

2013 ANYTHINK ANNUAL REPORT

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we look back, 2013 was a year of exploring, learning and expanding Anythink's sense of curiosity. The Anythink team explored new ideas through the creation of a "Happiness" exhibit and by hosting "Fighting the Fires of Hate." The Anythink Foundation launched its inaugural Backyard Concert Series for our community. The district also opened Anythink York Street on the Mapleton Public Schools' Skyview Campus. We continue to challenge ourselves and our community to reach our full creative potential.

- Pam Sandlian Smith, Anythink Director

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

Walt Disney



ANYTHINK YORK STREET

On June 1, 2013, the newest Anythink library opened its doors in Thornton, Colo. The result of a unique partnership, Anythink York Street is housed on the Mapleton Public Schools' Skyview Campus and operates as a public library for the entire community. With access to many of the campus' facilities, the library is able to host a variety of innovative programs – everything from ballet performances to youth technology workshops.

"My kids love it here. We make it every week and it's essential for our family."

Kristen Montaya Schwartz, Anythink customer



THE STUDIO

At The Studio, it's not just about what you *do*, but who you will *become*. The Studio represents Anythink's overall approach to hands-on, participatory programming and includes its physical creation spaces across the district. The Studio expanded in 2013 to include a digital learning lab at Anythink Wright Farms where teens can hang out, mess around and geek out with technology. Here, students have the opportunity to engage with each other and community artists in workshops that emphasize creativity and 21st century skills. The Studio at Anythink Wright Farms was made possible from a \$100,000 grant funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.



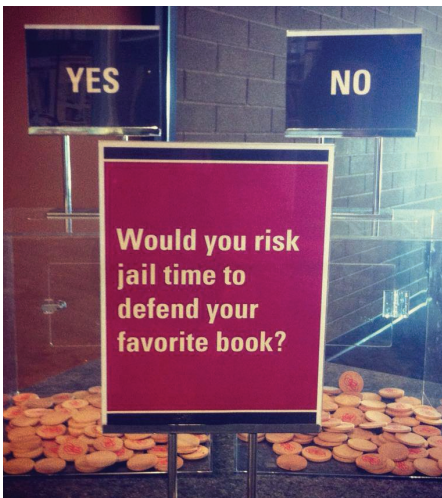
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BACKYARD CONCERT SERIES

Anythink's Backyard Concert Series kicked off in 2013, bringing the community together through music and dance. Featuring a wide variety of musical styles, the Backyard Concert Series is held three summer evenings in the one-acre park adjacent to Anythink Wright Farms. The concerts are free and open to the public, with food and beverage sales benefiting the Anythink Foundation and future Nature Explore classrooms at Anythink.



