

AGENDA
Garfield County Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021, 2:00 PM
Place: New Castle Branch Library, 402 W. Main New Castle, CO 81647

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-November 4, 2021 (pp.1-2)
- B. Claims for Board Approval: General Fund October 16, 2021 to November 15, 2021 (pp.3-5); Alpine Bank Credit Card Statement October 2021 (pp.6-8)

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

- A. Koff & Associates presentation of final Classification and Compensation Study, Mike Harary, and Georg Krammer. Electronic copies of the reports are available for review, contact HR or the Interim Executive Director's office.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Koff & Associates Classification Study, Kevin Hettler
- B. Approve Koff & Associates Compensation Study, Kevin Hettler
- C. 2022 Holiday Closures, Kim Owens (p.9)
- D. 2022 Board Meeting Dates, Kevin Hettler
- E. 2022 Budget Adoption (Resolution 21-004), Kevin Hettler (pp.10)
- F. 2022 Mill Levy Certification (Resolution 21-005), Kevin Hettler (pp.11)
- G. 2022 Appropriations (Resolution 21-006), Kevin Hettler (p.12)
- H. 2022 R & H Mechanical renewal contract, Frederick Penny
- I. 2021 year end holiday staff thank you, Adrian Rippy-Sheehy
- J. Appoint Executive Director search committee, Adrian Rippy-Sheehy

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Management Report, Kevin Hettler
- B. Artwork donation/loan policy review, Jocelyn Durrance
- C. Finance/Treasurer's Report, Michelle Foster, Kevin Hettler (pp.16-21)
- D. Branch Report, Ana Gaytan, New Castle Interim Branch Manager

Next Board Meeting: January 6, 2022, Location: Rifle Branch Library: 207 East Ave. Rifle, CO

Adjourn meeting.

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

**GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Silt Branch Library, Silt, CO
November 4, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Adrian Rippy-Sheehy called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. Kim Owens conducted the roll call.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jocelyn Durrance
Michelle Foster
Susan Use
Crystal Mariscal
Carolyn Tucker

STAFF PRESENT:

Amy Krakow Kim Owens
Tracy Kallassy Ana Gaytan
Brenda Kingen Kevin Hettler
Rob Zimmermann Frederick Penny
Emily Hisel
Daniel Messer
James Larson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Jaimie Schauf

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Adrian Rippy - Sheehy - Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT

SECTION: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimous approval of the agenda.

II. CONSENT ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Susan Use, seconded by Michelle Foster - **Motion passed unanimously.**

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of appointment of vacant At-Large Trustee position, Board of Trustees

- a. Jaime Schauf's letter of interest to fill the At-Large position on the Board of Trustees was **unanimously approved.**

B. Approval of 2022 Janitorial contracts, Frederick Penny

- a. Approval of Cardiff Cleaning Service, American Janitor, and A Clean Break was **unanimously approved.**

C. Approval of the 2022 Flexible Spending Plan vendor selection, Kim Owens

- a. Approval of Alerus for full administration of FSA COBRA plan was **unanimously approved.**

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Management Report, Kevin Hettler**

Wireless hotspots and laptops are now available for checkout at all branches; staff training on procedures is complete; reservation system is implemented. 120 laptops and 120 hotspots. All branches started opening at 10am on 11/1! We still plan to expand evening hours and add Sunday hours. This helps fulfill one of our 6A promises to voters. Just received approval and ARPA grant; received micro-grant from statewide internet portal –partnership with Glenwood Historical Society, project digitizes newspapers. Courier services renewed for 2022 GCPLD website experienced major issues and Creative Lead partnered with Marmot to essentially rebuild the website. The platform that hosts the website is becoming obsolete in November 2022, and we'll start the process to redo our website now, to be completed in 2022. Job descriptions have been received by HR from staff and all comments will go back to Koff for consideration and resolution in collaboration with HR. Still anticipate Koff will present the final study to the Board at the December Board meeting.

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

Kevin covered everything in his Financial report. Michelle added that the Grand Valley Historical Society went through a similar digitization project a few years ago and was very pleased with the result. They use the same software as the Glenwood Historical Society. Sales tax is up 34% from same period as last year.

C. **Branch Report, Brenda Kingen, Interim Silt Branch Manager**

Celebrating Native American History Month. Staff thank you for the compensation study. Take home kits are popular, staff are having fun with displays and thinking about outreach and programs. Teens writing program starting soon with nice bounded journals.

D. **Citizen Oversight Committee 2021 brief, Kevin Hettler**

Committee held two meetings in 2021. Chart in the board packet illustrates what was purchased using 6A money. Committee ensures 6A funds are complying with the ballot language. 46% of GCPLD's revenue collected to date was from 6A. Next meeting is scheduled in April 2022.

E. **2022 Budget Committee Update, Kevin Hettler**

Only minor changes to budget from previous presentation. Grant approval offset some expenditures, \$84,000. Reclassification of about \$25,000 from building overhead to IT 2022 Class & Comp study is still in place to fully implement the plan in 2022 – this is the biggest item. Second floor buildout will roll into 2022 for admin work space. We'd like to redo the technology in two meeting rooms during 2022. Other considerations are creating two laptop labs that can be used to host classes or meet other technology needs. Before the next board meeting we should have the final valuation from the County and historically that number has very minimal changes from initial figures. No public comments have been received, public comment window closes November 7.

F. **Donation of Artwork review process, Board of Trustees**

A member of the public has offered to donate a piece of art to the library. The Board will review the Artwork review process next in the policy review policy workplan. – Jocelyn Durrance

G. **Education (Did you know?), Board of Trustees**

History of the libraries – timeline of the branches of the library district. Susan Use.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled board meeting will be held on December 2, 2021.

Garfield County Public Library District
Claims for Board Approval
 10/16/2021- 11/15/2021

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10010 - Alpine Bank- Gen(..7072)				
10/26/2021	Elec	Alpine Bank	Sept c.c. payment	-13,754.41
10/27/2021	elec	CRA	Oct retirement contribution	-7,243.90
10/27/2021	elec	CRA	Oct retirement contribution	-3,011.82
10/29/2021	24701	Amazon .com	Sept Amazon account	-2,747.63
10/29/2021	24702	A Clean Break, LLC	RI, SI, NC October cleaning	-5,425.00
10/29/2021	24703	Amazon Capital Services	Sept Amazon event supplies	-1,744.72
10/29/2021	24704	Armendariz, Joanna	Mileage reimbursement	-30.24
10/29/2021	24705	Authors Unbound Agency	The Distance Between Us, Reyna Grande Autho	-5,000.00
10/29/2021	24706	Colorado Library Consortium	Courier service 10/1/21 - 9/30/22	-44,718.46
10/29/2021	24707	Garfield County Public Library Foundation	Book sales ; donations	-1,653.50
10/29/2021	24708	Ingram Library Services	Library materials	-11,138.54
10/29/2021	24709	Midwest Tape	Library materials	-4,783.02
10/29/2021	24710	R & H Mechanical, LLC	RI replacement of failing air handling fans	-10,463.85
10/29/2021	24711	Trane US Inc.	4th Q maintenance contract; GW repairs	-8,328.25
10/29/2021	24712	Xcel Energy	Gas/electric	-5,925.75
10/29/2021	24713	Zuniga, Rebecca	Mileage reimbursement	-15.68
10/29/2021	24714	Colorado Dept of Revenue-IncomeTax	garnishment payment	-100.00
10/29/2021	1000888	625-Water(9283)	RI SI staff water	-92.20
10/29/2021	bp elec1208	AFLAC	October supplemental insurance	-107.70
10/29/2021	bp elec1209	Black Hills Energy	GW & CA gas	-392.81
10/29/2021	1000889	Callison, Jen	Mileage reimbursement	-22.40
10/29/2021	1000890	Cardiff Cleaning Service	CA GW janitorial service	-3,335.00
10/29/2021	1000891	CenturyLink	Elevator / fire alarm telephone service	-426.48
10/29/2021	1000892	Citadel Security USA, LLC	GW Oct security service	-3,901.38
10/29/2021	bp elec1214	Colorado Mountain News Media	Ads	-3,187.36
10/29/2021	bp elec1215	Cura HR, LLC	HR support & Board DiSC	-5,046.25
10/29/2021	bp elec1216	De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.	Copier lease	-449.00
10/29/2021	bp elec1217	Demco	Library material processing supplies	-658.49
10/29/2021	1000893	Garfield County Landfill	Trash removal	-12.60
10/29/2021	1000894	Garfield County Treasurer	Refund for cancelled meeting room fee	-25.00
10/29/2021	1000895	Guichard, Elizabeth	Mileage reimbursement	-48.16
10/29/2021	1000896	Jean's Printing	SI & NC schematic prints for contractors	-252.34
10/29/2021	1000897	Koff & Associates, Inc	Professional services for class & comp study	-900.00
10/29/2021	1000898	Lively Electric, Inc.	NC light and fixture repair	-981.61
10/29/2021	1000899	Mountain Painting and Drywall, Inc.	PA painting of children's wall & fiction wall	-492.00
10/29/2021	1000900	OverDrive	Library e-materials	-27.50
10/29/2021	1000901	ProSpace Interiors, Inc.	Admin desks	-4,449.17
10/29/2021	1000902	Rocky Mountain Reserve	Admin flex plan	-66.20
10/29/2021	1000903	Seter & Vander Wall, P.C.	Legal services	-2,262.00
10/29/2021	1000904	Sopris Sun	Ads	-160.00
10/29/2021	1000905	Suarez, Dulce Andrea	Spanish translation	-90.00
10/29/2021	1000906	Technology Systems Consultants, Inc.	NC phone system lease 3 mos	-613.56
10/29/2021	1000907	Tiger, Inc.	gas 4 locations	-736.01
10/29/2021	bp elec1233	Town of Silt	sewer / water	-146.79

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10/29/2021	1000908	Transparent Information Services, LLC	Background checks	-57.60
10/29/2021	bp elec1235	Uline	FINRA/ALA grant: Thinking Money 4 Kids, stick	-77.06
10/29/2021	1000909	Western Paper Distributors	janitorial supplies	-239.50
11/01/2021	elec	Alpine Bank- CC	Nov Merchant fees	-199.28
11/07/2021	Elec	Verizon Wireless	Cell phones, hotspots, & moda service	-6,342.69
11/15/2021	24715	Ingram Library Services	Library materials	-14,249.66
11/15/2021	24716	Midwest Tape	Library materials	-5,635.36
11/15/2021	24717	Schindler Elevator Corporation	Annual PM renewal, 11/1/21 - 10/31/22	-6,338.40
11/15/2021	24718	Willis Towers/CEBT	November health insurance	-29,240.89
11/15/2021	1000910	All Around Property Maintenance, Inc	PA & CA October landscape maintenance	-1,230.49
11/15/2021	1000911	American Janitor LLC	PA October cleaning	-892.50
11/15/2021	bp elec1239	Anvil Points Upholstery & Carpet	CA carpet & furniture cleaning	-2,594.00
11/15/2021	1000912	Aspen Science Center	Hands-on STEM programs for youth & families	-1,925.00
11/15/2021	1000913	Birds Beware Window Washing	Exterior window cleaning	-2,325.00
11/15/2021	1000914	Cedar Networks	November telephone & broadband	-1,121.00
11/15/2021	1000915	CenturyLink	fire alarm / elevator telephone service	-426.48
11/15/2021	1000916	Citadel Security USA, LLC	GW security	-1,739.09
11/15/2021	1000917	City of Rifle	RI water/sewer	-126.35
11/15/2021	bp elec1246	Cura HR, LLC	HR support & DiSC	-4,966.25
11/15/2021	1000918	Dale, Jamie	Mileage reimbursement for ARSL	-97.09
11/15/2021	bp elec1248	Demco	Processing supplies	-206.60
11/15/2021	1000919	Dobbs, Alda P.	Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna event	-150.00
11/15/2021	1000920	Dressman, Kathryn	Travel expense reimbursement (50%) for YSC c	-170.36
11/15/2021	1000921	Findaway World LLC	Library materials	-832.83
11/15/2021	bp elec1252	Great America Financial Services	telephone lease	-1,043.98
11/15/2021	1000922	International E-Z UP, Inc.	Weight bags for event canopies	-75.60
11/15/2021	1000923	Koff & Associates, Inc	Progress work on class and comp study	-2,028.75
11/15/2021	1000924	Lively Electric, Inc.	SI outlet install for mini staff area refresh	-287.55
11/15/2021	1000925	Marmot Library Network, Inc.	2 computer monitors	-339.98
11/15/2021	1000926	Meier, Stacy	Arsl conference travel reimb	-457.86
11/15/2021	1000927	Mountain Painting and Drywall, Inc.	CA benches sand & seal	-850.00
11/15/2021	1000928	Mountain Waste & Recycling	SI trash / recycling	-77.25
11/15/2021	1000929	Mullenax Const & Roofing Inc	RI roof inspection & repair	-1,050.00
11/15/2021	1000930	Noel, Francine	Mileage reimbursement for staff day	-48.16
11/15/2021	1000931	Penny, Frederick	Mileage reimbursement	-150.08
11/15/2021	bp elec1263	R & H Mechanical, LLC	PA hvac repairs	-2,801.56
11/15/2021	1000932	Ransom, Rebecca	Mileage reimbursement for staff day	-30.24
11/15/2021	1000933	Rocky Mountain Reserve	Admin flex plan	-66.20
11/15/2021	1000934	Rubinstein, Julian	The Holly author talk	-2,500.00
11/15/2021	1000935	Smith, Natalie	Mileage reimbursement for staff day	-48.16
11/15/2021	1000936	Sopris Sun	Event promo	-320.00
11/15/2021	1000937	Suarez, Dulce Andrea	spanish translation	-75.00
11/15/2021	1000938	Tiger, Inc.	natural gas	-951.03
11/15/2021	1000939	Tonozzi, Amy	Mileage reimbursement	-61.60
11/15/2021	1000940	Town of Carbondale	water / sewer	-59.13

