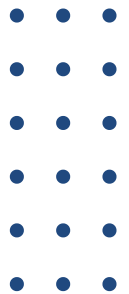




DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULY 2026



Monthly Statistics

Circulation Check Outs by Material Type

	April	May	June
Books	869	917	1174
Books on CD	23	40	35
DVD	10	14	9
Large Print	14	9	11
Magazines	13	15	14
Equipment	6	5	13
Music	7	4	4
TOTAL	869	1005	1260

Circulation Check Outs by Age Group

	April	May	June
Adult	467	471	461
Juvenile	382	426	666
Young Adult	20	41	36
TOTAL	869	1005	1260

Circulation by Item Report Class

Item Report Class	Checked In	Checked Out
000	2	2
100	4	2
200	1	2
300	16	14
400	0	0
500	10	11
600	34	21
700	4	2
800	6	6
900	20	25
Biography	0	0
Books on CD	33	34
Books on tape	0	0
DVD	17	9
Easy Readers	465	535
eBook	0	0
Fiction	302	262
Historical Society	0	0
ILL	21	27
J000	1	2
J100	1	2
J200	0	2
J300	0	0
J400	0	0
J500	26	47
J600	4	6
J700	6	13
J800	0	0
J900	6	2
JBIO	6	4
JFIC	126	136
JSS	0	0
JVID	0	0
Large print	20	11
Magazine	28	16
Maps	0	0
Microforms	0	0
Music	6	4
Spanish Aud	0	0
Spanish Easy Readers	0	1
Spanish Fic	0	0
Spanish J Fic	0	0
Spanish J Non	0	0
Spanish Non	0	1
Spanish Vid/DVD	0	0
Spanish YA	0	0
SS	3	7
Undefined	8	14
Video	0	0
YA Fic	39	40
YA Non	1	0
YA SS	0	0
Total	1216	1260

Miscellaneous Statistics

	June
Computer users	216
Community Room Reservations	7
Website Pageviews	24,427
Door Counter	n/a
New Library Cards	19

Program Statistics

	June
Children	57
Teen	11
Adult	13
Everyone	0
Total	81

July Programming

Children's Events

- Storytime & Craft *weekly*
- Stay N Play *weekly*

Teen Events

- Crafternoon *monthly*



Adult Events

- Open Book Club *monthly*
- Short Stories & Snacks *monthly*
- Close Knit *monthly*
- Meeker Heritage Club *monthly*
- Online Author Talk *monthly*
- Craft Crazy with Erin *monthly*

All Ages Events

- Spanish/English Conversation Club *monthly*



Outreach Events



Library of Things Spotlight: Spanish Learning Games

The most recent edition to the Library of Things is our collection of Spanish learning board games! These games were recommended by an attendee of our English/Spanish Conversation Club, and is a great interactive way to learn the language!



Digital Resources Spotlight: Chilton's

Chilton's is a database of auto care instructions and information. Along with instructional videos and repair information, it can also give vehicle information from partial vin numbers, labor time estimates (diy vs. mechanic), an "ask an expert" feature, and more. The database is diligent on updates from manufacturers, including on recalls. This digital resource will replace our out-of-date print copies of the Chilton collection.

CHILTONLIBRARY

[Vehicle Search](#) [VIN Decoder](#) [Video Library](#) [ASE Test Prep Quizzes](#) [Ask an Expert](#)

FIND YOUR VEHICLE

Year	Make	Model
Select Year	Select Make	Select Model
Recent Vehicles Reset Select		

Get the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs.
Some of ChiltonLibrary's more popular features include:

- Maintenance and specification tables that provide the unique data you need for each specific vehicle.
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures, and labor estimating tool to help you confidently determine your next move.
- Vacuum diagrams to simplify troubleshooting.
- Labor Estimating Tool.
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation.
- Close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support.
- ASE test prep quizzes for the most popular certification exams.
- A print button which allows you to easily print out what is needed.

Director's Report

“Libraries continue to be essential institutions that strengthen communities, expand access to knowledge and support lifelong learning.” -Sam Helmick, outgoing ALA President

At the end of June I had the privilege of attending the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. This year marks the association’s 150th anniversary, which was created in 1876 during a Philadelphia meeting which included Melvil Dewey (the creator of the Dewey Decimal System!). It is the largest library event in the world, and brings attendees and presenters from multiple countries. I went to 11 sessions presenting on topics ranging from leadership, ai, advocacy, and more. Below is a list of the sessions I attended:

- Libraries as Dementia-Capable Hubs.
- Government and Community Leadership: A Librarian’s Role.
- Am I Supposed to Be Here? Unmasking Imposter Syndrome.
- From Stalled to Built: Navigating Library Capital Projects with Optimism and Consensus.
- Work Wisdom: Discover the Art of Authentic Communication and Build More Trustful, Collaborative Work Relationships.
- What Role do Libraries Play in a Thriving Local Economy.
- Emergency Response and Recovery: Practical Strategies for Any Library.
- Generative AI and Librarianship: Teaching Information Literacy for AI Tools.
- Library Advocacy for Everyone: Simple Steps to Grow Your Stakeholders and Fight for Your Library.
- Building Resilient Communities: Intergenerational Programming in Libraries.
- Libraries as Rapid Conveners: Building Multi-Sector Partnerships in Times of Urgent Community Need.

Each session left me with ideas, plans, and resources to better support, grow, and lead our wonderful library district. Along with the sessions the ALA Conference hosts an exhibition hall; where vendors can showcase their products to attendees. Major publishers are also there to market their newest releases. It is a great opportunity to see in-person new equipment, software, programming, and of course, BOOKS!



The roof replacement was completed the last week of June. Ajax has inspected the work, and I am currently waiting for the Town of Meeker and Carlisle to schedule inspections. ServPro is scheduled to come the first weekend of August to remove the temporary canopy and clean. Patriot Heating and Cooling completed their work once the roof was done. We now have individual cassettes in the Reference and Children's Rooms, making the entire system more efficient. We are also on a maintenance schedule with Patriot for the HVAC system. Spa Country, out of Craig, is working on getting our outdoor fountain to work in the courtyard. Ducey's Electric was also at the library this month to take care of some failed ballasts and florescent lights. In speaking to them about this, they have recommended that the library switch completely over to LED lights; it would reduce energy usage, maintenance cost, and would make the lights uniform throughout the building. I am anticipating a quote from Ducey's on this soon.

For the Fourth of July, we partnered with our local VFW chapter and supplied them with pocket Constitutions to hand out during the annual parade. This month we also partnered with Vitalant to host a blood drive at the library. We received an enthusiastic response from the community on this partnership, and the appointments available were completely filled by the day of the drive!

Our kiosk partnership with the Ri Blanco Historical Society is live, with the first section up and open to the public! The first section is focused on Freeman Fairfield and his contributions to our community. More sections highlighting the people and events of Rio Blanco will be added in the future.

The blood drive we hosted with Vitalant was a great success, with an achievement of donations over the original goal. We had an incredible response from the town, and another blood drive in the future is in the works with them.

The second mural is up on the South side brick wall. This mural was painted by high school student Braylin Pena. The final two murals will be done during the coming school year.

Director,
Kristina Selby

