

# 2013

## ANNUAL REPORT



### 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



### 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.



### 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 patrons 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.



Eric Food Bank

Weld Food Bank

### READCON

In 2013 the High Plains Library District created the first annual ReadCon, northern Colorado's premiere event for readers, writers, and local and national authors. Guests of honor included Craig Johnson and Mary Doria Russell. ReadCon welcomed more than 3,000 guests. Attendees were surprised and delighted by the variety of activities and quality of content made available throughout the day. ReadCon provided an opportunity for participants to satisfy their passion for all things book related and the library showed it with a 50% increase in circulation that day.

### 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.



### 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.

### Little Free Library



HPLD teamed up with Make Today Count, a healthy living campaign coordinated by North Colorado Health Alliance, to build and find homes for Little Free Libraries. These boxes of free books are placed in neighborhoods throughout Weld County. Stocked with current adult and children's materials, Little Free Libraries promote the joy of reading by encouraging friends, neighbors and communities to simply take a book and return a book. The starter collection included materials in English and Spanish about healthy eating, active living and well-being.

### RIVERSIDE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

The newest library in the District broke ground on August 3. The Riverside Library and Cultural Center is a collaborative project between High Plains Library District and the City of Evans. The 31,000 square foot facility will be an asset to the local community and a destination point for all. The new facility will be a place that brings rejuvenated life to Evans and offers all ages the opportunity to satisfy their information, inspiration and entertainment needs.

### OPENING FALL 2014



### 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

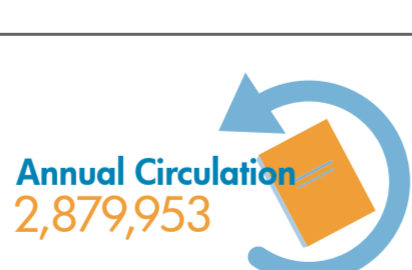
- Electricity conserved 522,260 kwh
- Water conserved 365,000 Gallons
- Natural gas conserved 20,750 therms
- CO2 emissions reduced 1.2 million pounds

### HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

District Population Served 245,949



Cardholders 119,104



Annual Circulation 2,879,953



WITH 1,423,688 Annual Visits

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



### Programs & Attendees

4,835 Programs  
87,892 Attendees across the district



### WHERE THE \$ GOES

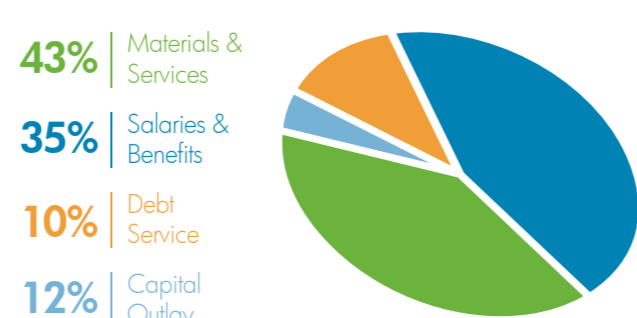
**Materials & Services | \$8,700,797**  
Books, audiobooks, videos, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers, online databases, computer and technical services, new technology equipment, library programs, special acquisitions, facility maintenance and operations, contracted services and minor equipment.

**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



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