

AGENDA
Garfield County Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 6, 2022, 2:00 PM
Place: Rifle Branch Library, 207 East Ave. Rifle, CO 81650

Board Mission Statement: The GCPLD Board supports the GCPLD mission, vision, and values through the following actions: Ensuring financial stability, investing in staff development, providing service advocacy, and promoting District library innovation.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call
- B. Public Participation: 3 minutes per person
- C. Approval of the agenda

II. CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

- A. Minutes of Library Board meeting December 2, 2021 (pp 1-3)
- B. Claims for Board Approval: General Fund November 16, 2021 to December 15, 2021 (pp.4-6); Alpine Bank Credit Card Statement November 2021 (pp. 7-9)

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. HVAC P&M Vendor selection recommendation, Frederick Penny

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Management Report, Kevin Hettler
- B. Treasurer/Finance Report, Michelle Foster (pp.13-17)
- C. Branch Report, Amy Tonozzi, Rifle Interim Branch Manager
- D. Art Loan Policy, Jocelyn Durrance (pp.10-12)
- E. Executive Director Search Committee update, Jocelyn Durrance
- F. "Did You Know" training, Carolyn Tucker

Next Board Meeting February 3, 2022, Location: New Castle Branch Library: 402 W Main St. New Castle, CO
Adjourn meeting.

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Prepared by: Kevin Hettler
Posted on: December 30, 2021

**GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
New Castle Library, New Castle, CO
December 2, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Adrian Rippy - Sheehy called the meeting to order seconded by Crystal Mariscal at **2:00 pm**. Kim Owens conducted the roll call.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrian Rippy -Sheehy
Michelle Foster
Crystal Mariscal
Jocelyn Durrance
Carolyn Tucker
Susan Use

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Dale	Melissa Wiley
Emily Hisel	Kevin Hettler
Daniel Messer	Stacy Duchscher
Jenn Cook	Brandi Neuroth
Darla Baumli	James Larson
Ana Gaytan	Jon Medrano
Mary Clement	Brenda Kingen
Kathryn Dressman	Jade Flowers
Tracy Kallassy	Rosa Menchaca
Kim Owens	Amy Tonzzi
Frederick Penny	

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

All present
Jaimie Schauf resigned

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION:

None

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDTIONS:

Removal of R&H Mechanical until January

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with amendments was made by Adrian Rippy-Sheehy, seconded by Crystal Mariscal - **Motion passed unanimously**

II. CONSENT ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A motion to approve the November 4, 2021 board meeting minutes was made by Jocelyn Durrance, seconded by Michelle Foster- **Motion passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the consent items was made by made by Jocelyn Durrance, seconded by Michelle Foster- **Motion passed unanimously.**

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Koff and Associates Classification study, Kevin Hettler
A motion to approve the Koff and Associates Classification study was made by Crystal Mariscal, seconded by Carolyn Tucker - **Motion passed unanimously**
- B. Approve Koff and Associates Compensation Study, Kevin Hettler
A motion to approve the Koff and Associates Compensation study was made by Michelle Foster, seconded by Crystal Mariscal - **Motion passed unanimously**
- C. 2022 Holiday Closures, Kim Owens
A motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Closures was made by Carolyn Tucker, seconded by Crystal Mariscal - **Motion passed unanimously**
- D. 2022 Board Meeting Dates, Kevin Hettler
A motion to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Dates was made by Michelle Foster, seconded by Jocelyn Durrance. - **Motion passed unanimously**
- E. 2022 Budget Adoption (Resolution 21-004), Kevin Hettler
A motion to approve the 2022 Budget Adoption (Resolution 21-004) was made by Susan Use, seconded by Jocelyn Durrance. - **Motion passed unanimously**
- F. 2022 Mill Levy Certification (Resolution 21-005), Kevin Hettler
A motion to approve the 2022 Mill Levy Certification (Resolution 21-005) was made by Michelle Foster, seconded by Jocelyn Durrance - **Motion passed unanimously**
- G. 2022 Appropriations (Resolution 21-006), Kevin Hettler
A motion to approve the 2022 Appropriations (Resolution 21-006) was made by Jocelyn Durrance, seconded by Michelle Foster - **Motion passed unanimously**
- H. 2021 year end holiday staff thank you, Adrian Rippy-Sheehy
A motion to approve \$100 gift cards to all staff members as year end thank you was made by Jocelyn Durrance, seconded by Carolyn Tucker - **Motion passed unanimously**
- I. Appoint Executive Director search committee, Adrian Rippy-Sheehy–
Jocelyn Durrance and Susan Use have volunteered to be on the Executive Director search committee. Carolyn nominated Susan and Michelle nominated Jocelyn - **unanimously approved.**

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Management Report, Kevin Hettler

Reviewed next steps of staff placements on new pay scale from the Comp Study. Marmot, Facilities Manager, and Acting Executive Director met to discuss 2022 projects – website is top IT priority. Cloud based phone system is expected to be completed in mid to end of December. Work Comp and liability insurance increased 2%. We received three new bids, two were significantly more expensive and one was only slightly less expensive, so we will stay with Special District Association. Acting ED started a new E-Rate application for broadband service and posted a new RFP on the GCPLD website.

B. Artwork donation/loan policy review, Jocelyn Durrance

GCPLD has been offered a sculpture and GCPLD needs an artwork donation/loan policy. Jocelyn drafted a policy.

C. Finance/Treasurer's Report, Michelle Foster, Kevin Hettler

Sales tax up 31% from this time last year

Michelle acknowledged that everything the District has been able to implement and do is because of the Garfield County voters who approved the 6A mill levy.

D. Branch Report, Ana Gaytan, New Castle Interim Branch Manager

New Castle is seeing an increase in foot traffic. Staff has been working on many displays; programs are going really well – SPARK each Friday has 25-35 attendees; Storytime has about 30 kids for each session. Concerts have been a big success, patrons are loving them. 2022 programs include Teen Scenes, add an additional Storytime, audiobook club for teens, and more to come. Laptop loans are getting popular.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Tucker, seconded by Adrian Rippy-Sheehy.

The meeting adjourned at **3:23** pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled board meeting will be held January 6, 2022 at the Rifle Branch Library at 2:00pm.

Garfield County Public Library District
Claims for Board Approval
11/16/21 - 12/15/21

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10010 - Alpine Bank- Gen(..7072)				
11/24/2021	Elec	CRA	Nov retirement contribution	-28,894.64
11/24/2021	Elec	CRA	Nov retirement contribution	-57,660.92
11/25/2021	elec	Alpine Bank	Oct c.c. payment	-31,579.30
11/30/2021	24719	A Clean Break, LLC	RI, SI, NC November cleaning	-5,425.00
11/30/2021	24720	Amazon Capital Services	Events and branch supplies	-2,385.40
11/30/2021	24721	ImageNet Consulting LLC	copier copies	-1,699.36
11/30/2021	24722	Midwest Tape	Library materials	-2,067.07
11/30/2021	24723	Amazon .com	Oct payment	-2,815.59
11/30/2021	24724	Stanley, Paul	payroll w/h reimb	-25.00
11/30/2021	24725	Zuniga, Rebecca	mileage reimb	-25.49
11/30/2021	1000947	625-Water(9283)	RI SI staff water	-76.95
11/30/2021	bp elec1283	Black Hills Energy	GW & CA gas	-942.56
11/30/2021	1000948	Cardiff Cleaning Service	Nov CA GW janitorial service	-3,335.00
11/30/2021	bp elec1285	City of Glenwood Springs	GW electricity	-1,011.01
11/30/2021	bp elec1286	Demco	processing supplies	-508.29
11/30/2021	1000949	Jean's Printing	bookmarks	-689.70
11/30/2021	1000950	Kline, Stacy	Mileage reimbursement	-47.04
11/30/2021	1000951	Micro Plastics, Inc.	Decals for new library hours + installation	-923.02
11/30/2021	1000952	Motion Picture Licensing Corp	2022 movie license	-763.24
11/30/2021	1000953	Mountain Parent Magazine	Winter 21/22 ads	-450.00
11/30/2021	bp elec1292	Mountain Pest Control, Inc.	Oct spraying	-282.00
11/30/2021	1000954	Mutual of Omaha	disability insurance 2 months	-1,523.18
11/30/2021	1000955	OverDrive	Library eMaterials	-4,719.67
11/30/2021	1000956	Sacur, Veronica	Spanish storytime presenter	-360.00
11/30/2021	1000957	Seter & Vander Wall, P.C.	Legal services	-1,370.00
11/30/2021	1000958	Sopris Sun	promotion events / hours	-640.00
11/30/2021	1000959	Suarez, Dulce Andrea	translation services	-277.50
11/30/2021	1000960	Swank Movie Licensing USA	Movie license 12/1/21 - 11/30/22	-1,632.00
11/30/2021	bp elec1300	Town of New Castle	water / sewer	-208.90
11/30/2021	1000961	Town of Parachute	water / sewer / trash	-500.90
11/30/2021	bp elec1302	Uline	Bags for take & make kits	-422.74
11/30/2021	1000962	Velasco Enterprises Limited	event spanish interpretation	-910.00
11/30/2021	1000963	Walter, Phil K.	Books from author talk	-1,104.00
11/30/2021	bp elec1305	Xcel Energy	Electricity	-4,672.65
11/30/2021	1000tbd	Young Services	NC flush valve replacements	-1,156.00
11/30/2021	1000964	Zimmermann, Robert	Mileage reimbursement	-52.54
12/07/2021	Eft	Verizon Wireless	Cell phones, hotspots, & moda service	-6,412.39
12/15/2021	24726	Amazon Capital Services	Event supplies	-3,889.17
12/15/2021	24727	Armendariz, Joanna	Mileage reimbursement	-44.80
12/15/2021	24728	Arreguin, Rodrigo	Holiday concerts	-1,500.00
12/15/2021	24729	Bealka, Bradley A	CA piano tuning service	-200.00
12/15/2021	24730	Campbell, Robert	Oran Mor concerts	-4,800.00
12/15/2021	24731	Glenwood Springs Historical Society	SIPA GRANT - digitization project	-3,000.00
12/15/2021	24732	Ingram Library Services	Library materials	-13,219.54
12/15/2021	24733	Midwest Tape	Library materials	-7,168.75

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
12/15/2021	24734	Noel Productions	Live Reindeer events	-8,000.00
12/15/2021	24735	One Source Lighting	GW LED electrical work	-14,016.50
12/15/2021	24736	OverDrive	Library eMaterials	-4,953.12
12/15/2021	24737	ProSpace Interiors, Inc.	RI high density storage shelving, remainii	-12,048.22
12/15/2021	24738	R & H Mechanical, LLC	HVAC repairs NC RI	-8,727.65
12/15/2021	24739	Tonozzi, Amy	Reimbursement for staff morale expense:	-43.33
12/15/2021	24740	US Postal Service	NC PO box 1-yr renewal	-130.00
12/15/2021	24741	Willis Towers/CEBT	December health insurance	-26,594.44
12/15/2021	24742	Young Services	water bottle filler fixtures SI NC PA	-11,320.00
12/15/2021	24743	Zuniga, Carmon	SI, NC, CA Holiday concerts	-750.00
12/15/2021	Eft Transf	Garfield County Public Library Foundation	donations / book sales	-949.73
12/15/2021	1000966	625-Water(9283)	RI SI staff water	-84.90
12/15/2021	bp elec1309	AFLAC	supplemental insurance Nov Dec	-215.40
12/15/2021	1000967	All Around Property Maintenance, Inc	PA & CA landscape cleanup	-1,940.00
12/15/2021	1000968	American Janitor LLC	PA November cleaning	-892.50
12/15/2021	bp elec1312	Anvil Points Upholstery & Carpet	GW carpet & upholstery cleaning	-2,768.00
12/15/2021	1000969	Authors Unbound Agency	Where the Dead Sit Talking author talk	-4,000.00
12/15/2021	1000970	Benson, Kim	Mileage reimbursement	-191.76
12/15/2021	bp elec1315	Black Hills Energy	GW & CA gas	-1,651.56
12/15/2021	1000971	Cedar Networks	December telephone & broadband	-1,121.00
12/15/2021	1000972	CenturyLink	elevator and fire alarm telephone service	-426.48
12/15/2021	1000973	Citadel Security USA, LLC	GW security service - 4 weeks	-4,064.23
12/15/2021	bp elec1319	City of Glenwood Springs	GW electricity	-951.75
12/15/2021	1000974	City of Rifle	RI water/sewer	-139.49
12/15/2021	bp elec1321	Colorado Mountain News Media	Event promotion	-2,101.71
12/15/2021	bp elec1322	Cura HR, LLC	HR support & DiSC assessments	-4,617.50
12/15/2021	bp elec1323	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.	Copier lease	-449.00
12/15/2021	bp elec1324	Demco	Processing supplies	-185.56
12/15/2021	1000975	Garfield County Public Health	Staff flu shots	-175.00
12/15/2021	1000976	Gracey, John	RI, SI, GW musical performances	-450.00
12/15/2021	1000977	Gracey, Kathryn	RI, SI, GW musical performances	-450.00
12/15/2021	bp elec1328	Great America Financial Services	telephone lease	-1,043.98
12/15/2021	1000978	Ink & Thread of Colorado	Embroidering on apparel	-137.75
12/15/2021	1000979	Jones, Kyle	Holiday piano concerts	-300.00
12/15/2021	1000980	Koff & Associates, Inc	work on class and comp study	-4,093.75
12/15/2021	1000981	Lively Electric, Inc.	SI mini staff area refresh - outlet work	-941.65
12/15/2021	1000982	Meridian Intermountain/Vail Electronics	Annual fire alarm monitoring and service	-2,260.26
12/15/2021	bp elec1334	Mountain Pest Control, Inc.	PA spraying	-45.00
12/15/2021	1000983	Mountain Waste & Recycling	SI trash and recycling	-77.25
12/15/2021	1000984	Niche Academy	Niche Academy training annual subscript	-3,300.00
12/15/2021	1000985	Rocky Mountain Reserve	Admin flex plan	-66.20
12/15/2021	1000986	Seter & Vander Wall, P.C.	Legal services	-507.00
12/15/2021	1000987	Sopris Sun	reindeer ad	-160.00
12/15/2021	1000988	Suarez, Dulce Andrea	spanish translation	-217.50
12/15/2021	1000989	Technology Systems Consultants, Inc.	NC system rent	-700.00
12/15/2021	1000990	Town of Carbondale	water / sewer	-59.13

