



WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019



# High Plains Library District

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For the year ended December 31, 2019

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May 6, 2020

To the Members of the Board of Trustees and Patrons of the High Plains Library District:

State Law requires that the High Plains Library District (HPLD) publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the comprehensive annual financial report of the HPLD for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the District. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the HPLD has established a system of internal controls that are designed both to protect the District's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the District's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the District's framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The District's financial statements have been audited by Anderson & Whitney, P.C., a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The High Plains Library District's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

### **Profile of the District**

The District is considered to be a "Library District" established through Colorado State Statute (C.R.S. 24-90-110) and governed by the Colorado Library Law, Article 90 of Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Act"). The District was established on September 11, 1985 by the Weld County Board of County Commissioners, the city councils of Evans, Fort Lupton, Greeley, the town boards of Ault, Eaton, Hudson, and the Governing Board of Fort Lupton School District Number RE-8. The District is fiscally, managerially and operationally an independent political subdivision of the State of Colorado.

There are seven branch libraries and four outreach vehicles that provide services to patrons throughout the High Plains Library District. Three branches are located in the City of Greeley, one each in Erie, Evans, Firestone, and Kersey. The towns of Ault, Eaton, Hudson, Johnstown, Platteville, and the city and school district of Fort Lupton, which are located within the District's boundaries, own and operate their own library facilities. The District provides centralized support services to these locations. The citizens of these municipalities pay ad valorem property taxes to the District as District residents. By contract with the municipalities two-thirds of those ad valorem property taxes are then given to these towns for library operations and capital expenditures. The District retains one-third for providing centralized support services. The District operates public computer centers (PCCs) located in Greeley and Evans and supports technology at PCCs located in Briggsdale, Milliken, and Nunn. Affiliated Libraries consist of the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley, the Hazel E. Johnson Research Center, located within the City of Greeley Museum and the City of Evans museum. A book deposit is available at the Hill and Park Senior Center.

The Weld Library Finance Corporation (WLFC) was formed in 2001 for the purpose of purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring certain real property and to construct or install certain improvements in the service area of the District. The WLFC is included as a blended component unit within the financial statements of the District.

Administrative and support departments include Associate Directors, Collection Resources, Community Relations and Marketing, Executive Director, Facilities Services, Finance, Foundation, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Outreach all located at the District's Administration and Support Services building.

Management and control of the District is vested in a board of trustees consisting of seven members, all of whom are appointed by a committee representing the original founding bodies that established the District. Trustees serve staggered terms with one or two board members having terms expiring at the end of each year from 2020 through 2023. The trustees hold one meeting each month and special meetings when necessary. Board members are prohibited by law from receiving compensation for their services; however, they may be reimbursed for necessary travel, training or miscellaneous expenses.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the High Plains Library District's (HPLD) financial planning and control. HPLD is required to file a certified copy of the budget with the State of Colorado Division of Local Government by January 31 of each year. The HPLD begins the budgeting process in July each year and develops a proposed budget. The Executive Director presents this proposed budget to the Board of Trustees for review and approval on or before October 15. The deadline for certification of mill levies to the Boulder County and Weld County Commissioners is December 15 of each year. The Board of Trustees is required to hold public hearings on the proposed budget and to adopt a final budget on or before December 31, the close of the District's fiscal year. The budget is prepared by fund, account, location, and department. Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for the general fund, debt service fund, and when applicable the capital projects fund.

### **Factors Affecting Financial Condition**

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the High Plains Library District operates.

**Local economy:** The Colorado economy continued to grow during 2019 though not as rapidly as recent years. The Weld County economy continued to be one of the strongest in the state. The unemployment rate in Colorado remained low throughout 2019 with a reported unemployment rate of 3 percent in Weld County for December 2019. Inflation in Colorado was reported to be 1.9 percent in 2019.

Economic activity continued during 2019. Oil and gas companies continued production in the Denver-Julesburg Basin which covers most of the High Plains Library District geographic area. The volume of oil and gas production in Weld County increased 9% and 20% in 2019. The volume of oil and gas sales in Weld County increased 6% and 18% in 2019. The price per barrel of oil decreased 12% in 2019. With that volume of production and sales and price level, we are currently expecting a 5% to 10% decrease in assessed valuation for fiscal year (collection year) 2021.

The northern Colorado region's real estate market continued to be active. High employment supported the demand for housing and increased pressure to provide affordable housing. Housing prices continued to rise because of limited available housing inventory. The value of nonresidential projects continues to grow. Government facility construction projects have contributed to the nonresidential growth. Commercial construction has been active with retail and restaurant construction in the area. This, along with housing growth, has helped maintain steady growth in construction jobs for the region's labor market.

Growth in the county's labor market remained steady. A primary driver of recent growth has been oil and gas development. With the impact of the recession on Colorado's economy, the oil and gas industry's jobs and monetary contribution played a critical role in our recovery, and its importance today has not waned. The energy industry continues to be an enormous driver of the continued economic growth of Weld County and Colorado.

The continued impact of oil and gas development in the county touches on many aspects of the High Plains Library District (HPLD) currently, and in planning for the future. The energy development presents both challenges and opportunities for HPLD. As has been the case for the last four to five years, growth and development activity directly, or indirectly, related to oil and gas exploration seems to be a main economic driver of positive economic activities in Weld County. During the last few years, the County has seen several compressor stations, injection wells, new pipelines, and other oil and gas support and service industries seeking permits. Given the commitments of the large oil and gas companies in Weld County, the County seems primed to see considerable long-term investment and development in the oil and gas arena. Although the potential for the future of energy development in Weld County appears bright, it is not without risks. Oil and gas production in Colorado has risks associated with the potential of additional government regulations and voter initiatives trying to restrict or limit fracking and limit drilling in Colorado communities. These regulatory risks, if implemented, could dramatically impact future oil and gas development in Colorado.

Historically, the agricultural industry has played a significant role in the Weld County economy. Agricultural production continues to be an important local economic factor. Corn, wheat, and sugar beets remain some of the primary crops grown in the area. The local dairy market has benefitted from the construction and expansion of a cheese factory in Greeley.

In the summer of 2017, a national food company began construction of a plant in the southwest area of the district. The plant began operations in July 2019. At opening, phase one of the plant cost \$200 million and employs about 230 workers. Investment in phase two of the plant would be about \$140 million and could employ about another 275 workers.

As the High Plains Library District looks to 2020 and beyond, a number of challenges face the District to meet the ever changing and growing demands of its patrons to maintain the quality of service and product offerings that the patrons have grown to expect from their library district. The additional production of oil and gas during recent years has resulted in significant increases in the District's assessed value with the oil and gas production exceeding forty-nine percent of the District's total assessed valuation for every fiscal year since 2017. Oil and gas production comprised over 57% of the District's total assessed value for fiscal year 2019 and over 63% for fiscal year 2020. Because of the volatility of production levels and price fluctuations of the oil and gas production, the District must prudently manage the property tax revenue created by the energy development. To assist the Board of Trustees in managing volatility in property tax revenue will be the continued utilization of the Capital Improvement Program, five-year planning horizon, and the ten-year forecast model used during the annual budget preparation.

In early 2020, the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus has severely impacted the economy. There has been a dramatically negative impact across numerous industries. A sharp, rapid decline in oil and gas prices has slowed production and investment. Travel and tourism have suffered dramatically as ski resorts were forced to close in early March. In early March, restaurants were forced to limit service to drive through, take out, or delivery. Entertainment venues have been forced to cancel events. Analysts are predicting very negative economic results, including a very large increase in unemployment, for the first and second quarters of 2020 with recovery beginning in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters, but still not expecting recovery to 2019 levels by the end of 2020. Decrease in the oil and gas production and development and the significant decrease in price per barrel of oil in 2020 will have a negative financial impact to HPLD in 2022 and following depending upon the speed and extent of economic recovery.

Although the financial health of the HPLD is currently excellent, it is important to look to the future issues, possible problems and alternative solutions to these problems. Besides the traditional role of budgeting to responsibly manage available current year funding, there must be a continued emphasis on long-term planning, recognition of the cumulative effect of individual decisions, an awareness of changing realities, flexibility, patron input in setting priorities, and a focus of goals and objectives consistent with the core philosophy and mission statement. Prioritizing services is essential and a practice that the HPLD does annually. It allows the HPLD to concentrate on high priority programs and cease providing those that patrons have little or no interest in.

**Long-term financial planning:** The District's annual budget process includes the preparation of a five year capital improvement plan (CIP) and a ten year forecast of revenues and expenditures. The CIP identifies major construction and equipment needs that are on the horizon, as well as projections of those revenues dedicated for capital purchases. Also of keen interest is the continued view beyond five years as to how operational expenditures will be met by the known revenue sources.

