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2024 was a year of revelations and accomplishments for Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD): the first district-wide Facilities Master Plan in 20 years was finalized; the Library enjoyed more than 5,000 new library card sign-ups and renewals in a single month - a record for the District; adults were invited to participate in the Library's largest program, the Summer Adventure reading program for the first time; and it was a year of impactful decisions about how to serve the El Paso County community.

At the core of these efforts are our Mission, Vision, and Values - to cultivate spaces for belonging, personal growth, and strong communities by providing access for everyone to resources and opportunities. The Library removes barriers to allow all people in our service area to pursue their interests, needs, and goals.

Each day PPLD works to achieve these goals by being responsible stewards of its resources through integrity and transparent practices.

Included herein is the 2024 Annual Report for PPLD, a summary of the key financial findings for the year and a summary of the highlights.

For a more detailed and comprehensive report, visit ppld.org/financial-annual-reports.

PEOPLE OF PPLD

In 2024 these individuals were tasked with serving the nearly 700,000 patrons within PPLD's legal service area.



438
Staff Members

14,703
Volunteer Hours



69
Full-time Librarians*
**Included in the Staff
Member total above*



697,349
Service Area Population

285,534

Households in PPLD's
Legal Service Area (LSA)



65.7%

of households (**187,650**) in
PPLD's LSA have an
active library card

PATRONS & COMMUNITY

These figures show the number of active library cardholders (the card has been used in the last three years) versus the service population.

CIRCULATION

These numbers represent the materials within PPLD's immediate responsibility. Its Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service offers access to materials throughout Colorado, the U.S. and Canada, increasing these numbers exponentially.



1,084,632

Collection Size
*(Includes print, audio/visual,
and eLibrary materials)*

7,057,371

Circulated Materials



>3.4 million
OverDrive Circulation



CHILDREN

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



TEEN

The Chalice of the Gods
by Rick Riordan



ADULT

The Women
by Kristin Hannah

TOP TITLES

These are the most popular titles for each age group based on circulation in 2024.

BUILDINGS & USAGE*



1,896,767

Total Visits



152,633

Total Program Attendance



354,175

Square Footage



697

Public Access Computers



2,364,285

ppld.org Homepage Visits



98,040

Reference Transactions



32,630

Meeting and Study
Room Reservations

**Stats represent 15 locations*

REVENUE

\$35,706,977

Property Taxes

\$3,413,306

Specific Ownership
Taxes

\$2,577,459

Other

\$1,588,030

Interest Income

\$1,198,394

Fundraising

\$79,379

Fines and Fees

\$44,543,545

Total Revenue

\$63.87

Revenue Per Capita

EXPENSES



\$22,002,998

Personnel



\$6,196,967

Library Materials



\$4,417,880

Capital Outlay



\$2,313,528

Contractual Services



\$1,714,516

Other Expenses



\$926,202

Repair and Maintenance



\$837,468

Building Services and Rent



\$661,249

Utilities

\$40,406,208

Total Expenditures

Calhan Library

600 Bank St.
Calhan, CO 80808
(719) 531-6333, x7013

Cheyenne Mountain Library

1785 S. 8th St. #100
Colo. Spgs., CO 80905
(719) 531-6333, x7001

East Library

5550 N. Union Blvd.
Colo. Spgs., CO 80918
(719) 531-6333, x7014

Fountain Library

230 S. Main St.
Fountain, CO 80817
(719) 531-6333, x7002

High Prairie Library

7035 Old Meridian Rd.
Peyton, CO 80831
(719) 531-6333, x7003

Library 21c

1175 Chapel Hills Dr.
Colo. Spgs., CO 80920
(719) 531-6333, x7012

Manitou Springs Library

701 Manitou Ave.
Manitou Spgs., CO 80829
(719) 531-6333, x7004

Mobile Library Services

(719) 531-6333, x7702

Monument Library

1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr.
Monument, CO 80132
(719) 531-6333, x7005

Old Colorado City Library

2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.
Colo. Spgs., CO 80904
(719) 531-6333, x7006

Palmer Lake Library

66 Lower Glenway St.
Palmer Lake, CO 80133
(719) 531-6333, x7007

Penrose Library

20 N. Cascade Ave.
Colo. Spgs., CO 80903
(719) 531-6333, x7015

Ruth Holley Library

685 N. Murray Blvd.
Colo. Spgs., CO 80915
(719) 531-6333, x7009

Sand Creek Library

1821 S. Academy Blvd.
Colo. Spgs., CO 80916
(719) 531-6333, x7018

Ute Pass Library

8010 Severy Rd.
Cascade, CO 80809
(719) 531-6333, x7011

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

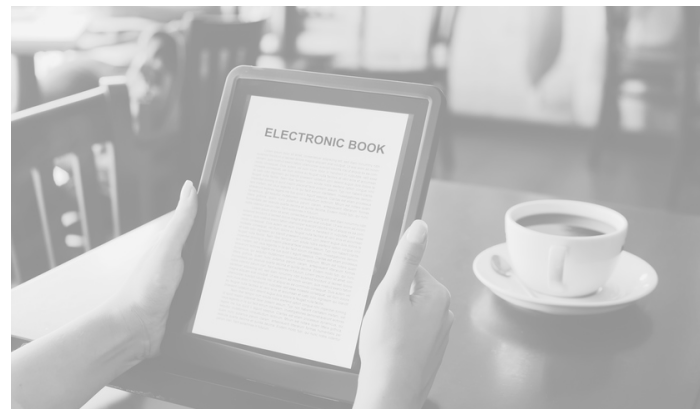
Summer Reading Program's 50th Anniversary *127% participant increase*