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11/15/2021	bp elec1273	Town of Silt	water / sewer	-146.96
11/15/2021	1000941	Transparent Information Services, LLC	Background checks	-332.70
11/15/2021	1000942	TRIAD EAP	Mental Fitness training for staff day	-194.46
11/15/2021	1000943	Velasco Enterprises Limited	spanish interpretation	-1,560.00
11/15/2021	bp elec1277	Waste Management	RI, NC, CA trash/recycling	-265.79
11/15/2021	1000944	Western Paper Distributors	janitorial supplies	-305.48
11/15/2021	bp elec1279	WEX Bank	Oct vehicle fuel	-774.99
11/15/2021	1000945	Williams, Kristi	returned material refund	-34.98
11/15/2021	bp elec1281	Young Services	GW flush valve replacement	-369.00
Total 10010 · Alpine Bank- Gen(..7072)				<u>-253,456.75</u>
TOTAL				<u>-253,456.75</u>

Garfield County Public Library District Reconciliation Detail 20510 - Alpine Bank Purchase Card, Period Ending 10/31/2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						13,754.41
Cleared Transactions						
Charges and Cash Advances - 149 items						
Credit Card Ch...	09/29/2021	SSOrientalT	GW creation station supplies	X	(214.86)	(214.86)
Credit Card Ch...	09/30/2021	SSLaQuinta	Lodging for presenter	X	(706.60)	(921.46)
Credit Card Ch...	09/30/2021	SSCrabtrees	Bookmobile repairs due to v...	X	(487.70)	(1,409.16)
Credit Card Ch...	09/30/2021	SSWalmart	Staff day supplies	X	(129.56)	(1,538.72)
Credit Card Ch...	09/30/2021	SSValleyLum	Facilities supplies	X	(72.15)	(1,610.87)
Credit Card Ch...	09/30/2021	SSAmazon	Janitorial supplies	X	(53.94)	(1,664.81)
Credit Card Ch...	09/30/2021	SSValleyLum	Facilities tools	X	(17.99)	(1,682.80)
Credit Card Ch...	10/01/2021	SSAmazon	Facilities apparel	X	(44.99)	(1,727.79)
Credit Card Ch...	10/01/2021	RISweetColo	RI staff morale	X	(33.01)	(1,760.80)
Credit Card Ch...	10/01/2021	SSAmazon	Facilities apparel	X	(13.90)	(1,774.70)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	SS4imprint	Branded tote bags	X	(1,405.85)	(3,180.55)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	NCHomebase	Homebase annual renewal f...	X	(1,008.00)	(4,188.55)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	SSColumbine	Bookmobile detail cleaning ...	X	(499.00)	(4,687.55)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	SS4AllPromo	Thinking Money 4 Kids pigg...	X	(461.77)	(5,149.32)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	SSASAPAc...	Registration for Employmen...	X	(130.00)	(5,279.32)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	SSValleyLum	RI supplies for water drain p...	X	(67.63)	(5,346.95)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	SSAmazon	Facilities apparel	X	(22.98)	(5,369.93)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	NCCityMarke	NC staff morale	X	(22.68)	(5,392.61)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	GWUSPS	ILL postage	X	(3.63)	(5,396.24)
Credit Card Ch...	10/04/2021	NCUSPS	ILL postage	X	(3.03)	(5,399.27)
Credit Card Ch...	10/05/2021	SSCrabtrees	Silver Bullet repairs due to v...	X	(1,188.87)	(6,588.14)
Credit Card Ch...	10/05/2021	SSTarget	Karaoke machine & supplies	X	(184.98)	(6,773.12)
Credit Card Ch...	10/05/2021	SSTarget	Staff day supplies	X	(10.96)	(6,784.08)
Credit Card Ch...	10/06/2021	SS4imprint	Branded promo items	X	(912.07)	(7,696.15)
Credit Card Ch...	10/06/2021	SSNewCastle	The Great Pumpkin Carve s...	X	(500.00)	(8,196.15)
Credit Card Ch...	10/06/2021	SSLowe's	RI shelving & supplies	X	(180.93)	(8,377.08)
Credit Card Ch...	10/06/2021	SSLowe's	RI shelving	X	(99.98)	(8,477.06)
Credit Card Ch...	10/06/2021	SSThunderRi	Fuel for Bookmobile	X	(60.66)	(8,537.72)
Credit Card Ch...	10/06/2021	SSAmazon	Office supplies	X	(13.99)	(8,551.71)
Credit Card Ch...	10/07/2021	GWTTarget	GW Halloween supplies & s...	X	(96.46)	(8,648.17)
Credit Card Ch...	10/07/2021	SSCityMarke	Board meeting supplies	X	(71.92)	(8,720.09)
Credit Card Ch...	10/07/2021	NCOrientalT	NC creation station supplies	X	(58.16)	(8,778.25)
Credit Card Ch...	10/07/2021	GWWalmart	GW Halloween decor	X	(32.61)	(8,810.86)
Credit Card Ch...	10/07/2021	SSAmazon	RI Halloween supplies	X	(24.98)	(8,835.84)
Credit Card Ch...	10/08/2021	SSAspenPart	Stage rentals for Folklorico ...	X	(1,255.00)	(10,090.84)
Credit Card Ch...	10/08/2021	SSAmazon	RI storage shelving	X	(124.97)	(10,215.81)
Credit Card Ch...	10/08/2021	GWCAL	CAL membership - DM	X	(120.00)	(10,335.81)
Credit Card Ch...	10/08/2021	RIDollarTre	RI Halloween supplies	X	(4.00)	(10,339.81)
Credit Card Ch...	10/09/2021	SSWalmart	Author Talk and book club s...	X	(102.46)	(10,442.27)
Credit Card Ch...	10/09/2021	SSFacebook	Facebook ads	X	(19.59)	(10,461.86)
Credit Card Ch...	10/11/2021	SSSecondSta	Materials for teen book disc...	X	(538.04)	(10,999.90)
Credit Card Ch...	10/11/2021	SSRiverBlen	Staff day catering	X	(440.14)	(11,440.04)
Credit Card Ch...	10/11/2021	GWWalmart	GW children's programming	X	(114.35)	(11,554.39)
Credit Card Ch...	10/11/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Stock subscription	X	(29.99)	(11,584.38)
Credit Card Ch...	10/11/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Creative Cloud subs...	X	(19.99)	(11,604.37)
Credit Card Ch...	10/12/2021	SSALA	ALA course registration: Es...	X	(289.00)	(11,893.37)
Credit Card Ch...	10/12/2021	SSEveryLibr	ARSL networking event	X	(200.00)	(12,093.37)
Credit Card Ch...	10/12/2021	SS	Fuel & wash for Bookmobile	X	(60.95)	(12,154.32)
Credit Card Ch...	10/12/2021	RIWalmart	RI office supplies	X	(47.04)	(12,201.36)
Credit Card Ch...	10/12/2021	RIWalmart	RI programming supplies	X	(45.41)	(12,246.77)
Credit Card Ch...	10/12/2021	SSAmazon	RI Halloween supplies	X	(40.37)	(12,287.14)
Credit Card Ch...	10/12/2021	SSWalmart	Facilities supplies	X	(18.07)	(12,305.21)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSNextiva	Implementation & start-up e...	X	(8,062.91)	(20,368.12)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSMicroPlas	Staff day years of service a...	X	(353.70)	(20,721.82)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSRusso's	Staff day catering	X	(172.80)	(20,894.62)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSWalmart	Staff day supplies	X	(92.10)	(20,986.72)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSConventio	ARSL Lake Tahoe excursio...	X	(69.00)	(21,055.72)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSTarget	Karaoke supplies	X	(46.97)	(21,102.69)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSTheStam...	CA office supplies	X	(19.60)	(21,122.29)
Credit Card Ch...	10/13/2021	SSAmazon	Facilities supplies	X	(12.99)	(21,135.28)
Credit Card Ch...	10/14/2021	SSQdoba	Staff day catering	X	(1,584.81)	(22,720.09)
Credit Card Ch...	10/14/2021	SSAmazon	RI Halloween supplies	X	(72.93)	(22,793.02)
Credit Card Ch...	10/14/2021	SSAmazon	RI Halloween supplies	X	(21.90)	(22,814.92)
Credit Card Ch...	10/15/2021	SSDiscountT	Snow tires for silver ford es...	X	(796.00)	(23,610.92)
Credit Card Ch...	10/15/2021	NCWalmart	NC pumpkin carving & CST...	X	(51.16)	(23,662.08)

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20510 - Alpine Bank Purchase Card, Period Ending 10/31/2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Clr	Amount	Balance
Credit Card Ch...	10/16/2021	PAAmazon	PA creation station supplies	X	(76.10)	(23,738.18)
Credit Card Ch...	10/17/2021	SSGoogle	Extra Google Suite storage ...	X	(19.99)	(23,758.17)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	SSRockville	Concert sound system	X	(394.77)	(24,152.94)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	GWMasala...	GW staff morale	X	(118.67)	(24,271.61)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	SSRobly	Robly email newsletter platf...	X	(52.50)	(24,324.11)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	RICasaUnlim	ARSL conference per diem	X	(42.49)	(24,366.60)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	PAAnthony's	ARSL conference per diem	X	(36.31)	(24,402.91)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	NCRosie'sCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(29.46)	(24,432.37)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	PAWalmart	PA Halloween supplies	X	(24.68)	(24,457.05)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	NCOctopus...	ARSL conference per diem	X	(24.00)	(24,481.05)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	NCFiveGuys	ARSL conference per diem	X	(23.13)	(24,504.18)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	PARosie'sCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(21.84)	(24,526.02)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	RIOysterBar	ARSL conference per diem	X	(13.49)	(24,539.51)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	NCStarbucks	ARSL conference per diem	X	(10.72)	(24,550.23)
Credit Card Ch...	10/19/2021	NCMcDonal...	ARSL conference per diem	X	(4.05)	(24,554.28)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	SSZoom	Zoom licenses	X	(199.96)	(24,754.24)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	NCAAnExquisi	NC marigolds	X	(90.00)	(24,844.24)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	NCGreatBasi	ARSL conference per diem	X	(74.90)	(24,919.14)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	SSGoDaddy	Domain renewal	X	(51.16)	(24,970.30)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	PARosie'sCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(41.68)	(25,011.98)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	PAGreatBasi	ARSL conference per diem	X	(39.43)	(25,051.41)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	NCOysterBar	ARSL conference per diem	X	(33.13)	(25,084.54)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Creative Cloud subs...	X	(29.99)	(25,114.53)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	RIRosie'sCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(17.06)	(25,131.59)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	SSFacebook	Facebook ads	X	(14.00)	(25,145.59)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	RIRosie'sCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(13.20)	(25,158.79)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	PAStarbucks	ARSL conference per diem	X	(7.58)	(25,166.37)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	RIBroadwayB	ARSL conference per diem	X	(7.00)	(25,173.37)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	SSValleyLum	Janitorial supplies	X	(5.68)	(25,179.05)
Credit Card Ch...	10/20/2021	NCStarbucks	ARSL conference per diem	X	(4.06)	(25,183.11)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	SSALA	ALA & PLA annual member...	X	(192.00)	(25,375.11)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	SSCollerInd	Staff nametag supplies	X	(79.55)	(25,454.66)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	SSAmazon	GW toilet seats	X	(68.26)	(25,522.92)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	GWWalmart	GW office supplies	X	(59.64)	(25,582.56)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	NCCityMarke	NC Loteria supplies	X	(29.26)	(25,611.82)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	NCCityMarke	NC staff morale	X	(21.27)	(25,633.09)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	NCStarbucks	ARSL conference per diem	X	(17.32)	(25,650.41)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	RITheGiftSh	ARSL conference per diem	X	(7.57)	(25,657.98)
Credit Card Ch...	10/21/2021	RILeadDogBr	ARSL conference per diem	X	(6.95)	(25,664.93)
Credit Card Ch...	10/22/2021	RIRifleCree	RI staff appreciation	X	(120.00)	(25,784.93)
Credit Card Ch...	10/22/2021	NCRosie'sCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(65.70)	(25,850.63)
Credit Card Ch...	10/22/2021	PARaisingCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(31.70)	(25,882.33)
Credit Card Ch...	10/22/2021	RIIslandGri	ARSL conference per diem	X	(13.52)	(25,895.85)
Credit Card Ch...	10/22/2021	NCStarbucks	ARSL conference per diem	X	(11.37)	(25,907.22)
Credit Card Ch...	10/22/2021	RIStarbucks	ARSL conference per diem	X	(5.14)	(25,912.36)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	SSNugget	ARSL conference lodging - ...	X	(457.48)	(26,369.84)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	SSNugget	ARSL conference lodging - ...	X	(457.48)	(26,827.32)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	NCPho777	ARSL conference per diem	X	(63.97)	(26,891.29)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	SSAdobe	Adobe Pro DC subscriptions	X	(33.98)	(26,925.27)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	RIOysterBar	ARSL conference per diem	X	(29.21)	(26,954.48)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	PAPandaExpr	ARSL conference per diem	X	(27.91)	(26,982.39)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	PATheGiftSh	ARSL conference per diem	X	(21.13)	(27,003.52)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	NCEdwardR...	ARSL conference per diem	X	(11.05)	(27,014.57)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	NCGiftShop	ARSL conference per diem	X	(8.50)	(27,023.07)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	RITheGiftSh	ARSL conference per diem	X	(5.94)	(27,029.01)
Credit Card Ch...	10/23/2021	RIHorseshoe	ARSL conference per diem	X	(3.50)	(27,032.51)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	SSNugget	ARSL conference lodging - ...	X	(571.85)	(27,604.36)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	SSNugget	ARSL conference lodging - ...	X	(571.85)	(28,176.21)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	SSNugget	ARSL conference lodging - JL	X	(505.00)	(28,681.21)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	RIGJAirport	ARSL conference airport pa...	X	(60.00)	(28,741.21)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	PAOldChicag	ARSL conference per diem	X	(30.35)	(28,771.56)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	NCCarl'sJr	ARSL conference per diem	X	(26.14)	(28,797.70)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	RIRosie'sCa	ARSL conference per diem	X	(24.55)	(28,822.25)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	NCStarbucks	ARSL conference per diem	X	(8.66)	(28,830.91)
Credit Card Ch...	10/24/2021	NCMaverick	ARSL conference per diem	X	(6.18)	(28,837.09)
Credit Card Ch...	10/25/2021	SSLibraryMa	Library Marketing and Com...	X	(230.00)	(29,067.09)
Credit Card Ch...	10/25/2021	NCGreaseM...	Wash for ford escape	X	(12.00)	(29,079.09)
Credit Card Ch...	10/26/2021	SSWalmart	Coolers for events	X	(101.28)	(29,180.37)

