



Cedar County Library District Annual Report

2020

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From the Desk of the Director



2020. What can I say? This has been a year of so much change and adaptation. Our world has drastically changed in a short amount of time. The Cedar County Library has focused on changing with the times, and on doing everything that we could to help our patrons adapt as well.

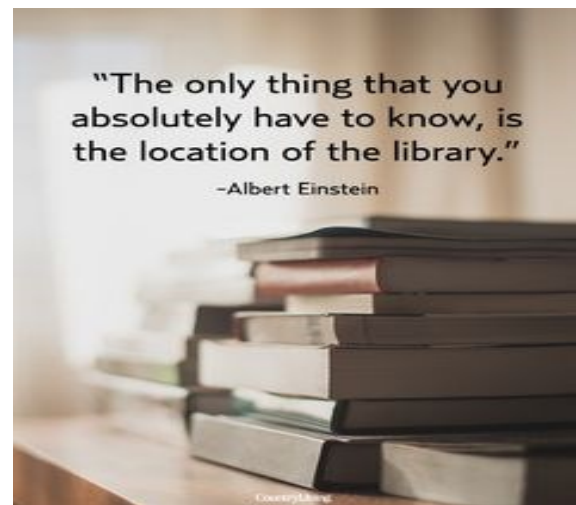
I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Elaina Daniels. I started as Branch Manager at the Stockton branch on March 9th, and by March 16th, both branches had closed due to COVID-19 concerns. Our previous director, Glenda Pate, retired after 20 years at the Cedar County Library on July 31st, 2020, and I was given the privilege and the honor of replacing her on August 1st.

I have lived in Stockton for over 20 years with my husband David, and our two boys. I was previously a teacher for nearly 20 years.

To me, a library is home. It is SO much more than just simply a "place to check out books." It is a vital community hub, with offerings as great and varied as the people who enter the doors.

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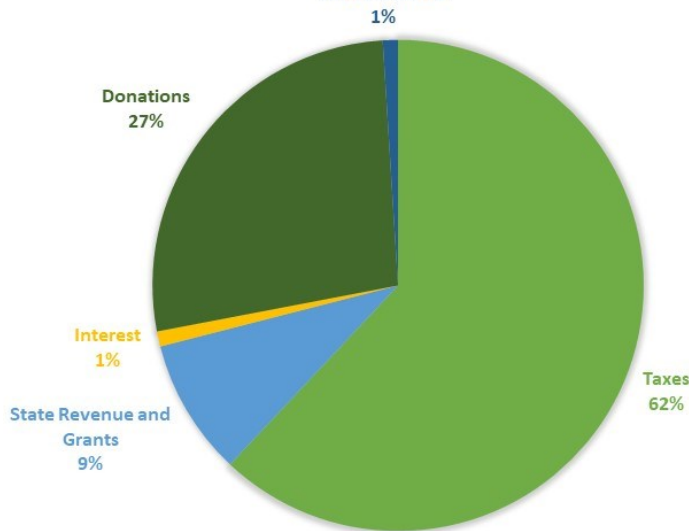
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2020 Financial Report



INCOME



Grants:

- Summer Reading Program
- County Cares
- State Broadband and Technology
- Reading Challenge
- Replace Aging Computers

Building

Upgrades:

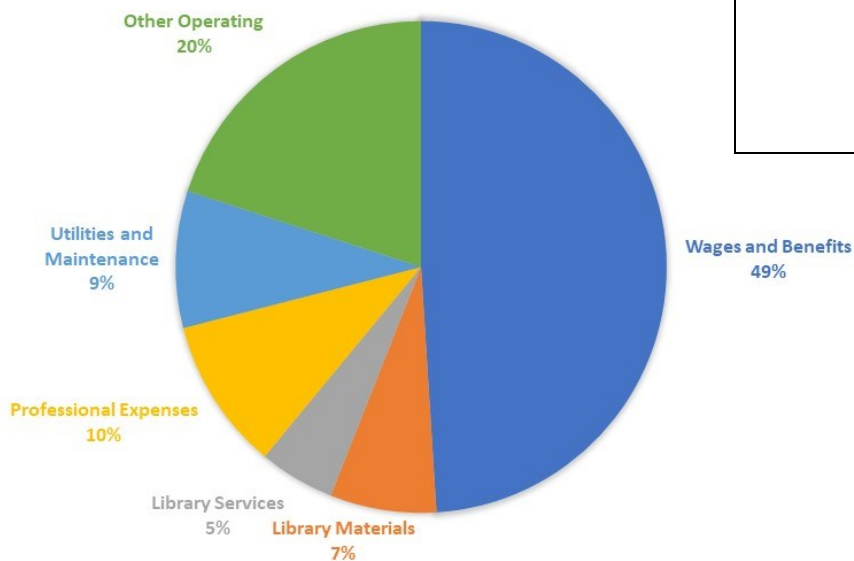
- Wi-Fi Access to the parking lot
- Multiple touchless features
- Presentation televisions
- Self Checkout stations