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
12/15/2021	bp elec1343	Town of New Castle	water / sewer	-210.99
12/15/2021	1000991	Town of Parachute	water / sewer / trash	-129.40
12/15/2021	1000992	Trane US Inc.	GW service call	-711.00
12/15/2021	1000993	Transparent Information Services, LLC	Background checks	-168.65
12/15/2021	1000994	Velasco Enterprises Limited	spanish translation	-1,560.00
12/15/2021	bp elec1348	Waste Management	RI, NC, CA trash/recycling	-265.31
12/15/2021	1000995	Western Paper Distributors	janitorial supplies	-498.99
12/15/2021	bp elec1350	WEX Bank	Nov vehicle fuel	-716.03
12/15/2021	bp elec1351	Xcel Energy	Electricity and gas	-3,961.14
Total 10010 · Alpine Bank- Gen(..7072)				-337,931.12
TOTAL				<u>-337,931.12</u>

Garfield County Public Library District Reconciliation Detail

20510 · Alpine Bank Purchase Card, Period Ending 11/30/2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						31,579.30
Cleared Transactions						
Charges and Cash Advances - 88 items						
Credit Card Charge	11/01/2021	SSOrientalT	SI take & make kit supplies	√	(122.76)	(122.76)
Credit Card Charge	11/02/2021	SSOrientalT	RI storytime & creation station supplies	√	(286.27)	(409.03)
Credit Card Charge	11/02/2021	SSDixieFlag	GW flag	√	(134.75)	(543.78)
Credit Card Charge	11/02/2021	RIWalmart	RI SPARK supplies	√	(21.30)	(565.08)
Credit Card Charge	11/03/2021	SSCAL	CALCON 2021 registration - TK	√	(320.00)	(885.08)
Credit Card Charge	11/03/2021	SSKen'sPitS	Bookmobile winter tire mount & balance	√	(83.80)	(968.88)
Credit Card Charge	11/04/2021	SSLowe's	Facilities tree trimmer & drill bits	√	(107.84)	(1,076.72)
Credit Card Charge	11/04/2021	SIWalmart	SI teen programming supplies	√	(98.98)	(1,175.70)
Credit Card Charge	11/04/2021	SSNetworkSo	Website domain renewal	√	(43.99)	(1,219.69)
Credit Card Charge	11/04/2021	SIBurningMt	SI staff morale	√	(23.70)	(1,243.39)
Credit Card Charge	11/05/2021	CADollarTre	Adult program supplies	√	(60.25)	(1,303.64)
Credit Card Charge	11/05/2021	SSOrientalT	GW after-school program supplies	√	(43.55)	(1,347.19)
Credit Card Charge	11/05/2021	SISweetColo	SI staff appreciation	√	(32.90)	(1,380.09)
Credit Card Charge	11/05/2021	SIHogbackPi	SI teen writing workshop	√	(20.40)	(1,400.49)
Credit Card Charge	11/06/2021	SSComfortIn	Hotel for YSC interview candidate	√	(139.00)	(1,539.49)
Credit Card Charge	11/06/2021	SSAmazon	SI hanging metal baskets	√	(65.98)	(1,605.47)
Credit Card Charge	11/08/2021	SSFactoryDi	RI creation station supplies	√	(219.72)	(1,825.19)
Credit Card Charge	11/08/2021	SSOrientalT	RI storytime supplies	√	(109.94)	(1,935.13)
Credit Card Charge	11/08/2021	SSWalmart	RI creation station supplies	√	(98.40)	(2,033.53)
Credit Card Charge	11/08/2021	GWUSPS	GW stamps	√	(58.00)	(2,091.53)
Credit Card Charge	11/09/2021	SSOrientalT	RI storytime, craft, & creation station supplies	√	(374.85)	(2,466.38)
Credit Card Charge	11/09/2021	SSFacebook	Facebook ads	√	(68.12)	(2,534.50)
Credit Card Charge	11/10/2021	SS4imprint	Branded hand sanitizers	√	(2,545.60)	(5,080.10)
Credit Card Charge	11/10/2021	SSGarfieldC	Landfill - lightbulb recycling	√	(509.86)	(5,589.96)
Credit Card Charge	11/10/2021	SSUglyChris	PA staff morale	√	(156.97)	(5,746.93)
Credit Card Charge	11/10/2021	SSUSPS	Shipping for returns	√	(11.51)	(5,758.44)
Credit Card Charge	11/10/2021	RIWalmart	RI children's program supplies	√	(4.22)	(5,762.66)
Credit Card Charge	11/11/2021	PAWalmart	PA holiday parade supplies	√	(144.16)	(5,906.82)
Credit Card Charge	11/11/2021	PAWalmart	PA staff support	√	(72.66)	(5,979.48)
Credit Card Charge	11/11/2021	SSMtnHighPa	RI paint	√	(41.54)	(6,021.02)
Credit Card Charge	11/11/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Stock subscription	√	(29.99)	(6,051.01)
Credit Card Charge	11/11/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Creative Cloud subscription	√	(19.99)	(6,071.00)
Credit Card Charge	11/11/2021	PAWalmart	PA staff support	√	(5.97)	(6,076.97)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	SSECOSEnvir	GW plaza bio hazard remediation	√	(989.85)	(7,066.82)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	SSMtnHighPa	RI paint & painting supplies	√	(74.38)	(7,141.20)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	RICityMarke	RI staff morale	√	(65.52)	(7,206.72)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	SSWalmart	PA Christmas Village event supplies	√	(41.99)	(7,248.71)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	RICityMarke	RI creation station supplies	√	(11.99)	(7,260.70)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	SSLowe's	Janitorial supplies	√	(7.98)	(7,268.68)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	RICityMarke	Processing supplies	√	(3.99)	(7,272.67)
Credit Card Charge	11/12/2021	RIUSPS	ILL postage	√	(3.63)	(7,276.30)
Credit Card Charge	11/13/2021	PAClark'sMa	PA adult craft & chat circle program supplies	√	(66.63)	(7,342.93)
Credit Card Charge	11/15/2021	SSLakeshore	GW children's programming supplies	√	(179.92)	(7,522.85)

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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Clr	Amount	Balance	
Credit Card Charge	11/15/2021	SSLowe's	Facilities tools	√	(65.10)	(7,587.95)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	SSAmazon	Cat6 cables & stretch film wrap	√	(461.04)	(8,048.99)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	SSOrientalT	RI passive children's programming supplies	√	(270.33)	(8,319.32)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	SSOrientalT	RI storytime supplies	√	(84.32)	(8,403.64)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	SSWalmart	RI creation station supplies	√	(71.88)	(8,475.52)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	NCWalmart	NC event supplies	√	(52.78)	(8,528.30)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	NCWalmart	NC staff support	√	(48.15)	(8,576.45)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	SIKum&Go	SI staff morale	√	(38.77)	(8,615.22)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	PAWalmart	PA children's programming supplies	√	(36.92)	(8,652.14)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	SSValleyLum	GW exterior lock	√	(34.18)	(8,686.32)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	NCWalmart	NC adult programming supplies	√	(22.35)	(8,708.67)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	PAWalmart	PA staff support	√	(16.86)	(8,725.53)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	PAWalmart	PA Potter Festival supplies	√	(14.39)	(8,739.92)	
Credit Card Charge	11/16/2021	SSAceHardwa	CA lightbulbs	√	(8.00)	(8,747.92)	
Credit Card Charge	11/17/2021	SSNametagIn	HR nametags	√	(545.24)	(9,293.16)	
Credit Card Charge	11/18/2021	SSDropbox	Six 1-yr Dropbox licenses	√	(1,440.00)	(10,733.16)	
Credit Card Charge	11/18/2021	SSFacebook	Facebook ads	√	(125.00)	(10,858.16)	
Credit Card Charge	11/19/2021	SSOrientalT	RI creation station supplies	√	(371.66)	(11,229.82)	
Credit Card Charge	11/19/2021	PAUSPS	PA stamps	√	(58.00)	(11,287.82)	
Credit Card Charge	11/19/2021	SSRobly	Robly email newsletter platform subscription	√	(52.50)	(11,340.32)	
Credit Card Charge	11/19/2021	SSLowe's	Facilities supplies	√	(27.98)	(11,368.30)	
Credit Card Charge	11/19/2021	SSMichaels	RI creation station supplies	√	(24.43)	(11,392.73)	
Credit Card Charge	11/19/2021	NCWalmart	NC storytime craft supplies	√	(23.23)	(11,415.96)	
Credit Card Charge	11/19/2021	PAFamilyDol	PA holiday parade supplies	√	(10.35)	(11,426.31)	
Credit Card Charge	11/20/2021	SSZoom	Zoom licenses	√	(184.97)	(11,611.28)	
Credit Card Charge	11/20/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Creative Cloud subscription	√	(29.99)	(11,641.27)	
Credit Card Charge	11/22/2021	SSValleyLum	RI painting supplies	√	(22.78)	(11,664.05)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	PAJanWay	PA swag for holiday parade	√	(431.73)	(12,095.78)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	RIMichaels	RI supplies for craft club	√	(114.41)	(12,210.19)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	SSOrientalT	RI creation station supplies	√	(75.93)	(12,286.12)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	PADomino'sP	PA staff morale	√	(53.70)	(12,339.82)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	SSWalmart	CA foam mat & hinges	√	(53.16)	(12,392.98)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Pro DC subscriptions	√	(33.98)	(12,426.96)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	SSWalmart	Facilities supplies	√	(32.45)	(12,459.41)	
Credit Card Charge	11/23/2021	SSUSPS	Postage	√	(3.19)	(12,462.60)	
Credit Card Charge	11/24/2021	NCWalmart	NC Loteria supplies	√	(40.12)	(12,502.72)	
Credit Card Charge	11/24/2021	NCWalmart	NC live reindeer supplies	√	(30.12)	(12,532.84)	
Credit Card Charge	11/24/2021	NCWalmart	NC board meeting supplies	√	(25.92)	(12,558.76)	
Credit Card Charge	11/24/2021	PAUSPS	ILL postage	√	(3.63)	(12,562.39)	
Credit Card Charge	11/26/2021	RIWalmart	RI adult take & make kit supplies	√	(153.71)	(12,716.10)	
Credit Card Charge	11/26/2021	SSAmazon	GW outdoor outlet cover	√	(14.29)	(12,730.39)	
Credit Card Charge	11/27/2021	SSFacebook	Facebook ads	√	(125.00)	(12,855.39)	
Credit Card Charge	11/28/2021	RICanva	RI Canva 1-yr renewal subscription	√	(119.40)	(12,974.79)	
Credit Card Charge	11/29/2021	SIWalmart	SI misc adult event supplies	√	(85.12)	(13,059.91)	
Credit Card Charge	11/29/2021	NCUSPS	ILL postage	√	(3.19)	(13,063.10)	
Total Charges and Cash Advances						(13,063.10)	(13,063.10)

Garfield County Public Library District Reconciliation Detail

20510 · Alpine Bank Purchase Card, Period Ending 11/30/2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Clr	Amount	Balance
Payments and Credits - 5 items						
Credit Card Credit	11/11/2021	SSOrientalT	Refund for tax paid in October	√	4.41	4.41
Credit Card Credit	11/11/2021	PAAmazon	Refund for tax paid in October	√	5.40	9.81
Credit Card Credit	11/12/2021	SSMtnHighPa	Refund on returned paint supplies	√	5.89	15.70
Credit Card Credit	11/23/2021	SSWalmart	Refund on returned facilities supplies	√	32.45	48.15
Check	11/25/2021	elec	Oct c.c. payment	√	31,579.30	31,627.45
Total Cleared Transactions					<u>18,564.35</u>	<u>18,564.35</u>
Cleared Balance					<u>(18,564.35)</u>	<u>13,014.95</u>
Register Balance as of 11/30/2021					(18,564.35)	13,014.95

**GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
AGREEMENT FOR GIFTS OF ARTWORK**

The following artwork has been donated as a gift to the Garfield County Public Library District (the district) in agreement with the conditions on this form:

Description of Property: _____

The district offers these conditions:

- If an appraisal is desired, the appraisal of the artwork must be done by an agency independent of the district or the donor. The district will not bear the costs of an appraisal.
- The placement and display of the artwork are the sole prerogative of the district. The artwork may be placed in any of the district's six locations. The wishes of the donor regarding the location of the artwork will be taken into account by the district. At the request of the donor, a small plaque, not exceeding 12" x 12" in size, will be placed near the artwork to identify it and to recognize the donor and/or the honoree. The decision concerning the design and placement of such a plaque is the sole prerogative of the district.
- It is the district's policy that artwork must not contain advertising information such as corporate agency logos, but only logos that pertain to the district.
- Gifts of artwork are accepted with the understanding that the district has the right to determine retention, preservation or deaccession of the gift.

