

Message from the Director

The new atmosphere at our Mesa County Libraries reflects pervasive changes to our service model and strategic goals that we have incorporated in the last year. Bucking traditional planning routes, we invited community members from all around the County, representing families, seniors, immigrants, businesses, professionals, higher education, and municipalities, to discuss what we envision as our County's future and an ideal for our citizens.

Our staff and Board of Trustees have considered service responses from the wide array of possibilities to re-tool our library to realize those ideals. We no longer provide services just because it's the "way it's always been done." Now, our library programs and budget priorities are intended to meet a verified need.

We have new strategic goals that help us be the best we can be, and it shows! Library visits are up, especially in our two new branch locations in Orchard Mesa and Clifton, and on our Homebound delivery routes. Computer classes and internet sessions are breaking attendance and usage records. Best of all, checkouts of books and movies have exceeded expectations, with all-time high numbers.

"Change is the constant" is one way of looking at the library of today. We strive to find new audiences, serve new customers, and fine-tune our collections and events to fulfill the requests of our patrons. Creating comfortable spaces, connecting to the online world, satisfying curiosity, teaching adults to read and write, and creating lifelong readers—these are our goals and we invite you to discover what's new at your nearest Mesa County Library.



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