Garfield County Public Library District
Reconciliation Detail
20510 - Alpine Bank Purchase Card, Period Ending 10/31/2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Clr	Amount	Balance
Credit Card Ch...	10/26/2021	SSDivisiono	2-yr CPA license renewal	X	(42.00)	(29,222.37)
Credit Card Ch...	10/26/2021	RIWalmart	RI SPARK supplies	X	(39.77)	(29,262.14)
Credit Card Ch...	10/26/2021	PAClark'sMa	PA staff morale	X	(9.78)	(29,271.92)
Credit Card Ch...	10/27/2021	SSVersaTabl	Admin desks	X	(2,357.20)	(31,629.12)
Credit Card Ch...	10/27/2021	NCWalmart	NC Dia de Muertos supplies	X	(29.86)	(31,658.98)
Credit Card Ch...	10/27/2021	NCCityMarke	NC staff support	X	(10.47)	(31,669.45)
Credit Card Ch...	10/27/2021	NCWalmart	NC staff morale	X	(9.96)	(31,679.41)
Credit Card Ch...	10/28/2021	SSNextiva	Additional equipment for ne...	X	(97.30)	(31,776.71)
Credit Card Ch...	10/28/2021	SSLowe's	Facilities supplies	X	(22.92)	(31,799.63)
Credit Card Ch...	10/28/2021	SSUSPS	Postage to return materials	X	(12.70)	(31,812.33)
Credit Card Ch...	10/28/2021	SSWalmart	Office supplies	X	(5.88)	(31,818.21)
Credit Card Ch...	10/29/2021	CADollarTre	CA craft supplies	X	(118.00)	(31,936.21)
Credit Card Ch...	10/29/2021	SSAutoZone	Wiper blades for library truck	X	(73.98)	(32,010.19)
Credit Card Ch...	10/29/2021	SSSherwinWi	CA paint & supplies	X	(66.04)	(32,076.23)
Credit Card Ch...	10/29/2021	RIWalmart	RI Dia de Muertos supplies	X	(55.20)	(32,131.43)
Credit Card Ch...	10/29/2021	SSCoursera	Google Workspade Adminis...	X	(50.42)	(32,181.85)
Total Charges and Cash Advances					(32,181.85)	(32,181.85)
Payments and Credits - 9 items						
Credit Card Cre...	10/06/2021	SSLowe's	Refund on returned shelving	X	129.00	129.00
Credit Card Cre...	10/11/2021	SSEtsy	Refund for sales tax paid	X	1.45	130.45
Credit Card Cre...	10/11/2021	SSEtsy	Refund for sales tax paid	X	1.63	132.08
Credit Card Cre...	10/11/2021	SSEtsy	Refund for sales tax paid	X	3.18	135.26
Credit Card Cre...	10/11/2021	SSEtsy	Refund for sales tax paid	X	5.56	140.82
Credit Card Cre...	10/21/2021	SSRockville	Refund for sales tax paid	X	14.82	155.64
Check	10/26/2021	Elec	Sept c.c. payment	X	13,754.41	13,910.05
Credit Card Cre...	10/27/2021	SSNextiva	Refund for taxes paid	X	332.10	14,242.15
Credit Card Cre...	10/28/2021	SSQdoba	Refund for sales tax paid	X	114.81	14,356.96
Total Cleared Transactions					(17,824.89)	(17,824.89)
Cleared Balance					17,824.89	31,579.30
Register Balance as of 10/31/2021					17,824.89	31,579.30
New Transactions						
Payments and Credits - 1 item						
Check	11/25/2021	elec	Oct c.c. payment		31,579.30	31,579.30
Total New Transactions					31,579.30	31,579.30
Ending Balance					(13,754.41)	0.00



2022 Holidays and Library Closures Schedule

HOLIDAYS (Closed and paid)

NEW YEAR'S DAY	Saturday, January 1
MEMORIAL DAY	Monday, May 30
INDEPENDENCE DAY	Monday, July 4
LABOR DAY	Monday, September 5
THANKSGIVING DAY	Thursday, November 24
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	Friday, November 25
CHRISTMAS EVE	Saturday, December 24
CHRISTMAS DAY	Sunday, December 25

CLOSED (Paid and working)

STAFF WORK DAY	Wednesday, April 20
STAFF WORK DAY	Tuesday, September 20

Staff Days are mandatory for all GCPLD Staff with the exception of Library Pages and Substitute Library Assistants.

EARLY CLOSURE DATES (Closed, not paid)

DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING	Wednesday, November 23, close at 5:00 pm
NEW YEAR'S EVE	Saturday December 31, close at 5:00 pm

EVENTS FOR THE LIBRARY DISTRICT STAFF

District Picnic	Friday, August 5, starting at 6:00 pm
Year-end Appreciation	Sunday, December 4, starting at 6:00 pm

RESOLUTION: 21-004

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022. (PURSUANT TO §29-1-108, C.R.S.)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Garfield County Public Library District has appointed Kevin Hettler, Finance Manager & Acting Interim Executive Director, to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;

WHEREAS, Kevin Hettler, Finance Manager & Acting Interim Executive Director, has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 7, 2021, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection on October 7, 2021, by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on November 4, 2021, and December 2, 2021, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues or planned to be expended from reserves/fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Trustees of the Garfield County Public Library District in Garfield County, Colorado:

Section 1. That the budget as submitted, amended, and summarized by fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Garfield County Public Library District for the year stated above.

Section 2. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the President of the Board of Trustees and made a part of the public records of the District.

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of December, A.D., 2021

Adrian Rippy-Sheehy, President of the Board of Trustees

Kevin Hettler, Acting Interim Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
Jocelyn Durrance, Vice President of the Board of Trustees

Resolution 21-005

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO 39-5-128, C.R.S. AND 39-1-111, C.R.S. LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022, TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE 2022 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Garfield County Public Library District has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 2, 2021 and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating purposes from property tax revenue is \$5,356,520, and;

WHEREAS the 2021 total net assessed valuation for the Garfield County Public Library District as certified by the County Assessor is \$2,145,427,690.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Garfield County Public Library District during the 2022 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 2.503 mills (1.000 and 1.500 voter approved mills and 0.003 mills for refunds and abatements) upon each dollar of the total net assessed valuation of all taxable property within the Garfield County Public Library District for the year 2021.

Section 2. That the Acting Interim Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado, the mill levies for the Garfield County Public Library District as hereinabove determined and set.

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of December, A.D., 2021

Adrian Rippey-Sheehy, President of the Board of Trustees

Kevin Hettler, Acting Interim Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
Jocelyn Durrance, Vice President of the Board of Trustees

Resolution 21-006

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNT AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE 2022 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Garfield County Public Library District Board of Trustees has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 2, 2021, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has made provision therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget, and;

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues and reserves or fund balances provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below, thereby establishing a limitation on expenditures for the operations of the Garfield County Public Library District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the following sums are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund, to each fund, for purposes stated:

GENERAL FUND:

Current Operating Expenditures:	\$7,536,498
Debt Service:	\$1,659,800
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:	\$9,196,298

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of December, A.D., 2021

Adrian Rippy-Sheehy, President of the Board of Trustees

Kevin Hettler, Acting Interim Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
Jocelyn Durrance, Vice President of the Board of Trustees

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2021			
STATISTICS JUNE YTD	District		
	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	% change
Website			
Website Visits	171408	157100	9.11%
Downloadables			
Overdrive - total eBook, audio, video	57491	54766	4.98%
Zinio	1535	7001	-78.07%
Subscription Resources			
Ancestry - Searches	19108	13571	40.80%
EBSCO Databases - Sessions	37714	12019	213.79%
Biography in Context - Sessions	461	454	1.54%
LOTE Online for Kids - Story Views	34	0	
Learning Express - Sessions	106	166	-36.14%
Mango - Sessions	12749	14956	-14.76%
MyHeritage - Sessions	43	160	-73.13%
Research in Context - Sessions	1165	381	205.77%
Tumblebooks - Book Views	350	327	7.03%

Public Services Report

Education and Events

During October 2021, GCPLD continued with a hybrid program of in person and virtual events. GCPLD celebrated Hispanic Heritage by hosting several cultural events. The Rifle and New Castle branches continued a bi monthly Loteria Club, which is a traditional Mexican Bingo game. The Glenwood Library also hosted a live folkloric dance presentation in the plaza by the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet on Saturday the 2nd. It was one of the best attended live person events this year. GCPLD also hosted a virtual conversation with author Reyna Grande on October 12th, in which she discussed her book, *The Distance Between us*, a look into stories about Mexican immigration.

The Rifle branch hosted a month-long healthy cooking class in collaboration with Cooking matters on each Tuesday of the month.

The Glenwood Library began hosting the Thinking Money 4 Kids Exhibit on October 11th. The exhibit was procured with a grant from the American Library Association. It is focused towards teaching kids and families about money and budgeting. The exhibit is scheduled to be up until November 19th. The library partnered with the Junior Achievement and LaMedici non profit organizations to provide educational workshops in conjunction with the exhibition.

All six of the GCPLD libraries hosted a district wide pumpkin carving activity event for families. The Parachute branch hosted it on October 11th, Rifle hosted it on October 20th, Carbondale hosted it on October 27th, New Castle and Silt hosted it on October 29th, Glenwood Springs hosted it on October 30th.

GCPLD also hosted a virtual informational presentation on Medicare in collaboration with Senior Matters on October 25th.

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2021																								
STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 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	20759	23773	-12.68%	2071	2468	-16.09%	4106	5597	-26.64%	1895	2056	-7.83%	2436	2614	-6.81%	4948	5616	-11.89%	5303	5422	-2.19%			
New Library Cards	3433	2767	24.07%	299	264	13.26%	551	432	27.55%	304	207	46.86%	453	277	63.54%	679	639	6.26%	1147	948	20.99%			
Patron Services																								
Door Count	187780	125044	50.17%	16028	13160	21.79%	27425	20697.5	32.50%	15068.5	20493.5	-26.47%	20282.5	16231	24.96%	68668	36332	89.00%	40308	18130	122.33%			
Meeting Room Usage	3596	2402	49.71%	110	73	50.68%	964	715	34.83%	202	244	-17.21%	407	338	20.41%	546	157	247.77%	1367	875	56.23%			
Meeting Room Attendance	6389	9392	-31.97%	250	280	-10.71%	1571	2407	-34.73%	631	1295	-51.27%	1183	2088	-43.34%	781	1757	-55.55%	1973	1565	26.07%			
Adult Programs	102	61	67.21%	25	15	66.67%	8	8	0.00%	4	8	-50.00%	29	17	70.59%	17	4	325.00%	19	9	111.11%			
Adult Program Attendance	936	1192	-21.48%	100	217	-53.92%	71	199	-64.32%	31	135	-77.04%	331	290	14.14%	178	109	63.30%	225	242	-7.02%			
School-Age Programs	260	149	74.50%	105	44	138.64%	6	14	-57.14%	6	15	-60.00%	45	18	150.00%	83	19	336.84%	15	39	-61.54%			
School-Age Program Attendance	3298	1715	92.30%	693	203	241.38%	113	178	-36.52%	97	194	-50.00%	1255	406	209.11%	748	231	223.81%	392	503	-22.07%			
Teen Programs	50	30	66.67%	21	5	320.00%	0	3	-100.00%	0	5	-100.00%	9	0		14	6	133.33%	6	11	-45.45%			
Teen Program Attendance	537	342	57.02%	84	133	-36.84%	0	19	-100.00%	0	54	-100.00%	241	0		158	33	378.79%	54	103	-47.57%			
Early Childhood Programs	110	132	-16.67%	27	28	-3.57%	18	32	-43.75%	12	20	-40.00%	30	21	42.86%	17	8	112.50%	6	23	-73.91%			
Early Childhood Attendance	1752	2772	-36.80%	229	467	-50.96%	525	830	-36.75%	154	289	-46.71%	467	369	26.56%	271	102	165.69%	106	715	-85.17%			
Adult Outreach Visits	42	35	20.00%	16	5	220.00%	15	6	150.00%	0	2	-100.00%	11	13	-15.38%	0	0		0	9	-100.00%			
Adult Outreach Attendance	366	151	142.38%	64	20	220.00%	110	40	175.00%	0	28	-100.00%	192	19	910.53%	0	0		0	44	-100.00%			
Youth Outreach Visits	15	9	66.67%	0	4	-100.00%	10	0		0	1	-100.00%	5	2	150.00%	0	1	-100.00%	0	1	-100.00%			
Youth Outreach Attendance	2016	178	1032.58%	0	0		815	0		2	25	-92.00%	1187	63	1784.13%	8	12	-33.33%	4	78	-94.87%			
STEM Programs	30	31	-3.23%	2	4	-50.00%	0	1	-100.00%	4	14	-71.43%	23	1	2200.00%	0	0		1	11	-90.91%			
STEM Program Attendance	334	469	-28.78%	13	30	-56.67%	0	3	-100.00%	38	192	-80.21%	243	3	8000.00%	0	0		40	241	-83.40%			
ESL Programs	25	49	-48.98%	0	13	-100.00%	5	9	-44.44%	4	10	-60.00%	16	11	45.45%	0	5	-100.00%	0	1	-100.00%			
ESL Program Attendance	415	738	-43.77%	0	150	-100.00%	150	252	-40.48%	29	97	-70.10%	236	177	33.33%	0	44	-100.00%	0	18	-100.00%			
Book A Librarian Sessions	352	404	-12.87%	263	28	839.29%	0	254	-100.00%	3	42	-92.86%	84	80	5.00%	2	0		0	0				
Physical Circulation																								
Juvenile	61576	36677	67.89%	5120	2982	71.70%	10565	6912	52.85%	7539	4583	64.50%	8129	4990	62.91%	12434	7137	74.22%	17789	10073	76.60%			
Young Adult	7643	4333	76.39%	920	546	68.50%	2067	979	111.13%	1012	524	93.13%	1008	685	47.15%	1376	909	51.38%	1260	690	82.61%			
Adult Fiction	20803	15707	32.44%	3469	2575	34.72%	3705	2742	35.12%	1815	1387	30.86%	3043	2314	31.50%	4957	3903	27.00%	3814	2786	36.90%			
Adult Non-Fiction	12212	8309	46.97%	1176	808	45.54%	2207	1619	36.32%	1379	891	54.77%	1818	1227	48.17%	3231	1959	64.93%	2401	1805	33.02%			
Large Print	1920	1207	59.07%	248	219	13.24%	459	309	48.54%	175	130	34.62%	184	79	132.91%	668	296	125.68%	186	174	6.90%			
World Languages	2744	1536	78.65%	138	88	56.82%	379	312	21.47%	322	117	175.21%	410	223	83.86%	799	410	94.88%	696	386	80.31%			
New Books	25211	18704	34.79%	2545	2214	14.95%	4212	2851	47.74%	3317	2603	27.43%	3154	2582	22.15%	6624	4463	48.42%	5359	3991	34.28%			
DVD	30831	35219	-12.46%	3078	3741	-17.72%	7631	8885	-14.11%	4247	5031	-15.58%	3972	4566	-13.01%	7092	7668	-7.51%	4811	5328	-9.70%			
CD Audiobook	4883	3871	26.14%	736	266	176.69%	598	638	-6.27%	424	307	38.11%	672	568	18.31%	1163	967	20.27%	1290	1125	14.67%			
Playaway	1316	637	106.59%	153	114	34.21%	173	60	188.33%	159	104	52.88%	189	74	155.41%	179	87	105.75%	463	198	133.84%			
Magazines	1929	1605	20.19%	132	111	18.92%	81	175	-53.71%	321	333	-3.60%	537	321	67.29%	396	414	-4.35%	462	251	84.06%			
Video Games	359	333	7.81%	53	46	15.22%	99	90	10.00%	72	57	26.32%	67	56	19.64%	37	38	-2.63%	31	46	-32.61%			
CD Music	1707	1191	43.32%	182	108	68.52%	230	205	12.20%	206	120	71.67%	349	249	40.16%	429	285	50.53%	311	224	38.84%			
ILL	44	51	-13.73%	8	5	60.00%	6	24	-75.00%	2	5	-60.00%	23	13	76.92%	5	4	25.00%	0	0				
Materials borrowed from other libraries	35284	29289	20.47%	3294	2853	15.46%	5004	4730	5.79%	4626	3482	32.85%	4508	3402	32.51%	8069	5947	35.68%	9783	8875	10.23%			
Collection																								
Items Added	41747	20865	100.08%	5038	2889	74.39%	7920	3063	158.57%	5885	3287	79.04%	6371	3498	82.13%	8748	4229	106.86%	7785	3899	99.67%			
Total Items in Collection	169385	131195	29.11%	25693	22211	15.68%	32313	26773	20.69%	24302	16797	44.68%	28460	22015	29.28%	30689	20642	48.67%	27928	22757	22.72%			
Technology																								