The donor guarantees the following information:

- The donor has the authority to make this gift.
- The donor understands and accepts the district's artwork gift policy.
- The donor waives all liability against the district for any possible cause of action or claim concerning the gift.
- The donor accepts all the criteria in the district's Gifts and Loans of Public Artwork Policy and all applicable laws.
- The donor transfers all rights to property ownership to the district, including all rights to the artwork's image for promotional and display purposes.
- Any values claimed for tax purposes from this donation are the sole responsibility of the donor or their agent.

The donor has received no goods or services in return for the contribution listed in this agreement. Gifts of artwork to the district are deductible in accordance with current tax law.

Adopted by the GCPLD Board of Trustees on _____

I _____ of _____, own and desire to give the Garfield County Public Library District or the Garfield County Public Library Foundation the following described work of art which was transferred on _____.

Property Rights: Now therefore I convey and transfer to the Garfield County Public Library District or the Garfield County Public Library Foundation the above-described artwork irrevocable and subject to no conditions or restrictions whatsoever.

Donor Signature

Executive Director, GCPLD

Address

Trustee, GCPLD

Proposed Draft Jan. 6, 2022

GIFTS AND LOANS OF PUBLIC ART

So as to provide an aesthetically pleasing environment for the public and library staff and in support of the GCPLD's goal to support lifelong learning and cultural enrichment, the GCPLD accepts gifts of art for permanent, long term or temporary loan. The final decision whether to accept or decline the offer lies with the GCPLD Board of Trustees and the Executive Director.

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2021																					
STATISTICS NOVEMBER YTD	District			Parachute			Rifle			Silt			New Castle			Glenwood Springs			Carbondale		
	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change
Cardholders																					
Active Patrons	20671	23586	-12.36%	2068	2451	-15.63%	4050	5513	-26.54%	1889	2042	-7.49%	2438	2600	-6.23%	4914	5562	-11.65%	5312	5418	-1.96%
New Library Cards	3750	2767	35.53%	341	264	29.17%	607	432	40.51%	330	207	59.42%	485	277	75.09%	739	639	15.65%	1248	948	31.65%
Patron Services																					
Door Count	210892.5	137090	53.84%	17640.5	14608	20.76%	30435.5	22183.5	37.20%	17400	20900.5	-16.75%	22796.5	17791	28.14%	75552.5	42540	77.60%	47067.5	19066.5	146.86%
Meeting Room Usage	4359	2650	64.49%	130	80	62.50%	1073	771	39.17%	247	255	-3.14%	456	378	20.63%	873	192	354.69%	1580	974	62.22%
Meeting Room Attendance	10055	9728	3.36%	336	295	13.90%	1873	2476	-24.35%	967	1311	-26.24%	1736	2133	-18.61%	2768	1813	52.68%	2375	1700	39.71%
Adult Programs	125	73	71.23%	33	19	73.68%	10	8	25.00%	8	8	0.00%	32	18	77.78%	21	8	162.50%	21	12	75.00%
Adult Program Attendance	1281	1341	-4.47%	116	243	-52.26%	175	199	-12.06%	78	135	-42.22%	404	305	32.46%	215	172	25.00%	293	287	2.09%
School-Age Programs	299	173	72.83%	114	51	123.53%	9	15	-40.00%	17	19	-10.53%	49	19	157.89%	88	25	252.00%	22	44	-50.00%
School-Age Program Attendance	4180	2082	100.77%	968	232	317.24%	146	283	-48.41%	355	254	39.76%	1340	421	218.29%	816	314	159.87%	555	578	-3.98%
Teen Programs	82	37	121.62%	23	7	228.57%	0	3	-100.00%	3	5	-40.00%	9	2	350.00%	16	8	100.00%	31	12	158.33%
Teen Program Attendance	640	375	70.67%	86	140	-38.57%	0	19	-100.00%	31	54	-42.59%	241	8	2912.50%	180	43	318.60%	102	111	-8.11%
Early Childhood Programs	150	139	7.91%	39	29	34.48%	24	33	-27.27%	19	20	-5.00%	38	22	72.73%	22	8	175.00%	8	27	-70.37%
Early Childhood Attendance	2515	2882	-12.73%	294	482	-39.00%	734	876	-16.21%	269	289	-6.92%	676	390	73.33%	390	102	282.35%	152	743	-79.54%
Adult Outreach Visits	45	41	9.76%	18	5	260.00%	16	7	128.57%	0	2	-100.00%	11	18	-38.89%	0	0		0	9	-100.00%
Adult Outreach Attendance	384	169	127.22%	74	20	270.00%	118	49	140.82%	0	28	-100.00%	192	28	585.71%	0	0		0	44	-100.00%
Youth Outreach Visits	17	9	88.89%	0	4	-100.00%	12	0		0	1	-100.00%	5	2	150.00%	0	1	-100.00%	0	1	-100.00%
Youth Outreach Attendance	2038	178	1044.94%	0	0		837	0		2	25	-92.00%	1187	63	1784.13%	8	12	-33.33%	4	78	-94.87%
STEM Programs	35	37	-5.41%	2	5	-60.00%	0	1	-100.00%	6	18	-66.67%	26	2	1200.00%	0	0		1	11	-90.91%
STEM Program Attendance	438	538	-18.59%	13	38	-65.79%	0	3	-100.00%	72	252	-71.43%	313	4	7725.00%	0	0		40	241	-83.40%
ESL Programs	37	59	-37.29%	0	13	-100.00%	8	10	-20.00%	7	10	-30.00%	22	20	10.00%	0	5	-100.00%	0	1	-100.00%
ESL Program Attendance	661	805	-17.89%	0	150	-100.00%	256	298	-14.09%	73	97	-24.74%	332	198	67.68%	0	44	-100.00%	0	18	-100.00%
Book A Librarian Sessions	373	415	-10.12%	270	30	800.00%	0	254	-100.00%	3	44	-93.18%	98	87	12.64%	2	0		0	0	
Physical Circulation																					
Juvenile	68692	41129	67.02%	5692	3399	67.46%	11643	7714	50.93%	8518	5080	67.68%	9104	5425	67.82%	13856	8148	70.05%	19879	11363	74.94%
Young Adult	8513	4874	74.66%	1020	608	67.76%	2352	1082	117.38%	1125	616	82.63%	1114	759	46.77%	1479	1014	45.86%	1423	795	78.99%
Adult Fiction	23075	17631	30.88%	3814	2894	31.79%	4131	3101	33.22%	2024	1539	31.51%	3370	2632	28.04%	5453	4328	25.99%	4283	3137	36.53%
Adult Non-Fiction	13803	9343	47.74%	1357	909	49.28%	2511	1788	40.44%	1535	1028	49.32%	2084	1394	49.50%	3593	2230	61.12%	2723	1994	36.56%
Large Print	2185	1392	56.97%	284	246	15.45%	517	369	40.11%	203	141	43.97%	212	95	123.16%	755	355	112.68%	214	186	15.05%
World Languages	3036	1803	68.39%	143	99	44.44%	407	339	20.06%	364	146	149.32%	452	285	58.60%	895	515	73.79%	775	419	84.96%
New Books	28432	21269	33.68%	2948	2489	18.44%	4714	3231	45.90%	3658	2960	23.58%	3516	2989	17.63%	7361	5093	44.53%	6235	4507	38.34%
DVD	34560	38358	-9.90%	3462	4018	-13.84%	8536	9614	-11.21%	4803	5460	-12.03%	4460	4968	-10.23%	7784	8513	-8.56%	5515	5785	-4.67%
CD Audiobook	5317	4295	23.80%	757	285	165.61%	642	696	-7.76%	468	337	38.87%	735	634	15.93%	1289	1082	19.13%	1426	1261	13.08%
Playaway	1432	694	106.34%	171	128	33.59%	192	63	204.76%	178	113	57.52%	203	76	167.11%	194	95	104.21%	494	219	125.57%
Magazines	2111	1860	13.49%	159	132	20.45%	94	181	-48.07%	351	367	-4.36%	579	379	52.77%	426	473	-9.94%	502	328	53.05%
Video Games	418	369	13.28%	62	48	29.17%	112	107	4.67%	86	63	36.51%	75	60	25.00%	47	40	17.50%	36	51	-29.41%
CD Music	1886	1316	43.31%	198	122	62.30%	261	221	18.10%	236	128	84.38%	377	262	43.89%	459	355	29.30%	355	228	55.70%
ILL	49	53	-7.55%	9	5	80.00%	8	26	-69.23%	3	5	-40.00%	24	13	84.62%	5	4	25.00%	0	0	
Materials borrowed from other libraries	37903	32482	16.69%	3559	3101	14.77%	5407	5228	3.42%	4908	3924	25.08%	4893	3758	30.20%	8629	6573	31.28%	10507	9898	6.15%
Collection																					
Items Added	27570	22614	21.92%	3298	3105	6.22%	5293	3315	59.67%	4537	3581	26.70%	4174	3816	9.38%	5477	4617	18.63%	4791	4180	14.62%
Total Items in Collection	0	173815	-100.00%	0	27924	-100.00%	0	33835	-100.00%	0	22293	-100.00%	0	28701	-100.00%	0	30345	-100.00%	0	30717	-100.00%
Technology																					

PAC Usage (hours)	14045	9612	46.12%	1202	724	66.02%	2176	1631	33.42%	2811	1404	100.21%	893	814	9.71%	4295	3361	27.79%	2668	1678	59.00%	
PAC Usage (sessions)	19917	14623	36.20%	1862	1345	38.44%	3517	2678	31.33%	3579	2258	58.50%	1666	1402	18.83%	5312	4143	28.22%	3981	2797	42.33%	
Wireless Sessions	50094	51236	-2.23%	2219	2253	-1.51%	10072	10768	-6.46%	5509	5485	0.44%	4937	4716	4.69%	19955	22239	-10.27%	7402	5775	28.17%	
Volunteers																						
Volunteer Hours	96	463	-79.27%	0	59	-100.00%	47	151	-68.87%	0	24	-100.00%	0	105	-100.00%	5	55	-90.91%	44	69	-36.23%	

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2021			
STATISTICS NOVEMBER YTD	District		
	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change
Website			
Website Visits	187648	172724	8.64%
Downloadables/Streaming			
Overdrive - total eBook, audio, video, mag	82790	80023	4.61%
Hoopla - total	24724	26254	-5.83%
Kanopy	8997	9289	-3.14%
Subscription Resources			
Ancestry - Searches	19570	15813	25.34%
MyHeritage - Sessions	46	175	-73.71%
EBSCO Databases - Sessions	37994	18784	102.27%
Biography in Context - Sessions	455	456	-0.22%
Research in Context - Sessions	1125	385	192.21%
Learning Express - Sessions	111	168	-33.93%
Mango - Sessions	14022	16468	-14.85%
LOTE Online for Kids - Story Views	43		
Tumblebooks - Book Views	353	353	0.00%
Equipment			
Laptop/Hotspot lending	143	212	-32.55%

Collection & Circulation Report

The collections department has ended all shipping of materials with our vendors as of December 10th so that we can close out the fiscal year. There has been a huge backlog in the publishing industry in the last few months, which will continue to impact us at least into the 1st quarter of 2022. We have also been working on communicating branch budgets and procedures for selection and ordering in 2022. The changes that are being rolled out to the branches for budget management and ordering processes will make it easier to keep track of ordering levels throughout the year.

During the pandemic, Proquest had extended temporary remote access to Ancestry Library Edition for public libraries so that patrons could log on to the database from home with their barcode. Proquest's agreements with publishers and other business considerations prevent them from offering remote access permanently. Sadly, this availability is coming to an end on Dec. 31st. After that, patrons will be able to access Ancestry Library Edition through public computers or their own personal device onsite at the library only. In investigating our options and usage stats, I became aware that an additional family history resource that we offer, My Heritage, which does provide remote access from home, had a link that was not functioning properly from our website, so that has been corrected.

Marmot has implemented some improvements and bug fixes to public catalog searches, such as refining the way that series are displayed, correcting how author names and titles with accent characters affect search results, improving the way that keyword searches and advanced searches pull results, modifying the buttons for Overdrive checkouts to make the process more straightforward, among other changes. In addition, Marmot has modified the process for resetting loaned laptops, making it more efficient for branch staff to manage the security and privacy of this process, and all circulation coordinators have been trained on these procedures.

Financial Report

Sales tax collection through September is up 30% from the same period last year.

