



PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT



2023 Annual Report

Providing resources and opportunities that impact individual lives and build community.

Pikes Peak Library District seeks to engage and transform people's lives via its 16 facilities, online resources, and mobile library services. By providing equitable access to information, we welcome all members of the community to enrich their minds, make connections, and reach for their full potential.

As a national leader and the second largest library system in Colorado, PPLD served a population of more than 670,000 residents in El Paso County in 2023, thanks to an employee base of about 440 full- and part-time staff and 350 volunteers. PPLD continues to be recognized for its commitment to diversity and community collaboration, its innovative and community-focused programs, and excellent customer service.

Learn more at ppld.org.

District Information

We serve all of El Paso County, except for Security/Widefield. Our service area is approximately 2,070 square miles.

Patrons and Community

- 293,813 Cardholders
- 679,469 Service Area Population
- 1,868,649 Total Visits
- 152,253 Total Public Program Attendance

Buildings and Materials

- 354,175 Square Feet
- 694 Public Access Computers
- 6,848,319 Total Materials Circulated
- 2,654,294 ppld.org Homepage Visits

People of Pikes Peak Library District

- 433 Staff Members
- 15,231 Volunteer Hours
- 63 Librarians

TOP CIRCULATION

Adult

The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line: Untold Stories of the Women Who Changed the Course of World War II by Mari K. Eder (2023 APPR Selection)

Simply Lies by David Baldacci

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Young Adult

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins

Scythe by Neal Shusterman

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling

Children

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

FINANCIALS

Revenues

Property Taxes: \$33,692,487

Specific Ownership Taxes: \$3,585,330

Fines and Fees: \$72,756

Interest Income: \$1,349,764

Fundraising: \$1,160,714

Other: \$79,715

Total Revenues: \$39,940,766

Revenue Per Capita: \$58.78

Expenses

Personnel: \$19,667,479

Library Materials: \$5,047,595

Contractual Services: \$1,817,744

Capital Outlay: \$11,139

Repair and Maintenance: \$936,296

Utilities: \$681,573

Other Expenses: \$741,733

Total Expenditures: \$31,537,014

Circulation

- Current size of collection: 1,062,056 (includes print, audio/visual, and eLibrary materials)
- 6,848,319 Total Materials Circulated

- Surpassed 3 million circulations in OverDrive, one of the digital resources in our eLibrary for eBooks and eAudiobooks.
- 27,623 Meeting and Study Room Reservations
- 93,537 Reference Transactions



2023 Highlights



Pikes Peak Library District reached a new milestone with e-checkouts: 3 million digital books borrowed in 2023. This achievement illustrates the Library's commitment to serving all members of the community in innovative ways, including with a large catalog of eBooks, eAudiobooks, and other digital media. The Library District was #48 of all standalone public libraries and one of 152 total public library systems worldwide that surpassed one million digital checkouts in 2023.



During Library Lovers Month - February 2023 - PPLD asked its patrons to send love letters to the Library. During that month, the Library District received 421 letters from patrons expressing their "love" and gratitude for the Library District.



For the second consecutive year, the Winter Adult Reading Program set a participation record, registering 4,044 readers, an increase of 18%, 616 participants, over 2022.



The District's annual reading program, Summer Adventure presented by Children's Hospital Colorado, enjoyed another year of more than 14,000 children and teens registering for and participating in the program - 14,363. These individuals spent 220,132 hours moving, creating, and imagining during the summer.



2023 was the third consecutive year that PPLD presented the children's area, Kids Con, at the annual Comic Con event at The Broadmoor World Arena. From Aug. 25-27 more than 2,500 adults, teens, and children visited PPLD's Kids Con area. The staff issued 33 new library cards, snapped 500 photos using its green screen backgrounds, and distributed information about its makerspaces and other services to a much sought after target demographic for libraries - teens. It was the largest outreach of 2023.



Pikes Peak Library District partners with local museums and attractions to provide library card holders access to their locations free of charge if they have a PPLD library card. Culture Pass has allowed thousands of people to visit sites throughout Colorado and its popularity is growing. In 2023, 3,180 Culture Passes were issued to Library patrons. In 2022, 1,644 Culture Passes were issued. The 2023 numbers represented a 93.5% increase.



PPLD's partnership with Pikes Peak Workforce Center to present the Food Industry Training Course, a program that helps students learn basic culinary fundamentals, practice, explore career opportunities in the culinary industry, and earn their ServSafe Food Handler certification. In 2023, PPLD held two cohorts that involved 14 students. Thirteen students graduated and within 90 days seven of them had obtained employment.



PPLD's East Library was one of only 50 libraries nationwide (and the only Colorado library) to be awarded the privilege of hosting the Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit presented by the American Library Association and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum from September 5 through October 11.

- There were approximately 3,978 visitors to the exhibit, 977 of which participated in 51 docent-led tours.
- 12 of the tours were for school groups. The largest school group was from Discovery Canyon Campus - 104 juniors and seniors.
- There were 10 related programs with a total attendance of 297 people.

Family & Children's Services conducted seven LENA Start co-horts in 2023 (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall), teaching parents how to increase their conversational turns (interactions) with their children 0 - 33 months of age. Eighty-one families graduated from the program.




Locations

CA **Calhan Library**
600 Bank St., Calhan
(719) 531-6333, x7013

CH **Cheyenne Mountain Library**
1785 S. 8th St.
(719) 531-6333, x7001

EA **East Library**
5550 N. Union Blvd.
(719) 531-6333, x7014

 **eLibrary**
ppld.org
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

FO **Fountain Library**
230 S. Main St., Fountain
(719) 531-6333, x7002

HI **High Prairie Library**
7035 Old Meridian Rd., Peyton
(719) 531-6333, x7003

KCH **Knights of Columbus Hall**
20 W. Pikes Peak Ave.
(719) 531-6333, x6142

LI **Library 21c**
1175 Chapel Hills Dr.
(719) 531-6333, x7012

MA **Manitou Springs Library**
515 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs
(719) 531-6333, x7004

 **Mobile Library Services**
ppld.org/mobile-library-services
(719) 531-6333, x7702

MO **Monument Library**
1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument
(719) 531-6333, x7005

OL **Old Colorado City Library**
2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.
(719) 531-6333, x7006

PA **Palmer Lake Library**
66 Lower Glenway St., Palmer Lake
(719) 531-6333, x7007

PE **Penrose Library**
20 N. Cascade Ave.
(719) 531-6333, x7015

RO **Rockrimmon Library**
832 Village Center Dr.
(719) 531-6333, x7008

RU **Ruth Holley Library**
685 N. Murray Blvd.
(719) 531-6333, x7009

SA **Sand Creek Library**
1821 S. Academy Blvd.
(719) 531-6333, x7018

UT **Ute Pass Library**
8010 Severy Rd., Cascade
(719) 531-6333, x7011

