



Park County Libraries Bailey Branch Annual Report 2025



The mission of the Park County Public Libraries is to educate, encourage, enlighten, and entertain its community.

Circulation

41,548

Books, Movies,
Kits and more!



Summer Reading

250



Librarian Assistance

1,900



Computers & Wifi

2,221

3,862



Meeting Rooms Use

2,648

Meetings, Tutoring, Community Use, Meet and Greet, Clubs



Program Attendance

3,155



Visits

23,841



Mountain Resource Center – Mobile Food Bank

The Mountain Resource Center’s Mobile Food Bank visited the library every Wednesday during the summer, providing fresh food to community members in a convenient and familiar location. In addition to food distribution, staff shared information about the wide range of services offered by the Mountain Resource Center, including utility assistance, rent and mortgage assistance, the Colorado Pet Pantry, counseling services, job training opportunities, and preschool programs.



Health & Wellness Partnerships

- **Rocky Mountain Rural Health**

Two case workers travel from Fairplay to the library each month to provide free health screenings, including blood pressure, blood sugar, pulse, and oxygen testing. They also provide information on Medicaid, health insurance enrollment, finding a doctor, advance care planning, and other health resources, ensuring convenient access to essential services.



- **STRIDE Health**

STRIDE Health offered health outreach and support services at the library during part of the year from February to September. Although STRIDE served dozens of patrons who appreciated the accessibility and location of the services, overall demand was lower than expected. Unfortunately, outreach was paused in September due to a staffing shortage. The continuation of this partnership and future outreach opportunities will be addressed as staffing allows.



Elk Creek Music Studios, led by Casey and Stephanie Wilkes, have partnered with the library to offer a ukulele class and a toddler music session each month to our community. Their partnership provides fun, engaging, and educational musical opportunities for children of all ages in our community.

Bailey Library participated in several community events this year, connecting with hundreds of people, many of whom do not regularly use the library or were previously unaware of the full range of services available:

- Community Pumpkin Patch – Hosted at Deer Creek Secure Self Storage, where library staff joined families for a spooky, fun-filled event.
- Annual Turkey Trot – Held at Tomahawk Ranch and organized by CRATES, a local Bailey business led by Kevin McNamee.
- Bailey Cowboy Christmas – Organized by the Platte Canyon Chamber of Commerce, providing holiday-themed programming and community engagement.

At each event, library staff shared information about programs, services, and upcoming opportunities, fostering connections with new and existing community members.



Community Collaboration Highlights – Bailey Library

The library hosts monthly online legal clinic offered in partnership with the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, with services provided by volunteer attorneys. This clinic consistently serves patrons at each session and remains a well-used and valued resource for community members seeking legal guidance. Services are offered by Zoom or phone, and patrons may come to the library to participate in a private virtual or phone appointment, ensuring access for those without reliable internet or phone service at home.

Neighborhood Forest Tree Giveaway

Bailey Library partnered with Neighborhood Forest to provide free trees to children in celebration of Earth Day. This year, over 70 kids signed up at the library to receive a tree. The primary goal of Neighborhood Forest is to give every child a free tree to plant, fostering a lifelong love for the planet, beautifying neighborhoods, reducing carbon footprints, and teaching responsibility by connecting children directly to nature. Neighborhood Forest partners with schools and libraries to distribute trees (and indoor plants), aiming to reach every child in North America and eventually the world, instilling wonder, care, and environmental stewardship.



Library Supporter Spotlight



Special recognition to Mark Linne, a well-known community member and Library Ambassador, for his continued enthusiasm and support of Bailey Library and libraries everywhere. His warmth and friendliness toward library staff, along with his encouragement and community connections, have helped strengthen and expand the library's presence throughout the Bailey community.

We also extend special thanks to **Off the Rails Coffee (Kyleigh Rossignol & Ben Goldsmith)**, who generously donated a prize for this year's Summer Reading Program, showing their commitment to supporting children, families, and community engagement through the library!