A key component of the CIP is the District's commitment to maintaining its current infrastructure. Buildings and parking lots are evaluated annually, with resources dedicated to keeping infrastructure at acceptable quality levels and avoiding more costly major repairs and reconstruction. While the five-year CIP is a planning tool that is subject to change, it allows the District to prepare for major capital needs as well as match those needs with the appropriate projected revenue sources.

**Relevant financial policies:** The Colorado Constitutional Amendment passed in November 1992, commonly known as the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), restricts growth in governmental spending and revenues, with those amounts adjusted annually for inflation and a local growth factor. In November 1999, Weld County voters approved a referendum that allowed the HPLD to retain revenues that might otherwise have been refundable to citizens under the TABOR limits. As a result, the HPLD is able to retain any "excess" revenues and spend them for capital improvements, district operations and services, and other patron purposes. The District continues to be subject to other provisions of TABOR, including maintaining an emergency reserve equal to 3 percent of annual spending and the requirement for elections to approve any tax increase.

**Major initiatives:** HPLD budgeted revenues for fiscal year 2019 increased by \$7,574,582 or 26%, compared to 2018.

After beginning his work with HPLD in April 2018, One of Dr. Hortt's first projects was to develop a strategic plan for High Plains Library District. This involved holding focus groups with community members throughout the library district, meeting with other governmental and non-profit organizations, and having discussions with community leaders, board members, and staff. Dr. Hortt used the input from these stakeholders to develop a strategic plan that was presented to and approved by the board in November 2018. During 2019, work began on several of the strategic plan initiatives.

Programming initiatives in 2019 included presenting the fourth annual Signature Author Series with Garth Stein author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. The event was held at the University of Northern Colorado and provided an opportunity for members of the community to have a question and answer session and book signing with the author.

HPLD continued collaboration with the Immigrant and Refugee Center to provide citizenship and ESL classes. HPLD held its first YES! fest in September to encourage and celebrate STEM education.

### **Awards and Acknowledgements**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the High Plains Library District for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. This was the seventeenth consecutive year that the High Plains Library District has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the finance and administration departments. We would like to express our appreciation to all members of the District who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the Board of Trustees for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the High Plains Library District's finances. We would also like to express our appreciation to the audit firm of Anderson & Whitney, P.C. who provided guidance in preparing the annual report.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Matthew Hortt  
Executive Director

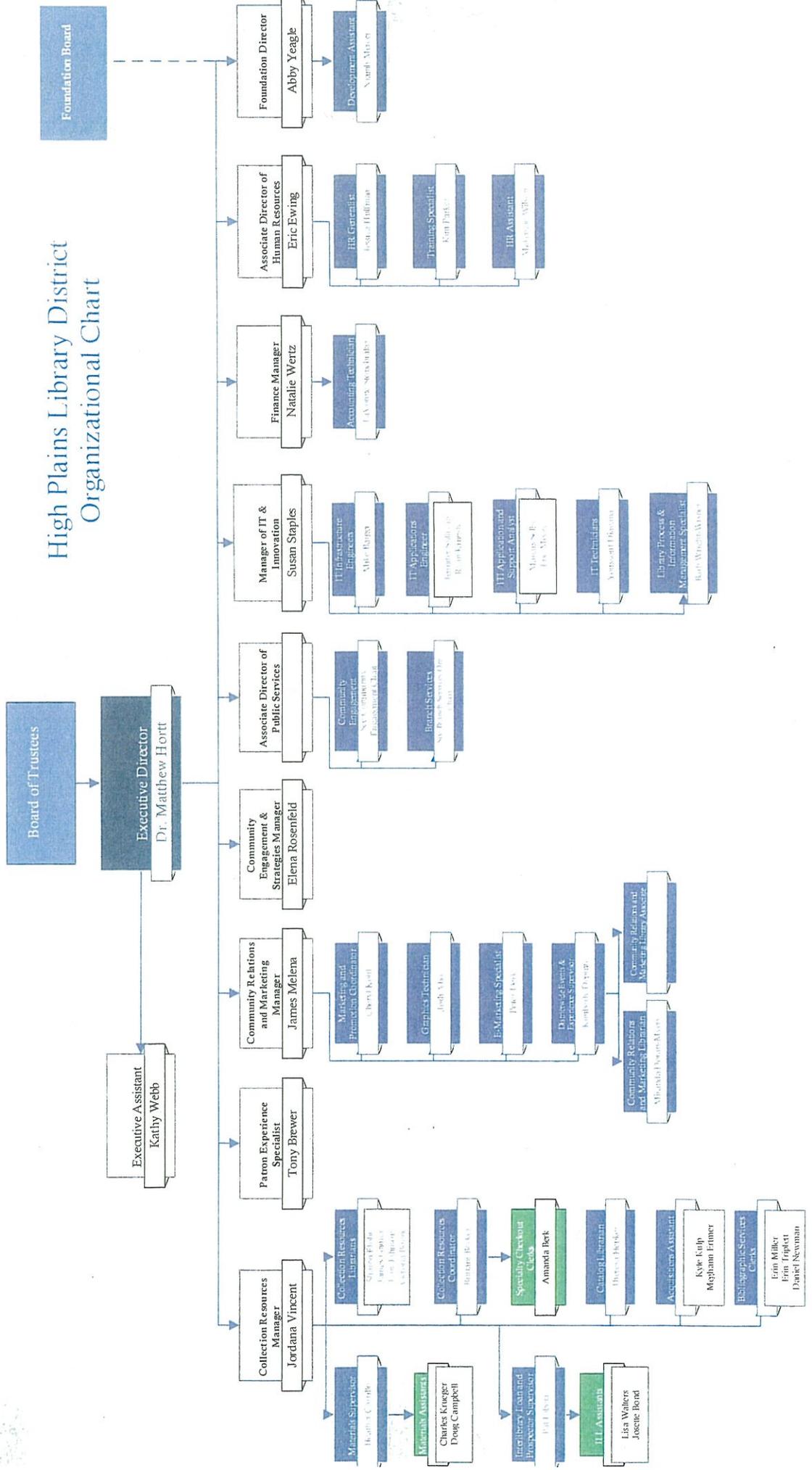


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## HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT PRINCIPAL DISTRICT OFFICIALS

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Marjorie Elwood ..... Associate Director of Public Services  
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Elena Rosenfeld ..... Community Engagement and Strategies Manager  
Eric Ewing ..... Associate Director of Human Resources and Facilities  
James Melena ..... Community Relations and Marketing Manager  
Abby Yeagle ..... Foundation Director  
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Susan Staples ..... Information Technology Manager  
Natalie Wertz ..... Finance Manager

# High Plains Library District Organizational Chart





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## Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees  
High Plains Library District  
Greeley, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of the High Plains Library District as of December 31, 2019, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major funds of the High Plains Library District as of December 31, 2019, and the changes in its financial position and the General Fund budgetary comparison for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

## **Other Matters**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require that management discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The other supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the High Plains Library District. Such information is the responsibility of the management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

*Anderson & Whitney, P.C.*

May 6, 2020

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the report provides readers with a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the High Plains Library District for the year ended December 31, 2019. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the letter of transmittal and basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- High Plains Library District's assets exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$83.0 million at the end of 2019. Of this amount, approximately \$47.8 million may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to patrons and creditors. The remaining \$35.2 million are capital assets or are restricted by law.
- The District's General Fund balance was \$49,289,431 as of December 31, 2019. Of this amount, \$1,004,893 is reserved for emergencies.
- The 2019 General Fund balance is \$10,945,516 higher than the previous year. The total fund balance is 189% of 2019 General Fund operating expenditures and transfers out.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements contain three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic statements, this report also contains other supplementary information including budgeting comparison statements for certain funds, and a statistical section.

**Government-wide Financial Statements:** The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred resources, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the District's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes).

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 18-23 of this report.

**Fund financial statements:** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. High Plains Library District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the High Plains Library District can be categorized as governmental funds.

**Governmental funds:** *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

High Plains Library District maintains two individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and Debt Service Fund. Individual fund data for the Debt Service Fund is provided in the form of a budget comparison schedule on page 38 of this report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 18 through 23 of this report.

**Budgetary comparisons:** High Plains Library District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund on pages 24 to 25 of this report. Budget to actual comparison for the Debt Service fund is provided on page 38.

**Notes to the financial statements:** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 26 through 37 of this report.

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

**Net position:** As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. As of December 31, 2019, net position was \$83 million.