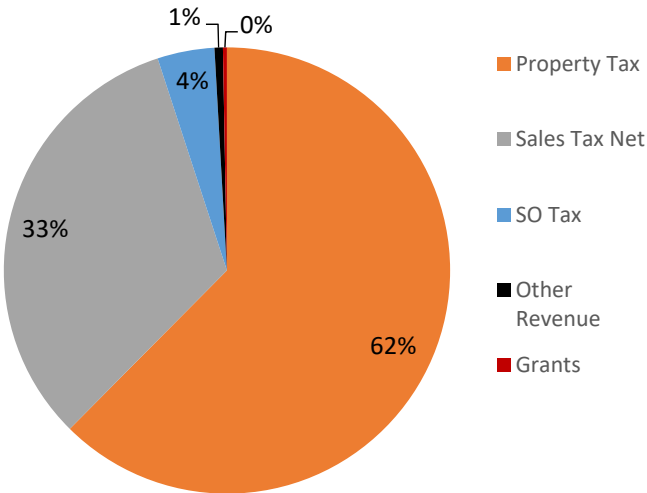
The Library’s 2022 adopted budget was presented to the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners on Dec 13. The budget will be posted with the State of Colorado prior to January 31, 2022.

The following charts depict all revenues received and expenditures made from 1/1/21 through 11/30/21, and are relative to their respective annual budgets (Unaudited).

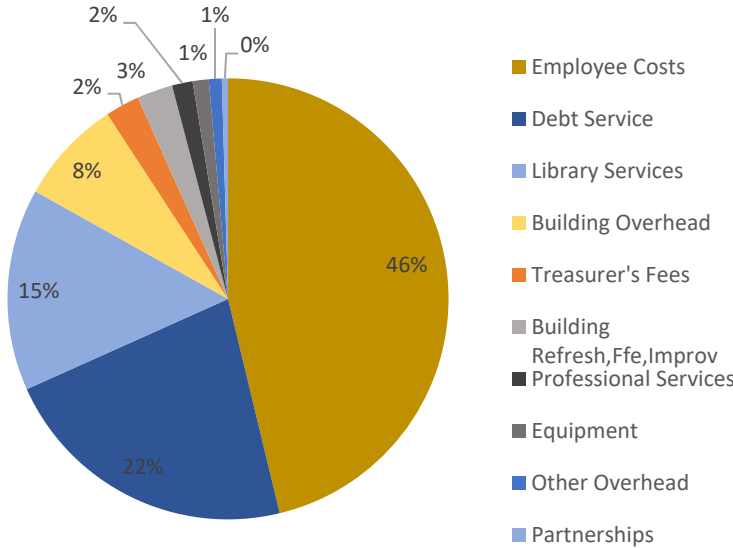
Total revenues received as of 11/30/21 is \$9,664,245.
 Total expenditures made as of 11/30/21 is \$7,574,785.
 92% of the year has elapsed as of 11/30/21.
 107% of budgeted revenue (\$9,000,364) has been received.
 84% of budgeted expenditure (\$9,000,364) has been made.
 All cash and investment accounts are reconciled by month end.

November 2021 Financial Visualization

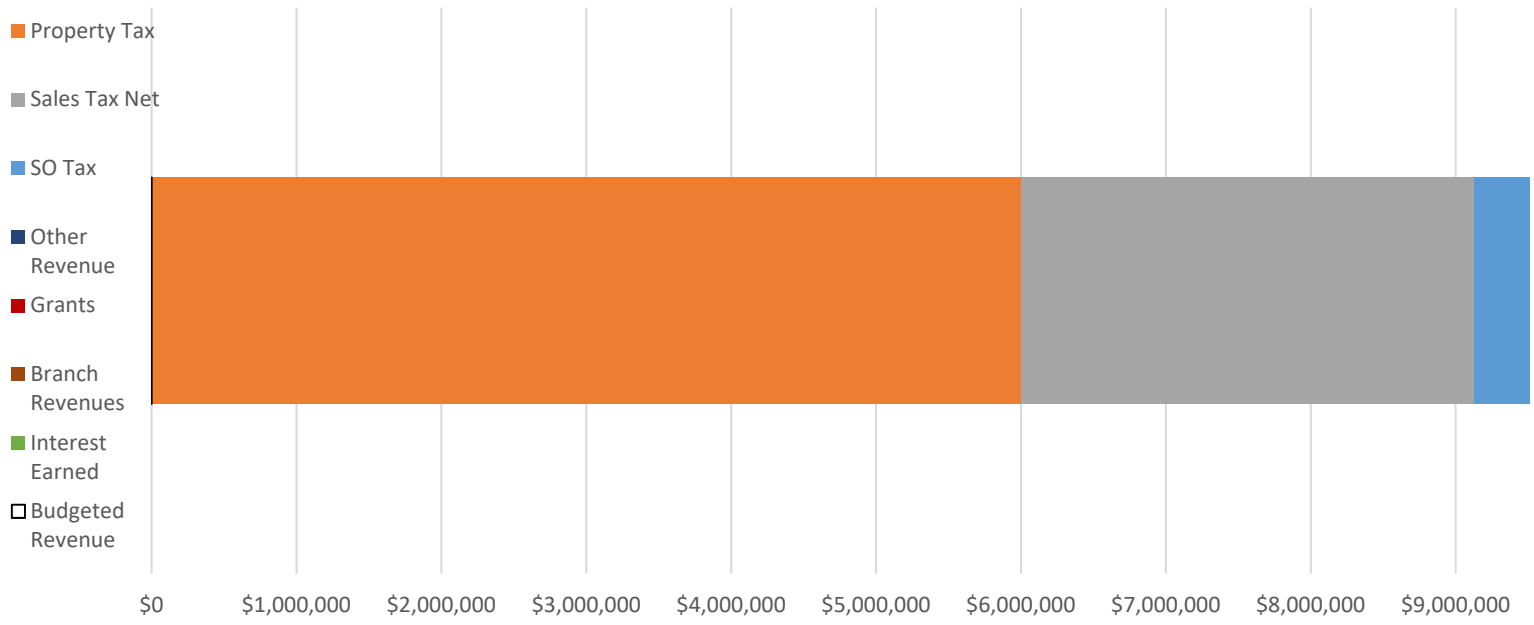
YTD Revenues through 11/30/2021



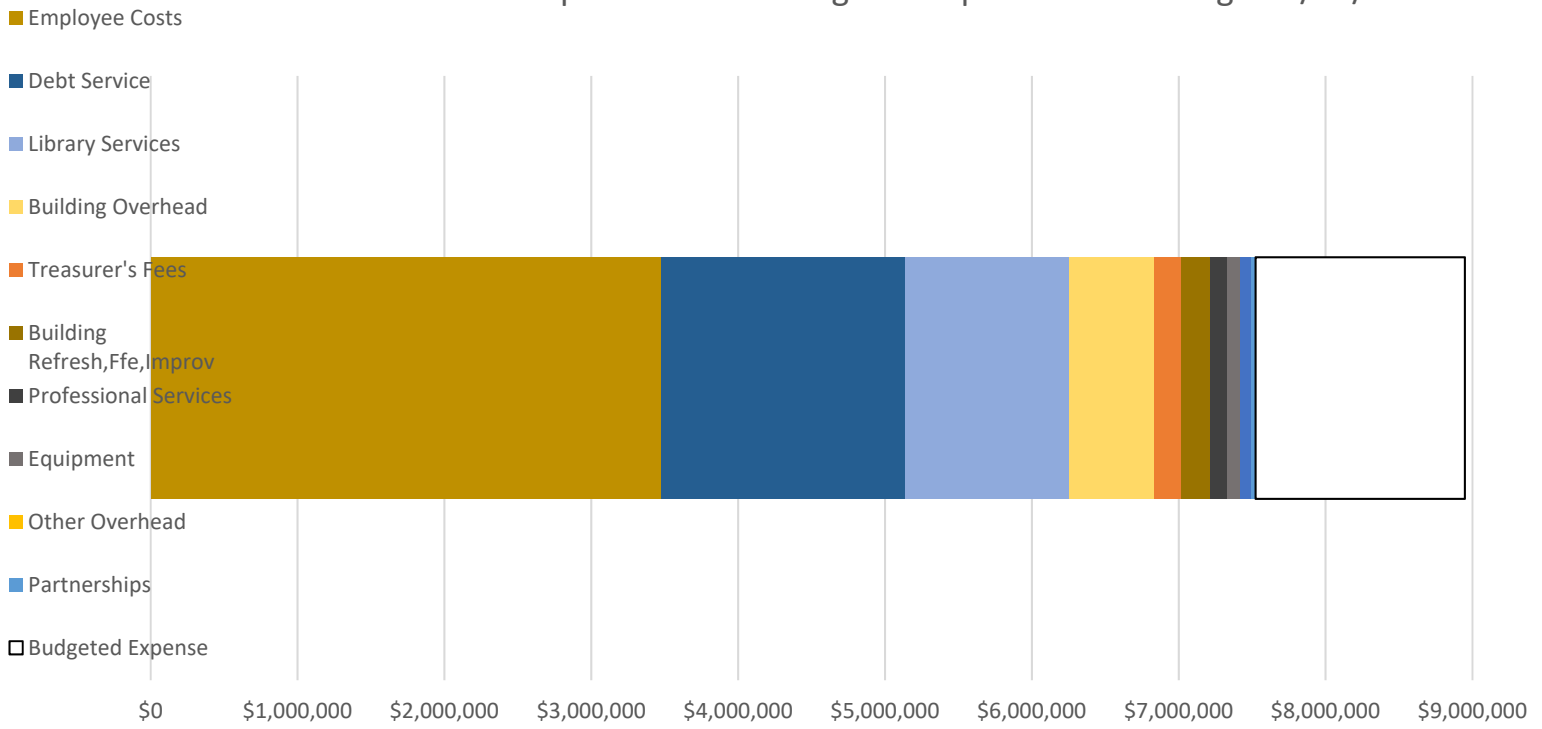
YTD Expenditures through 11/30/2021



YTD Revenues to Budgeted Revenues through 11/30/2021



YTD Expenditures to Budgeted Expenditures through 11/30/2021



**GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
SALES TAX COMPARISON REPORT
BEFORE REFUND**

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	% Incr(Decr) from prior yr
January	173,042.62	4.74%	199,981.78	15.57%	232,350.29	16.19%	219,964.19	-5.33%	244,593.97	11.20%
February	174,041.11	14.26%	214,635.71	23.32%	201,365.63	-6.18%	211,661.48	5.11%	248,671.50	17.49%
March	191,923.78	8.97%	247,300.68	28.85%	235,241.22	-4.88%	205,882.59	-12.48%	306,107.18	48.68%
April	210,556.56	18.17%	220,564.48	4.75%	221,993.61	0.65%	207,819.08	-6.39%	315,594.36	51.86%
May	205,137.04	13.09%	233,871.79	14.01%	251,876.55	7.70%	252,114.14	0.09%	365,531.99	44.99%
June	234,797.64	7.45%	261,824.92	11.51%	271,841.07	3.83%	275,818.52	1.46%	360,421.57	30.67%
July	244,275.30	17.11%	266,233.19	8.99%	283,289.61	6.41%	296,171.04	4.55%	358,053.80	20.89%
August	231,464.51	9.49%	259,104.75	11.94%	283,746.69	9.51%	282,100.20	-0.58%	325,543.47	15.40%
September	220,812.96	7.16%	259,426.27	17.49%	273,911.00	5.58%	308,802.67	12.74%	359,893.69	16.54%
October	214,391.59	10.93%	242,842.17	13.27%	268,983.77	10.76%	298,225.56	10.87%		#VALUE!
November	211,086.91	12.27%	215,191.86	1.94%	248,621.68	15.53%	270,897.91	8.96%		#VALUE!
December	236,164.73	2.09%	249,188.16	5.51%	286,039.62	14.79%	321,746.12	12.48%		#VALUE!
TOTAL	2,547,694.75	10.27%	2,870,165.76	12.66%	3,059,260.74	6.59%	3,151,203.50	3.01%	2,884,411.53	-8.47%

AFTER REFUND

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	% Incr(Decr) from prior yr
January	167,563.47	55.31%	198,871.12	18.68%	209,576.47	5.38%	219,154.90	4.57%	237,651.31	8.44%
February	170,638.18	62.61%	212,320.26	24.43%	198,821.31	-6.36%	208,449.22	4.84%	225,592.83	8.22%
March	185,434.83	12.90%	245,105.81	32.18%	233,664.43	-4.67%	199,473.40	-14.63%	302,292.48	51.55%
April	162,141.26	-7.36%	216,979.46	33.82%	221,373.23	2.02%	194,556.04	-12.11%	312,333.74	60.54%
May	198,292.51	11.04%	233,518.26	17.76%	236,645.79	1.34%	245,037.26	3.55%	363,341.37	48.28%
June	233,936.90	7.65%	261,219.50	11.66%	270,813.24	3.67%	270,598.88	-0.08%	354,079.99	30.85%
July	242,194.12	17.36%	264,478.28	9.20%	281,615.39	6.48%	254,330.79	-9.69%	355,006.45	39.58%
August	230,488.40	9.52%	257,827.63	11.86%	283,033.57	9.78%	280,187.96	-1.01%	317,495.97	13.32%
September	220,265.47	7.44%	257,903.65	17.09%	273,401.59	6.01%	306,570.32	12.13%	358,127.16	16.82%
October	212,474.94	11.90%	238,703.94	12.34%	266,965.89	11.84%	295,679.43	10.76%		-100.00%
November	197,432.38	5.94%	213,758.10	8.27%	246,816.73	15.47%	262,364.84	6.30%		-100.00%
December	235,522.80	2.20%	248,301.61	5.43%	277,231.38	11.65%	311,675.86	12.42%		-100.00%
TOTAL	2,456,385.26	12.86%	2,848,987.62	15.98%	2,999,959.02	5.30%	3,048,078.90	1.60%	2,825,921.30	-7.29%