Bailey Library Staff & Volunteer Highlights

Bailey Library thrives because of the dedication, creativity, and heart of our staff, volunteers, and Friends group. Each person brings unique strengths, and their combined efforts ensure the library remains a welcoming, vibrant, and supportive place for the entire community.

Staff

- **Rosi** works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure new items are processed and quickly available for our patrons. Her care and efficiency keep the library running smoothly, and she generously contributes to fundraising efforts through our monthly silent auctions, supporting programs that enrich the community.
- **Bonnie** keeps our collections organized and accessible, ensuring that every book and resource is in its proper place. Her commitment extends beyond organization, helping with book sales and cataloging projects that strengthen the library's offerings.
- **Erin** ensures interlibrary loans run smoothly and provides patient, knowledgeable patron support, creating a welcoming and confident experience for patrons.
- **Carey** has been a trusted substitute staff member for several years and has brought her expertise to create the library's Tech Assistance for Seniors program. Her work has helped older patrons navigate technology, expanding access and building confidence for many in our community.
- **Susan** brings warmth and creativity to the library, decorating for every season and holiday, keeping the space inviting and organized. She is also a cornerstone of the Summer Reading Program, helping to plan activities and track reading progress, making the program engaging and fun for children.
- **Michaela** as the branch manager, oversees library operations and occasionally does Storytime

Volunteers

- **Reanon** shares her time and energy twice a week, shelving and organizing materials so that patrons always find what they need with ease. Her steady presence behind the scenes makes a big difference and she always keeps the library well- stocked with candy for staff and patrons.
- **Camille** devoted significant time this year to ensuring our collection was carefully inventoried, while also supporting other library programs.
- **Phyllis** who diligently tends to the landscaping along the front entrance of the library. These gardens, originally planted by the Eagle Scouts, continue to be a lovely welcome to visitors thanks to her care and dedication.
- **Linda, Linda, and Tracy** who are the driving force behind the Friends of the Library used bookstore. They devote countless hours sorting, organizing, and giving new life to donated books, supporting both community access and fundraising efforts.
- **Martha** who sorts through donated books and arranges them with incredible organizational style .

New Additions Enhancing Creativity, Access, and Local History



Gold Coin Shadowboxes

Bailey Library displays Gold Coin Shadowbox donated by the **Shawnee Historical Society**. These shadowboxes encase gold coin replicas, displaying both sides of each coin alongside detailed historical descriptions of the coins minted by John Parsons. This exhibit highlights local history and mining heritage, offering patrons an educational and visually engaging connection

Soundproof Booth

The new soundproof booth provides patrons with a quiet, private space for virtual meetings, job interviews, and online appointments. This addition has been used primarily for professional and employment-related needs, offering community members a reliable and confidential space to connect online.



Lego Castle

The top of the kids' nonfiction bookcase now features a much-admired LEGO display of Hogwarts Castle, generously donated by Bailey native Dylan Jennewein.



3D Printers

The addition of a second 3D printer by a generous patron has expanded hands-on learning and creativity at Bailey Library. These printers are actively used by the community, especially children, to explore design and emerging technology in an fun and accessible way.

BAILEY LIBRARY FUND (08)

PROJECTED FUND BALANCE

PROJECTED FUND BALANCE: 12/31/2024 \$ 726,966

2025

Plus Projected Revenues	115,549
Less Projected Expenses	92,854

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE	<u>22,695</u>
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2025	<u><u>\$ 749,661</u></u>

2026

Plus Projected Revenues	35,000
Less Projected Expenses	34,354

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE	<u>646</u>
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2026	<u><u>\$ 750,307</u></u>