The following table provides a summary of the District's net position at December 31:

Table 1 - Net position (in Millions)		
	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and other assets	\$95.6	\$74.5
Capital assets	34.2	33.2
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>107.7</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and other liabilities	1.2	2.3
Long-term liabilities	.5	.5
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows</b>		
Deferred Property Taxes	45.0	33.9
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in capital assets	34.2	31.2
Restricted	1.0	1.8
Unrestricted	47.8	38.0
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 83.0</b>	<b>\$ 71.0</b>

A significant portion of High Plains Library District's net position (58%) represents unrestricted net position of \$47.0 million, which may be used to meet the Library District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Another significant portion of the Library District's net position (41%) reflects its investment in capital assets. These assets include land, buildings, furniture, and equipment. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, they are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The District's outstanding debt consists of the certificates of participation for the remodel of various facilities. High Plains Library District has no other debt.

An additional \$1 million of the District's net position (1%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. Included in this category are the reserves for TABOR emergency and debt service requirements.

The following table indicates the changes in net position:

Governmental Activities	2019	2018
Revenues:		
General revenues:		
Property and specific ownership taxes	\$ 35,821,303	\$ 29,643,492
Investment earnings	1,175,115	759,734
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	78,226	85,288
Operating grants and contributions	104,091	137,901
Total revenues	37,178,735	30,626,415
Expenses:		
Library services	20,245,525	17,577,047
Operations and maintenance	3,633,708	3,124,153
Depreciation	1,247,557	1,288,601
Interest on long-term debt	90,056	122,906
Total expenses	25,216,846	22,112,707
Increase in net position	11,961,889	8,513,708
Beginning net position	71,015,662	62,501,954
Ending net position	\$ 82,977,551	\$ 71,015,662

**Governmental activities**

Governmental activities increased High Plains Library District's net position by \$11,961,889 in 2019.

Expenses totaled a 14% increase over the previous year. Increases occurred due to distributions to member libraries increasing as they are related to increased property taxes.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, High Plains Library District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

*Governmental Funds Overview:* The focus of Library District governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Library District's financing requirements. In particular, unrestricted fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of the end of 2019, the combined ending fund balance of High Plains Library District governmental funds was \$49.3 million. Approximately 58% of this consists of unrestricted fund balance, which is available as working capital and for current spending in accordance with the purposes of the specific funds. The remainder of fund balance is restricted to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it is committed for the following purposes: 1) state-constitution mandated emergency reserve of \$1,004,893.

The District has two major governmental funds:

1. **General Fund.** This is the primary operating fund of the High Plains Library District. It accounts for all of the District's library services. The general fund balance was \$49.3 million as of December 31, 2019. The 2019 fund balance is \$11.0 million more than the previous year. As a measure of the General Fund liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unrestricted fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures and transfers out. Unrestricted fund balance represents 110% of total 2019 expenditures and transfers out, while total fund balance is 189% of the same amount. The fund balance increased in 2019 as increased property taxes were more than the amounts transferred to the Debt Service Fund for debt repayment.
2. **Debt Service Fund.** The debt service fund has a fund balance of \$0 due to the debt being repaid.

## GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's budget is prepared according to Colorado statutes. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

In December of 2018, the Board of Trustees appropriated \$48.0 million for general fund expenditures and other financing uses, anticipating a decrease in the fund balance. The actual was an increase of \$10.9 million due to capital expenditures for new library facilities being shifted from 2019, and expenditures held under budget. The budget was not amended during the year.

<b>Table</b>		
<b>2019 General Fund Budget</b>		
<b>(in Millions)</b>		
	Budget	Actual
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 38.3	\$ 38.3
Revenue	36.6	37.2
Expenditures and other financing uses	48.0	26.2
Ending Fund Balance	<b>\$ 26.9</b>	<b>\$ 49.3</b>

## **CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets:** High Plains Library District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2019 totals \$34.2 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes all land, buildings, opening day collections, furniture, and equipment.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 4 of this report.

**Long-term debt:** At December 31, 2019, High Plains Library District had \$0 in outstanding debt as it was paid off during the year.

Additional information on High Plains Library District's debt can be found in Note 5.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The following factors are expected to have a significant effect on the High Plains Library District's financial position or results of operations and were taken into account in developing the 2020 budget:

- HPLD budgeted revenues for fiscal year 2020 increased compared to 2019. The 2020 budget includes funds to address the future home site of the Lincoln Park Library, remodel and expand the Erie Library, and enhance the Kersey Library with a new building or upgrade an existing building.
- Continued growth in Weld County causes increased demands in all service areas of the library system.
- Oil and gas property tax revenues continue to be very volatile. Property tax revenue is expected to increase by 31.1% in 2020 compared to 2019. Budgeted expenditures for 2020 include funding to meet the demands placed by our patrons for library materials as well as increased programming for all ages and just over \$20.0 million for capital improvements.
- The economy for the State of Colorado and Weld County continues to improve at a faster pace than the nation as a whole.

## **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of High Plains Library District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided or for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Manager, 2650 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street Greeley, CO 80631.

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET/ STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2019	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash and Investments	\$ 49,979,103	\$ -	\$ 49,979,103
Receivables:			
Property taxes	45,043,922	-	45,043,922
Other assets	552,638	-	552,638
Capital Assets:			
Depreciable	-	-	-
Nondepreciable	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>95,575,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,575,663</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Accounts Payable	690,862	-	690,862
Accrued Costs	439,836	-	439,836
Unearned Revenue	111,612	-	111,612
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due after one year	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,242,310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,242,310</b>
<b><u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u></b>			
Deferred Property Taxes	45,043,922	-	45,043,922
<b><u>FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION</u></b>			
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Emergencies	1,004,893	-	1,004,893
Assigned for capital projects	19,584,220	-	19,584,220
Unassigned	28,700,318	-	28,700,318
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>49,289,431</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,289,431</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 95,575,663</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 95,575,663</b>

### Net Position:

Net investment in capital assets

Restricted for emergencies

Unrestricted

### Total Net Position

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

Adjustments (Note 10)	Statement of Net Position
\$ -	\$ 49,979,103
	45,043,922
	552,638
30,585,922	30,585,922
3,643,871	3,643,871
<u>34,229,793</u>	<u>129,805,456</u>
	690,862
	439,836
	111,612
541,673	541,673
<u>541,673</u>	<u>1,783,983</u>
	45,043,922
(1,004,893)	-
(19,584,220)	-
(28,700,318)	-
<u>(49,289,431)</u>	-
34,229,793	34,229,793
1,004,893	1,004,893
47,742,865	47,742,865
<u>\$ 82,977,551</u>	<u>\$ 82,977,551</u>

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES/ STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2019	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Revenue:			
General property taxes	\$ 33,496,472	\$ -	\$ 33,496,472
Specific ownership taxes	2,324,831	-	2,324,831
Penalties and interest			
on delinquent taxes	15,553	-	15,553
Library fines	62,673	-	62,673
Earnings on investments	1,151,723	23,392	1,175,115
Grant	94,288	-	94,288
Miscellaneous	9,803	-	9,803
Total Revenue	37,155,343	23,392	37,178,735
Expenditures/Expenses:			
Current:			
Salaries, wages, and benefits	10,220,963	-	10,220,963
Supplies	388,557	-	388,557
Small equipment	67,887	-	67,887
Software	163,435	-	163,435
Postage	32,142	-	32,142
Printing	10,376	-	10,376
Book collections	550,087	-	550,087
Periodicals	54,728	-	54,728
Public relations	77,550	-	77,550
Electronic resources	754,430	-	754,430
CD and online databases	49,407	-	49,407
Telephone	216,090	-	216,090
Contract services	1,168,208	-	1,168,208
Buildings and grounds	281,458	-	281,458
Travel and meetings	195,447	-	195,447
County Treasurer's fees	500,808	-	500,808
Maintenance of equipment	978,558	-	978,558
Memberships	13,466	-	13,466
Miscellaneous	1,913	-	1,913
Insurance	70,617	-	70,617
Utilities	323,511	-	323,511
Grants-in-aid: property taxes to member libraries (Note 3)	7,730,409	-	7,730,409
Depreciation			-
Total Current	23,850,047	-	23,850,047

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Adjustments (Note 11)	Statement of Activities
\$ -	\$ 33,496,472
-	2,324,831
-	15,553
-	62,673
-	1,175,115
-	94,288
-	9,803
-	37,178,735

29,186	10,250,149
-	388,557
-	67,887
-	163,435
-	32,142
-	10,376
-	550,087
-	54,728
-	77,550
-	754,430
-	49,407
-	216,090
-	1,168,208
-	281,458
-	195,447
-	500,808
-	978,558
-	13,466
-	1,913
-	70,617
-	323,511
-	7,730,409
1,247,557	1,247,557
1,276,743	25,126,790

