

# Duchesne County Library System Annual Report 2025

## Accomplishments

### Collections

- Total digital and physical circulation reached just under 160,000 (+10%; New record.)
- Physical circulation reaches over 95,000 [+1%; 43,000 (45%) are children's materials. Books remain strong throughout the decade constituting 77% of circulation; Video remains 17% of circ].
- Total digital circulation reaches over 64,000 (+27%; record). [Digital collections were 40% of total library circulation. Nearly 47,000 (73%) is from the state-Beehive Library Consortium. **Duchesne-funded Libby nearly reached 9,000 (+5%) and Hoopla increased to 8,300 (+26%)**].
- Outreach circulation: Tabiona 1,200 (+26%; record). Jail 520 (+92%; record).
- Just under 6,000 active library accounts in the past 3 years (+1%; 325 total are Uintah residents using Roosevelt).
- Blackstone Unlimited digital collection was researched and launched in December. **A much more economical cost-per-circulation model than Hoopla, though the collection is much smaller. It may hopefully divert increasing demand from Libby and Hoopla.**

### Facility Use/Programs

- 94,400 patron visits (+21%; Record; 71,500 visits in Roosevelt; +3%; Record).
- 520 events (+10%; record). 11,575 attended (record for in-person activities)
- Roosevelt Branch Community Rooms reserved for 320 non-library events (+78%). (220 public, +57%; **100 private, +150%; private business meetings, testing, dance practices, small parties.**) 560 sessions in the smaller meeting rooms (including walk-in use).
- Duchesne Branch Community Room reserved for 46 non-library events (22 public, 19 private). 137 sessions in smaller meeting room (including walk-in use).
- 37,500 Library WiFi sessions (+51%; record). 9,400 Computers sessions (**+25%; highest post-COVID**).
- Summer Reading Program – Over 800 sign-ups (+4%); record 382 signups & 194 completions at Duchesne Branch. Record completion rate for the county at 57%.
- Service launched for patrons to print from their own wireless devices.
- **A monthly basic technology course for patrons launched in the fall. A handful of very appreciative adults (based on event surveys) attend regularly.**
- **Duchesne staff assists the Uintah Basin Association of Governments with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, completing 53 returns (-13%).**

### Other

- Duchesne Branch re-opens in January with 200 attending the April open house.
- **Roosevelt Branch roof still leaked in high winds. Further repairs completed.**
- History Center Facebook page reaches 1,400 followers (+16%). Many contribute to the historical photo identification project. Roosevelt Branch Facebook reaches 1,700.
- A \$5,000 Technology Enhancement grant from the Utah State Library Division purchases new patron computers at the Roosevelt Branch.
- **Upgrades to Duchesne Branch's wifi infrastructure, including parking lot and battery backup, are completed.**
- A \$8,400 Community Library Enhancement Fund grant from the Utah State Legislature helps with digital collection purchases in Libby.

- A \$5,500 grant from John Eldred Jr. Fund received to purchase children's books with built-in audio players for Duchesne Branch.
- Roosevelt Branch Manager Stephen Moon retires and Asst. Manager Deborah Haslem moves out of the Basin. Haylee Toland is hired as Branch Manager, Melanie Petersen is promoted as part-time Asst. Manager, and Christina Gordon and Sara Loertscher are hired as Associate Librarians. Wendy Hargis retires from Roosevelt. Duchesne Branch hires Rachael Potter as an Associate Librarian following Becky Muir's retirement.
- Library participates in parents nights at 3 elementary schools to promote services.
- Duchesne County recognized again with a Quality Library Award from the Utah State Library Division.
- Daniel Mauchley recognized with Utah Library Association Special Recognition Award for ULA/CLAU merger work
- 6 Volunteers donate nearly 360 hours at Duchesne Branch and History Center.
- Library revenues were able to cover all operations costs, new furniture & equipment for Duchesne Branch, and the Roosevelt Branch annual construction payment for the first time since Roosevelt Branch began construction 5 years ago. This was achieved mostly by reducing the Roosevelt Asst. Branch Manager position from full-time following Deborah's departure to part-time and in redistributing the Roosevelt Branch custodian's time to help cover other county facilities, reducing her costs by half.

## Goals

- Co-sponsor monthly art activities in Roosevelt with the Roosevelt Arts Alliance.
- Promote the Project Read adult literacy program.
- Renew memorandum of understanding with Uintah County Library for shared catalog and physical collection resources, while releasing Wasatch County Library from the agreement to simplify internal processes.
- Draft 2027-2029 Strategic Plan. Release patron feedback surveys and host focus groups at both branches.
- Maintain library costs under revenues.
- Communications and community resource training for the entire staff.
- Host exhibits in the spring and early summer focused on the America 250 celebration.