Garfield County Public Library District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (unaudited)
Jan - Nov 2021

	Jan - Nov 2021 Actual	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget	Footnotes	Jan - Nov 2020 Actual	\$ Increase / (Decrease) in Actual '20 to '21
Income						
40100 · Sales Tax Revenue	3,206,157.65	2,700,000.00	118.75%	1.	2,546,373.52	659,784.13
40102 · Sales Tax Refunds	(77,093.56)	(70,000.00)	110.13%		(92,588.38)	15,494.82
40200 · Property Tax Revenue	6,004,136.26	5,739,953.00	104.6%	2.	6,062,673.08	(58,536.82)
40300 · Specific Ownership Tax Revenue	396,749.15	383,000.00	103.59%		376,536.26	20,212.89
40900 · Interest Earned on Investments	4,212.30	62,000.00	6.79%		45,108.06	(40,895.76)
41000 · Grants	27,779.68	60,111.00	46.21%		195,640.14	(167,860.46)
41200 · Other Revenue	58,546.09	33,000.00	177.41%	3.	19,923.98	38,622.11
41300 · Solar Rebates	7,720.77	8,000.00	96.51%		7,923.74	(202.97)
42000 · Branch Revenues	36,036.98	84,300.00	42.75%		29,439.72	6,597.26
Total Income	9,664,245.32	9,000,364.00	107.38%		9,191,030.12	473,215.20
Expense						
50001 · TREASURER'S FEES	188,065.75	175,059.00	107.43%		175,351.67	12,714.08
50005 · DEBT SERVICE	1,659,799.60	1,659,800.00	100.0%		1,659,799.59	0.01
51000 · EMPLOYEE COSTS	3,477,662.85	4,067,809.00	85.49%		2,319,612.35	1,158,050.50
52000 · LIBRARY SERVICES	1,114,173.71	1,399,615.00	79.61%		1,085,864.77	28,308.94
53000 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	114,230.86	106,576.00	107.18%		113,645.91	584.95
54000 · BUILDING OVERHEAD	578,563.16	722,591.00	80.07%		469,367.16	109,196.00
54500 · BUILDING REFRESH, FURNITURE,IMI	197,560.87	365,000.00	54.13%		94,928.45	102,632.42
55000 · EQUIPMENT	87,696.12	273,320.00	32.09%		107,856.54	(20,160.42)
56000 · OTHER OVERHEAD	72,133.36	70,800.00	101.88%		68,722.98	3,410.38
57000 · ADVERTISING & MARKETING	39,955.00	109,300.00	36.56%		41,086.02	(1,131.02)
58000 · VEHICLES	11,803.29	13,494.00	87.47%		4,571.73	7,231.56
59000 · PARTNERSHIPS	33,141.10	37,000.00	89.57%	4.	35,446.00	(2,304.90)
Total Expense	7,574,785.67	9,000,364.00	84.16%		6,176,253.17	1,398,532.50
Net Income	2,089,459.65	0.00			3,014,776.95	-925,317.30

Footnotes:

1. Includes 10 months of sales tax collections, sales tax is up 30% from this time last year.
2. Property tax collections are above budget due to approx \$190,000 of property taxes collected in 2021 that were assessed in 2020.
3. Includes dividend from CEBT health insurance trust, Verizon tower roof rent reimbursements, Cooper Commons security reimb.
4. 2021 operating assessment - Cooper Commons Condo Assn (GWS)

Garfield County Public Library District
Balance Sheet (unaudited)
 As of November 30, 2021

	<u>Nov 30, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10010 · Alpine Bank- Gen(..7072)	678,517.82
10050 · Colo Trust - General	10,130,442.55
10055 · C-Safe	53,574.32
10060 · Alpine Bank- Payroll(..8785)	104,111.91
10070 · Alpine Bank - Flex(..0583)	2,116.66
10210 · Rocky Mtn Reserve - Flex	638.40
10300 · Petty Cash- Cash drawer fund	1,075.00
11010 · WF-23652000-Annual Interest Pmt	0.59
11050 · WF-23652001-Annual Princ. Pmt	3.04
Total Checking/Savings	<u>10,970,480.29</u>
Other Current Assets	
12050 · Sales tax transfer by Treasurer	321,746.12
12100 · Property tax transfer by Treas	5,751,433.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>6,073,179.12</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>17,043,659.41</u>
Other Assets	
18400 · Prepaid Exps	33,538.84
19100 · Due to / from Foundation	(6,953.76)
19150 · Due to/fr Employees	232.09
19200 · Due to/from Staff branch fund	(134.95)
Total Other Assets	<u>26,682.22</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>17,070,341.63</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	110,194.89
Total Accounts Payable	<u>110,194.89</u>
Credit Cards	
20510 · Alpine Bank Purchase Card	13,014.95
Total Credit Cards	<u>13,014.95</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
21100 · Other Payroll Payables-	
21105 · FLEX payable	595.63
Total 21100 · Other Payroll Payables-	<u>595.63</u>
21200 · Payroll Payable-	33,773.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>34,368.63</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>157,578.47</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
22000 · Deferred Sales tax Revenue	321,746.12
22100 · Deferred Property Tax Revenue	5,751,433.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>6,073,179.12</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,230,757.59</u>
Equity	
30000 · Unassigned Fund Balance	8,265,718.91
30005 · Non-Spendable Fund Balance	33,939.48
30010 · Restricted Fund Balance	299,200.00
30040 · Assigned For Replacement	151,266.00
Net Income	2,089,459.65
Total Equity	<u>10,839,584.04</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>17,070,341.63</u></u>

Education and Events Report

During November 2021, GCPLD continued with a hybrid program of in person and virtual events. GCPLD promoted the National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) program by hosting a short series of virtual writing workshops. On November 1st, the library hosted a virtual "How to get started" writing workshop. On November 17th, the library hosted a virtual panel discussion with local published authors about their experiences with writing. On November 30th, the library hosted the final virtual workshop on what progress people made during the month.

All of the GCPLD libraries are continuing strong with ongoing programming for all ages. Story Times and education programs for kids all through the district have been seeing high attendance. Glenwood has started an ongoing chess club, Parachute continues the Manga club for teens, Silt is continuing a Tai Chi class for Seniors, Carbondale hosts a regular science afternoon for kids, New Castle continues to host Loteria game nights for families, and Rifle has opened up a regular crafting group for adults. These are just some examples of ongoing programming in the district.

The GCPLD libraries hosted two virtual events to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. The first was a virtual author presentation with Cherokee novelist Brandon Hobson on November 11th. His works include *Where the Dead Sit Talking* and *and the Removed*. The second was a virtual author and story time presentation featuring local author Nancy Bo Flood on November 27th, who shared her children's books, *I Will Dance* and *Welcome Baby First Laugh*, which celebrates the Navajo naming tradition.

The Parachute Branch library hosted an outreach and activity booth in that Town's Who Village Christmas Market on November 13th and 14th. The Parachute Branch also participated in the Holiday Parade in that town on November 20th. The Rifle Branch hosted a family game night outreach event at the Rifle CMC Campus on their Spanish language *Viernes en Familia* (Family Fridays) on November 19th. GCPLD is looking forward to participating in more town outreach events in the future.

Holiday Concerts return to the GCPLD. The libraries began their Holiday Concert Series with a few dates in November. Oran Mor in New Castle on November 10th, in Parachute on November 27th. John and Kathryn Gracy in Rifle on November 12th, in Glenwood Springs on November 13th, and in Silt on November 15th. Rodrigo Arreguin in Silt on November 30th.

The Glenwood Springs branch library closed out the Thinkin Money For Kids Exhibit on November 19th. The exhibit was a huge success with visitors to the branch.

Facilities Report

In November, the Facilities Manager geared focus towards positive district enhancements, end of year expenditures and 2022 annual standard contractor agreements & maintenance contracts. The Facilities Manager proceeds the process of enhancing energy efficiency through utilization of mechanical systems; the district has breached its ten year age, creating a deeper dive assessment of modules, compressors, motors and components that typically have a ten year life span within mechanical systems. The request for proposal (RFP) for the Facilities Master Plan project was posted in April, within the month of May the district received proposals from firms via the RFP as well as the Facilities Manager asking for a board representative to join the firm evaluation committee; Within the month of June the committee reviewed firm proposals, in turn relaying process to the associated firms, a revised prioritized scope of work accommodating a not to exceed budget; Within the month of July the budgeted revised scope of work proposals were received from all firms and evaluation committee assessed; Within the month of August, a work plan was relayed to the associated staff; Within the month of September, the Facilities Manager & sustainable energy consultant walked all 6 sites and Phase 0 was initiated; Within the month of October & November, the time lapse study proceeds, assisting workflow analysis within points of study per location - This project will lead the district through a series of staff interviews, orchestrate demographic studies, incorporate facilities related emergency plans and a final packet creation that many departments within the district will reference for many years to come. The Rifle Administrative Office Space Refresh is being worked through a redesign by the Facilities Manager to ensure the district keeps community spaces available for the community we serve. The Rifle facility received an essential enhancement of space via high density storage within the shipping and receiving area, providing library history archive, maker space & administrative storage expansion as well as preparation in accommodating the Administration Office Space Project. The Facilities Manager continues the role of acting Interim Information Technology & Innovations Manager, consisting of support via Marmot ticket requests, audio/video assisting & enhancement and assisting district technology related projects. With Bibliotheca contracts assessed, the Facilities Manager is manifesting the value of said contract as well as maintaining the equipment internally when the request for specific module programming deems absent, with a goal of creating more fiscal stability for the district. Currently in Glenwood Springs, Colorado Mountain College (CMC) Facilities Director & GCPLD Facilities Manager narrowed down three bids for awarding, providing long term solution to the deteriorating masonry along the exterior building structure parapet, Facilities representatives have

presented the project to Cooper Commons Condo Association & GCPLD Interim Executive Director for fiscal timing & approval. Also, in Glenwood Springs the Facilities Department was a liaison to implementing the "Thinking Money for Kids Exhibit", after much success, within the last week of November, the display was re-palletized and loaded for its next venue. The Facilities Manager proceeds to enhance furthering education through available training and webinars in relation to facilities within libraries, as well as complementing library policies. The Facilities Manager orchestrated a district wide free book stop study, the Facilities Department continues to progress this project with manifesting associated material, with the ultimate goal of providing a free book stop to each city. The district wide quarterly deep clean of carpets and furniture was finalized. The light-emitting diode (LED) ballast bypass project continues progression, Parachute, Rifle, Silt & Glenwood Springs concluded installation with New Castle on the horizon consisting of initial stages of install; this project pilots - long-term return on investment benefits (averaging 3.3 years installation ROI), ergonomics to the workplace, minimizing human downfalls of exposure to electronic magnetic fields, a more sustainable future enhancing minimal impact on our environment. The environmentally friendly project - water bottle fillers - began assessment in hope to receive grants from associated interests. The contracts for snow removal finalized, awarding all local contractors. Silt Branch is in the midst of a mini Staff Area Refresh, enhancing workflow efficiency. Carbondale Branch received retirement notification of a long-time staff member that provided tons of appreciated support, one of the supports being maintenance of the community room piano; the facilities team and a few Carbondale staff members graciously received a tutorial before departure of long time staff member to ensure this task continues completion weekly. All in all, the facilities department is committed to connecting our communities to a world of possibilities, providing methodical magnification within every stratagem.

Human Resources Report

The HR Manager and Acting Interim Executive Director are nearly complete with the third phase of the Compensation Study, which is to place all of our staff within their new pay grade. Each pay grade has six steps within it. To do this, the HR Manager and Acting Interim Executive Director completed one-on-one meetings with each manager in the District where the group collaborated and made pay placement recommendations for their staff members using pre-defined pay placement guidelines which take into consideration factors such as total length of service at GCPLD, length of service in position, education, prior experience, performance, and behavior.

The HR Manager and Acting Interim Executive Director have calibrated all the placement recommendations for staff in order to ensure we are complying with Colorado's Equal Pay for Equal Work Act. The goal of the act is to avoid pay discrimination based on sex for "substantially similar work", and pay is measured by skill, effort, and responsibility.

We'll be working with managers over the next couple of weeks to communicate all of the pay changes to our staff. Our goal is to implement new pay rates in the month of January.

Beginning on or about January 1 the District will begin using the new job titles that resulted from the Class study.

Staff Education and Development Update: The District renewed its Niche Academy subscription this week and we'll be getting that ready for staff use soon. Niche Academy is a powerful training database that provides training specific to public library staff as well as patrons, and also allows users to upload their own training content.

The District is working on a subscription to Ryan Dowd's Homeless Training. This training goes way beyond techniques for effectively serving people experiencing homelessness. It prepares library staff to face many situations they may encounter on any day at the library, such as: working with teens, behavior problems related to COVID-19, conversations with patrons who have body odor, compassionately working with people with dementia, unattended children, and more.

Our Employee Development Coordinator is also working on person-in-charge training, additional training for staff on the District's new phone system, a conference attendance plan, has been meeting with leaders across the District to build relationships and learn about training wants and needs, and more!