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES/ STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Continued

Year Ended December 31, 2019	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Expenditures/Expenses - Continued:			
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,236,239	\$ -	\$ 2,236,239
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	1,080,000	1,080,000
Interest and Fees	-	32,400	32,400
Total Expenditures/Expenses	26,086,286	1,112,400	27,198,686
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	11,069,057	(1,089,008)	9,980,049
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers - internal activities	(123,541)	123,541	-
Net Change in Fund Balances/Net Position	10,945,516	(965,467)	9,980,049
Fund Balances/Net Position, Beginning of Year	38,343,915	965,467	39,309,382
Fund Balances/Net Position, End of Year	\$ 49,289,431	\$ -	\$ 49,289,431

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

Adjustments (Note 11)	Statement of Activities
\$ (2,236,239)	\$ -
(1,080,000)	-
57,656	90,056
(1,981,840)	25,216,846
1,981,840	11,961,889
-	-
1,981,840	11,961,889
31,706,280	71,015,662
<u>\$ 33,688,120</u>	<u>\$ 82,977,551</u>

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT - GENERAL FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2019	Actual	Original and Final Budget	Variance
Revenue:			
General property taxes	\$ 33,496,472	\$ 33,948,824	\$ (452,352)
Specific ownership taxes	2,324,831	2,380,766	(55,935)
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	15,553	-	15,553
Grants	94,288	62,591	31,697
Library fines	62,673	60,000	2,673
Earnings on investments	1,151,723	190,000	961,723
Contributions - in kind	-	15,600	(15,600)
Miscellaneous	9,803	8,000	1,803
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>37,155,343</b>	<b>36,665,781</b>	<b>489,562</b>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Salaries, wages, and benefits	10,220,963	11,859,189	1,638,226
Supplies	388,557	433,250	44,693
Small equipment	67,887	95,561	27,674
Software	163,435	276,010	112,575
Postage	32,142	39,725	7,583
Printing	10,376	19,400	9,024
Book collection	550,087	574,500	24,413
Periodicals	54,728	55,000	272
Public relations	77,550	96,310	18,760
Electronic resources	754,430	931,000	176,570
CD and Online databases	49,407	57,850	8,443
Telephone	216,090	253,585	37,495
Contract services	1,168,208	1,149,213	(18,995)
Buildings and grounds	281,458	228,752	(52,706)
Travel, training, and meetings	195,447	188,960	(6,487)
County Treasurer's fees	500,808	544,850	44,042
Maintenance of equipment	978,558	834,418	(144,140)
Memberships	13,466	18,639	5,173
Miscellaneous	1,913	3,850	1,937
Insurance	70,617	75,000	4,383
Rent contributions - in kind	-	15,610	15,610
Utilities	323,511	318,121	(5,390)
Grants-in-aid: property taxes to member libraries (Note 3)	7,730,409	7,641,625	(88,784)
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>23,850,047</b>	<b>25,710,418</b>	<b>1,860,371</b>
Capital Outlay	2,236,239	22,269,100	20,032,861
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>26,086,286</b>	<b>47,979,518</b>	<b>21,893,232</b>

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT - GENERAL FUND -

### Continued

Year Ended December 31, 2019	Actual	Original and Final Budget	Variance
Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ 11,069,057	\$ (11,313,737)	\$ 22,382,794
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfer to Debt Service Fund	(123,541)	(165,000)	41,459
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	10,945,516	(11,478,737)	22,424,253
Fund Balance - Beginning	38,343,915	38,343,915	-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 49,289,431	\$ 26,865,178	\$ 22,424,253

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The accounting and reporting policies of the High Plains Library District (the District) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The following summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in evaluating the District's financial statements.

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#### Reporting Entity:

The Weld Library District was established on September 11, 1985, under the provisions of Article 90 of Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. The Weld County Commissioners together with the city councils of Evans, Fort Lupton, and Greeley, and the town boards of Ault, Eaton, and Hudson, Colorado, and the governing board of Weld School District RE-8 acted to establish the Weld Library District. On April 21, 2008, the District's Board of Trustees approved a name change to the High Plains Library District. The Library District Board was originally appointed by the Weld County Commissioners with concurrence of the city councils and has total autonomy under the State Library Act to incur debt, establish budgets, and levy property taxes to support the District's library system.

In addition, the Weld Library Finance Corporation was formed in 2001 for the purpose of purchasing, leasing, or otherwise acquiring certain real property and to construct or install certain improvements in the service area of the District. The Weld Library Finance Corporation is blended with the financial statements of the District.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applied to governmental entities. The following summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in evaluating the District's financial statements.

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#### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements:

The District reports as a special purpose government engaged in a single governmental program. The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Government activities are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for the governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within a current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current year are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *debt service fund* accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term debt of the District.

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#### Fund Equity:

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report restrictions of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

Restrictions for the District are recorded up to the maximum equity available in the fund balance and consist of:

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Fund Equity – Continued:

##### Restricted for Emergencies:

These restrictions are established to comply with TABOR. Recorded TABOR restrictions at December 31, 2019 are \$1,004,893.

Assigned fund balances, if any, are amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Trustees or by the executive director, to whom the Board delegated the authority. Fund balance may be assigned after the end of the reporting period. Restricted funds are considered to be spent first, followed by committed, assigned and unassigned, for an expenditure for which any could be used.

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#### Net Position:

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition and construction of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments.

The District first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

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#### Budget:

An annual budget and appropriation ordinance is adopted by the Board in accordance with the Colorado State Budget Law. The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for all governmental funds. The accounting system is employed as a budgetary management control device during the year to monitor the individual expenditures. The legal level of control is at the fund level. All annual appropriations lapse at year end. No budget amendments were necessary.

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Capital Assets:

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value on the date donated. Acquisitions of capital assets are recorded as capital outlay expenditures within the governmental funds. The District's capitalization level is \$5,000.

Capital assets are depreciated as appropriate for the government-wide statement of activities. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over useful lives ranging from three years for computer equipment to fifty years for buildings.

The library's "opening day" collection of books and other materials is capitalized at estimated historical cost. As individual items are replaced or updated as necessary, the collection is considered inexhaustible and is not depreciated. Subsequent purchases of materials are not capitalized unless they significantly expand the opening day collection.

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#### Property Taxes:

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied no later than December 15 and are payable in two installments on February 28 and June 15 or in full on April 30. The District records delinquent tax payments in the year received, as delinquent taxes are believed to be uncollectible. The Weld County Treasurer and the Boulder County Treasurer bill and collect the property taxes for the District.

The original January 1, 2019, levies for the general fund of the District are as follows:

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	Mill Levy	Amount
General Fund	3.249	\$ 33,948,824

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Property tax revenue is reported net of approximately \$707,000 of property tax abatements for the year ended December 31, 2019. Numerous tax increment financing districts have been established by municipalities in the District.

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Vacation and Sick Leave:

Accrued sick leave for the District is accounted for in the government-wide statement of net position. Sick leave is earned when vested and recorded as expenditure in the general fund when paid. In the event of retirement or termination, an employee whose date of hire is prior to January 1, 1985, is paid for 50% of accumulated sick-leave hours up to the equivalent of one month.

Accrued vacation for the District is accounted for in the government-wide statement of net position. The maximum accumulation is two times the annual accrual. Upon termination or retirement, employees are paid for their accrued vacation. Accrued vacation is recorded as expenditure in the General Fund when paid.

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#### Investments:

Short-term investments are reported at fair value.

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### NOTE 2 - Cash and Investments:

The District's bank accounts at year end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the District's custodial bank under provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act.

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection act requires financial institutions to pledge collateral having a market value of at least 102% of the aggregate public deposits not insured by federal depository insurance. Eligible collateral includes municipal bonds, U.S. government securities, mortgages and deeds of trust.

State statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, obligations of the state of Colorado or of any county, school district, and certain towns and cities therein, notes or bonds secured by insured mortgages or trust deeds, obligations of national mortgage associations, and certain repurchase agreements.

The District's investment policy is not more restrictive than State statutes. The District's investments are concentrated in money market funds and local government investment pools (65%), Corporate bonds (12%), and U.S. Treasury sponsored agency bonds (23%).

Colorado Revised Statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less from the date of purchase. This limit on investment maturities is a means of limiting exposure to fair values arising from increasing interest rates.

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 2 - Cash and Investments - Continued:

At December 31, 2019, the Library District held General Fund investments of \$26,114,130 in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST). The investment pool is routinely monitored by the Colorado Division of Securities with regard to operations and investments. Investments are valued at the net asset value (NAV) with each share valued at \$1.00. COLOTRUST is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. The District's interest is valued at NAV.