PAC Usage (hours)	12665	8846	43.17%	1202	656	83.23%	1956	1543	26.77%	2505	1313	90.78%	812	743	9.29%	3859	3040	26.94%	2331	1551	50.29%
PAC Usage (sessions)	18129	13495	34.34%	1862	1238	50.40%	3223	2495	29.18%	3175	2122	49.62%	1518	1284	18.22%	4835	3758	28.66%	3516	2598	35.33%
Wireless Sessions	45329	46536	-2.59%	2036	2057	-1.02%	9232	9970	-7.40%	4873	4965	-1.85%	4444	4285	3.71%	18171	20101	-9.60%	6573	5158	27.43%
Volunteers																					
Volunteer Hours	44	463	-90.50%	0	59	-100.00%	39	151	-74.17%	0	24	-100.00%	0	105	-100.00%	5	55	-90.91%	0	69	-100.00%

Financial Report

Sales tax collection through August is up 31% from the same period last year.

We received our final certification of property values, final budget numbers will be available at the December Board meeting.

The following charts depict all revenues received and expenditures made from 1/1/21 through 10/31/21, and are relative to their respective annual budgets (Unaudited).

Total revenues received as of 10/31/21 is \$9,245,670.

Total expenditures made as of 10/31/21 is \$6,480,446.

83% of the year has elapsed as of 10/31/21.

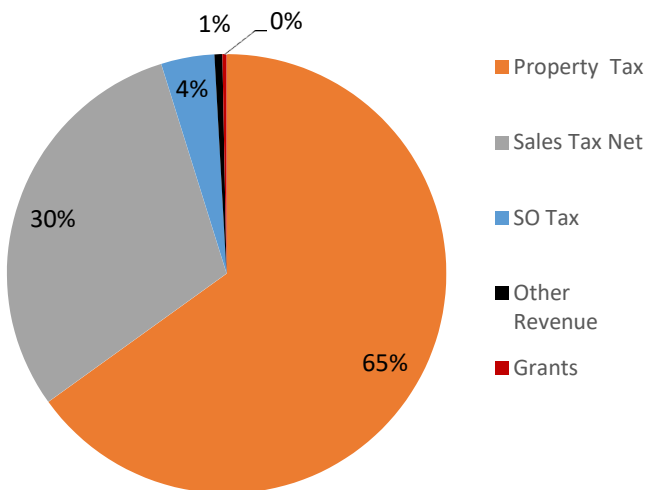
102% of budgeted revenue (\$9,000,364) has been received.

72% of budgeted expenditure (\$9,000,364) has been made.

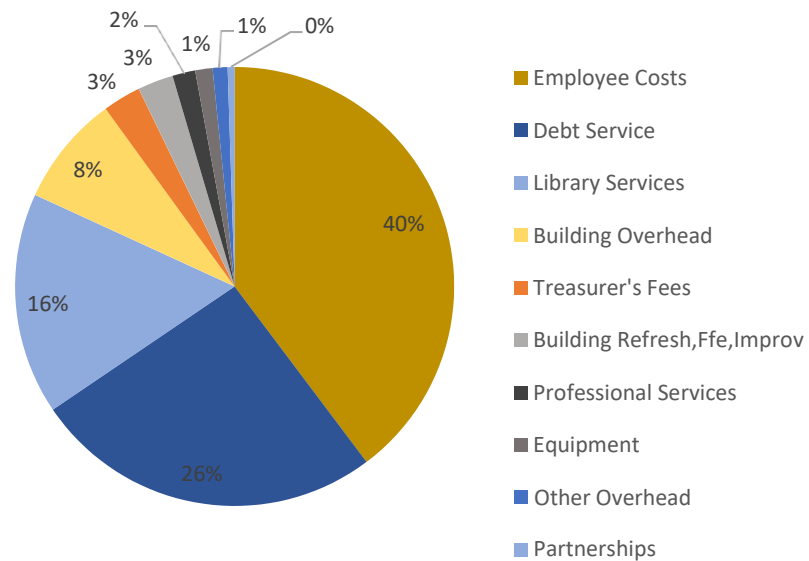
All cash and investment accounts are reconciled by month end.

October 2021 Financial Visualization

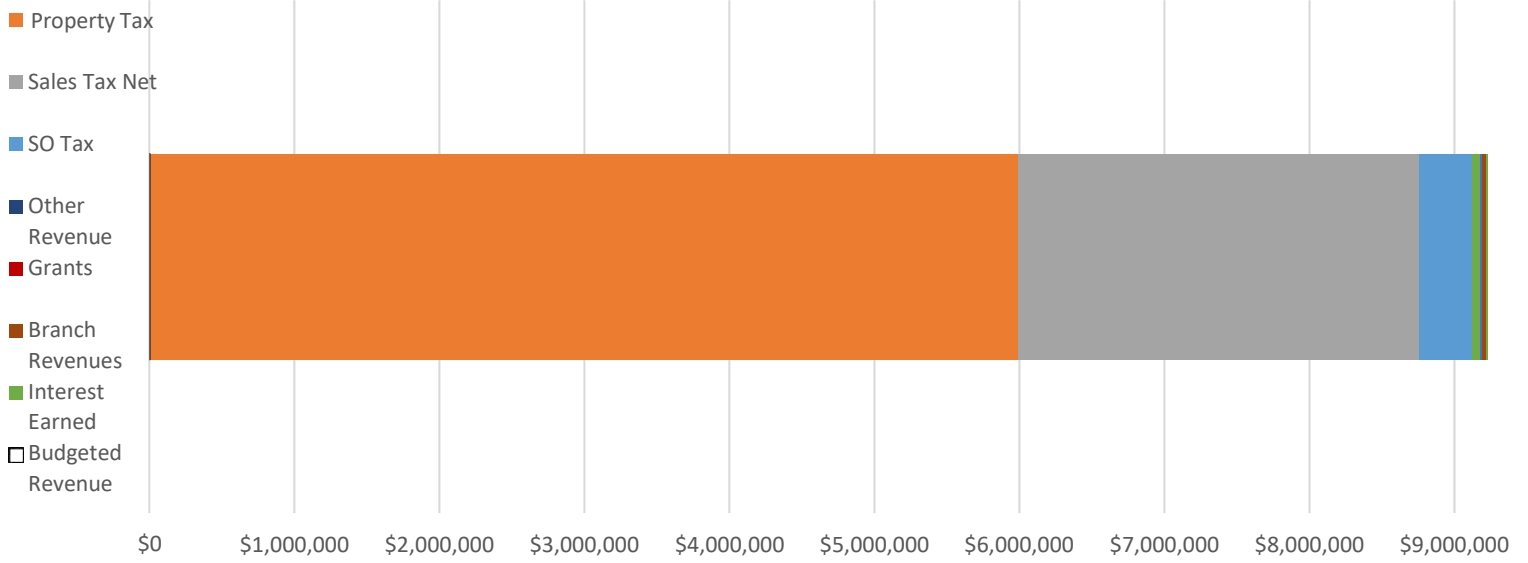
YTD Revenues through 10/31/2021



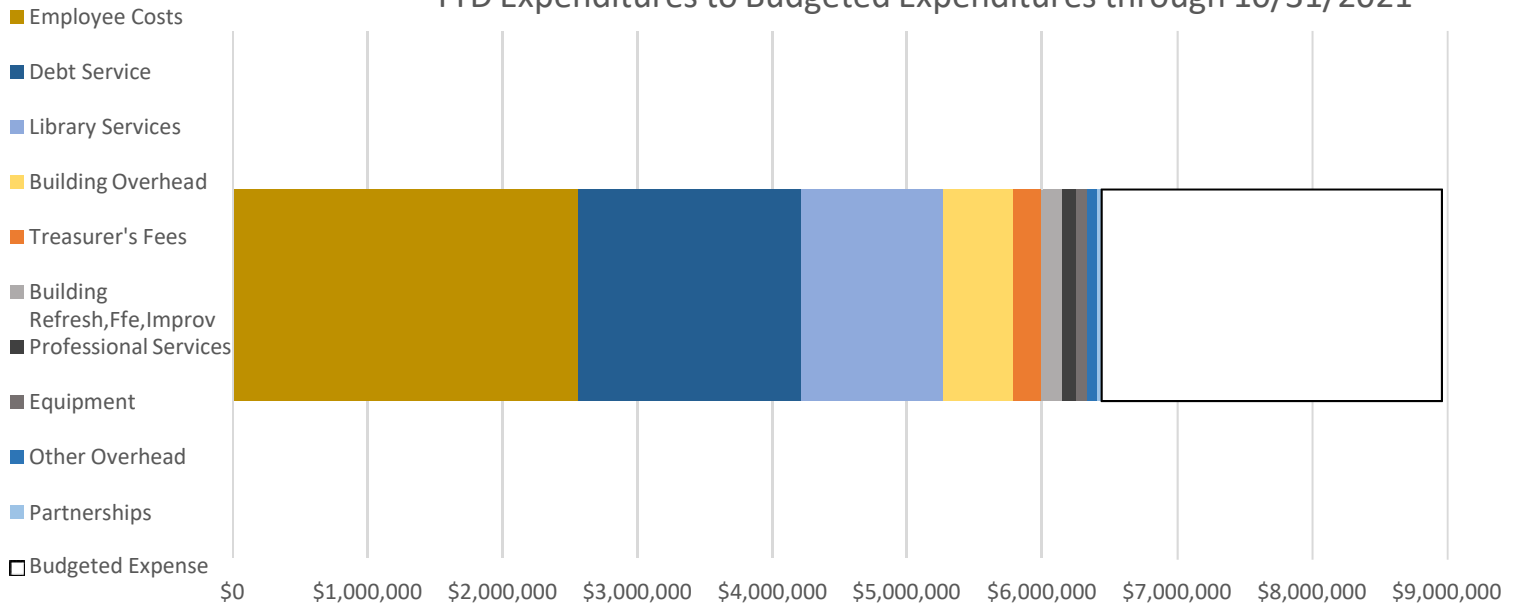
YTD Expenditures through 10/31/2021



YTD Revenues to Budgeted Revenues through 10/31/2021



YTD Expenditures to Budgeted Expenditures through 10/31/2021



Garfield County Public Library District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - PRELIMINARY DRAFT UNAUDITED
Jan - Oct 2021

