

Duchesne County Library System Annual Report 2024

Accomplishments

- Roosevelt Physical circulation reaches 80,842 (+9%; Highest post-COVID).
- Duchesne-funded *Hoopla* eBook & eAudiobook circulation increased to over 6,500 (+43%).
- Total digital circulation reaches over 50,000 (+25%). (Digital collections were 35% of total library circulation.)
- Total digital and physical circulation reached 144,500 (+2%; Highest since 2014.)
- 24,800 Library WiFi sessions (+23%; record). 7,400 Computers sessions (+7%; highest post-COVID).
- 470 events (+38%; record). 11,600 attended (+29%; record)
- Roosevelt patron visits reach over 69,000 (+10% Roosevelt; Record; Bolstered by Duchesne's closure).
- 5,900 library accounts in the past 3 years (+3%).
- Summer Reading Program – Over 800 sign-ups (+3%) and record 359 signups at Duchesne Branch.
- Outreach circulation: Fruitland 1,300. Tabiona 940 (+119%; record). Altamont 90 (Steady).
- In cooperation with the Sheriff's department, monthly outreach circulation is launched for state inmates at Duchesne County Jail with over 250 checkouts.
- A monthly movie night and quarterly book club were launched in Roosevelt. Youth literacy tutoring appointments, Lego Club, and a year long reading challenge were launched at Duchesne.
- Meet the Commission Candidates Panels hosted in Duchesne and Roosevelt.
- Duchesne staff assists the Uintah Basin Association of Governments with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, completing a record 61 returns (+50%).
- Roosevelt Branch Community Rooms reserved for 180 non-library events (-3%). (139 public, -16%; 41 private, +105%; testing, dance practices, birthday parties.) 180 sessions in the smaller meeting rooms.
- Duchesne Branch moves 35,000 items, furniture and equipment out for remodel. Remodel construction of the library in 6 months. Duchesne moves back in during December.
- Duchesne Branch staff holds a weekly outreach library from May through November at the Events Center and Duchesne City offices. Weekly programs occur offsite. The staff also provides support to the Assessor's Office photographing properties throughout the county.
- Roosevelt Branch's leaky main roof is finally fully repaired.
- History Center Facebook page reaches 1,200 followers (+9%). Many contribute to the historical photo identification project.
- A \$16,700 Library Services and Technology Act grant purchases 15 laptops and a mobile charging cart for Roosevelt Branch. The laptops can be used for public events and training. A basic technology course for patrons is planned for launch in 2025.
- A \$1,750 Technology Enhancement grant from the Utah State Library Division purchases a new circulation desk printer for Duchesne and 13 new sets of patron headphones for both branches.
- A \$22,200 Utah Education Network/American Rescue Plan Act grant provides new hardware to improve patron WiFi in Roosevelt's parking lot and significant upgrades to Duchesne's overall WiFi infrastructure, including its parking lot WiFi.
- A \$1,700 grant from Utah State Library funds 1/3rd of the circulating hotspots service; Program ended in December due to the end of the grant.
- A \$7,800 Community Library Enhancement Fund grant from the Utah State Legislature helps buy digital collections.
- Roosevelt Branch hires Jada-Lynn Murray as Associate Librarian following Susan Reynolds retirement. Duchesne Branch hires Vanessa Lucas as Associate Librarian.
- Optional self-checkout station is launched at Roosevelt Branch. Duchesne Branch completes the radio frequency identification tagging of all its items before closing.
- Duchesne County recognized again with a Quality Library Award from the Utah State Library Division.
- Julie Hewitt completes the Utah Library Association Paraprofessional Certification.

- Roosevelt Library recognized with American Council of Engineering Companies Merit Award for Structural Systems
- A new online room reservation and library event calendar is launched.
- A new online print system is launched to allow patrons to print wirelessly from their own devices.
- Staff are trained to assist patrons with the Utah's Online Library databases.
- 2024-2026 Strategic Plan approved and launched.

Goals

- Soft open the Duchesne Branch at the beginning of 2025. Adjust to the new clientele and building use.
- Hire and train new Roosevelt Branch Manager following Stephen Moon's departure.
- Communications training for the entire staff.
- Launch monthly art programs for youth and teens.
- Launch patron basic technology course in Roosevelt.
- Evaluate library's spending including: Reducing Roosevelt Assistant Branch Manager position from full-time to part-time when it is voluntarily vacated; share Roosevelt full-time custodian with other Roosevelt county facilities; ending low-use standing book orders and periodical subscriptions; evaluating services with low impact that may need to end; be even more selective about physical and digital collection purchases which include longer wait times. These cuts will help contribute to the Roosevelt Branch loan payment rather than relying on savings. 2024 library funds in excess of normal operations put \$10,000 to the Roosevelt Library loan payment and \$55,000 to the furniture, furnishings, and equipment of the Duchesne remodel.