COLOTRUST portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities and certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and any security allowed under CRS 24-75-601. At December 31, 2019 COLOTRUST had a weighted average maturity of 47 days to reset and 69 days to final maturity. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily and there is no redemption notice period.

At December 31, 2019, the Library District held general fund investments of \$10,170,304 in the Colorado Statewide Investment Program (CSIP). The investment pool is routinely monitored by the Colorado Division of Securities with regard to operations and investments. Investments are valued at the net asset value (NAV) with each share valued at \$1.00. CSIP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. The District's interest is valued at NAV.

CSIP portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. and certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and any security allowed under CRS 24-75-601. At December 31, 2019 CSIP had a weighted average maturity of 44 days to final maturity. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily and there is no redemption notice period.

Investments held as of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

	Cost	Fair Value
U.S. Government Treasury and Sponsored Agency Bonds, primarily FNMA, FFCB, and FHLB, maturing in 2020 through 2022, rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 12,059,432
Corporate Bonds – maturing in 2022, rated Aa1 and Aa3	1,000,000	1,022,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,081,853</b>

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 2 - Cash and Investments - Continued:

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets and liabilities recognized in the accompanying statement of net position measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31:

Description	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
	Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level3)
<u>December 31, 2019</u>			
U.S. Government Treasury and Sponsored Agency Bonds	--	\$ 13,081,853	--
Corporate Bonds	--	1,022,421	--

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 3 - Grants-In-Aid:

Cash grants-in-aid paid to member libraries for library services are listed below:

Year Ended December 31, 2019	Amount
Town of:	
Ault	\$ 397,107
Eaton	949,266
Fort Lupton	2,808,635
Hudson	2,124,281
Johnstown	713,748
Platteville	737,372
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	\$ 7,730,409

Grants-in-aid are determined by the amount of property tax collected from incorporated areas in those libraries defined service areas and are for library services. Additional grants-in-aid in the form of equipment donations are also occasionally made.

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 4 – Capital Assets:

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 was as follows:

	Balance, 01/01/19	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance, 12/31/19
Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 716,670	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 716,670
Opening day book collection	2,927,201	--	--	2,927,201
Construction in process	--	500,033	--	500,033
Depreciated:				
Buildings	33,691,101	1,269,561	--	34,960,662
Building improvements	4,640,602	72,092	--	4,712,694
Equipment and furniture	4,375,580	394,553	--	4,770,133
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>46,351,154</b>	<b>2,236,239</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>48,587,393</b>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	7,712,633	743,679	--	8,456,312
Building improvements	1,659,869	243,664	--	1,903,533
Equipment and furniture	3,737,541	260,214	--	3,997,755
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>13,110,043</b>	<b>1,247,557</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>14,357,600</b>
<b>Capital Assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 33,241,111</b>	<b>\$ 988,682</b>	<b>\$ --</b>	<b>\$ 34,229,793</b>

Depreciation expense is substantially all related to library services.

### NOTE 5 - Long-Term Liabilities:

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year were as follows:

	Balance 01/01/19	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/19	Due Within One Year
Refunding Certificates of Participation – 2010	\$ 1,080,000	\$ --	\$ 1,080,000	\$ --	\$ --
Compensated Absences	512,488	71,499	42,314	541,673	20,000
	<b>\$ 1,592,488</b>	<b>\$ 71,499</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,314</b>	<b>\$ 541,673</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>

# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 6 - Consolidation Agreement with City of Greeley:**

On December 28, 1990, the District entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Greeley to consolidate their operations. The agreement provides for the transfer of the ownership and control of all of the Greeley Public Library to the District exclusive of the building previously housing the Greeley Public Library along with all associated appurtenances and fixtures.

The District entered into a lease with Goodwill Industries of Denver in May 2016 for a temporary location for the Lincoln Park branch in downtown Greeley. The lease ended in June 2018 when the District purchased the building.

In October 2019 the District signed a contract to purchase a building in downtown Greeley for \$4,000,000 in 2020. The purchase was finalized in March 2020 and no debt was incurred.

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### **NOTE 7 - Risk Management:**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and injuries to employees and natural disasters.

The District purchases commercial insurance for risks of loss in excess of deductible amounts. Insurance coverage has not been significantly reduced from prior years and settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in the past three years.

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### **NOTE 8 - Taxpayer's Bill of Rights:**

In November 1992, the voters of Colorado approved Amendment 1, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), which added a new Section 20 to Article X of the Colorado Constitution. TABOR contains tax, spending, revenue, and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments.

TABOR generally requires voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increase, mill levy increase, or issuance of new debt. Spending not subject to TABOR includes that from enterprise activities, gifts, federal funds, reserve expenditures, damage awards or property sales.

Included in the accompanying financial statements in the General Fund is an emergency reserve of \$1,004,893 as required by TABOR. In November 1999, voters approved a District mill levy increase of 1.8 mills and a resolution to exempt the increase from TABOR. The mill levy shall be reduced by \$1 million annually beginning in the collection year of 2020.

TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Ultimate implementation may depend upon litigation and legislative guidance.

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 9 – Retirement Plan:

The High Plains Library District pension plan is a single-employer, defined contribution retirement plan. The plan provides retirement and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Board of Trustees maintains the authority to establish and amend provisions of the plan. Employees of the High Plains Library District who are hired to work at least 30 hours per week and are at least 18 years of age are eligible to participate in the plan. Participants are always 100% vested in their participant contributions and become fully vested in the employer contributions after 5 years of service. The plan is administered by John Hancock.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and maintained by the Board of Trustees. Plan members are required to contribute 6% of their annual covered payroll. The District is required to contribute 6% of annual covered payroll. During 2019, employees contributed \$397,242 and the District contributed \$397,242 to the plan. The amount payable to the plan at December 31, 2019 was \$37,896. Forfeitures were not material to the financial statements.

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### NOTE 10 – Explanation of Adjustments Between Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position:

Amounts reported in the statement of net position are different because (see Note 11 also):

December 31	2019
Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 49,289,431
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	34,229,793
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds	(541,673)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 82,977,551</b>

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 11 - Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities:

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because (see Note 10 also):

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds	\$ 9,980,049
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as a depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay (\$2,236,239) was more than depreciation (\$1,247,557) in the current year.	988,682
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. COP's) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of deferred amounts when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	1,022,344
Compensated absence expense reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources and is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds	(29,186)
<u>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>	<u>\$ 11,961,889</u>

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# HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - DEBT SERVICE FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2019	Actual	Original and Final Budget	Variance
Revenue:			
Earnings on investments	\$ 23,392	\$ 600	\$ 22,792
Total Revenue	23,392	600	22,792
Expenditures:			
Debt service	1,112,400	1,123,400	11,000
Total Expenditures	1,112,400	1,123,400	11,000
Revenue Under Expenditures	(1,089,008)	(1,122,800)	33,792
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfer from General Fund	123,541	165,000	(41,459)
Revenue and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	(965,467)	(957,800)	(7,667)
Fund Balance - Beginning	965,467	957,800	7,667
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**STATISTICAL SECTION**



**STATISTICAL SECTION**  
(unaudited)

This part of the High Plains Library District’s comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the district’s overall financial health.

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

**High Plains Library District  
Net Position by Component  
Last Ten Years  
(accrual basis of accounting)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Governmental activities</b>										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 12,011,872	\$ 12,298,749	\$ 13,537,209	\$ 15,481,507	\$ 22,620,113	\$ 22,839,391	\$ 31,182,064	\$ 30,931,304	\$ 31,173,769	\$ 34,229,793
Restricted for										
Debt service	916,009	929,937	930,828	931,956	933,107	934,901	956,155	957,200	965,467	-
Emergencies	555,749	449,770	515,291	598,917	684,707	862,082	1,123,404	872,179	824,477	1,004,893
Unrestricted	12,658,266	13,109,042	13,360,265	14,596,825	11,910,752	18,464,841	21,298,931	29,741,271	38,051,949	47,742,865
<b>Total governmental activities net assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,141,896</b>	<b>\$ 26,787,498</b>	<b>\$ 28,343,593</b>	<b>\$ 31,609,205</b>	<b>\$ 36,148,679</b>	<b>\$ 43,101,215</b>	<b>\$ 54,560,554</b>	<b>\$ 62,501,954</b>	<b>\$ 71,015,662</b>	<b>\$ 82,977,551</b>
<b>Primary government</b>										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,011,872	12,298,749	13,537,209	15,481,507	22,620,113	22,839,391	31,182,064	30,931,304	31,173,769	34,229,793
Restricted	1,471,758	1,379,707	1,446,119	1,530,873	1,617,814	1,796,983	2,079,559	1,829,379	1,789,944	1,004,893
Unrestricted	12,658,266	13,109,042	13,360,265	14,596,825	11,910,752	18,464,841	21,298,931	29,741,271	38,051,949	47,742,865
<b>Total primary government net position</b>	<b>\$ 26,141,896</b>	<b>\$ 26,787,498</b>	<b>\$ 28,343,593</b>	<b>\$ 31,609,205</b>	<b>\$ 36,148,679</b>	<b>\$ 43,101,215</b>	<b>\$ 54,560,554</b>	<b>\$ 62,501,954</b>	<b>\$ 71,015,662</b>	<b>\$ 82,977,551</b>