	Jan - Oct 2021 Actual	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget	Footnotes	Jan - Oct 2020 Actual	\$ Increase / (Decrease) in Actual '20 to '21
Income						
40100 · Sales Tax Revenue	2,846,263.96	2,700,000.00	105.42%	1.	2,237,570.85	608,693.11
40102 · Sales Tax Refunds	(75,327.03)	(70,000.00)	107.61%		(90,356.03)	15,029.00
40200 · Property Tax Revenue	5,988,629.07	5,739,953.00	104.33%	2.	6,041,622.52	(52,993.45)
40300 · Specific Ownership Tax Revenue	362,129.61	383,000.00	94.55%		340,699.50	21,430.11
40900 · Interest Earned on Investments	3,673.07	62,000.00	5.92%		44,182.13	(40,509.06)
41000 · Grants	27,538.68	60,111.00	45.81%		193,055.14	(165,516.46)
41200 · Other Revenue	53,640.39	33,000.00	162.55%	3.	18,423.98	35,216.41
41300 · Solar Rebates	6,955.41	8,000.00	86.94%		7,923.74	(968.33)
42000 · Branch Revenues	32,167.14	84,300.00	38.16%		26,544.80	5,622.34
Total Income	9,245,670.30	9,000,364.00	102.73%		8,819,666.63	426,003.67
Expense						
50001 · TREASURER'S FEES	180,593.06	175,059.00	103.16%		168,799.25	11,793.81
50005 · DEBT SERVICE	1,659,799.60	1,659,800.00	100.0%		1,659,799.59	0.01
51000 · EMPLOYEE COSTS	2,558,148.86	4,067,809.00	62.89%		2,085,200.19	472,948.67
52000 · LIBRARY SERVICES	1,050,975.57	1,399,615.00	75.09%		1,029,873.97	21,101.60
53000 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	108,560.14	106,576.00	101.86%		104,913.17	3,646.97
54000 · BUILDING OVERHEAD	525,705.69	722,591.00	72.75%		408,057.44	117,648.25
54500 · BUILDING REFRESH, FURNITURE,IM	168,442.31	365,000.00	46.15%		94,320.10	74,122.21
55000 · EQUIPMENT	81,979.82	273,320.00	29.99%		105,380.74	(23,400.92)
56000 · OTHER OVERHEAD	70,573.86	70,800.00	99.68%		67,199.32	3,374.54
57000 · ADVERTISING & MARKETING	31,523.21	109,300.00	28.84%		38,932.14	(7,408.93)
58000 · VEHICLES	11,003.46	13,494.00	81.54%		4,501.49	6,501.97
59000 · PARTNERSHIPS	33,141.10	37,000.00	89.57%	4.	35,446.00	(2,304.90)
Total Expense	6,480,446.68	9,000,364.00	72.0%		5,802,423.40	678,023.28
Net Income	2,765,223.62	0.00			3,017,243.23	-252,019.61

Footnotes:

1. Includes 9 months of sales tax collections, sales tax is up approx 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-Draft-Unaudited
 As of October 31, 2021

	<u>Oct 31, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10010 · Alpine Bank- Gen(..7072)	1,424,822.87
10050 · Colo Trust - General	10,129,904.02
10055 · C-Safe	53,573.64
10060 · Alpine Bank- Payroll(..8785)	916.10
10070 · Alpine Bank - Flex(..0583)	(625.62)
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>11,610,308.04</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>17,683,487.16</u>
Other Assets	
18400 · Prepaid Exps	33,538.84
19100 · Due to / from Foundation	(6,953.76)
19200 · Due to/from Staff branch fund	(748.48)
Total Other Assets	<u>25,836.60</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>17,709,323.76</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	54,642.63
Total Accounts Payable	<u>54,642.63</u>
Credit Cards	
20510 · Alpine Bank Purchase Card	31,579.30
20570 · Fuel Cards - WEX / NJPA	774.99
Total Credit Cards	<u>32,354.29</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
21100 · Other Payroll Payables-	
21105 · FLEX payable	26.71
Total 21100 · Other Payroll Payables-	<u>26.71</u>
21200 · Payroll Payable-	33,773.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>33,799.71</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>120,796.63</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>

Garfield County Public Library District
Balance Sheet-Draft-Unaudited
As of October 31, 2021

	<u>Oct 31, 21</u>
Total Liabilities	6,193,975.75
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	<u>2,765,223.62</u>
Total Equity	11,515,348.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>17,709,323.76</u></u>

**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%		#VALUE!
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%	2,524,517.84	-19.89%

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%		-100.00%
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%	2,467,794.14	-19.04%

Facilities Report

In October, the Facilities Manager geared focus towards end of year expenditures and 2022 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 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 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, the time-lapse study began, 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 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. At the October Board of Trustees meeting, the Facilities Manager orchestrated a presentation on the importance of a continued building refresh plan and how they will positively impact our communities. The Facilities Manager continues providing information technology & innovations support, strictly dependent on the direction received from Acting Interim Executive Director, in the interim of onboarding a IT & Innovations Manager, consisting of support via Marmot ticket requests and assisting installs relative to current district wide technology projects. The Bibliotheca contracts were assessed, the Facilities Manager is assessing 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) & GCPLD Facilities Managers received three bids for a solution to the deteriorating masonry along the exterior building structure parapet, CMC Facilities Manager is presenting the project to Cooper Commons Condo Association for fiscal timing & approval. Also, in Glenwood Springs the Facilities Department was a liaison to implementing the "Thinking Money for Kids Exhibit". The Facilities Manager proceeds to explore opportunities to further education through available training and webinars related to facilities or libraries, and has also begun library policy studies. The Facilities Manager orchestrated a district wide free book stop study, with the ultimate goal of providing a free book stop to each city. The district wide quarterly deep clean of carpets and furniture continues progress, currently *85% of the district completed. The district's annual fire equipment testing is now completed and will be sent to associated municipalities. The light-emitting diode (LED) ballast bypass project continues progression, Rifle, Silt & Parachute have completed installation with Glenwood Springs on the horizon with beginning stages of install; this project pilots long-term return on investment benefits (averaging 3.3 years installation ROI), ergonomics to the workplace, a more sustainable future enhancing minimal impact on our environment. 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 Executive Director have been focused on finalizing the job descriptions based on staff and supervisor feedback. We are also developing the third phase of the compensation implementation plan based on the data from the Koff Compensation and Classification study. The full study will be presented for Board approval at the December board meeting.

The HR Manager has enjoyed visiting the branches, attending staff meetings at five branches since September and plans to continue regular visits.

The HR department has completed the annual benefits open enrollment for the 2022 plan year and is now preparing for year-end payroll. The District saw a modest increase in benefit premiums of about 2%, probably due to low claims during 2020 and the first half of 2021 that our insurance attributes to an affect of COVID-19.

Recruiting update: We were excited to fill the Carbondale Circulation Coordinator with an internal hire who was already working at the Carbondale branch! The Carbondale Youth Services Coordinator position, vacant since May, will be filled on December 1. The candidate is joining us from Missouri and has already secured housing in the Carbondale area.

Staff Education and Development Update: We're pleased that a seasoned Library Specialist from the Rifle Branch Library has agreed to serve as the Interim Education and Development Coordinator beginning 11/29. This will add much needed support around the conference attendance plan, branch manager onboarding and training, staff day development, ongoing staff training needs, and more.

Staffing Report - Since 10/20/2021:

New Hires: 2

- Library Page – Glenwood Springs, 10hrs/week – 11/15/2021
- Library Page – Glenwood Springs, 10hrs/week – 11/01/2021

Promotions/Transfers: 2

- Library Specialist to Circulation Coordinator – Carbondale, 40hrs/week – 11/15/2021
- Library Associate to Library Specialist – Carbondale, 24hrs/week –11/01/2021

Vacancies: 11

- Branch Manager - Silt, 40hrs/week
- Branch Manager – Rifle, 40hrs/week
- Branch Manager – New Castle. 40hrs/week
- Library Associate – Carbondale, 24hrs/week
- Library Associate – Glenwood Springs, 24hrs/week
- Library Page – Parachute, 10hrs/week – *On pause*
- Youth Services Coordinator – Carbondale, 40hrs/week – *scheduled to begin 12/1/2021*
- Executive Director – Administration, 40hrs/week
- Director of Operations – Administration, 40hrs/week – *On pause*
- Innovation and Technology Manager – Administration, 40hrs/week – *On pause*
- Education and Development Coordinator – Administration, 40hrs/week – *On pause*

Departures: 1

- Library Specialist – Carbondale, 24hrs/week – 11/27/2021

Additional Staffing Information:

Headcount as of 11/19/2021:

- 76 total staff members (does not include subs)
- 30 benefit eligible staff (32 - 40 hours per week); 46 staff with less than 32 hours per week
- 51.90 FTE

Staff Stats by Location – 11/29/2021					
<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	5.75	10	230	2	8
Glenwood	7.25	12	290	3	9
New Castle	5.7	9	228	3	7
Silt	5.8	9	232	3	6
Rifle	7.35	12	294	3	9
Parachute	5.75	8	230	3	5
Support Services	14.3	16	572	13	3
Grand Total	51.90	74	2076	30	46

Collections Report

This month has been largely focused on preparing processes, procedures and documentation for laptop and hotspot loans, and getting everything up on the public web (www.gcpld.org/laptops and www.gcpld.org/wifi) and on the intranet (<https://sites.google.com/a/gcpld.org/staff-intranet/forms/laptop-loan-contract>). All branch staff dug in to practice using our LibCal reservation system so that we were able to go live with laptop and hotspot loans on November 1 as planned. The benefit of using LibCal is that patrons are able to make reservations for their chosen time frame, rather than whenever the hold happens to become available in Sierra. To assist in staff and patron training, Gabriel Tamaska created LibCal instructional videos that have been hugely helpful. Branch staff have been helpful as well in providing feedback and suggestions that have allowed us to continue implementing adjustments that make transactions go more smoothly. We also have GCPLD-branded thumb drives that were ordered for the laptop loan launch. These are intended to be given as a gift to a patron when checking out a laptop.

The Collections Manager has scheduled visits to each branch once a month to hear about issues and suggestions, answer questions, help with training, and improve transparency, accessibility, and communication. These monthly visits will also include meeting with every staff member who selects resources for the library collection to ensure consistency in criteria for selecting materials, analysis of collection development priorities, evaluation of community demand, and continuity in ordering procedures.

Marketing Report

In October, the Marketing Department started to widely promote our expansion of hours with paid advertisement in the newspapers, magazines and social media in time with the addition of morning hours starting November 1st. We also promoted the Thinking Money for Kids exhibit that was hosted by the Glenwood Springs Branch library from mid-October through mid-November.

The newspapers have proven once again to be a valued community partner featuring us heavily in their calendar of events as well as 5 great articles in one month! These included English and Spanish articles regarding the hosted performances and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with the Ballet Folklorico as well as a very positive article about Tracy, our new-ish Carbondale Branch manager, expanding hours and all the good things happening at GCPLD. The *Post Independent* featured a photo and mention of our Halloween pumpkin carving events on the front page of their Halloween edition.

An ongoing concentrated effort to increase and improve our social media presence and content has led to an explosion in reach and engagement with our Facebook and Instagram audiences. We have begun featuring more events, paid advertisements, more interesting facts posts, staff book recommendations, and the always popular cat and dog posts.

Statistics

Number of Events Promoted in October: 31

Followers:

Facebook – 3,413 (16% increase!)

Instagram – 1,300

Email Newsletter (August) – 18,900

Facebook Reach last 30 days: 8,387, up 211%!!! (paid ads reach 5,457, up 434%!!!)

Instagram reach last 30 days: 551, up 49%!

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: 2,271 (up 297%!!!)

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Bibliotecas locales celebran herencia folklórica

Por Raleigh Burleigh
Sol del Valle Editor

La plaza pequeña al lado de la biblioteca en Glenwood Springs, una de las seis bibliotecas que conforman el Distrito de Bibliotecas del Condado de Garfield (GCPLD por sus siglas en inglés), resonaba con aplauso rítmico y zapateos el día sábado, 2 de octubre. Les estudiantes giraban, vestidas de ropa detallada con acentos rosados, dando una performance de bailes polka para una audiencia en vivo. Fue el segundo desempeño del programa Folklórico de Aspen Santa Fe Ballet (ASFB) desde que empezó la pandemia y les bailarines se presentaron con entusiasmo.

Folklórico es un programa gratuito, después de escuela, que entrena a niñas en el Valle Roaring Fork a apreciar la riqueza cultural de los bailes folklóricos de México, influenciados por tradiciones de Europa, África e indígenas.

"Estamos tan emocionados de volver a performar", nos contó Francisco "Paco" Nevarez-Burguño. Paco, quien previamente fue ingeniero químico de Chihuahua, ha dirigido el programa por casi 20 años. "Hubo un punto en que pensé que el [programa] Folklórico iba a desaparecer".

En marzo de 2021, mientras las restricciones de COVID persistían, AFSB anunció que parte

de presentación profesional de su compañía tuvo que disolverse. Sin embargo, AFSB, una organización sin fines de lucro, decidió mantener un fondo para sus escuelas de ballet y programas Folklórico para jóvenes en Colorado y New Mexico. "Quisieron mantener el programa porque es un programa comunitario", explicó Paco.

Aun así, "Es como empezar desde cero", continuó. Con aproximadamente la mitad de estudiantes y un presupuesto más restringido, Paco está arreglando y mejorando la ropa que tienen, en vez de invertir en ropa nueva. Cuando llegó en 2002, habían quizás veinte disfraces, nos decía; ya son cientos guardados en un almacén.

Por ahora, están solamente haciendo desempeños al aire libre. Wilderness Workshop inició el regreso, solicitando una performance por su fiesta comunitaria el 24 de septiembre. Después, el nuevo gerente de educación y eventos de GCPLD, Alex García-Bernal, invitó a que Folklórico participe en sus celebraciones del Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana.

"En estos 19 años, el condado de Garfield nunca nos contactó para dar una performance, hasta ahora con Alex. Él nos llamó", dijo Paco.

García-Bernal se mudó recientemente al área desde Arizona, donde trabajó por 14 años

para el Distrito de Bibliotecas del Condado de Yuma. Desde que llegó a GCPLD, ha organizado clubes de Lotería cada primer y tercer jueves en New Castle y cada segundo y cuarto miércoles en Rifle. Bolitas Rojas, otro programa, provee a padres con niños pequeños con actividades en español y libros para llevar a la casa. Se presenta por distintas bibliotecas cada día de la semana (por detalles, visite: <https://gcpld.org/>). Ambas de estas iniciativas están planeadas para continuar hasta el fin del año.