New

Materials:

- World Book Online
- Increased budget for Overdrive
- New Audiobook leasing program

EXPENSES



2020 In Review

July 31st, 2020 was a day of great joy to former library director Glenda Pate! After 20 years, she retired from the library! Glenda, seen here at her retirement party, is joined by Linda Jamison, Branch Manager of the John D. Smith Branch, and Elaina Daniels, incoming Library Director.



Though the library was closed for a bit, and we had to find other ways to reach our patrons, we didn't let that stop us from having FUN!

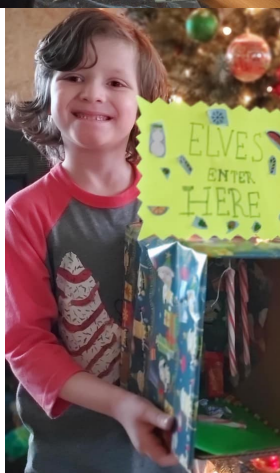
Top Left: Socially Distanced Pumpkin Painting.

Top Middle: Staff helping children with their painting.

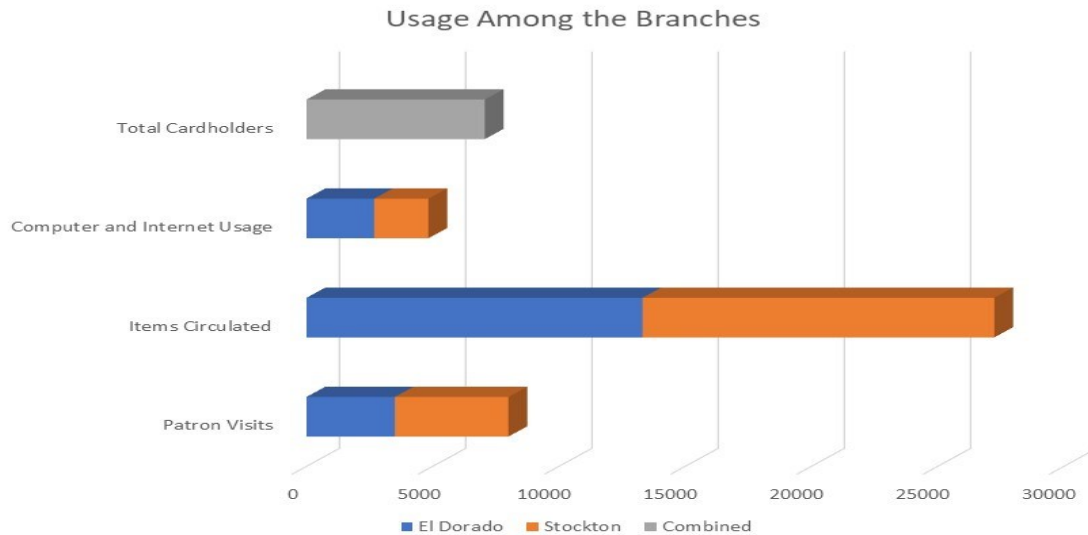
Top Right: Staff participating in the Halloween events at both towns!

Bottom Left: A take home craft, an ELF TRAP!

Bottom Right: Take home Gingerbread Houses!



2020 By the Numbers



New and Improved at the Library!