**High Plains Library District  
Changes in Net Position  
Last Ten Years  
(accrual basis of accounting)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Expenses</b>										
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 14,544,604	\$ 13,607,335	\$ 15,346,468	\$ 16,840,316	\$ 18,129,352	\$ 21,711,526	\$ 25,922,845	\$ 21,448,708	\$ 21,989,801	\$ 25,126,790
Interest on long term debt	772,337	734,515	704,412	665,007	622,536	580,418	519,145	141,872	122,906	90,056
Debt issuance costs	-	14,389	14,389	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities expenses	\$ 15,316,941	\$ 14,356,239	\$ 16,065,269	\$ 17,505,323	\$ 18,751,888	\$ 22,291,944	\$ 26,441,990	\$ 21,590,580	\$ 22,112,707	\$ 25,216,846
<b>Program Revenues</b>										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
General government	197,986	178,005	201,749	176,750	174,026	156,912	101,381	89,100	85,288	62,673
Operating grants and contributions	138,750	113,750	126,248	185,227	137,247	192,479	122,808	76,675	137,901	119,644
Total governmental activities program revenues	\$ 336,736	\$ 291,755	\$ 327,997	\$ 361,977	\$ 311,273	\$ 349,391	\$ 224,189	\$ 165,775	\$ 223,189	\$ 182,317
<b>Net (Expenses)/Revenue</b>										
Governmental activities										
Total primary government net	\$(14,980,205)	\$(14,064,484)	\$(15,737,272)	\$(17,143,346)	\$(18,440,615)	\$(21,942,553)	\$(26,217,801)	\$(21,424,805)	\$(21,889,518)	\$(25,034,529)
<b>General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets</b>										
Governmental activities:										
Taxes:										
Property taxes	\$ 16,906,588	\$ 13,602,800	\$ 15,849,259	\$ 19,043,402	\$ 21,048,874	26,881,943	35,238,427	26,961,850	27,482,605	33,496,472
Specific ownership	1,044,416	979,076	1,280,320	1,298,477	1,784,930	1,854,124	2,223,890	2,125,055	2,128,161	2,324,831
Unrestricted investment earnings	238,444	128,210	163,788	167,822	146,285	159,022	214,921	279,300	792,460	1,175,115
Total governmental activities	18,189,448	14,710,086	17,293,367	20,509,701	22,980,089	28,895,089	37,677,238	29,366,205	30,403,226	36,996,418
Total primary government	\$ 18,189,448	\$ 14,710,086	\$ 17,293,367	\$ 20,509,701	\$ 22,980,089	\$ 28,895,089	\$ 37,677,238	\$ 29,366,205	\$ 30,403,226	\$ 36,996,418
<b>Change in Net Position</b>										
Governmental activities	\$ 3,209,243	\$ 645,602	\$ 1,556,095	\$ 3,366,355	\$ 4,539,474	\$ 6,952,536	\$ 11,459,437	\$ 7,941,400	\$ 8,513,708	\$ 11,961,889
Total primary government	\$ 3,209,243	\$ 645,602	\$ 1,556,095	\$ 3,366,355	\$ 4,539,474	\$ 6,952,536	\$ 11,459,437	\$ 7,941,400	\$ 8,513,708	\$ 11,961,889

**High Plains Library District**  
**Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**Last Ten Years**  
**(modified accrual basis of accounting)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
General Fund										
Restricted	\$ 555,749	\$ 449,770	\$ 515,291	\$ 598,917	\$ 684,707	\$ 862,082	\$ 1,123,404	\$ 872,179	\$ 824,477	\$ 1,004,893
Unrestricted, unassigned	12,800,520	13,278,254	13,541,761	14,250,893	12,287,812	13,710,589	16,348,874	22,850,568	15,710,138	28,700,318
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	5,170,000	5,427,000	7,977,350	21,809,300	19,584,220
Total general fund	\$ 13,356,269	\$ 13,728,024	\$ 14,057,052	\$ 14,849,810	\$ 12,972,519	\$ 19,742,671	\$ 22,899,278	\$ 31,700,097	\$ 38,343,915	\$ 49,289,431
All other Governmental Funds										
Restricted	\$ 1,435,069	\$ 929,965	\$ 930,828	\$ 931,956	\$ 933,107	\$ 934,901	\$ 956,155	\$ 957,200	\$ 965,467	\$ -
Total for all governmental funds	\$ 14,791,338	\$ 14,657,989	\$ 14,987,880	\$ 15,781,766	\$ 13,905,626	\$ 20,677,572	\$ 23,855,433	\$ 32,657,297	\$ 39,309,382	\$ 49,289,431

**High Plains Library District**  
**Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds**  
**Last Ten Years**  
**(modified accrual basis of accounting)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Revenues</b>										
Taxes	\$ 17,951,004	\$ 14,581,876	\$ 17,129,579	\$ 20,341,879	\$ 22,823,587	\$ 28,750,311	\$ 37,462,247	\$ 29,086,905	\$ 29,610,766	\$ 35,821,303
Charges for services	23,787	21,504	25,106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library fines	170,724	154,588	168,186	167,834	174,026	156,912	101,381	89,100	85,288	62,673
Earnings on investments	238,444	128,210	163,788	167,822	146,285	159,022	214,921	279,300	792,460	1,175,115
Contributions in kind - rent	113,750	113,750	113,750	113,750	113,750	113,750	47,395	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	28,475	1,913	20,955	80,393	33,714	64,485	75,413	76,675	137,901	119,644
Total revenues	18,526,184	15,001,841	17,621,364	20,871,678	23,291,362	29,244,480	37,901,357	29,531,980	30,626,415	37,178,735
<b>Expenditures</b>										
General government	13,602,384	12,573,567	14,237,613	15,651,701	16,982,271	20,271,134	24,501,391	20,156,867	20,675,360	23,850,047
Capital outlay	1,049,190	479,764	957,104	2,323,740	6,090,351	108,638	370,588	70,531	1,588,270	2,236,239
Debt issuance costs	129,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service										
Interest	772,337	676,859	646,756	607,351	564,880	522,762	461,489	82,716	65,250	32,400
Principal	1,235,000	1,405,000	1,450,000	1,495,000	1,530,000	1,570,000	9,390,000	1,020,000	1,045,000	1,080,000
Total expenditures	16,788,434	15,135,190	17,291,473	20,077,792	25,167,502	22,472,534	34,723,468	21,330,114	23,373,880	27,198,686
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,737,750	(133,349)	329,891	793,886	(1,876,140)	6,771,946	3,177,889	8,201,866	7,252,535	9,980,049
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>										
Transfers in	1,993,701	2,094,717	2,095,385	2,102,192	2,094,880	2,092,762	9,867,206	1,102,716	1,110,250	1,112,400
Transfers out	(1,993,701)	(2,094,717)	(2,095,385)	(2,102,192)	(2,094,880)	(2,092,762)	(9,867,206)	(1,102,716)	(1,110,250)	(1,112,400)
Proceeds of debt	9,580,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to refunded debt escrow agent	(8,293,903)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,286,097	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	\$ 3,023,847	\$ (133,349)	\$ 329,891	\$ 793,886	\$ (1,876,140)	\$ 6,771,946	\$ 3,177,889	\$ 8,201,866	\$ 7,252,535	\$ 9,980,049
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	12.75%	14.21%	12.84%	11.84%	10.98%	9.36%	28.68%	5.19%	5.10%	4.46%