Otros eventos para la Mes de la Herencia Hispana incluyen una conversación a través de Zoom con Reyna Grande, autora de "La Distancia Entre Nosotros", el día martes, 12 de octubre a las 6 p.m. Más, habrá otro desempeño por el programa Folklórico, esta vez en Carbondale, el 9 de octubre a las 6 p.m.

La performance en Carbondale será con distintos disfraces y otro estilo de baile, "algo más indígena", según Paco. Ha notado que sus estudiantes están valorando su práctica más que nunca. "Previo a la pandemia, venían porque era parte de su calendario. De repente, tuvimos que parar por algunos meses. Ya cuando empezamos de nuevo con restricciones de COVID, todos estaban tan felices — no les importaba tener que llevar mascarilla o chequear temperaturas. Solamente quisieron bailar otra vez, y estar con sus amigos."



Bailarines del programa Folklórico de Aspen Santa Fe Ballet presentaron un baile polka como parte de las celebraciones del Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana por las bibliotecas del condado Garfield. Foto de Raleigh Burleigh.

Para participar en bailes de pareja, los estudiantes tienen que estar completamente vacunados. Antes de que era posible, las prácticas se enfocaban en bailes que no requieren de pareja.

"Todo está cambiando todo el tiempo. Necesitamos adaptar a estos cambios y nuevas pólizas", dijo Paco. "Tenemos que seguir."

Aficionados de Folklórico estarán felices en saber que las celebraciones de Día de los Muertos han de regresar a Carbondale este año, con una procesión y performances al aire libre. Evidente por el nuevo mural en la Calle

Cuatro de Carbondale, el Día de los Muertos ya es una tradición icónica para el pueblo.

Por parte de GCPLD, García-Bernal está entusiasmado por organizar nuevos eventos que honran a otros meses de herencias globales. También, está pensando en otras posibilidades, como un club de cine que utiliza el servicio de transmisión en línea "Kanopy", que es gratuito para todos los miembros de la biblioteca. GCPLD también estará ampliando sus horas de operación empezando en noviembre con todas las bibliotecas abriéndose a las 10 a.m. de lunes a sábado.

GCPLD celebrates heritage with ASFB Folklórico

By Raleigh Burleigh
Sopris Sun Editor

The small plaza next to the Glenwood Springs branch of the Garfield County Public Libraries District (GCPLD) resonated with rhythmic claps, stomps and cheers on Saturday, Oct. 2. Twirling students, wearing intricate costumes accented with pink, performed polka dances for a live audience. It was Aspen Santa Fe Ballet (ASFB) Folklórico's second performance since the beginning of the pandemic and the dancers beamed with enthusiasm.

Folklórico is a free, after-school program that trains children throughout the Roaring Fork Valley to appreciate the cultural richness of Mexican folkloric dance, influenced by European, African and indigenous traditions.

"We're so excited to be performing again," Francisco "Paco" Nevarez-Burgueño told The Sopris Sun. Paco, formerly a chemical engineer from Chihuahua, Mexico, has directed the program for nearly 20 years. "At one point, I was thinking Folklórico was going to disappear."

In March 2021, with COVID restrictions persisting, ASFB announced that the professional performing arm of the company had to dissolve. However, ASFB, a nonprofit, chose to maintain

a fund for its ballet schools and youth Folklórico programs in Colorado and New Mexico. "They wanted to keep the program because it's a community program," said Paco.

Nonetheless, "It's like it started all over," he continued. With roughly half the number of students as pre-pandemic and a tighter budget, Paco is mending and enhancing costumes rather than investing in new ones. When he started in 2002, there were perhaps twenty sets of costumes, he shared; now there are hundreds stored in a warehouse.

For now, they are sticking exclusively to outdoor performing opportunities.

Wilderness Workshop kicked off the revival at their Community Party event on Sept. 24. Next, GCPLD's new education and events manager, Alex García-Bernal, invited Folklórico to participate in the district's National Hispanic Heritage Month events.

"Garfield County in these 19 years never shared interest in having a performance, until now with Alex. He called us," said Paco.

García-Bernal recently moved to the area from Arizona, where he worked for 14 years at the Yuma County Library District and led Spanish-language outreach. Since joining GCPLD, he has organized

regular Lotería clubs, playing "Mexican BINGO" every first and third Thursday in New Castle and every second and fourth Wednesday in Rifle. Bolsitas Rojas, another new program, provides parents of toddlers with activities in Spanish and a take-home bag of books at a different library branch each day of the week (details at <https://gcpld.org/>). Both of these initiatives are expected to continue at least through the end of the year.

Other upcoming National Hispanic Heritage Month events include a conversation with Reyna Grande, author of "The Distance Between Us," via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. and a second Folklórico performance, this time in Carbondale, on Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.

The Carbondale performance will feature different costumes and a different style of dance, "something more indigenous," according to Paco. He notes that the students are valuing their practice more than ever. "Before the pandemic, they came because that was something in their schedule. Then we stopped for a few months — like nothing. Then we started again with COVID restrictions and everyone was so happy — they didn't care about masks or checking temperatures.



Aspen Santa Fe Ballet (ASFB) Folklórico Director Francisco "Paco" Nevarez-Burgueño presented dancers for a National Hispanic Heritage Month event at the Glenwood Springs Library. Photo by Raleigh Burleigh.

They just want to be dancing again, together with friends."

To participate in partner-dancing, students are expected to be fully vaccinated. Before that was a possibility, practices focused on choreography that do not involve partnering up.

"Everything is changing every day. We need to be adapting to those changes and new policies," said Paco. "We need to keep going."

Fans of Folklórico will be pleased to know that Día de los Muertos celebrations are planned to return to Carbondale this year, with a full procession and outdoor

performance in early November. As exemplified by the new mural on Fourth Street, Day of the Dead has quickly become an iconic tradition in Carbondale.

As for GCPLD, García-Bernal is eager to organize events aligned with other national months honoring global heritages. He is also thinking about new regular programming, such as a movie club that makes use of the district's subscription to Kanopy, an online streaming service free to library card holders. GCPLD hours are also extending beginning Nov. 1, with all six libraries opening at 10 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

Bibliotecas de GarCo amplían sus servicios

Por Ken Pletcher
Traducción por Dolores Duarte

La noticia en el boletín de octubre del Distrito de Bibliotecas Públicas del Condado de Garfield (GCPLD) fue emocionante: la ampliación gradual del horario en las seis sucursales de la biblioteca, a partir de noviembre. Este anuncio se esperaba desde hace casi dos años.

A principios de 2020, las expectativas en el distrito eran altas después de que los votantes del condado aprobaron un aumento del impuesto a la propiedad (medida de votación 6A) en noviembre de 2019. Se esperaba que la medida proporcionaría 4 millones de dólares adicionales al presupuesto anual del GCPLD, que se utilizaría para ampliar el horario de la biblioteca, contratar personal adicional y restaurar los programas educativos que se habían visto gravemente reducidos por los recortes presupuestarios de los últimos años.

Luego, el COVID-19 llegó a principios de año. Como sabemos muy bien, eso lo cambió todo.

El sistema de bibliotecas se vio obligado a cerrar temporalmente. Sin embargo, como señaló el director de comunicaciones y marketing del GCPLD, James Larson, "fuimos

una de las pocas bibliotecas del estado que permaneció abierta [tras un cierre de aproximadamente dos meses] durante toda la pandemia".

Cuando las sucursales volvieron a abrir, al principio los usuarios de las bibliotecas sólo podían solicitar materiales en línea para recogerlos y sacarlos (así mismo, no se permitía la entrada a los edificios). Incluso, después de que se restableciera el acceso limitado a las bibliotecas sucursales a finales de la primavera de 2021, se establecieron estrictos protocolos de COVID para los usuarios, incluyendo, al principio, que sólo se permitiera la entrada de dos usuarios a la vez.

Uno de los servicios esenciales que se perdieron fue el uso de las computadoras, impresoras, fotocopias y el acceso a Internet de las bibliotecas. Esto supuso una gran dificultad para las personas del distrito que dependían de las instalaciones para esos recursos. En el verano de 2021, la sucursal de Carbondale permitía a los usuarios reservar un número limitado de computadoras; esa restricción también se levantó posteriormente.

Sin embargo, no todo era tan grave. El distrito había comenzado a recibir los ingresos del aumento de la recaudación de impuestos de 2019 y los utilizó para comprar

más libros o copias adicionales de los más populares. Los usuarios de la biblioteca probablemente hayan visto la calcomanía en el frente de muchos libros nuevos que dice: "Traído a usted por la aprobación de la medida electoral 6A en 2019. ¡Gracias, votantes!".

Además, a medida que avanzaba el año 2020, los ingresos extra del referéndum de 2019 permitieron al distrito cubrir una serie de puestos de personal de nueva creación, así como ofrecer salarios más competitivos. Las cosas parecían prometedoras, a pesar de la pandemia.

A pesar de estos pasos positivos, no todo era necesariamente bueno en el distrito — como se informó el pasado verano en el Post Independent. La implacabilidad de la pandemia era ciertamente un factor negativo para la moral del personal del GCPLD, pero también parecía haber un crecimiento descontento con el liderazgo del distrito.

Durante varios meses, a partir de 2020 y hasta 2021, un gran número de miembros del personal renunció, especialmente cuatro de los seis directores de sucursal. También se marcharon varios empleados de tiempo completo del distrito, como el director de recursos humanos,

el técnico de instalaciones y el coordinador de voluntarios. A finales de agosto, el propio director ejecutivo, Brett Lear, renunció.

El distrito se ha apresurado a cubrir esos puestos y, a su favor, ha encontrado personas calificadas para la mayoría de ellos. Una de las nuevas contrataciones, Tracy Kallassy, asumió el cargo de directora de la sucursal de la biblioteca de Carbondale a mediados de julio ("¡Justo a tiempo para la Feria de la Montaña!", señaló), procedente de un puesto similar en Arlington, Virginia. La búsqueda de las tres vacantes restantes en las sucursales (actualmente con directores interinos) continúa.

También se han cubierto otros puestos administrativos. En la reunión de la junta directiva de la biblioteca del 7 de octubre, Kevin Hettler, durante mucho tiempo gerente de finanzas del distrito, fue nombrado director ejecutivo interino. Muchos de los puestos vacantes restantes eran para trabajos por hora a tiempo parcial en las sucursales.

"Estamos [ahora] en mucha mejor forma", observó Larson. Todas las sucursales están casi llenas de personal. La moral es muy buena, estamos emocionados."

Sin embargo, la noticia más

importante fue el anuncio de la ampliación del horario de la biblioteca. A partir del 1 de noviembre, todas las sucursales abrirán a las 10 de la mañana. A partir del 3 de enero, las bibliotecas abrirán dos noches a la semana hasta las 8 de la noche. Kallassy está satisfecha con la ampliación del horario. "Nuestros usuarios desean poder llegar más fácilmente", dijo, poniendo como ejemplo a los padres con niños pequeños que quieren venir por las mañanas.

Además, las bibliotecas han estado ofreciendo más eventos y actividades en persona, incluyendo horas de historietas en inglés y español. Muchos de ellos han sido al aire libre hasta ahora, como la actuación del Ballet Folklórico de Aspen Santa Fe frente a la sucursal de Glenwood Springs el 2 de octubre.

Las seis sucursales organizarán celebraciones de tallado de calabazas durante todo el mes de octubre. Para conocer las fechas y horarios, visita <https://gcpld.org/>.

Kallassy sonrió mientras comentaba: "Es genial tener a los niños de vuelta en la biblioteca... [están] tan emocionados de estar aquí". Y añadió: "¡Es bonito volver a ser una biblioteca!".

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14

LIBRARIES CLOSED

All Garfield County Public Library branches will be closed for an annual fall staff meeting.

SQUASH AUCTION

Seed Peace hosts the Variety Showcase and Squash Auction fundraiser at Batch at 6 p.m. Tickets at <https://seedpeace.org/>

MUSIC AT HEATHERS

Check out the musical acts coming to Heather's Savory Pies on the evenings listed here, each beginning at 6:30 p.m. Rodrigo Arreguin takes the stage on Oct. 14, Chris Bank and Mark Johnson perform on Oct. 15 and Josefina plays with Tim and Friends on Oct. 16.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15

OKTOBERFEST

The Kirstie Ennis Foundation presents Oktoberfest at Sunlight Mountain Resort, with local food, music and drinks, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets at <https://bit.ly/oktoberfun>

GEOPOLITICAL QUILTING

Dance Initiative presents "Stitching the Geopolitical Quilt to Re-Body Belonging," part of a new Conversation Series hosted for free at the Launchpad at 6 p.m. Learn more at <https://danceinitiative.org>

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16

HARVEST PARTY

Aspen Center for Environmental Studies hosts their annual harvest party on Oct. 16 and Oct. 17. Tickets are \$10 at <https://aspennature.org/>

NUESTRAS VOCES

Local Latins premiere an original show at The Arts Campus at Willits at 7:30 p.m. followed by a matinee

on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. Details and tickets are at <https://tacaw.org>

CRYSTAL THEATRE

"The Eyes of Tammy Faye" screens at the Crystal Theatre at 7:30 p.m. through Monday with a matinee on Sunday at 5 p.m. instead. Proof of vaccination and masks are recommended.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

YOUTH GYMKHANA

The Youth Gymkhana rodeo was supposed to take place on Potato Day but was cancelled due to muddy conditions and will now take place on Oct. 17. For more info, email soprisgymkhanaclub@gmail.com

AA

The Meeting Place in Carbondale facilitates an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 10 a.m.