Recruiting update: With the conclusion of the Classification Study, the education and experience requirements for the Branch Manager position have been updated, providing more opportunity for internal promotion while continuing to value the Master of Library Science degree. We are now accepting applications for the Branch Manager position at Rifle, Silt, and New Castle from internal candidates only until January 7, after that we'll open any remaining Branch Manager positions to the external candidates.

The Director of Operations and Technology & Innovation Manager positions previously listed as "on pause" under vacancies will remain on hold until a new Executive Director is in place and has the opportunity to review staffing structure and determine how they would like to proceed. These positions will be removed from the vacancy list as there is no intent to post to fill them at this time.

Staffing Report - Since 11/19/2021:

New Hires: 1

- Youth Services Coordinator – Carbondale, 40hrs/week –12/1/2021

Promotions/Transfers: 0

Vacancies: 7

- Branch Manager - Silt, 40hrs/week
- Branch Manager – Rifle, 40hrs/week
- Branch Manager – New Castle. 40hrs/week
- Library Specialist – Carbondale, 24hrs/week
- Library Specialist – Glenwood Springs, 24hrs/week
- Library Page – Parachute, 10hrs/week – *On pause*
- Executive Director – Administration, 40hrs/week

Departures: 1

- Library Associate – Silt, 24hrs/week – 12/4/2021

Additional Staffing Information:

Headcount as of 12/22/2021:

- 76 total staff members (does not include subs)
- 31 benefit eligible staff (32 - 40 hours per week); 45 staff with less than 32 hours per week
- 52.30 FTE

Staff Stats by Location – 12/22/2021					
<u>Location</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Total Staff Count</u>	<u>Scheduled Staff Hours per Week</u> <i>(total of all staff)</i>	<u>Count of Benefit Eligible Staff (over 32 hours)</u>	<u>Count of Staff not eligible for Benefits (under 32 hours)</u>
Carbondale	6.75	11	270	3	8
Glenwood	7.25	12	290	3	9
New Castle	5.7	9	228	3	7
Silt	5.2	8	208	3	5
Rifle	7.35	12	294	3	9
Parachute	5.75	8	230	3	5
Support Services	14.3	16	572	13	3
Grand Total	52.30	76	2092	31	45

Marketing Report

Our Marketing focus in November continued to feature the Thinking Money for Kids exhibit at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library, as well as a focus on our expanding hours which started with phase 1 on November 1st. In addition, the Library began a soft launch of our laptop loan program with mentions in the papers, social media and our newsletter.

Two staff members, Jamie Dale and Jenn Cook launched our book review series with the *Sopris Sun* with much appreciation from the paper's editor and so far, a great reaction from their readers. We will continue monthly with more staff reviews. Check out our Sunday staff picks as well on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

The *Post Independent* featured a lengthy article regarding our resilience and successes following a rough summer. Kevin's interim position and our two newest branch managers, Tracy and Daniel were featured.

Lastly, we applied for and was awarded a grant to help the Glenwood Springs Historical Society to start digitizing deteriorating newspapers from the 1910's and 20's. The newspaper was the *Avalanche Echo*, which has not been in print for decades. This is the beginning of a wonderful partnership to preserve the past of Garfield County.

Statistics

Number of Events Promoted in October: 31

Followers:

Facebook – 3,431 (16% increase!)

Instagram – 1,300

Email Newsletter (November) – 18,900

Facebook Reach last 30 days: 17,583, up 112% from last month!!! (paid ads reach 15,010, up 183%)

Instagram reach last 30 days: 588, up 7.5%

Reach = The number of people who saw any content from your Page or about your Page, including posts, stories, ads, social information from people who interact with your Page and more.

Facebook Post Engagements in past 30 days: 3,783 (up 67% from last month)

Engagement: The number of interactions your content received from users (likes, comments, shares, saves, etc.)

Two new library branch managers on board

Finance manager serving as interim executive director for Garfield County Library District

John Stroud
Post Independent

Garfield County Public Libraries are gradually staffing back up following the departure of

several branch managers earlier this year, including new managers at the Glenwood Springs and Carbondale libraries.

Joining the Garfield County Public Library District as Glenwood Springs branch manager is Daniel Messer, a former college and correctional center librarian from the Chicago area.

The new Carbondale branch manager is Tracy Kallassy, who is from upstate New York and most recently managed the Arlington Public Library in Arlington, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C.

Following the resignation of former Library District Executive Director Brett Lear in August, the district board named District Finance Manager Kevin Hunter as interim director, said James Larson, communications and marketing director for the district.

A search for a new executive director is expected to commence soon, he said.

In the meantime, the district is working to fill three other branch manager positions in New Castle, Silt and Rifle, Larson said.

MEET DANIEL MESSER

Messer grew up in Ingleside, Illinois, north of Chicago, and said he fondly remembers spending time in the children's area of his hometown library, often looking at dinosaur books.

"And getting VHS tapes of Bill Nye the Science Guy," he said. After graduating with a master's degree in library management from Dominican University in 2010, Messer worked as a reference librarian at McHenry County College. That was followed by a stint as lead librarian at a medium security correctional

facility in Pennsylvania.

"That was part of what shaped me to going into public libraries work," Messer said of the prison gig, which was a hybrid of legal reference materials and a general library collection.

"A lot of it was just helping inmates find the right books for whatever they needed," he said. After that job ended, he saw the opening for the Glenwood branch manager position. With some kin family already on the Front Range of Colorado, Messer

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said he decided to put in for the job.

"When I came out here and got to tour the libraries, I kind of just fell in love with the community," Messer said.

Messer said he brings a collaborative approach to the job and is eager to help steer the Glenwood branch back as it reintroduces loans and renewal programs that had been cut in recent years.

Libraries across the district have recently been adding back morning hours, and are gearing up to expand evening hours after the first of the year, Larson said.

"I like the freedom that each of the branches have," Messer also said of one of the things that attracted him to the Garfield County Libraries. "I also like that there is a lot of camaraderie with the staff and the other branch managers."

Messer said he enjoys reading science fiction and fantasy, but "I'll read almost anything," he said.

Recently, Messer started a monthly chess club at the Glenwood Library, which meets on the third Thursday.

MEET TRACY KALLASSY

Kallassy graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with an undergraduate degree in English and a master's in library science in 2011.

After heading up the Arlington



New Carbondale library branch manager Tracy Kallassy.

Library, she said she has enjoyed the change of pace at the Carbondale branch.

"I knew I wanted to come to Colorado, and when I saw the job had opened up here, it felt like the perfect fit," Kallassy said.

"There are a lot of good things happening here in terms of the library system with the increased positions and additional funding," she said of the recently approved dedicated property tax for the Garfield County Libraries.

"It just seems like a really

exciting time to be here," Kallassy said, adding that a new youth services coordinator has also recently joined the branch.

"I feel like there's a lot of excitement in the community for what we're doing, and every time we introduce something new, people are just thrilled," she said. "Libraries are such an essential part of the community, and recognizing that and having fun in our jobs is really important."

Kallassy said she enjoys hiking and rock climbing, and looks



New Glenwood Springs library branch manager Daniel Messer.

forward to learning how to ski. She said her reading interests are broad but of late she's "been on a mystery kick."

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CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Poldonko Classes — 4:00pm, Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street Suite 21, Carbondale

Pus on the alpaca farm — 10:00am to 4 pm, Sopris Alpaca Farm & Boutique, 35795 Hwy 6, Silt. Come visit our alpaca farm in Silt. We have 65 of the cutest and most personable alpacas, and they just love being handled. Bags of grain are \$3 per bag. No fee to come back, and no reservation needed.

La Clínica del Pueblo | Appt Only — 9:00am, Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street Suite 8, Carbondale. Judith Alvarez, 970-696-2513, Dr. Ferninger, 970-379-5730, www.facebook.com/La-Clínica-del-Pueblo-164427141169737

Mindfulness Group — 6:00pm, Online. Join us every Monday evening for meditation and mindfulness. Learn more at www.mindful@program.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Holiday Take & Create: Air Dry Clay Jewelry — 10:00am, Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave. Create and wear your own custom designs. With this kit you can shape, cut and paint your own earrings and maybe make a matching necklace. Use beads to add some spice to your design. This clay is air dry and needs nothing but the wind to harden. Kits available while supplies last.

Marble Trivia Night — 6:30pm, Marble Distilling Co. & The Distillery Inn, 150 Main St., Carbondale. Tuesday Trivia Night at Marble Distilling Co. Winner gets \$50 off their bar tab and dogging rights.

Microsoft Outlook Intermediate

— 1:30pm, Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Attend this Microsoft Outlook intermediate class to build on basic skills you already know and hopefully learn a few other tricks for calendaring, setting up Out-of-Office notifications, and building your Address Book. For more information and registration, contact Aime at ajerltze@basaltlibrary.org.

NaNoWriMo - National Novel Writing Month - Workshops — 5-5:45 pm, virtual. National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is designed as a challenge to write 50,000 words of a new novel in 30 days. Your Garfield County Libraries will host online events to help and inspire you on your journey to that impressive goal. Register (free) for NaNoWriMo: <https://nanowrimo.org/sign-up/Writing-Workshop-42> - Tuesday, November 30, Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92831471871>

Raising a Reader - Little Red Bag Club — 11:00am, Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Raising A Reader - Aspen to Parachute invites you to our "Little Red Bag Club" for parents and their 0 to 5-year-old children who are not enrolled in school. Join us for a weekly hour of story time, activities, and snacks. Our classes support brain development and social skills. *Weather permitting, story time will take place outside on the lawn. During inclement weather it will take place in the treasure room inside the library.

Storytime at Glenwood Springs Branch Library — 10:30am, Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs, and new friends.

Storytime at Home: Watch and Chat — 10:30am Facebook. Join us for Storytime at Home where we will watch the video and then chat with the presenter in real-time. The video will post at 10:30 am, on Tuesday on YouTube. We'll chat in the comments on Facebook.

Storytimes at New Castle Branch Library — 10:30am, New Castle Branch Library, 402 West Main, New Castle. Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs, and new friends.

Tuesday 9 Ball Tournament — The Slack Nuggit, 403 Main St., Carbondale. Calling all pool sharks. Join us every Tuesday at 7pm for 9 Ball. 1st place \$20 Bar tab, 2nd place Ask the Bartender (Double Destination). Sign up with Bartender.

Well Being Yoga — 6:00pm, The Yoga Collective, 1517 Grand Ave., Suite 213, Glenwood Springs. Come and enjoy this slow flow stretch class that will leave you feeling so happy you made some time for self-care.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Basalt Regional Library Book Club — noon, Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Enjoy an informal discussion of all things books. We'll look at highlights of new releases that have just come into the library, and also have an informal discussion of books you've been reading — sharing with the group any favorites, or least favorites.

Club de Bolitas Rojas — 11:30am, Glenwood Springs Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. Las Bibliotecas del Condado de Garfield y Raising A Reader - Aspen to Parachute lo invitan a unirse a

nuestro club de Bolitas Rojas para mamás y cuidadores, y sus niños/as de 0 a 5 años que aún no asisten a la escuela. Acompañenos una hora a la semana a leer un cuento, manualidades y un bocadillo. Nuestro club apoya el desarrollo cerebral y socialización de sus niños/as.

Explorers Club — 2:30pm, Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. School-age children are invited to the library every week for art, hands-on experiments, projects, crafts, LEGO building, and more. Presented by the Aspen Science Center and Garfield County Libraries.

"Foot Pain 101" with Noel Armstrong, DPM of ValleyOrtho — 6:00pm, Virtual discussion via Zoom. Noel Armstrong, DPM, podiatrist at ValleyOrtho, presents "Foot Pain 101," a virtual discussion via Zoom. The presentation is part of Valley View University (VVU), a series of free educational webinars hosted by Valley View. To register, visit www.vvlu.org/vvuc. Fee

Meditation & Talk — Online, 6:00pm, Third Street Center, 520 South Third St., Carbondale. Laura Barlett, Mindful Life Program, 379-6779

Oran Mor Live in Concert — 6:00pm, Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. The musical group Oran Mor has a rich repertoire of Scottish and Irish music along with more recent Celtic, Americana, and original compositions blended into the mix. Visit the Glenwood Springs Branch Library on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. where you will be transported to distant shores and earlier times, while enjoying tales of exotic cultures and colorful lives. The concert is free and open to all.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Medicare Open Enrollment

Beginning in 2022, Garfield and Pitkin counties will have three new Medicare Advantage Plans offered by RMHP/United Healthcare.

During Open Enrollment, which runs through Dec. 7, High Country RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Medicare counselors can help review plans and make sure participants choose the best coverage for the best price. They can compare whether it's better for you to keep Original Medicare with the addition of a Part D prescription drug plan and a Medigap supplemental plan or switch to a Medicare Advantage Plan.

Call High Country RSVP at 970-384-8744 to schedule a phone, Zoom or in-person appointment.

Are you ready to volunteer?

Are you looking for a way to give back to our community? Would you like to connect with new people while helping fulfill the mission of a local nonprofit organization? High Country RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is looking for help. RSVP helps meet critical community needs and assist local nonprofit organizations by harnessing the power of volunteerism by connecting older adults (age 55+) with meaningful volunteer opportunities that use their skills and life experiences in service to their community. RSVP has been serving Garfield County for 48 years and recently expanded into Pitkin County. For more information, contact Susie at 970-947-8461 (Garfield County) and Anne at 970-947-8441 (Pitkin County) for more information.

