

# 2013

## ANNUAL REPORT



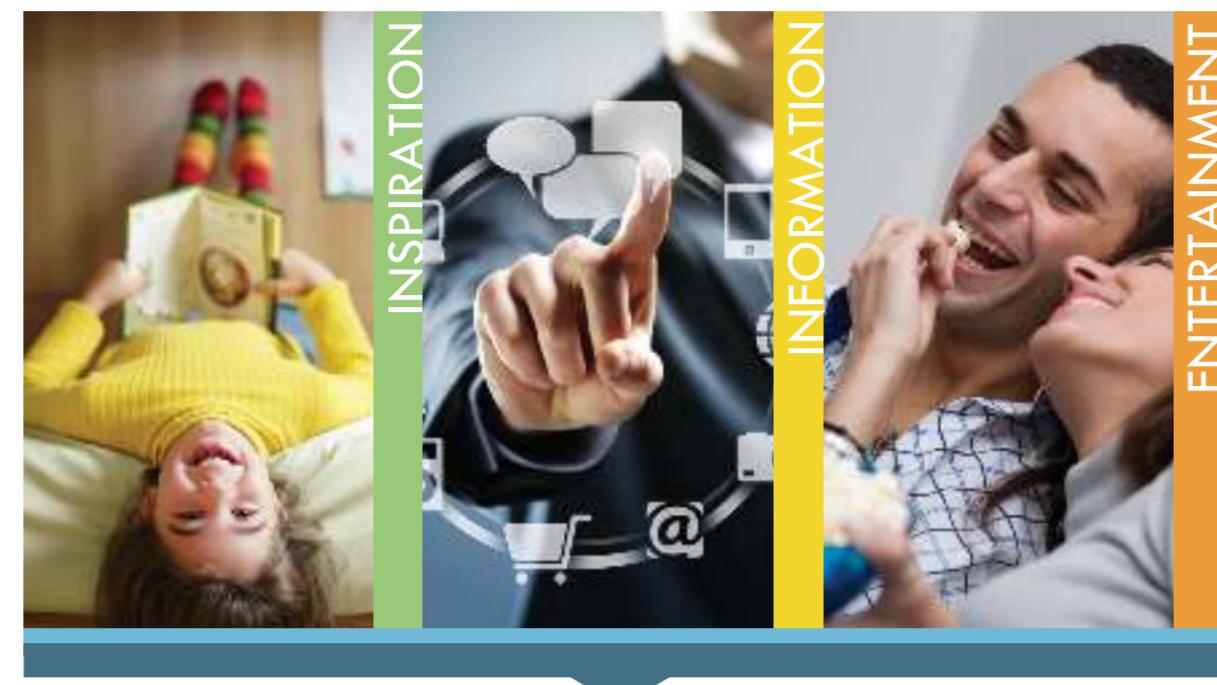
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### Message from the Director

Our annual report highlights the District's various accomplishments and activities. You will see examples of how your public library continues to evolve to meet 21st century needs and wants. While we are certainly proud of the services we provide, the proof of our success is whether or not the library contributes to your quality of life. We strive to be a constant source of information, inspiration and entertainment for everyone. We are working with you to create sustainable, thriving communities.

Janine A. Reid  
Executive Director



### food drive

HPLD partnered with the Weld Food Bank to beef up their inventory and help them through the holiday season by hosting the third annual "Food for Fines" drive. HPLD libraries forgave \$1 of fines for every can of food a patron brought to the library over a 2 week period.

The 2013 drive netted 4,000 pounds (or two tons) of food collected in Greeley, Ault, Eaton, Erie, Firestone, Johnstown, Kersey, and Hudson communities.

Erie Food Bank

Weld Food Bank



### KERSEY LIBRARY

In March of 2013 the HPLD celebrated the opening of its first mini-branch - the Kersey Library. After a successful 2 year partnership with the Town and the Kersey Library and Museum Board, as well as an increased demand for library service in the Kersey community, HPLD entered into a formal agreement with the Town of Kersey to begin operating the library as a mini-branch of the HPLD. To date the 800 sq. foot facility has increased its hours, added staff and expanded services to include things like free programming for all ages, book clubs, daily courier and additional technology.

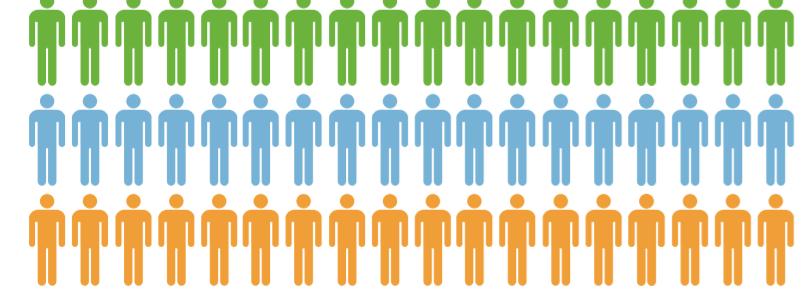
### RIVERSIDE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

OPENING FALL 2014



### HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

District Population Served 245,949



Cardholders 119,104



#### Most Popular Authors

Adult Author: James Patterson  
Teen Author: Rick Riordan  
Children's Author: Daisy Meadows