Budget and Financials

	AMENDED	ESTIMATE	AMENDED	ESTIMATE	BUDGET
5500. BAILEY LIBRARY					
Revenue					
08.5500.361200. INTEREST	\$ -	\$ 34,845	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
08.5500.367200. DONATIONS	-	161,098	-	80,549	-
Total Revenue	-	195,943	35,000	115,549	35,000
Expenditure					
08.5500.611100. SALARIES & WAGES	7,450	16,025	17,839	17,839	17,839
08.5500.614300. HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE	18,000	-	26,000	26,000	-
08.5500.611100. FICA	570	1,203	1,365	1,365	1,365
08.5500.619300. LIBRARY BOARD EXPENSE	300	-	-	-	-
08.5500.621100. OFFICE SUPPLIES EXPENSE	1,000	-	2,000	2,000	1,000
08.5500.621600. COMPUTER SUPPLIES EXPENSE	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	2,500
08.5500.621900. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	1,000	1,350	5,000	5,000	500
08.5500.631100. POSTAGE EXPENSE	100	-	-	-	-
08.5500.634550. INTERNET EXPENSE	1,000	-	-	-	-
08.5500.636300. EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINT	500	-	20,000	20,000	500
08.5500.637200. TRAVEL	1,000	473	500	500	500
08.5500.638300. EDUCATION & TRAINING	750	-	-	-	-
08.5500.638500. NEWSPAPERS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	300	-	150	150	150
08.5500.638500. PROGRAMMING	10,000	7,560	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Expenditure	51,970	36,611	92,854	92,854	34,354
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	51,970	36,611	92,854	92,854	34,354
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 195,943	\$ 35,000	\$ 115,549	\$ 35,000

For less than \$2 per week per resident, Park County libraries provide books, internet access, children's programs, job resources, and community spaces

Friends of the Bailey Library 501(c)(3)

The Friends of the Bailey Library have done so much for our library this year!

They teamed up with PCCP Resale Boutique to get new Easter eggs for the annual Egg Hunt, added two new stories to the StoryWalk, and made sure the books are switched out to keep the walking and reading experience novel. They also sponsored the wreath-making event, pitched in at Cowboy Christmas, organized the annual Big Book Sale of used books, raising much-needed funds to support the library and its programs. They also matched funds for the Pilcrow Grant, bringing over 50 beautiful new children's books to our shelves—from picture books to chapter books, fiction and nonfiction alike.





Summer Reading Program 2025
"Color Our World"





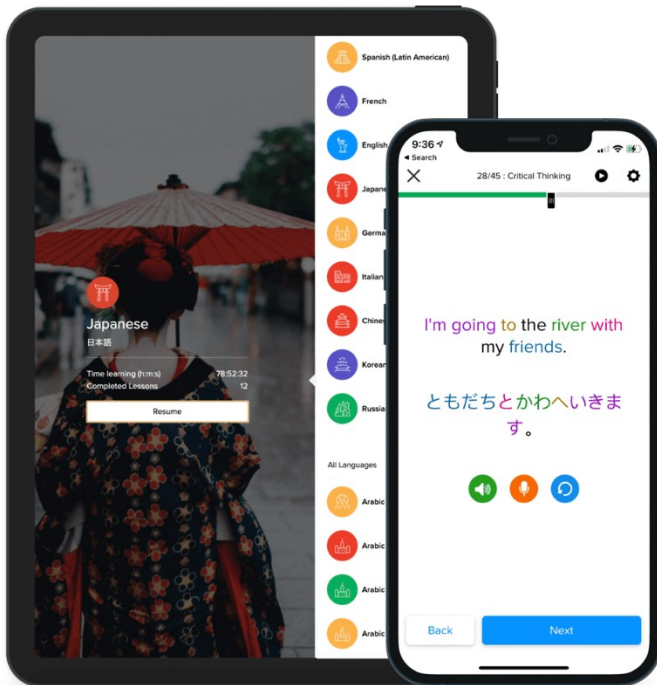
Burland Firewise
Wildfire Home Safety Seminar



Park County Historical Society
“South Park Treasure “
Pictured-Jim Glenn as John Reynolds

Bald Eagle from
HawkQuest

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