**High Plains Library District  
General Governmental Expenditures By Function  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Administrative Services</b>	<b>Books; Resources</b>	<b>Facilities Operations</b>	<b>Grants In Aid</b>	<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Totals</b>
2010	\$ 4,993,005	\$1,256,554	\$ 1,498,585	\$ 1,253,838	\$ 1,168,945	\$ 3,431,457	\$ 1,049,190	\$ 2,136,860	\$ 16,788,434
2011	4,972,908	1,270,033	1,691,690	1,056,746	996,174	2,586,016	479,764	2,081,859	15,135,190
2012	5,334,425	1,389,422	1,772,378	1,239,946	1,272,936	3,228,506	957,104	2,096,756	17,291,473
2013	5,644,619	1,306,285	2,056,482	1,248,730	1,315,355	4,080,230	2,323,740	2,102,351	20,077,792
2014 <sup>1</sup>	6,120,836	1,675,209	1,780,284	1,238,798	1,598,867	4,577,277	6,090,351	2,094,880	25,176,502
2015	6,724,535	1,971,410	2,006,234	1,633,200	1,406,582	6,529,173	108,638	2,092,762	22,472,534
2016 <sup>2</sup>	7,127,174	2,041,965	2,632,139	1,652,204	1,609,406	9,438,503	370,588	9,851,489	34,723,468
2017	6,928,292	2,014,659	2,291,142	1,117,897	1,577,637	6,227,241	70,530	1,102,716	21,330,114
2018	7,238,335	2,164,073	2,387,221	1,192,694	1,610,030	6,083,007	1,588,720	1,110,250	23,374,330
2019	7,810,132	2,410,831	2,690,406	1,408,652	1,799,617	7,730,409	2,236,239	1,112,400	27,198,686

Note:

<sup>1</sup> The large increase in capital outlay reflects the construction costs of the Riverside Library and Cultural Center.

<sup>2</sup> The large increase in debt service reflects the early repayment of the 2006 Certificates of Participation.

**High Plains Library District  
General Governmental Revenues By Source  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Property Taxes</b>	<b>Specific Ownership Taxes</b>	<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010	\$16,874,455	\$1,044,416	\$ 238,444	\$ 25,000	\$ 170,724	\$ 173,145	\$18,526,184
2011	13,602,800	979,076	128,210	-	154,588	137,167	15,001,841
2012	15,849,259	1,280,320	163,788	12,498	168,186	147,313	17,621,364
2013	19,043,402	1,298,477	167,822	71,477	167,834	122,666	20,871,678
2014	21,038,657	1,784,930	146,285	16,302	174,026	131,162	23,291,362
2015	26,881,943	1,854,124	159,022	55,436	156,912	137,043	29,244,480
2016	35,238,427	2,223,820	214,921	60,836	101,381	61,972	37,901,357
2017	26,961,850	2,125,055	279,300	65,578	89,100	11,097	29,531,980
2018	27,515,331	2,128,161	738,244	62,302	85,288	75,599	30,604,925
2019	33,496,472	2,324,831	1,175,115	94,288	62,673	25,356	37,178,735

Source:  
HPLD CAFR

**High Plains Library District  
Property Tax Levies and Collections  
Last Ten Fiscal Years  
(amounts expressed in thousands)**

Levy Year	Collect Year	Total Tax Levy for Fiscal Year <sup>1</sup>	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years <sup>3</sup>	Total Collections to Date	
			Tax Amount <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Levy		Tax Amount	Percent of Levy
2009	2010	16,934	16,874	99.6%	60	16,934	100.0%
2010	2011	13,609	13,581	99.8%	-	13,581	99.8%
2011	2012	15,880	15,832	99.7%	-	15,832	99.7%
2012	2013	19,074	19,023	99.7%	-	19,023	99.7%
2013	2014	21,063	21,038	99.9%	-	21,038	99.9%
2014	2015	27,320	26,882	98.4%	-	26,882	98.4%
2015	2016	35,255	35,223	99.9%	-	35,223	99.9%
2016	2017	26,930	26,962	100.1%	-	26,962	100.1%
2017	2018	27,390	27,515	100.5%	-	27,515	100.5%
2018	2019	33,949	33,870	99.8%	-	33,870	99.8%

Source:

<sup>1</sup> Final Budget

<sup>2</sup> YTD Treasurer's Tax Distribution

<sup>3</sup> Not available for years not shown

**High Plains Library District**  
**Assessed and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(in thousands of dollars)**

<b>Levy Year</b>	<b>Vacant Land</b>	<b>Residential Property</b>	<b>Commercial Property</b>	<b>Industrial Property</b>	<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>Oil &amp; Gas</b>	<b>State Assessed</b>	<b>Total Taxable Assessed Value</b>	<b>Estimated Actual Taxable Value</b>	<b>Total Direct Tax Rate</b>	<b>Assessed Value as a % of Actual Value</b>
2010	76,597	935,623	612,171	191,689	93,792	11,881	1,593,865	573,725	4,089,343	19,166,061	3.249	21.336%
2011	59,313	893,155	600,970	207,560	109,046	12,221	2,338,283	593,893	4,814,441	19,664,487	3.249	24.483%
2012	55,684	902,490	637,249	279,787	111,959	11,555	3,225,865	625,554	5,850,143	21,467,579	3.249	27.251%
2013	49,578	897,581	613,627	325,483	132,082	14,056	3,750,013	678,356	6,460,776	22,463,026	3.249	28.762%
2014	46,605	915,284	620,508	430,782	138,769	14,625	5,544,193	710,011	8,420,777	25,523,496	3.249	32.992%
2015	55,985	1,146,858	655,020	525,734	168,228	18,440	7,374,473	740,461	10,685,199	31,560,980	3.249	33.856%
2016	48,576	1,192,400	677,672	680,033	172,787	18,187	4,708,785	771,524	8,269,964	29,936,864	3.249	27.625%
2017	65,994	1,413,932	764,517	795,317	197,001	18,605	4,369,798	813,039	8,438,203	35,327,035	3.249	23.886%
2018	57,708	1,460,074	785,202	822,019	199,744	22,062	6,338,480	814,026	10,499,315	38,645,508	3.249	27.168%
2019	76,518	1,789,785	959,571	938,681	190,691	25,222	9,194,058	893,660	14,068,186	48,245,043	3.177	29.160%

Source: Weld County Assessor's office

**High Plains Library District  
Principal Taxpayers  
December 31, 2019**

	2019			2010		
	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Kerr-Mcgee Oil & Gas Onshore LP	\$ 2,495,933,180	1	17.74%	\$ 454,815,910	2	11.38%
Noble Energy Inc.	1,678,837,020	2	11.93%	720,128,640	1	18.02%
Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc				126,332,820	3	3.16%
PDC Energy Inc	1,204,386,250	3	8.56%			
Extraction Oil & Gas LLC	550,573,520	4	3.91%			
Crestone Peak Resources, LP	548,413,490	5	3.90%			
Highpoint Operating Corporation	543,650,140	6	3.86%			
SRC Energy Inc.	479,679,550	7	3.41%			
Whiting Oil and Gas	342,550,680	8	2.43%			
Bonanza Creek Energy Inc.	271,755,400	9	1.93%			
Great Western Oil & Gas Co LLC	270,072,220	10	1.92%			
Rocky Mountain Energy Center				123,154,770	4	3.08%
Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel)				109,467,550	5	2.74%
Colorado Interstate Gas Co.				66,745,500	6	1.67%
Kerr-McGee Gathering LLC				56,192,010	7	1.41%
Petroleum Development Corp.				55,180,600	8	1.38%
Merit Energy				50,342,200	9	1.26%
DCP Midstream LP				38,338,500	10	0.96%
	<u>\$ 8,385,851,450</u>		<u>59.61%</u>	<u>\$1,800,698,500</u>		<u>45.05%</u>

Source: Weld County Assessor

**High Plains Library District  
Ratio of Outstanding Debt by Type  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Governmental Activities				
Fiscal Year	Certificates of Participation	Total Library District	Percentage of Personal Income <sup>1</sup>	Per Capita <sup>1</sup>
2009	19,415,000	19,415,000	0.26%	77.28
2010	19,466,100	19,466,100	0.28%	76.99
2011	18,118,756	18,118,756	0.26%	71.12
2012	16,726,412	16,726,412	0.22%	63.43
2013	15,635,000	15,635,000	0.19%	59.29
2014	14,105,000	14,105,000	0.17%	52.28
2015	12,535,000	12,535,000	0.15%	45.67
2016	3,145,000	3,145,000	0.04%	11.04
2017	2,125,000	2,125,000	0.03%	6.98
2018	1,080,000	1,080,000	0.01%	3.55
2019	-	-	0.00%	-

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Demographic and Economic Statistics schedule on page 52 of the CAFR.

Note: Details regarding the district's outstanding debt can be found in FN 5 page 32 of the CAFR.

Source: Current and prior year's financial statements.

