fees, Misc \$245,947
 Money received from library fines, fees to replace materials, and library photocopy charges.

TOTAL \$15,576,734



2008 STATISTICS

District Population Served	229,010
Registered Cardholders	104,452
Annual Circulation	2,309,741
Circulation per capita	10.09
Total expenditures per capita	57.88
Annual visits	1,465,386
Annual visits per capita	6.4

BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

American Furniture Warehouse
Amgen Foundation
Best Buy Children's Foundation
Black Talon, Inc.
Frontier Airlines
Greeley Country Club
Kingsolver's
Legendary 4-Nikators
Mile High Title
National Endowment for the Arts
New Frontier Bank
Premier Members Credit Union
State Farm
Thompson West
Wal-Mart
Greeley Auto Tech
Bob Behrends Roofing
Hastings
Salvador Deli

INDIVIDUALS

Mary and Michael Adams
Hans & Lucille Arnusch
Nancy Atkisson
Maria Becerra
Robin Clizbe
Michael Duggan
Bill & Marianne Farnum
Eunice Fine
Michael Guilkey
The Hagens
Bill Hillard
John and Joan Harrison
Drew Honness
John and Donna Hudziak
William & Sue Hurt
Mike and Nomie Ketterling
Shirley Lair
Brian & Kim Larson
Jacqueline Maslowe
Rosalie Martinez
Nicole Mathis
Anne and Francis Mojo
Maria Montoya
Andrew Moore
Eric Moore
Chad & Teri Richardson
Gary & Rosalie Morris
Don & JoAnn Mueller
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Neff
Arlene and Richard Scully
Maggie Shawcross
Phyllis Shotwell
Diane Smice
Michelle Surovik
Eva Taglient
Jim Vetting
Connie and Courtney Willis