Public libraries throughout the country, including our own Library District, continue to thrive. This, despite individual skepticism about the need for and relevance of libraries.

Without a doubt, the way in which people use the library is changing.

Check outs of physical library materials (books, audiobook CDs, DVD movies, etc.) has slowly decreased over the past several years, while use of digital content (eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, downloadable and streaming music and movies, etc.) has been on the rise.

More importantly, the demand for use of the library – as a destination for community events, activities, services, and programs – plays a more prominent role in shaping our strategic priorities.

Examples of these services and programs include: citizenship workshops, small business and nonprofit consulting, internet access, kindergarten readiness, digital literacy training, use of new technology, coding and STEM classes, job and career counseling, health and wellness activities, financial literacy, and author and artist events.

Even as we respond to new demands and changes, we do not abandon our responsibility to our community to promote and celebrate literacy from early childhood through adulthood. Books, reading, and literacy – in all their forms and formats – remain front and center in our mission.

Poudre River Public Library District is committed to meeting the needs of our community as it evolves and grows.
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**Books & Materials**

- **Total Circulation**: 2,903,786
  - Items checked out (print, media, eMedia)
- **Holds placed**: 377,785 (3% over 2018)
- **Items in Collection**: 1,218,203
  - Physical: 337,556
  - Digital: 840,647

**Computer Usage**

- **Wireless users**: 174,749
- **Database usage**: 585,675 sessions
- **167,677 In-library computer user sessions**
  - **+3.4% over 2018**
- **Approximate population of Fort Collins is 167,830 people.**
- **Q**: How many public computers are available in libraries?
  - **A**: 142

**People & Programs**

- **Total Cardholders**: 162,896
- **New Cardholders**: 16,244
- **Volunteers**: 1,844
  - **Hours Worked**: 11,636
  - Equivalent to 1 person volunteering 485 days

**Operating & Capital Revenue**

- **Total**: $11,212,310
  - **Property Taxes**: 86%
  - **Specific Ownership**: 8%
  - **Investment Income**: 3%
  - **Donations**: 1%
  - **Fines & Fees**: 1%
  - **Intergovernmental Grants**: 1%
  - **Miscellaneous**: 1%

**Operating & Capital Expenditure**

- **Total**: $10,272,982
  - **Personnel**: 61%
  - **Contracts**: 21%
  - **Books and Materials**: 11%
  - **Supplies**: 2%
  - **Capital Outlay**: 4%

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