MONDAY OCTOBER 18

TAI CHI

The Eagle County Healthy Aging Program offers Tai Chi class at the El Jebel Community Center at 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY MOKSHA

The Meeting Place in Carbondale offers a recovery meditation group at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 19

STORYTIME

The Glenwood Springs Library welcomes young children and accompanying adults to storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

AUTHOR TALK

Casey Gerald, author of "There Will Be No Miracles Here," a memoir that explores the complex intersection of race, class, religion and sexuality, speaks at The Contemporary at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are at <https://tacaw.org>

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20

PUMPKIN CARVING

The Rifle Library hosts a pumpkin carving party starting at 11 a.m. One pumpkin will be provided for each group, but folks are encouraged to bring their own as well. More info at <https://gcpld.org/>

TOWN MANAGER FINALISTS

The Town of Carbondale hosts a community "meet and greet" for town manager finalists at the Calaway Room at the Third Street Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21

STORYTIME

The Carbondale Library welcomes young children and accompanying adults to storytime every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

ECSTATIC DANCE

Dance, or simply move, anyway you feel at the 13 Moons Ranch Heart Barn beginning at 6:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to be COVID-safe and get tested beforehand. Masks will be optional. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased with cash, check or venmo. RSVP by emailing alyahowe@me.com

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22

DAY OF THE DEAD

Border band Jarabe Mexicano performs a Día de los Muertos show at the Basalt Library 5:30 p.m. Tickets are at <https://basaltlibrary.org/>

CHILI COOK-OFF

The Western Garfield County Chamber puts on the 42nd annual chili cook-off at the Garfield County Fairgrounds starting at 5:30 p.m. It's not limited to just chili, visit <https://WesternGarCoChamber.com/> for info on entries and tickets.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Carbondale tourism

Residents of Carbondale are invited to participate in a survey created to better understand tourism's impacts on the community. Simultaneously, the Chamber of Commerce is surveying businesses on the same topic. These surveys are part of several tools provided by the Colorado Tourism Office's Restart Destinations Program, funded by a CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant. Neighboring tourism organizations are also participating in the program, which will guide the formation of a valley-wide destination stewardship initiative. The surveys are open through October at <https://bit.ly/3Fqz5qe>

Welcoming Tracy

Wilderness Workshop applauded the Senate confirmation of Tracy Stone-Manning as director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). "The Bureau has not had a permanent director for over four and half years," wrote Wilderness Workshop Executive Director

Job fair

The Virtual Mountain Town Winter Job Fair is on Oct. 14 and registration is free for businesses and job seekers. This statewide event includes job seeker support, like resume creation and interview practice, plus a special session to specifically help veterans. <https://bit.ly/COWinterJobs>

Extended hours

Beginning Nov. 1, Garfield County Libraries will be making good on a pre-pandemic promise by extending their hours of operation in phases. First, all six libraries will begin opening Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. Next, starting Jan. 3, the libraries will open two evenings per week until 8 p.m. By springtime, the libraries will open on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

350 marches on

350 Roaring Fork invites activists to march every Friday morning for climate justice, in keeping with Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg's Fridays for the Future climate strikes. The group meets at

Vandals beware

Park bathrooms and other public park amenities in Carbondale were recently vandalized. Park crews were unable to mow last week because they were busy painting over inappropriate graffiti. If you have any information about the incidents or perpetrators, please notify the police department.

Filmfest awards

Aspen Film announced on Friday, Oct. 1, that "My Name is Pauli Murray" won the audience award at the 42nd annual Aspen Filmfest. "Bernstein's Wall" won a special mention, as well. "This year, two meaningful, socially-conscious, biographical documentaries took our Audience Award and Audience Special Mention Award," said Aspen Film Executive Director Susan Wrubel. "Aspen audiences certainly appreciate leaders who are independent by nature, fostering equality and social justice."

Structure fire

Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District assisted the Glenwood Springs Fire Department

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit soprisan.com to submit events.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

STORYTIME

Children and their parents are invited to storytime at the Carbondale Library on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. More information is available at gcpld.org

LIVE MUSIC

Hugh Phillips performs at Heather's at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8

PUMPKIN JAZZ

The Arts Campus at Willits places world-class jazz performances in shops, restaurants, galleries and public spaces in Basalt and Willits. Further details can be found at <https://tacaw.org/>

ART OPENING

The Art Base presents new watercolor and pastel paintings by Doug Graybeal, with a reception at 5 p.m.

CRYSTAL THEATRE

The Alpinist* shows at 7:30 p.m. through Monday, except on Sunday with a show at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Carbondale encourages residents to safely dispose of hazardous waste from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fourth and Colorado parking lot. A list of permitted items is at carbondaledgeov.org

OCTOBERFEST

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park celebrates the season with outdoor games, contests and Bavarian music from noon to 4 p.m.

SWAP IT LIKE IT'S HOT

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. people can stop by the Basalt Library to pick up some new threads. Those who donated clothing before Oct. 1 can shop from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone else is welcome after 12 p.m. More information is at basaltlibrary.org

MEET THE AUTHOR

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. the Glenwood Springs Library hosts Donna Lee Hubble, author of "Seek, Not for Love," a book for folks with passion that is offset by trauma and self-doubt. More info at gcpld.org

CRYSTAL CELEBRATION

Wilderness Workshop celebrates the Crystal River at 3 p.m. with a naturalist walk, pumpkin-carving, films and more. Registration is at wildernessworkshop.org

LOOK INSIDE

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. the Caribou Club in Aspen hosts Dr. Ian Baker and Lama Michael Gregory for a discussion on the Dalai Lama's secret temple – the Lushang. Attendees will get to see a rare glimpse of murals within the Lushang. Tickets are \$100 and available at <https://mindfulnessmeditationcenters.com/>

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Anderson Ranch hosts a community celebration with food, music, dancing and games for the whole family starting at 4:30 p.m. The event is free, registration is at <https://andersonranch.org/>

FOLKLORIC BALLET

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet students will perform folkloric dances on the lawn at the Carbondale Library beginning at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

FAITH AND BLUE

As part of the national Faith and Blue weekend the Carbondale Police Department and The Orchard Church will co-host a family-friendly movie night at the church at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

RIVER RESTORATION

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers helps improve trails at the Silt River Preserve at 9:30 a.m. Details at rfov.org

FAITH AND BLUE CONT.

As part of the national Faith and Blue weekend the Carbondale Police Department and The Orchard Church invite the community to a free

barbecue at the church beginning at 12 p.m.

MONDAY OCTOBER 11

SCHOOL MEETING

The Roaring Fork High School Accountability Committee will convene from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more details email lknaus@rfschools.com

ISSUES AND ANSWERS

The Glenwood Springs chamber, Post Independent and KMTS host a community forum about local and statewide ballot measures and RFS board candidates at Morgridge Commons in Glenwood Springs at 5:30 p.m. More info at <https://glenwoodchamber.com/issues-answers>.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12

STORYTIME

Young ones and their parents are invited to storytime at the Glenwood Springs Library Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. More info at gcpld.org

KNITTING KNOCKERS

In recognition of breast cancer awareness month, Basalt Library hosts a knitting and crocheting workshop at 5 p.m. to teach folks how to make breast prosthesis with yarn. The Yarn Group and the Knitting Knockers organization will lead the class. Registration is required by emailing cchick@basaltlibrary.org

AUTHOR TALK

Garfield County Libraries host Reyna Grande, author of "The Distance Between Us," for a conversation via Zoom at 6 p.m. More info at <https://www.gcpld.org>

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13

GMAIL BASICS

Learn the basics of navigating and utilizing Gmail at the Basalt Library from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register by calling 927-4311 extension 1013 or emailing cbaumgarten@basaltlibrary.org

READ TO A PUP

To work on their reading skills, first to fourth graders are invited to the Basalt Library at 2:30 p.m. to read to a "sweet and cuddly" dog. Registration is suggested and can be made by calling 927-4311, extension 1021.

HORROR FILM

Basalt Library will host a horror movie night featuring the film "Hereditary" beginning at 5 p.m. Details are at <https://basaltlibrary.org/>

CANDIDATE FORUM

The Roaring Fork Schools and Roaring Fork Community Education Association co-host a Board of Education candidate forum from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Carbondale District Office (400 Sopris Avenue). Seating is limited and masks are required, the forum will also be streamed on YouTube via GrassRoots Community Network.

LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE

Aspen Film and Anderson Ranch partner for a screening of "Like Water for Chocolate" and multi-course meal inspired by the classic film. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Tickets at <https://aspenfilm.org>

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. folks can get legal advice from an attorney, one-on-one over the phone, for up to 15 minutes. Sign-up by calling 970-927-4311 or emailing info@basaltlibrary.org before the day of the clinic.

SQUASH AUCTION

Seed Peace hosts the Variety Showcase and Squash Auction fundraiser at Batch at 6 p.m.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15

OKTOBERFEST

The Kirstie Ennis Foundation presents Oktoberfest at Sunlight Mountain Resort, with local food, music and drinks, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are at <https://bit.ly/oktoberfest>

SCUTTLEBUTT

Glenwood leaf drop

Glenwood Springs residents are welcome to drop off their fallen leaves at the old rodeo grounds near the airport, anytime of day, through Nov. 30. Folks that utilize the drop-off must remove leaves from plastic bags and assure that no stones, litter, branches or other debris are included, "to prevent equipment damage and work injuries."

Novel Writing Month

Garfield County Libraries invite you to write 50,000 in 30 days. The challenge kicks off with an online workshop on Monday, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m. Then, on Nov. 17, a panel of local authors will present virtually at 4:30 p.m. A follow-up workshop is scheduled for Nov. 30. Find registration details at: www.gcpld.org/nanowrimo

Soil health

Colorado's Soil Health Program Advisory Committee is accepting applications for volunteers to advise the state's Department of Agriculture on soil health programs and grant opportunities. "Healthy soil is a leading strategy for fostering responsible stewardship of our natural resources," announced Cindy Lair, program manager for the State Conservation Board. Applications are due by Nov. 30 at <https://bit.ly/COsoilhealth>

Chart Carbondale

Results from Carbondale's recent community survey regarding the comprehensive plan update are now available for review (<https://bit.ly/Cdalesurvey>). According to the consulting firm, Cushing Terrell, over 500 residents took the survey. Cushing Terrell's draft recommendations are also public (<https://bit.ly/CdaleDraft>). The next opportunity for engagement is a virtual meeting on October 28. Learn more at: www.carbondalekaleidoscope.org/chart-carbondale

Wild and Scenic

Wilderness Workshop has launched an online petition supporting protection for the Crystal River with federal "Wild and Scenic" designation. The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was created in 1968 to preserve rivers and streams with outstanding natural, heritage or recreational features in a free-flowing condition for present and future generations. Find the petition at: <https://bit.ly/wildcrystal>

Let it burn

The U.S. Forest Service will conduct prescribed burns of slash piles (forest cleared to prevent wildfires) in Garfield and Pitkin counties as weather conditions permit and through the winter. In Garfield County, approximately 150 slash piles are spread across ten acres in the 4-Mile

Creek drainage on Bureau of Land Management lands, and on Uncle Bob Mountain, Castle. In Pitkin County, a small burn will occur near the Chapman and campgrounds.

Latino representation

Voces Unidas, a local Latino organization, seeks to elevate Latino representation in the current redistricting process. The organization has expressed disapproval with the congressional redistricting map submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court. "The final map unconstitutionally dilutes the voting power of our Latino communities — Aspen area is in one district, Silverthorne in another," said a statement from Voces Unidas. "We are calling on the Colorado Supreme Court to reject the maps and send them back to the commission."

Día de los Muertos

Amplifying RJ, an organization that teaches restorative justice, hosts "Decolonizing Día de los Muertos" on Saturday, October 31, at 10 a.m. This online course explores the indigenous origins of Día de los Muertos and teaches educators how to honor the tradition. Register at <https://bit.ly/Miccaihui>

GarCo libraries expand services

By Ken Fletcher
Sopris Sun Correspondent

The news in the Garfield County Public Library District (GCPLD) October newsletter was exciting: the phasing in of expanded hours over several months at all six branch library locations, starting in November. This welcome announcement was anticipated for nearly two years.

At the beginning of 2020, expectations were running high in the district after county voters approved a property tax levy increase (ballot measure 6A) in November 2019. The measure was expected to provide an additional \$4 million to the GCPLD's annual budget, which was to be used to extend library hours, hire additional staff and restore educational programs that had been seriously curtailed by budget cuts in recent years.

Then, COVID-19 hit early in the year. As we know all too well, that changed everything.

The library system was forced to shut down temporarily. However, as GCPLD Communications and Marketing Manager James Larson pointed out, "We were one of the few libraries in the state that stayed open [after a roughly two-month closure] throughout the pandemic."

When the branches reopened, library patrons at first could only request materials online for pickup

and check out (no one was allowed in the buildings otherwise). Even after limited access to the branch libraries was reinstated in late spring 2021, strict COVID protocols were put in place for users, including, at first, allowing only two patrons in at a time.

One of the essential services lost was the public's use of the libraries' computers, printers, copiers and internet access. This was a major hardship for individuals in the district who relied on the facilities for those resources. By summer 2021, the Carbondale branch was allowing users to reserve a limited number of computers; that restriction was also later lifted.

However, all was not so dire. The district had begun receiving revenue from the 2019 tax millage increase and used it to purchase more books or additional copies of popular ones. Library users probably have seen the sticker reading, "Brought to you by the passage of ballot measure 6A in 2019. Thank you, voters!" in the front of many new books.

In addition, as 2020 wore on, the extra revenues from the 2019 referendum allowed the district to fill a number of newly created staffing positions, as well as to offer more competitive salaries. Things were looking promising, in spite of the pandemic.

Despite these positive steps, all was



Carbondale branch manager Tracy Kallassy. Photo by James Steindler.

not necessarily well in the district – as reported this past summer in the Post Independent. The relentlessness of the pandemic certainly was a negative morale factor among GCPLD personnel, but there also appeared to be growing discontent with the district's leadership.

Over several months, beginning in 2020 and extending into 2021, a large number of staff members resigned, notably four of the six branch managers. Several full-time district employees also left, including the human resources

manager, facilities technician and volunteer coordinator. By late August, then-Executive Director Brett Lear himself had resigned.

The district has been scrambling to fill those positions and, to their credit, they have found qualified individuals for the bulk of them. One new hire, Tracy Kallassy, took over as branch manager of the Carbondale library in mid-July ("Just in time for Mountain Fair!" she noted), coming from a comparable position in Arlington, Virginia. The search for the three

remaining branch vacancies (currently with interim managers) continues.