The District's annual summer reading program, Summer Adventure presented by Children's Hospital Colorado, welcomed adult participation in 2024 as it celebrated the 50th anniversary of the program. It kicked off by issuing a limited-edition U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum library card to commemorate the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Olympic City USA - Colorado Springs. Overall participants totaled 18,304, a 127% increase over 2023, and enjoyed a slight increase in program completions. These individuals spent 358,046 hours reading, creating, and exploring during the summer.



eLibrary Reaches 3.4 Million Checkouts *404,000+ than 2023*

In 2024 Pikes Peak Library District reached its 3 millionth eLibrary checkout in November, more than a month earlier than it did in 2023. The year ended with more than 3.4 million eLibrary checkouts, 404,000 more than 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.



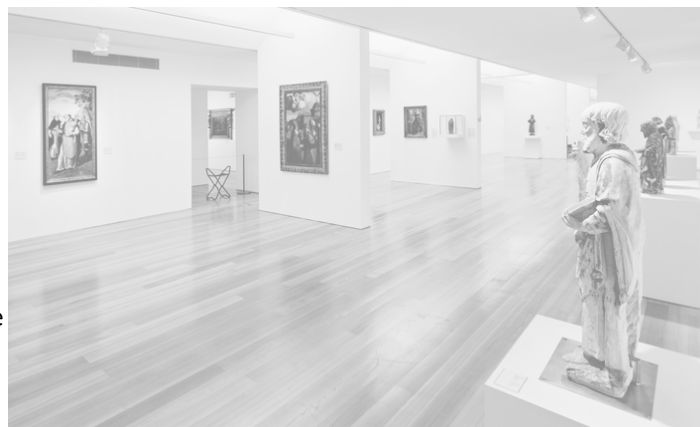
A Return to the Historic Carnegie Library *25-year lease secured*

In February 2024, PPLD worked with the City of Manitou Springs to finalize a lease agreement for the Library District to return to the historic Carnegie Library. The upfront payment for the 25-year lease secured the funds the City needed to break ground on the renovation project for the Carnegie Library.



Culture Pass Gets Bump *3,300 issued; 120 more than 2023*

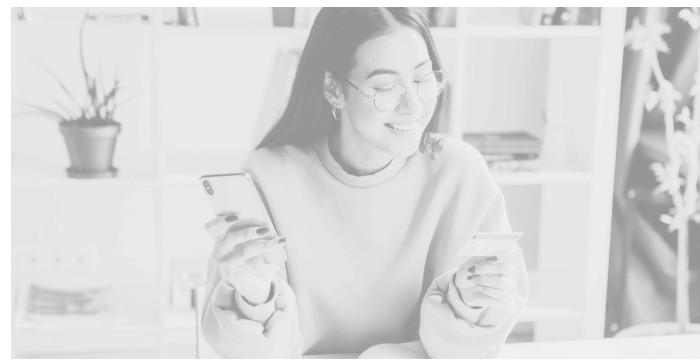
Pikes Peak Library District partners with local museums and attractions to provide library patrons with access to their locations free of charge if they have a PPLD library card. Culture Pass has allowed thousands of people to visit sites throughout Colorado and its popularity is growing. In 2024, 3,300 Culture Passes were issued to Library patrons, an increase of 120 passes over 2023.



Record-setting Library Card Sign-up Month

5,099 new and renewed library cards

In September 2024, PPLD launched a year-long Library Card Sign-up campaign during Library Card Sign-up Month. You Belong at the Library was the campaign slogan. The Library was rewarded with 5,099 new library cards and renewals of expired cards. This total set a record for new card sign-ups and renewals for a single month.



Winter Reading Program Continues to Soar

25% increase (998 participants); third consecutive increase

The 2024 Winter Adult Reading Program smashed participation records for the third year in a row, registering 5,044 adults. This was an increase of nearly 1,000 participants (998) over 2023, an increase of 25%.



Renovations Increase Safety and Security

Penrose Library program attendance increases

From February – April 2024 PPLD closed Penrose Library to embark on Phase One of a three-phase renovation project to provide updates and improve safety and security throughout the location. The renovations included lowering the bookshelves on the upper and lower levels of the Library to provide better line-of-sight, as well as brighten the location with natural light and provide more accessibility to materials. Lockers for personal belongings were added to the building for patron use while visiting the Library, decorative wraps were added to elevator doors, and upgraded security cameras were installed. Since the upgrade, program attendance for both adults and children has increased.



Plan Assesses District's Ability to Serve

Completed in mid-2024

In mid-2023 PPLD contracted with a consultant to create a Facilities Master Plan. They reviewed and assessed the Library District and provided feedback on the District's ability to serve the residents living in the 2,070 square mile area of El Paso County that it serves. The plan was completed in mid-2024.



Eight National Library Week Open Houses

5,100 visitors; 615 library cards issued (increase of 312)

To celebrate National Library Week, PPLD held Open Houses at eight Library locations throughout the District, encouraging patrons to discover something new at their location, visit a new location, and enjoy all that libraries have to offer. More than 5,100 individuals visited the eight locations during the two-hour parties in each space. Districtwide, the Library issued 615 library cards that week, an increase of 312 cards over the same period in 2023.

