NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we look back, 2012 will be a milestone for Anythink achieving its stride. We are moving full steam ahead on our Strategic Plan, which focuses on learning, participation, community, innovation and shifting perceptions of libraries. At the center of this plan is continuing to help our community members and staff optimize their quality of life. Together, we will shape the future of Anythink. On behalf of the entire Anythink team, it is our pleasure to provide delightful library service.

Pam Sandlian Smith, Anythink Director





MYSUMMER

You've never seen (or heard or experienced) a summer reading program like this one. With creative programs that invite customers of all ages to READ THINK DO, mySummer has something for everyone to experience. In 2012, mySummer members attended 275 programs, exploring everything from sushi making to lawn games to participatory shows with award-winning performers. In addition to programs, Anythink customers also filled their local branch's interactive display with pom-poms – one for each book read throughout the summer.



EXPLORE OUTDOORS

Creativity takes place in many forms and environments. In an effort to help connect kids with the natural world, Anythink launched its first outdoor classroom, Explore Outdoors, at Anythink Wright Farms in September 2012. Here, young students explore their creativity through activities like climbing, building and performing. The classroom, certified by Nature Explore, contains natural materials designed to spark curiosity and create a life-long love of nature.





THOMAS LOCKER, ART AND NATURE

Examining the natural world evokes inspiration at every corner. That's why deciding to host an exhibit of acclaimed American-landscape painter Thomas Locker at Anythink was an easy decision. Thanks to a partnership with Fulcrum Publishing, "Art and Nature" brought a piece of the Catskill Mountains to Colorado on display from April 27-July 17, 2012. Considered one of the most inspirational voices for art, nature and history, Locker felt deeply that once people see the beauty in nature, they will want to protect it. A student of the Hudson River School tradition of art, his paintings emphasize light and bring a dreamlike quality to their natural subjects. "Art and Nature" offered Anythink customers the opportunity to connect with nature through creative expression.



EXPERIENCE ZONES

Anythink isn't just about what's on the shelves; it's also about creating memories. To help engage every person that walks through the doors, all Anythink locations set up their own unique "experience zones" throughout the year. Whether it's an embryology program where customers can watch baby chicks hatch from their shells or a fashion design contest using office supplies, experience zones allow customers to connect with ideas in creative ways using all of their senses. What will you learn at your next visit to Anythink?

"The next step in our Anythink evolution is to be the seamless interface linking our customers with each other, thus providing a huge resource of talents and abilities."

Dot Lindsey, Anythink Board of Trustees







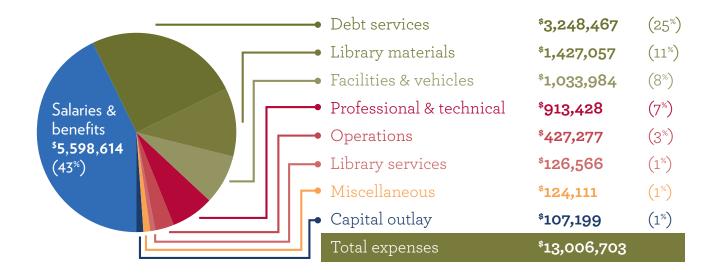
Event attendance **44,264**



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