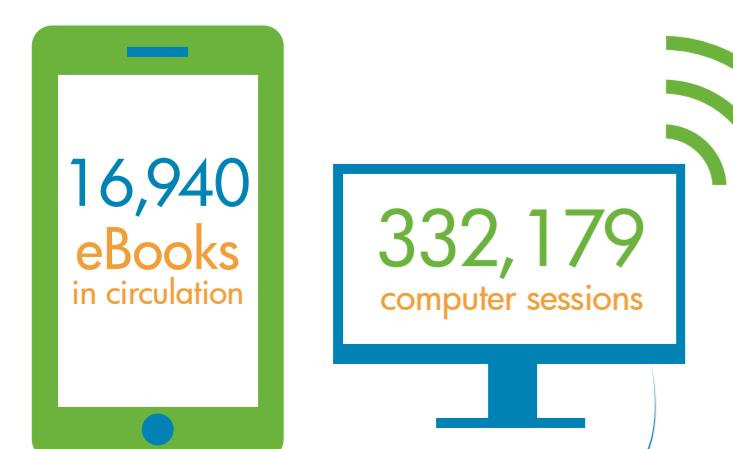
WITH 1,423,688 Annual Visits

#### Programs & Attendees



4,835 Programs

87,892 Attendees across the district



16,940 eBooks in circulation

332,179 computer sessions

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#### WHERE THE \$ GOES

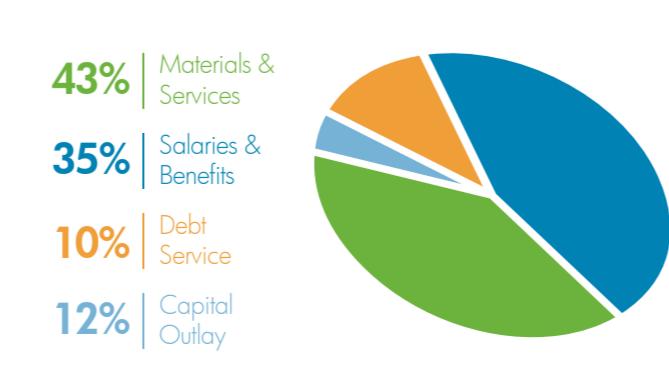
**Materials & Services** | \$8,700,797  
Books, audiobooks, videos, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers, online databases, computer and technical services, new technology equipment, library programs, special acquisitions, facility maintenance and operations, contracted services and minor equipment.

**Salaries & Benefits** | \$6,950,904  
Health, dental, life and disability insurance, retirement fund, and staff development programs.

**Capital Outlay** | \$2,323,740  
Equipment or furniture costing more than \$5,000.

**Debt Service** | \$2,102,192  
Payment for Certificates of Participation which financed capital construction in the District.

**TOTAL** \$20,077,633



#### FINANCIALS 2013

#### WHERE THE \$ GOES

**Local Property Tax** | \$19,043,402  
Paid by property owners within the High Plains Library District

**Other Local Sources** | \$1,651,526  
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** | \$176,750  
Money received from library fines, fees to replace materials.

**TOTAL** \$20,871,678



### SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS



Wireless / connectivity upgrade resulting in more equitable and faster connections.



Initiated the selection and implementation of a new library management system; the core computer system that manages the catalog and all circulation activity.



Patron initiated text notifications of holds, date due and overdue reminders.



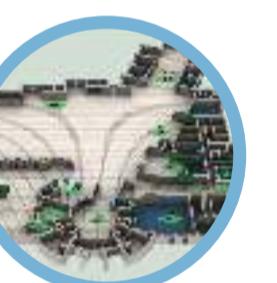
### Connect for Health Colorado

HPLD successfully collaborated with the newly founded Connect for Health Colorado and their team of trained Health Coverage Guides to share and communicate important information about healthcare in the State of Colorado. HPLD hosted seven informational sessions about the Colorado healthcare exchange throughout Weld County, and coordinated with the Connect for Health team to provide space for one-on-one appointments with people seeking to join the healthcare exchange. Our information sessions helped close to 100 people, and 59 individuals received one-on-one assistance in our libraries.

### Community Support after 2013 Flooding

September 2013 will be remembered for the floods that closed roads and destroyed the homes and businesses of Weld County residents. Libraries in Carbon Valley, Erie, and Kersey along with libraries in other communities were closed. The High Plains District focused on minimizing any additional stresses on community members. Actions such as minimizing concerns/obligation of returning items, not charging for flood-damaged materials, and working with residents to address other issues and concerns all served to let people focus on the important task of recovery. As needed, the library also participated in Flood Recovery events to provide options for children who had to wait for their parents to sign forms and go through the process of registering for flood recovery assistance.

### ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING



Over the last two years, HPLD partnered with McKinstry to improve thermal comfort for our patrons and staff, reduce maintenance costs and increase energy efficiency and utility savings. In 2012 we entered into an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) with McKinstry. The EPC project leverages future energy savings from these energy conservation measures to complete much needed capital improvements at our facilities. Our 2013 improvements include improved HVAC systems that more accurately monitor and adjust temperature, installing energy efficient lighting including LED fixtures where appropriate and adding solar panels (where effective) to reduce energy consumption.

### PROJECTED ANNUAL SAVINGS



Electricity conserved  
522,260 kwh



Water conserved  
365,000 Gallons



Natural gas conserved  
20,750 therms



CO2 emissions reduced  
1.2 million pounds



# THANK YOU!