Story, Your Life

Have other people laughed at your stories and said, "I hope you have written this down?" Have you wanted to explore your legacy of living and the wisdom of your experience? Share your stories, ideas and inspiration in a welcoming setting from 10 a.m. to noon every first and third Friday of

the month. The group is free to join and is facilitated by Shelly Merriam, a historian, writer, genealogist and "kin keeper." The group meets upstairs at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library.

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Reindeer at the libraries

Celebrate the holidays with an educational afternoon and up-close encounter with a pair of reindeer from Noel Productions. The first event will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Silt Library. The second will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Rifle Library, followed by 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at the Parachute Library, and at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the New Castle Library. The final two events will begin at 2 p.m., with one on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Carbondale Branch Library and the last on Monday, Dec. 20, at the Glenwood Springs Library. All events are free and open to the public. For more information call your local library or visit GCPLD.org.

Meet the Author: Nancy Bo Flood

Spend a morning with the Garfield County Libraries and author Nancy Bo Flood as she virtually presents her books "First Laugh: Welcome Baby" and "I Will Dance" during Native American Heritage Month. For the past 20 years, Nancy has been working with Navajo and Hopi teachers. Together they searched for books in which students could see themselves. They found few. So she began writing, about the desert, about Navajo, about their favorite sport - rodeo. This online event will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. In this bilingual event with simultaneous interpretation, patrons can choose to listen and participate in their preferred language. Visit GCPLD.org/laugh to join or get more information.

COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Listening Session Regarding Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport (2 of 2) — 8:30 a.m., Community Center, 100 Wulfsohn Road, Glenwood Springs. [COGS.us/calendar.aspx?EID=1921](https://cogs.us/calendar.aspx?EID=1921)

Calaway - Rocky Mtn PreK Coalition — 9 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale.

Campus Tour: Waldorf School on the Roaring Fork — 9:30 a.m., Waldorf School on the Roaring Fork, 16543 Highway 82, Carbondale. This is an incredible opportunity to see our students in action! Join us on campus, (Masks Required) for the chance to step into classrooms, ask questions and explore our programs that serve students newborn to 8th grade.

PreK KraftKlub w/Ms. Liz — 10 a.m., Community Art Center, 601 E. Sixth St., Glenwood Springs. PreK KraftKlub w/Ms. Liz is a weekly Wednesday 2-hour gathering of budding artists who learn, play, create, sing, dance, snack, and kraft their way through timely topics at the Community Art Center in Glenwood Springs, CO. 2 craft projects per Klub session. Artists must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks are supplied. Masks are strongly suggested. \$20 per session. Register at: www.glenwoodrec.com questions call 970-384-6301 Call Ms. Liz about PreK Kraft Klub questions at 970-274-3794

Club de Bolsitas Rojas — 11:30 a.m., Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. Las Bibliotecas del Condado de Garfield y Raising A Reader - Aspen to Parachute le invitan a unirse a nuestro club de Bolsitas Rojas para mamás y cuidadores, y sus

niños(as) de 0 a 5 años que aún no asisten a la escuela. Acompáñenos una hora a la semana a leer un cuento, manualidades y un bocadillo. Nuestras clases apoyan el desarrollo cerebral y socialización de sus niños(as). Empezando en GWS el 6 de Octubre. Free.

Bridge Club (Senior Matters Suite 33) — 1 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale. Restricted to eight people during COVID. Contact Sue Zislis (segzislis@gmail.com) for more info on Senior Matters ValleySeniorMatters.org.

Google Apps for Beginners — 1:30 p.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Explore the many options your Google account offers, including docs, sheets, forms and more. Participants need to have a google account created prior to class, and must know their login information. Register by calling 970-927-4311 ext. 1013 or emailing cbaumgarten@basaltlibrary.org. Free.

Oran Mor Live In Concert — 1:30 p.m., New Castle Branch Library, 420 W. Main St., New Castle. Join us for a special in-person concert with Oran Mor at the New Castle Branch Library! Free.

Range Ball Round Up — 2 p.m., Golf at River Valley Ranch, Carbondale. When: 2 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 10. Where: Driving Range @ RVR Who: Kids! Free cookies and hot chocolate will be provided. Parents please be present to supervise.

Explorers Club — 2:30 p.m., Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs. School-age children are invited to the library every week for art, hands-on experiments, projects, crafts,

COMMUNITY

Are you ready to volunteer?

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? Would you like to connect with new people while helping fulfill the mission of a local nonprofit organization? High Country RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is looking for help. RSVP helps meet critical community needs and assist local nonprofit organizations by harnessing the power of volunteerism by connecting older adults (age 55+) with meaningful volunteer opportunities that use their skills and life experiences in service to their community. RSVP has been serving Garfield County for 48 years and recently expanded into Pitkin County. For more information, contact Suse at 970-947-8466 (Garfield County) and Anne at 970-947-8448 (Pitkin County) for more information.

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Cuentacuentos Para Niños y Niñas

Ven en tus pijamas a compartir historias y canciones en español con la Señora Verónica, maestra de español de kinder a octavo grado. Acompáñanos a las 4 p.m. todos los martes hasta el 16 de noviembre en la biblioteca de Carbondale. Gratis. Para más información llame 970-963-2889.

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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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Story Factory: Teen Writing Club — Noon, Silt Branch Library, 680 Home Ave., Silt. Join other teens from around the valley for an afternoon of writing and encouragement! Food will be provided, as will writing supplies. Any skill level is welcome, from beginner to published author. The club gathers on the first Friday of every month from noon to 2 p.m. Free.

Full STEAM Ahead — 1 p.m., Silt Branch Library, 680 Home Avenue, Silt. Discover, create, and innovate with your friends! Activities will include Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Free and open to all kids and teens. Free.

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Upcycling! Session One — 3 p.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Let's Upcycle! Refresh your wardrobe and find some new use for those old linens with our Upcycling Queen, Claire Wright of Cosecha Textiles. You bring your items needing some TLC and we will provide sewing machines, sewing supplies, and expertise to turn your clothes into something brand new! We are offering two sessions. Registration is limited! Please contact cclick@basaltlibrary.org. Free.

First Friday "Día De los Muertos" — 4 p.m., Main Street, Downtown Main Street, Carbondale. Carbondale Arts, Thunder

River Theatre Company, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Folklorico and the Carbondale Chamber come together to honor Día de Los Muertos. The festivities continue on First Friday as Carbondale Arts celebrates the artists and community who helped create our latest mural at 4th and Main Streets. Join us from 4-5 p.m. on the side of the CenturyLink building with community mural sponsor, FirstBank for warm beverages and dedications.

Symphony in the Valley presents from Stage and Screen — 7 p.m., The Ute Theater, 132 E 4th St, Rifle. Symphony in the Valley invites you to relive your favorite movie and film experiences through live classical music. Student musicians receive free entry. \$15 - \$45.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Nourishing Yoga — 8:30 a.m., The Yoga Collective, 1512 Grand Ave. Suite 213, Glenwood Springs. This gentle flow and stretch class is great for all bodies. You will move with intention and connect to your body and breath leaving you feeling deeply nourished and thankful.

Carbondale meeting of Overeaters Anonymous — 9 a.m., Carbondale Community United Methodist Church, 385 S. 2nd Street (Basement), Carbondale. Info on this Carbondale meeting at OA.org and OAdenver.org. Free.

Grab & Go Activities for Kids and Teens — 10 a.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Try a different craft or activity each week, provided by the Basalt Regional Library and The Art Base! Perfect for kids and teens looking for a hands-on project, these activities can be scaled up or down depending on your crafter's grade level. Free.

Saturday Storytime — 10:30 a.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. We are excited to invite families to our early literacy storytimes. Designed for all ages, we will enjoy stories, songs, and action rhymes. Weather permitting, storytime will take place outside on the lawn. During

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Manualidades Para Niños en Español - Crafts for Kids in Spanish — 2 p.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave, Basalt. Acompañé a la Sra. Jiménez en una clase de manualidades pintando piedras. Apropiado para los grados 2-4, 10 estudiantes máximo. Haga clic en el enlace para registrarse: Come join Mrs. Jimenez for a rock painting craft class. Appropriate for grades 2-4, 10 students maximum. Click the link to register. Free.

Chess Club at Glenwood Springs Branch Library — 2:30 p.m., Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs. Calling all chess players and those interested in learning! We'll get together to learn, practice, and challenge each other in this timeless game of strategy. Join us on these two initial dates where we'll plan the club and discuss the future scheduling. Several chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Free.

NYICFF Viva Kids Flicks — 3 p.m., The Arts Campus at Willits, 400 Robinson Street, Basalt. Presented by TACAW & Valley Settlement. Join us for delightful Spanish-language short films (recommended for ages 8+) and free box lunches courtesy of our friends at Valley Settlement. All are welcome to this free event. In Spanish with English subtitles. Free.

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John and Kathryn Gracey in concert

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15 at the Silt Library. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. and are free and open to everyone. Visit GCPLD.org for more information.

Holiday Card Swap

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

River Commission Meeting at 7:30 AM — 7:30 a.m., City Hall, 101 W. Eighth St., Glenwood Springs. Meetings will be held in person. glenwood-springs.co.us/calendar.aspx?ID=1471

Fall Fun on the Alpaca Farm — 10 a.m., Sopris Alpaca Farm, 35795 Hwy 6, SE. Open daily from 10-4, no appointment necessary. \$3 per bag of grain. Free.

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iCloud Basics — 1:30 p.m., Basalt Library, 14 Midland Ave. Demystify iCloud! Learn the basics, including what it is, why to use it and some of the different ways to use it. Register by calling 970-927-0311, ext. 1003, or emailing clausmp@basaltlibrary.org. Free.

Explorers Club — 2:30 p.m., Glenwood Springs Library, 815 Cooper Ave. School-age

children are invited to the library every week for art, hands-on experiments, projects, crafts, LEGO building, and more. Free.

Wednesday ArtKlub w/Ms. Liz — 2:30 p.m., Community Art Center, 601 E. Sixth St., Glenwood Springs. A weekly, 3-hour ArtKlub with a monthly theme, geared for early release or homeschooled kids in grades K-8, who are looking for a place to create, play, explore and learn more about art and artists. Register at GlenwoodRec.com. 970-984-6301. ArtKlub questions call Ms. Liz at 970-274-3794. \$20 for 3 Klub sessions.

Folklorico Classes (Suite 21) — 4 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale.

LIFT-UP Food Drive-Thru (Main Parking Lot) — 4 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale. Food Hotline 970-429-8168

Tai Chi — 4:30 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale. Marty Friskols 970-648-7319

Parks & Recreation Virtual Commission Meeting — 5 p.m., Glenwood Springs. Open calendar event for meeting instructions. glenwood-springs.co.us/calendar.aspx?ID=1446

Meditation & Talk - Online — 6 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale. Laura Bartels, Mindful Life Program, 970-329-6779

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM — 6 p.m., Community Center, Red Mt. Meeting Room, 100 Wolfch. Road, Glenwood Springs. Meetings will be held in person. glenwood-springs.co.us/calendar.aspx?ID=1446

Adult ArtKlub w/Ms. Liz — 6 p.m., Community Art Center, 601 E. Sixth St., Glenwood Springs. Learn or relax hands-on about various art media, crafts, art,

art tricks, and techniques. Register at CommunityRec.com. Questions about registration call 970-384-6301. Questions about Adult ArtKlub call Ms. Liz at 970-274-3794. \$150.

"Presenting Hand and Wrist Injuries During the Winter Season," Virtual Session with Michael Potter, MD of ValleyOrtho — 6 p.m., Zoom, N.A., Glenwood Springs. In this 30-minute discussion, followed by open Q&A, Dr. Potter will review common hand and wrist injuries and give tips to prevent them. To register, visit VMI.org/VWS. Free.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Coffee and Doughnuts with the Western Slope Veterans Coalition — 10 a.m. to noon, Western Slope Veterans Coalition resource center, 801 Colosado Ave., Glenwood Springs. Coffee and doughnuts with fellow vets.

Senior Point Mind Training Group Discussion — 6 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale.

Glenwood Business & Networking Group — 8 a.m., Local on Cooper, 722 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. Local business professionals connecting, sharing resources and referrals. All business owners, entrepreneurs, and sales professionals are welcome. Limited capacity. RSVP required. Free.

Alpina Watercolorists (Senior Matters Suite 33) — 10 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale. Restricted to eight people during COVID. Contact Sue Zills (jeffzills@gmail.com) for more info on Senior Matters ValleySeniorMatters.org. Contact Judy Wine (jubilee2w@gmail.com) for more info on Alpina Watercolorists.

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City Council Work Session at 3:30 PM — 3:30 p.m., City Hall, City Council Chambers, 101 W. Eighth St., Third Floor Conference Room, Glenwood Springs. Work session will be held in person. COGS.us/calendar.aspx?ID=1641

Noche de Lotería / Lotería Night — 5:30 p.m., New Castle Library, 402 W. Main St., La Lotería es un juego con profundas raíces culturales que se remontan a más de 100 años en México. Para más información llame al 970-984-2346. Lotería is a game with deep cultural roots dating back more than 100 years in Mexico. For more information call 970-984-2346.