**High Plains Library District  
Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2019**

Assessed Valuation	\$14,001,840,969
Debt Limit 1.5% of Assessed Value <sup>1</sup>	210,027,615
Certificates of Participation <sup>2</sup>	0
Legal Debt Margin	210,027,615

**Legal Debt Margin Information  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Debt limit	\$ 60,781,581	\$ 71,333,143	\$ 86,294,415	\$ 95,350,662	\$ 125,437,455	\$ 159,863,784	\$ 123,496,081	\$ 126,183,800	\$ 156,590,520	\$ 210,027,615
Total net debt applicable to limit	19,466,100	18,118,756	16,726,412	15,635,060	14,145,000	12,535,000	3,145,000	2,125,000	1,080,000	-
Legal debt margin	\$ 41,315,481	\$ 53,214,387	\$ 69,568,003	\$ 79,715,602	\$ 111,292,455	\$ 147,328,784	\$ 120,351,081	\$ 124,058,800	\$ 155,510,520	\$ 210,027,615
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	32.03%	25.40%	19.38%	16.40%	11.28%	7.84%	2.55%	1.68%	0.69%	0.00%

Note:

<sup>1</sup> Debt Limitation: Under Section 22-42-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1973, the High Plains Library District may incur indebtedness of general District purposes in an amount not to exceed 1.5% of assessed valuation of all taxable property.

<sup>2</sup> Certificates of Participation are not generally included as debt for purposes of calculating legal debt limit (Colorado Revised Statute 22-42-104). However, they are presented here to give the most conservative analysis of debt allowable that remains available.

**High Plains Library District  
Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt  
As of December 31, 2019**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Net General Obligation Bonded Debt Outstanding</b>	<b>Percentage Applicable to Government <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Amount Applicable to Government</b>
HPLD COP's	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -
Total Direct Debt	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Cities and Towns	40,381,417	88.91%	35,901,417
Schools	1,428,659,275	57.05%	815,115,751
Special Districts	113,087,525	55.69%	62,981,071
Total Overlapping Debt	<u>1,582,128,217</u>		<u>913,998,239</u>
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt	<u><u>\$1,582,128,217</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 913,998,239</u></u>

Source: Weld County CAFR

Note:

<sup>1</sup> Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the district. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by residents and businesses located within the district's boundaries. This process recognizes that, when considering the district's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

**High Plains Library District  
Demographic and Economic Statistics  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Year</b>	<b>High Plains</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
	<b>Library District Patron Population</b>	<b>Weld County Population</b>	<b>Personal Income (\$ billions)</b>		
2010	235,511	252,825	7.07	28,503	9.80%
2011	236,815	254,759	6.93	27,186	9.10%
2012	240,898	263,691	7.76	25,233	8.70%
2013	245,989	263,691	8.35	29,986	6.70%
2014	251,308	269,785	8.35	31,657	3.90%
2015	257,157	274,487	8.35	27,047	3.80%
2016	259,688	284,876	8.35	42,787	2.60%
2017	268,307	296,397	11.20	42,701	3.40%
2018	270,901	304,435	12.50	44,080	2.70%
2019	280,771	314,305	14.50	46,172	2.30%

Source: Upstate Colorado in cooperation with the University of Northern Colorado and the State of Colorado demographic.

Library Research Service State of Colorado for HPLD population.

Note: The HPLD Patron population is shown as a comparative to the Weld County population as the District's service area approximates the boundary of Weld County.

**High Plains Library District  
Principal Employers - Weld County  
December 31, 2019**

	2019			2010		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
JBS Swift Beef Company	4,590	1	2.78%	4,500	1	3.81%
Banner Health: Northern Colorado Medical Center	3,640	2	2.20%	2,141	2	1.81%
Vestas	2,810	3	1.70%	1,060	7	0.90%
Greeley Evans School District 6	2,200	4	1.33%	1,877	3	1.59%
University of Northern Colorado	1,717	5	1.04%			
Weld County Government	1,615	6	0.98%	1,372	5	1.16%
State Farm Insurance Companies	1,200	7	0.73%	1,300	6	1.10%
City of Greeley	1,100	8	0.67%	847	9	0.72%
Halliburton Energy Services Inc.	1,030	9	0.62%			
UC Health	1,030	10	0.62%			
State of Colorado (includes UNC)				1,600	4	1.35%
Carestream Health, Inc.				540	10	0.46%
Aims Community College				874	8	0.74%
Total Principal Employers	20,932		12.66%	16,111		13.63%
Other Employers	144,358		87.34%	102,087		86.37%
Total County Employment	165,290		100.00%	118,198		100.00%

Combined State of Colorado (including UNC) not available for 2019

Source: Upstate Colorado and Weld County

**High Plains Library District  
Library Materials Purchased and Circulated  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of Volumes Owned (1)</b>	<b>Number of Audio/Visual Items Owned (2)</b>	<b>Total Items Owned</b>	<b>Number of Items Circulated *</b>
2010	613,815	111,641	725,456	2,774,312
2011	637,087	111,048	748,135	2,761,638
2012	652,019	104,427	756,446	2,746,572
2013	615,874	111,046	726,920	2,879,953
2014	673,140	128,416	801,556	2,749,021
2015	683,682	131,135	814,817	2,781,499
2016	636,645	602,207	1,238,852	2,640,378
2017	534,531	609,660	1,144,191	2,555,135
2018	495,977	461,207	957,184	2,420,158
2019	490,302	358,399	879,317	2,275,342

Source: High Plains Library District IT department.

Note:

(1) Volumes include books, book club bags, new books, Paperbacks, Large Print, Kits, member books, new periodicals, periodicals, and references, and express books.

(2) Audio/visual items include audio books, MP3, Blu-Ray, cassettes, CD's, DVD's, E-books, equipment, short check out equipment, software, member audio, member video, net library, recordings, and video cassettes.

\* The number of items circulated includes the HPLD seven branch locations; one mini branch location; two Outreach vehicles; Member Libraries - Eaton Public Library, Fort Lupton Public & School Library, Glenn A Jones, M.D. Memorial Library, Hudson Public Library, Northern Plains Public Library, Platteville Public Library, and Nantes Library.

**High Plains Library District  
Service Locations  
December 31, 2019**

<b>Libraries</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Square Footage</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>
Carbon Valley Regional	7 Park Avenue Firestone, CO 80504	35,400	23
Centennial Park Library	2227 23rd Avenue Greeley, CO 80634	28,000	35
Administration and Support Services building*	2650 W. 29th Street Greeley, CO 80631	23,903	60
Erie Community	400 Powers Street Erie, CO 80516	20,000	23
Farr Regional Library**	1939 61st Avenue Greeley, CO 80634	38,000	30
Kersey Library	415 1st Street Kersey, CO 80644	800	1
Lincoln Park Library	1012 11th Street, Suite B Greeley, CO 80631	6,195	21
Riverside Library and Cultural Center	3700 Golden Street Evans, CO 80620	18,500	19

\* The Administration and Support Services building houses the administrative, collection resources and outreach department staff.

\*\* The Virtual Library department consisting of 5 employees is located at the Farr Regional Library (FRL) and included in the number of employees listed for the FRL.

This information is presented on an annual year end basis, to highlight the number of individual employees at each location and not FTE.

**High Plains Library District  
Circulation Summary by Location  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Carbon Valley<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Centennial Park</b>	<b>Erie<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Farr</b>	<b>Kersey<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Lincoln Park</b>	<b>Riverside Library and Cultural Center<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Outreach Services</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010	460,549	544,937	394,194	633,278		210,738		63,808	2,307,504
2011	447,547	531,887	390,389	584,903		220,894		59,341	2,234,961
2012	442,864	598,032	408,498	556,127		247,896		64,949	2,318,366
2013	416,713	612,407	410,951	568,357	7,537	267,543		62,786	2,346,294
2014	382,228	558,494	394,962	550,391	11,090	234,827	24,519	68,480	2,224,991
2015	290,955	395,511	296,969	432,621	10,431	174,416	123,496	79,522	1,803,921
2016	272,125	399,477	281,932	405,275	7,917	97,700	106,282	89,766	1,660,474
2017	245,117	365,264	280,578	377,723	3,274	85,789	104,204	96,240	1,558,189
2018	229,604	308,229	279,100	341,960	1,840	69,682	86,623	93,980	1,411,018
2019	213,002	268,321	289,942	310,571	2,918	58,744	74,959	97,919	1,316,376

Note:

<sup>1</sup> The Carbon Valley Regional Library opened in March 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Erie activity occurred at the Lorraine David Children's Library which ceased its operations with the Erie Community Library opening on January 12, 2008.

<sup>3</sup> The Kersey mini-branch opened in late January 2013. The Kersey mini-branch was closed from late June 2017 to late December 2017 for mold mitigation.

<sup>4</sup> The Riverside Library and Cultural Center opened October 18, 2014.

Source: High Plains Library District IT department.