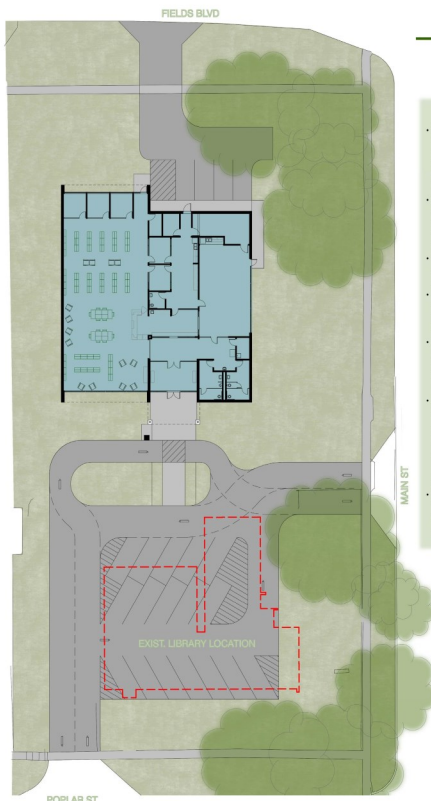
1. Touchless Features—Thanks to a county CARES grant, the CCLD was able to input hands free sinks, soap dispensers, toilets, trash cans, and sanitizer stations.
2. More Bandwidth—Thanks to a CARES grant from the state, we were able to upgrade our bandwidth by almost double.
3. Parking Lot Wi-Fi—The state Cares Grant also allowed us to make our Wi-Fi accessible more hours of the day and to extend it into the parking lot.
4. Presentation televisions—The library is able to get out information seamlessly through televisions at both locations.
5. Self checkout—self checkout at both branches allows patrons to check out materials themselves.
6. Increase to Databases—We now have access to World Book Online.

In 2020, the Cedar County Library kicked off fundraising for the new building project for the El Dorado Springs Branch of the Cedar County Library.



NEW FACILITY FOR

CEDAR COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT EL DORADO SPRINGS BRANCH



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- New 7,630 square foot building to be built on the same site, to the North of the existing library facility. This way the current library will be able to remain open during construction of the new facility.
- The Library has a centrally located circulation desk which is better for security and allows for full visibility of the main entrance, the Library, and adjacent Program Room.
- Designated seating areas for reading plus a reading lounge, and 3 private rooms for up to 4 people.
- There is a large Program Room for up to 50 people with a kitchenette, and the Restrooms in the front are shared between it and the Library.
- There is a large Work Room/Break Room in the center of the building, which is separated from the Library by two offices that have glass walls on each for visibility all the way through.
- Building features lots of glass for visibility and tons of natural daylight. This includes the North and South walls of the Library which are full glass, and the center section of the building has clerestory windows into the Lobby, Circulation Desk area, and Work Room. And the East wall of the Program Room is full glass.
- Site features a large parking lot on the South side with a drive-up lane with an outdoor book drop box, and a smaller parking lot on the North for employees and deliveries.



SOUTH ELEVATION

The present library facility is approaching 70 years old and was originally designed as a professional clinic housing both medical and dental practices. In 1998, the building was bought by John D. Smith and donated to the City of El Dorado Springs for the sole purpose of housing the Cedar County Library in El Dorado Springs. The El Dorado Springs Friends raised funds to renovate the building, and the Cedar County Library District contributed \$25,000 to renovate the building in 1998, creating the current library facility.

In the past few years, the roof of that building has begun leaking and although the City has worked to resolve these problems, it continues to leak with no practical remedy.

Considering the cost, age of the building, and limitations of the building, the Cedar County Library District Board of Trustees recommends now is the time to move forward and begin this new building project in El Dorado Springs.



NORTH ELEVATION



What's coming?



JOIN us for our Summer Reading Program this year, entitled, Tails and Tales! This program will begin in June. Keep your kiddos from experiencing that dreaded "summer slide" that can happen during those hot summer months. We will have Programs, PRIZES, and FUN!

How can you benefit?

- ♦ Children and adults are motivated to read!
- ♦ Children and adults have more positive attitudes about reading, the library, and the community!
 - ♦ Children can maintain their reading skills!
 - ♦ Adults will be modeling good reading habits!



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