Master the Sewers w/Ms. Liz — Still life of a Pumpkin — 6 p.m., Community Art Center, 601 E. Sixth St., Glenwood Springs. A weekly, 3-hour paint class bringing together a community of artists who want to learn how to paint or advance their skills. \$60 per class includes instruction, paints, canvas, brushes, tools and other bits of the trade. \$60.

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families — 7 p.m., Zoom. This is a 12-step program for those who endured childhoods marked by shame, fear, rage, and/or abuse. To join the meetings, email acafondes@gmail.com or text 970-370-3356. All who feel they may have grown up in an alcoholic or dysfunctional home are welcome. Free.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

La Clínica del Pueblo | Appt Only (Suite 6) — 9 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale, CO. Phone: 970-329-5718

Fall Fun on the Alpaca Farm — 10 a.m., Sopris Alpaca Farm, 35795 Hwy 6, SE. Open daily from 10-4, no appointment necessary. \$3 per bag of grain. Free.

Folklorico Classes (Suite 21) — 4 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale.

NaNoWrite - National Novel Writing Month - Workshops — 5 p.m., virtual - Garfield County Libraries. National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWrite) is designed as a challenge to write 50,000 words of a new novel in 30 days. Your Garfield County Libraries will host online events to help and inspire you on your journey to that impressive goal. Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/817943665726>. Free.

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting — 5:15 p.m., City Hall, City Council Chambers, 101 West 8th Street, Glenwood Springs. Meetings will be held in person. <http://www.glenwood-springs.co.us/calendar.aspx?ID=1421>

Mindful Life - Mindfulness Group - Online — 6 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale. Join us every Monday evening for meditation and mindfulness. Learn more at www.mindful-lifeprogram.org

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Transportation Commission Meeting at 7:30 AM — 7:30 a.m., City Hall, 101 West 8th Street, Glenwood Springs. Meetings will be held in person. <http://www.glenwood-springs.co.us/calendar.aspx?ID=1446>

Storytime at Home: Watch and Chat — 10:30 a.m., Facebook - Garfield County Libraries, 307 East Ave., Rifle. Join us for Storytime at Home where we will watch the video and then chat with the presenter in real-time. The video will post at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday on YouTube. We'll chat in the comments on Facebook. Free.

Storytime at Glenwood Springs Branch Library — 10:30 a.m., Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. Storytime is in-person once again! Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs, and new friends! Tuesday 10:30 am LIBRARY Glenwood Springs Branch Library Free.

Storytime at New Castle Branch Library — 10:30 a.m., New Castle Branch Library, 402 West Main, New Castle. Storytime is in-person once again! Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs, and new friends! Tuesday 10:30 am LIBRARY New Castle Branch Library Free.

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Raising a Reader - Little Red Bag Club — 11 a.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Raising A Reader

- Aspen to Pasobate invites you to our "Little Red Bags Club" for parents and their 0- to 5-year-old children who are not enrolled in school. Join us for a weekly hour of story time, activities, and snacks. Our classes support brain development and social skills. *Weather permitting, story time will take place outside on the lawn. During inclement weather it will take place in the bookroom inside the library. Free.

Yarn Group — 5 p.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Knitters and crocheters (and any other yarn workers) come together to work on and discuss projects, yarn, and techniques. Open to all, bring your own supplies and works-in-progress. Your help with making weaving and social distancing is appreciated. Free.

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Town Council Work Session — 6 p.m., New Castle.

Marble Trivia Night — 6:30 p.m., Marble Distilling Co. & The Distillery Inn, 150 Main St., Carbondale. Tuesday Trivia Night at Marble Distilling Co. Winner gets 1/2 off their bar tab and bragging rights. Join us for craft cocktails, small bites and a friendly competition of knowledge. *This event is bi-weekly.

CRFPD JuvCamp Session — 6:45 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale.

Town Council Regular Virtual Meeting — 7 p.m., New Castle.

Tuesday 9 Ball Tournament — 12 a.m., The Black Nigger, 402 Main St., Carbondale. Calling all pool sharks! Join us every Tuesday @ 9pm for 9 Ball. 1st place \$20 Bar Tab, 2nd place Ask the bartender (Double Elimination) Sign up with bartender

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

River Commission Meeting — 7:30 a.m., City Hall, 101 West 8th Street, Glenwood Springs. Meetings will be held in person. <http://www.glenwood-springs.co.us/calendar.aspx?ID=1471>

PreK-KraftKlub w/Ms. Liz — 10 a.m., Community Art Center, 601 E. 6th Street, Glenwood Springs. PreK-KraftKlub w/Ms. Liz is a weekly Wednesday 2-hour gathering of budding artists who learn, play, create, sing, dance, snack, and craft their way through timely topics at the Community Art Center in Glenwood Springs. CO-2 craft projects per Klub session. Artists must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks are supplied. Meals are strongly suggested. \$20 per session/registration at www.glenwoodrec.com. questions call 970-384-6301. Call Ms. Liz about PreK-Kraft Klub questions at 970-274-3794.

Club de Bobinas Rojas — 11:30 a.m., Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Avenue, Glenwood Springs. Las Bobinas de la Comunidad de Garfield y Raising A Reader - Aspen to Pasobate le invita a unirse a nuestro club de Bobinas Rojas para mamás y cuidadoras, y sus niños/as de 0 a 5 años que aún no asisten a la escuela. Acompañemos una hora a la semana a leer un cuento, manualidades y un bocadillo. Necesitas clases apoyan el desarrollo cerebral y socialización de sus niños/as. Inscripciones en GWS el 6 de Octubre. Free.

Warm up this winter at Garfield County Libraries!

Open Hours are expanding at all Garfield County Libraries:

- *All branches now open at 10 am, Mon-Sat.
- *Extended evening hours starting in January.
- *Sunday open hours will begin in Spring 2022.

Enjoy our holiday events:

- *The Holiday Concert Series features an array of artist all winter long including a guitar soloist, celtic duo, pianist, and local choir.
- *Reindeer at Your Libraries gives you the chance to have an up close encounter with reindeer at your local library in December.

Laptops and *Wifi to Go!* hotspots are now available for adults to borrow and take home!

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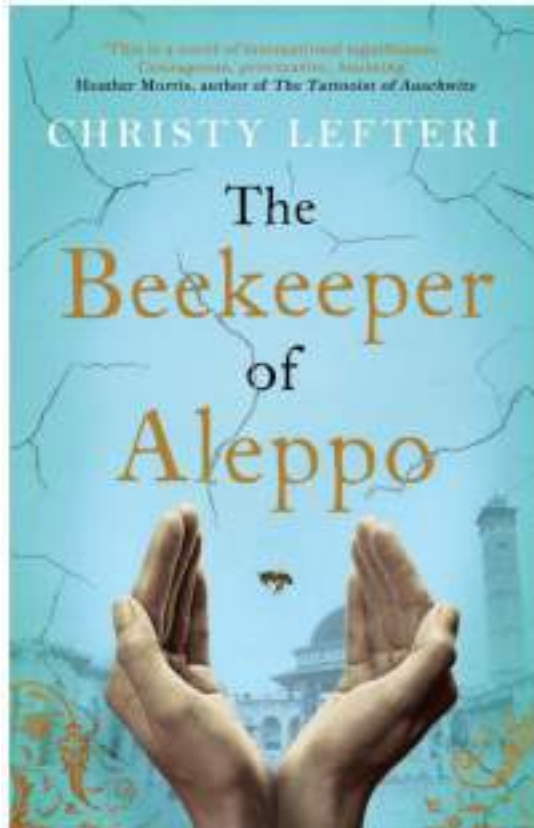
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Recommended Reading: “The Beekeeper of Aleppo”

By *Joan Cook*
Garfield County Libraries staff

It is hard to wrap my head around the hardships experienced by children and families around the world whose lives are upended from war and unrest. Sometimes the reality is so brutal that it is easier to dip in fiction. “The Beekeeper of Aleppo” by Christy Lefteri tells the story of Nuri and his young family as they seek asylum from their war-torn homeland.

Nuri’s family watches helplessly as civil war descends and disrupts their staple way of life, visiting beehives and selling honey products in Syria. Their plans to flee are put on hold by a family crisis. Nuri and his wife Afra, frazzled by tragedy and trauma, are unable to force themselves to seek safety. The violent opening paragraphs describing the savagery of war was certainly uncomfortable for me to read. When Nuri faces an ultimatum under threat of death, it is the trigger that finally sets them into motion.

Because Afra is blind, Nuri describes their experiences in vivid sensory detail. We hear the buzzing bees and the crackling

waves, we smell the grass and the flowers, we taste the different flavors of honey and the tea with milk. An interesting stream-of-consciousness technique is used that submerges the reader in the narrator’s train of thought. In the middle of each chapter, a sentence is abruptly interrupted, the last word is left off, and that word becomes the first word of the next flashback section. Each chapter begins in a bed-and-breakfast in the UK — where a group of Syrians awaken from different places to housed while they wait to be granted refugee status — and shifts to memories of the past and the journey to this place.

As they travel through the refugee camps of Turkey and Greece, migrants from all over the Middle East and Northern Africa attempt to find respite in their current existence, despite the trauma experienced in their home countries and the dangers they continue to face on the journey. Children play games, mothers care for infants, and others find solace in dancing or playing musical instruments. In one exchange, Nuri speaks in Arabic to another man who

responds in Farsi, and they both laugh to discover that their common language is English. Along the way, Nuri interacts with a young boy named Mohamad who is traveling alone. Nuri takes him under his wing until they become separated, and much of the story revolves around unraveling where Mohamad came from, what happened to his parents and whether he is safe.

Beekeeping is not a vocation that can thrive in chaos. “Where there are bees there are flowers, and where there are flowers there is new life and hope.” It is this thread of hope that keeps Nuri and Afra moving forward to seek a life of peace and order.

This is a powerfully written book that helped me see a current crisis with a complex history through different eyes. I think it will help you see the world a little differently too.

“Recommended Reading” is a new collaboration between The Sperry-Son and the Garfield County Public Libraries District, highlighting important literature available at local libraries.

On 'The Summer of Lost Letters'

By Jamie Dale
GCPLD Youth Services Coordinator

As a child, I would often leave fake love letters hidden in the walls of houses while we were moving out.

I wanted desperately to find one of these hidden messages myself; to have the joy and intrigue of solving a mystery and learning of a secret, tragic love affair.

I wanted to give that joy to someone else (although my fake love letters would not lead to any secret love affair, nor could they be "solved," as they were fake). I blame this on the obsession I developed in the third grade with Nancy Drew.

The mere idea that someone could happen upon my letter and get that thrill of a romantic mystery to solve, a thrill I so fiercely longed for, was reason enough for me to continue my dalliance with the world of faux mysteries.

Understandably, when I came across Hannah Reynolds' "The Summer of Lost Letters", I was intrigued. Reynolds weaves a charming tale of mystery, discovery and intertwining transgenerational love affairs.

Throw in some environmental concerns, social awareness and Jewish history, and this book checks every box.

Our protagonist, Abby Schuenberg is a spirited 17-year-old with a love of history and a complicated relationship with her deceased grandmother, O'Ma. After receiving a box of her possessions,

she comes across a set of love letters from the mysterious E. Abby and is immediately drawn into the hidden past of her O'Ma. She decides to go on a journey to solve the mystery and use it as fodder for her college admissions essays.

The letters lead her to a wealthy family and their estate in Nantucket, where she has a run-in with E's grandson that leaves her more determined to figure out what secrets the family is harboring and how they relate to O'Ma.

The story unfolds across the month of June in the sweltering heat of Nantucket. Abby and Noah grow closer as they unravel the mystery of O'Ma and E, and family secrets lead to trouble for everyone.

With a somewhat predictable, yet satisfying ending, the mystery is unraveled and Abby and Noah realize they may not know as much as they originally thought about love, family obligation and the choices their grandparents made.

The entire story is a juxtaposition of the past and present. A true picture of how the struggle of immigrant grandparents leads to the opportunity of third-generation grandchildren.

Reynolds weaves in tales of beach bonfires, yacht trips and mansion parties as easily as stories of Jewish children fleeing Nazi Germany to come to America in search a better future while leaving behind family and all they once knew.



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She highlights the American Kindertransport and the 1,000 children adopted into American families during that time, and she manages to do it in a way that feels respectful, honest and real.

While this is a book targeted toward teens, it is a story that is relevant and compelling and can be enjoyed by all ages. Take the time to immerse yourselves in this story of love, family and history.

You won't be disappointed.

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Laptops on loan

Garfield County Libraries offers laptops to adults that need a computer to take home for up to three weeks at a time. The machines run on Windows and come with the Microsoft Office Suite and other software installed. This service can be combined with the "Wifi to GO!" service offering mobile hotspots. Plus, you can get a free USB memory stick (while supplies last) when you check out a laptop! For details, visit gcpld.org

Préstamo de computadoras

Las bibliotecas del condado de Garfield ofrecen a los adultos una computadora por un máximo de tres semanas a la vez. Las máquinas tienen Windows y también tienen Microsoft Office Suite y otros softwares instalados. Este servicio puede ser combinado con el servicio "Wifi to GO!" que ofrece internet móvil. Además, pueden conseguir una USB gratis (mientras duren los suministros) cuando tomé prestado una computadora portátil! Para mas detalles, visite gcpld.org

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