Other administrative positions have also been filled. At the Oct. 7 library board meeting, Kevin Hettler, long the district's finance manager, was named interim executive director. Many of the remaining open positions were for part-time hourly jobs at the branches.

"We're [now] in a lot better shape," observed Larson. He continued, "All branches are almost staffed to capacity. Morale is great – we're excited!"

The biggest news, though, was the announcement of expanded library hours. Beginning Nov. 1, all branches will open at 10 a.m. From Jan. 3, libraries will be open two nights a week until 8 p.m. Starting next spring, all will have 1-5 p.m. Sunday hours. Kallassy is pleased with the upcoming longer hours. "Our users wish they could get here more easily," she said, giving the example of parents with small children wanting to come in the mornings.

In addition, the libraries have been offering more in-person events and activities, including story times in both English and Spanish. Many of these have been outside so far, such as the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Folklorico performance in front of the Glenwood Springs branch on Oct. 2.

All six branches will host pumpkin carving celebrations throughout October. For dates and times, visit <https://gcpld.org/>

Kallassy smiled as she observed, "It's great to have kids back in the library ... [they are] so excited to be here." She added, "It's nice to be a library again!"



Area Halloween happenings

Staff Report
Post Independent

Costumes will be worn and candy will be slung up and down the Roaring Fork Valley all weekend.

From Halloween traditions to local customs, lighter COVID-19 restrictions than those a year ago are allowing spirits to rise once again for the end-of-October affair.

Here's what's going on for the spookiest holiday on the calendar in Glenwood Springs and Carbondale outside of the typical door-knocking.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS

The Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation department is hosting its "Spooktacular and Spooky Skate" event on Saturday. Activities include carnival games, a bounce

house, a pumpkin hunt and more starting at 5 p.m. at the Glenwood Springs Community Center.

Costume ice skating starts at 5 p.m. Guests must register in advance and pay the \$6 fee, either by calling 970-384-6301 or by visiting Glenwood Rec.com.

Also on Saturday, the Glenwood Springs branch of Garfield

County Libraries is hosting a pumpkin carve at 1 p.m. The library will provide tools, stencils and one pumpkin per group free of charge.

For more orange-gourd slicing action, individuals are allowed to bring their own pumpkins.

The Glenwood Springs event concludes a run

through each of the Garfield County Libraries that started in Parachute

on Oct. 11.

More information is available through the library by calling 970-945-5958.

For a fright fix, the Grand Valley All Stars cheerleading group is sponsoring a daily haunted house at the Glenwood Springs Mall. The haunted house will be open 5-7 p.m. today, 2-6 p.m. Saturday and 3-6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 for presale available through EventBrite.

Another avenue for a share of scares is up at Linwood Cemetery for the in-person return of the Glenwood Springs Historical Society's ghost walk. This year's iteration has a "women-of-history" theme. Tours take place at 6:30, 7:15, 8 and 8:30 p.m. today and Saturday.

Tickets for the ghost walk are available on the historical society's website and cost \$25.

If history and scares aren't your thing, maybe drinking and "Spinal Tap" are. Native Son Bar is hosting a "Hair Bands and Groupies" costume party at 8 p.m. Saturday. More info is available on the event's Facebook page.

On the day itself, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park is giving children 12 and younger free admission. The park will have treat bags at the top of the gondola and trick-or-treat stations throughout. There will be games like a scavenger hunt and a costume contest at 3 p.m. The gift shop will have fudge and candy apples, and there will be drink specials across the park.

EXPANDING LIBRARY HOURS



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NOVEMBER 1**

All Six Libraries
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Monday - Saturday at

10 AM



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JANUARY 3**

All Six Libraries Will
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Per Week Until

8 PM



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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

The Great Pumpkin Carve 2021 — 10 a.m., New Castle Branch Library, 401 W. Main St. Bring your family to the library for some Halloween fun. Pumpkins, patterns & tools will be provided. One pumpkin per group, but feel free to bring your own pumpkins to carve as well. Acompañanos con tu familia a la biblioteca para divertirse en Halloween. Se proporcionarán calabazas, patrones y herramientas. Una calabaza por grupo, pero se permite traer sus propias calabazas para tallar también. Free.

Fall Fun on the Alpaca Farm — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sopris Alpaca Farm, 35795 Highway 6, Silt. No appointment necessary. \$3 per bag of grain. Free.

Club de Bolsitas Rojas — 11 a.m., Rifle Branch Library, 207 East Ave. Padres y/o Cuidadores de Niños(as) e hijos de 2-5 años de edad, acompañenos para disfrutar de cuentos y actividades en español. Los participantes pueden formar parte del programa "Bolsitas Rojas" de Raising A Reader, y llevar prestada una bolsa con libros cada semana. Free.

Full STEAM Ahead — 1 p.m., Silt Branch Library, 680 Home Ave. Discover, create, and innovate with your friends. Activities will include science, technology, engineering, art and math. Free and open to all kids and teens.

Club de Bolsitas Rojas — 1:30 p.m., New Castle Branch Library, 401 W. Main. Padres y/o cuidadores de niños(as) e hijos de 2-5 años de edad, acompañenos para disfrutar de cuentos y actividades en español. Los participantes pueden formar parte del programa "Bolsitas Rojas" de Raising A Reader, y llevar prestada una bolsa con libros cada semana. Free.

"Pool" Party at the Western Slope Veterans Coalition — 5 p.m., Western Slope Veterans Coalition, 801 Colorado Ave., Glenwood Springs. The Western

Carbondale. Meeting ID 88012284413 password 1984 info on this Carbondale meeting on OA.org and OAdenver.org. Free.

Day of the Dead Art/Arte De Dia De Los Muertos — 10:30 a.m., Basalt Library, 14 Midland Ave. Día De Los Muertos (The Day of The Dead) honors the lives of those who have passed away. In this bilingual program, we will create colorful altars with wood, paper, tissue paper, and other exciting mixed-media materials. Families are welcome to join. El Día De Los Muertos, honra las vidas de aquellos que han fallecido. En este programa bilingüe crearemos altares coloridos con madera, papel de seda y otros emocionantes materiales de medios mixtos. Las familias son bienvenidas a acompañarnos. Free.

The Great Pumpkin Carve 2021 — 1 p.m., Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs. Bring your family to the library for some Halloween fun. Pumpkins, patterns & tools will be provided. One pumpkin per group, but feel free to bring your own pumpkins to carve as well. Acompañanos con tu familia a la biblioteca para divertirse en Halloween. Se proporcionarán calabazas, patrones y herramientas. Una calabaza por grupo, pero se permite traer sus propias calabazas para tallar también. Free.

Trek or Treat — 3 p.m., Rifle Gap State Park, 5775 CO-325, Rifle. There's no tricks here, only walking along Rifle Gap's newest trail and collecting candy. Also face painting, a craft station and s'mores at the beginning/end of the trail. Event is free but a parks pass is required on vehicles.

Fall Harvest Fest — 4 p.m., Mountain View Church, 2195 CR 154, Glenwood Springs. A Family fun night. Crafts, games, pumpkin decorating, candy. Free.

Halloween Costume Party-Open to the Public — 5-10 p.m., American Legion Post 100, 97 N. Third St, Carbondale. Halloween

With the hilarious Nancy Norton, winner of the Boston Comedy Festival and Seattle International Comedy Competition. \$15 per person.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Buddhist Compassion Practice — 9 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St., Carbondale. Join the Way of Compassion Dharma Center every Sunday morning to practice this tradition Tibetan Sadhana practice. Spiritual director, John Bruna, guides this authentic and complete practice on the path to full awakening.

Christian Worship Service — 9 a.m., Grace Church of the Roaring Fork Valley, 1776 Emma Road, Basalt. Free.

Come Worship With Us At St. Barnabas Episcopal Church — 10 a.m., St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 546 S. Hyland Park Drive, Glenwood Springs. Every Sunday at 10 a.m., we celebrate Holy Eucharist Rite 2. All are welcome. 970-945-6423. Email: stbarnabas.glenwood@gmail.com. Website: saintbarnabas.glenwood.com

Halloween at Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park — 10 a.m., Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, 51000 Two Rivers Plaza Road, Glenwood Springs. Kids 12 and younger will receive free admission if they arrive to the park in costume. There will be treat bags at the top of the gondola and trick or treat stations located all around the Park. To celebrate there will be a pumpkin scavenger hunt, Halloween-themed games in the tent, and at 3 p.m. a costume contest to show off holiday outfits, fun, spooky and beyond. \$21 - \$61.

Football Sundays with the Western Slope Veterans Coalition — 11 a.m., Western Slope Veterans Coalition, 801 Colorado Ave., Glenwood Springs. Join us every Sunday at the WSVS during football season.

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CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

La Clinica del Pueblo | Appt Only (Suite 8) — 9 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale.

EarthKeepers Gypsum — 10:15 a.m., Gypsum Public Library, 47 Lundgren Blvd., Gypsum. Children will explore the natural world and have fun with others while developing their sense of place.

Tai Chi for Health — 10:35 a.m., El Jebel Community Center, 0020 Eagle County Drive, Carbondale. 8-week session of Tai Chi classes. Beginners welcome.

\$2 per class suggested donation.

Tenant Brown Bag Lunch — 12 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale.

Medicare Monday — 3:30 p.m., virtual. Free and open to all. Register and participate via Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/8122122222 register/WN_ZA8fYeCsRqu5JFgCb9kRlg. Free.

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

Reading Buddies, Gypsum — 4:30 p.m., Gypsum Public Library, 47 Lundgren Blvd., Gypsum. Reading Buddies is a volunteer mentorship program for Teens and 1-3rd graders. Please contact nick@evld.org if interested.

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.mindfullifeprogram.org.

Whole Foods Plant Based Potluck — 6:30 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale. Join the growing

community of people who are enjoying the results of choosing a Whole Foods Plant Based Life. Free.

Mindfulness Group - Online — 7:30 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale. Join us every Monday evening for meditation and mindfulness. Learn more at www.mindfullifeprogram.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Sensory-based all-levels improv dance class — 8:15 a.m., The Launchpad, 76 S 4th Street, Carbondale. Bright Moves is a sensory and anatomical approach to dance and total body fitness and connectivity. \$12.

Storytime at Home: Watch and Chat — 10:30 a.m., Facebook - Garfield County Libraries, 207 East Ave, Rifle. Free.

Storytime at Glenwood Springs Branch Library — 10:30 a.m., Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave, Glenwood Springs. Free.

Storytimes at New Castle Branch Library — 10:30 a.m., New Castle Branch Library, 402 West Main, New Castle. Free.

Baby Lapsit — 11 a.m., Gypsum Public Library, P.O. Box 979, 47 Lundgren Blvd, Gypsum. Model books, rhymes, songs for caregivers to share with their children and promote the five early literacy skills: talking, singing, playing, writing and reading. Children begin to learn preliteracy skills.

CH Roaring Fork Youth Orchestra Fall Concert — 4:15 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale.

Author Talk with Julian Rubinstein — 5:30 p.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave, Basalt.

Basalt Town Council Meets — 6 p.m., Basalt Town Hall, 101 Midland Ave., Basalt.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Financial Advisory Board Virtual Meeting — 7:30 a.m., Glenwood Springs. Please open calendar event for meeting instructions. <http://www.ci.glenwood-springs.co.us/calendar.aspx?EID=1408>

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

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. Free.

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

The Great Pumpkin Carve 2021 — 2 p.m., Carbondale Branch Library, 320 Sopris Ave., Carbondale. Pumpkins, patterns and tools will be provided. One pumpkin per group, but feel free to bring your own pumpkins to carve as well. Free.

Paws to Read — 2:30 p.m., Basalt Regional Library, 14 Midland Ave., Basalt. Children in grades first-fourth are invited to read to a lovable dog for 15 minutes. Registration suggested. Call 970-927-4311, ext. 1021, for more information. Free.

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, LEGO building and more. Free.

LIFT-UP Food Drive Thru (Main Parking Lot) — 4 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third St., Carbondale. Food Hotline: 970-429-6168

Tai Chi — 4:30 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third St., Carbondale. Marty Finkelstein 970-948-7379

Meditation & Talk - Online — 6 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third St., Carbondale. Laura Bartels, Mindful Life Program, 970-379-6779.

Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Virtual Meeting — 7 p.m., New Castle.

Book Launch Event for Larry Gottlieb — 7 p.m., Third Street Center, 520 S. Third St. Ste 24, Carbondale. According to local author Larry Gottlieb, our superstitions have us hoodwinked. RSVP to reserve your place info@davinikent.org. Light refreshments will be served. Free.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Seven Point Mind Training Group Discussion — 6 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 South 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. Free.

Alaprima Watercolorists (Senior Matters Suite 33) — 10 a.m., Third Street Center, 520 South Third St., Carbondale.

Restricted to eight people during COVID. Contact Sue Zislis (segzislis@gmail.com) for more info on Senior Matters (ValleySeniorMatters.org). Contact Judy Milne (jubilee2m@gmail.com) for more info on Alaprima Watercolorists

Storytime at Carbondale Branch Library — 10:30 a.m., Carbondale Branch Library, 320 Sopris Ave., Carbondale. Young children and their accompanying adults are invited to the library every week for stories, songs, and new friends. Free.

"Pool" Party at the Western Slope Veterans Coalition — 5 p.m., Western Slope Veterans Coalition, 801 Colorado Ave., Glenwood Springs. The Western Slope Veterans Coalition invites the military community to come play pool at the newly renovated resource center Friday nights at the Glenwood Springs facility. Free.

Virtual Book Discussion: Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna — 6 p.m., virtual. Your Garfield County Libraries invite you to read the book "Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna" and then join us on a virtual book discussion. Join the discussion online via Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/83135860622. Free.

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families — 7 p.m., Zoom-email acabonedale@gmail.com for link, Web only, Carbondale. This is a 12-Step program for those who endured childhoods marked by shame, fear, rage and/or abuse. To join the meetings, email acabonedale@gmail.com or text 970-379-3356. All who feel they may have grown up in an alcoholic or dysfunctional home are welcome. Free.

Boris Karloff: The Man Behind The Monster — 7 p.m., The Arts Campus at Willits, 400 Robinson St., Basalt. "Boris