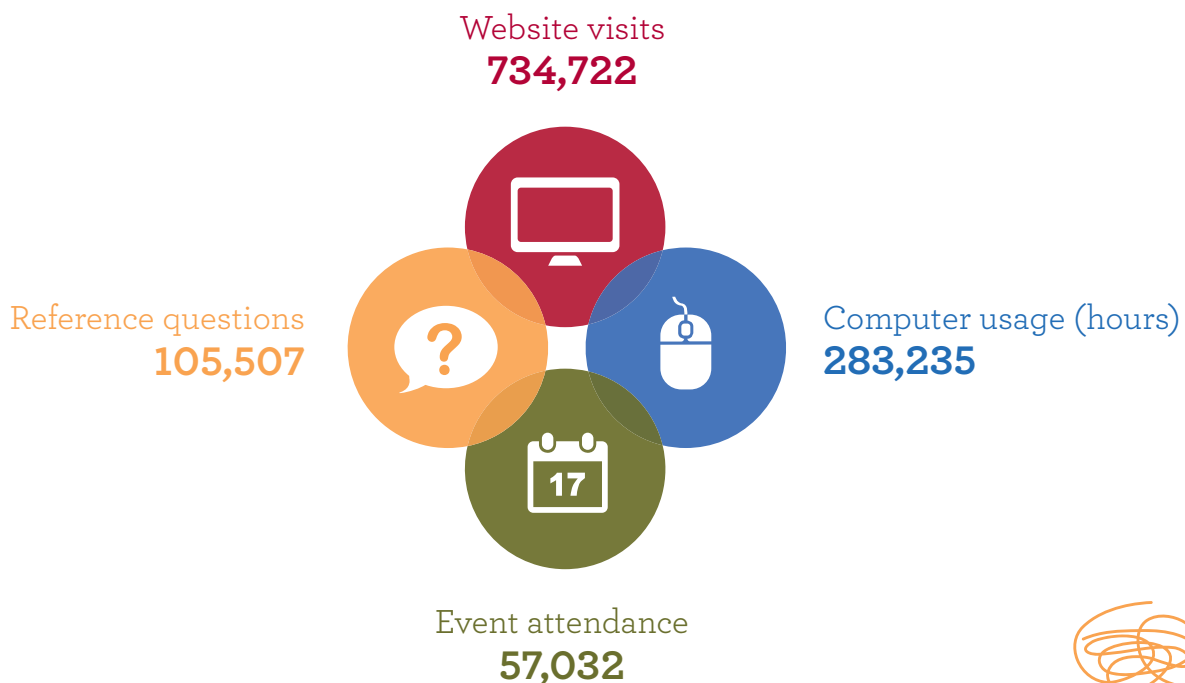
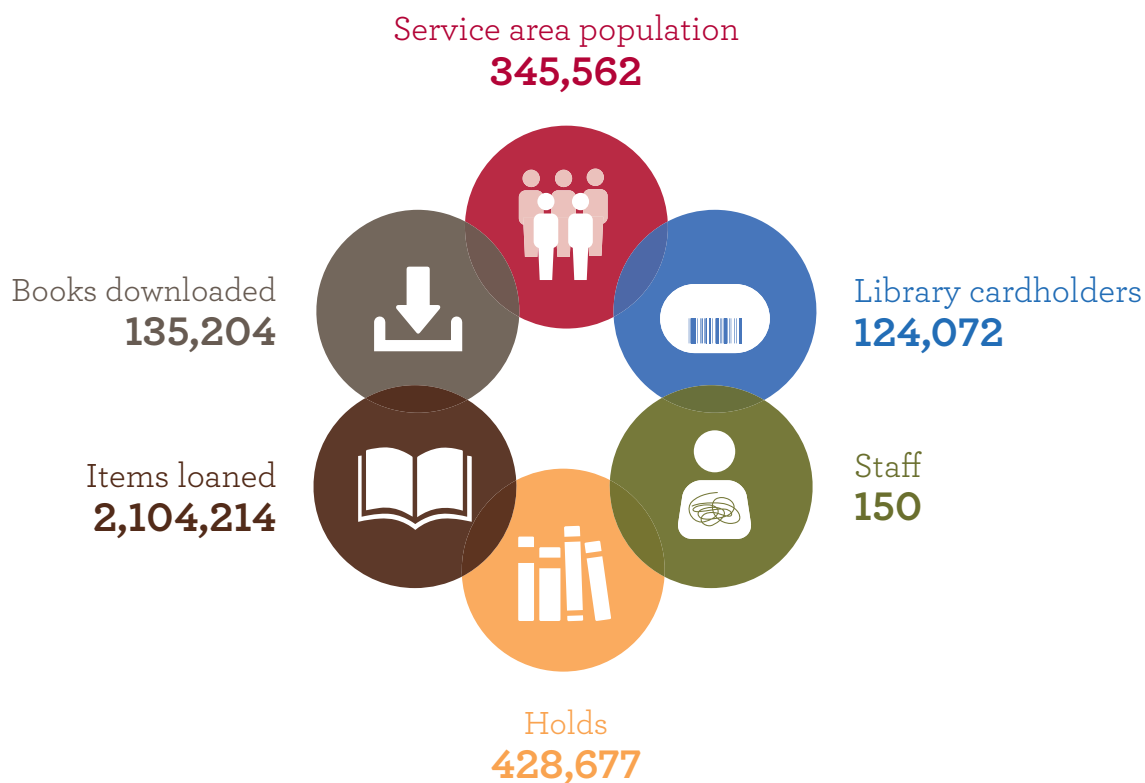
“FIGHTING THE FIRES OF HATE”

From Aug. 9-Sept. 28, 2013, community members explored the educational and thought-provoking exhibition “Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings” on display at Anythink Wright Farms. The exhibition, produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., is a comprehensive examination of the Nazi book burnings, inviting participants to learn about this historic event and its influence on American politics, literature and popular culture. In conjunction with the exhibition, Anythink hosted several interactive programs to highlight Banned Books Week and censorship.

“Anythink continues to bring the community together through creative programming and technology while providing opportunities for people to pursue their passions and dreams.”

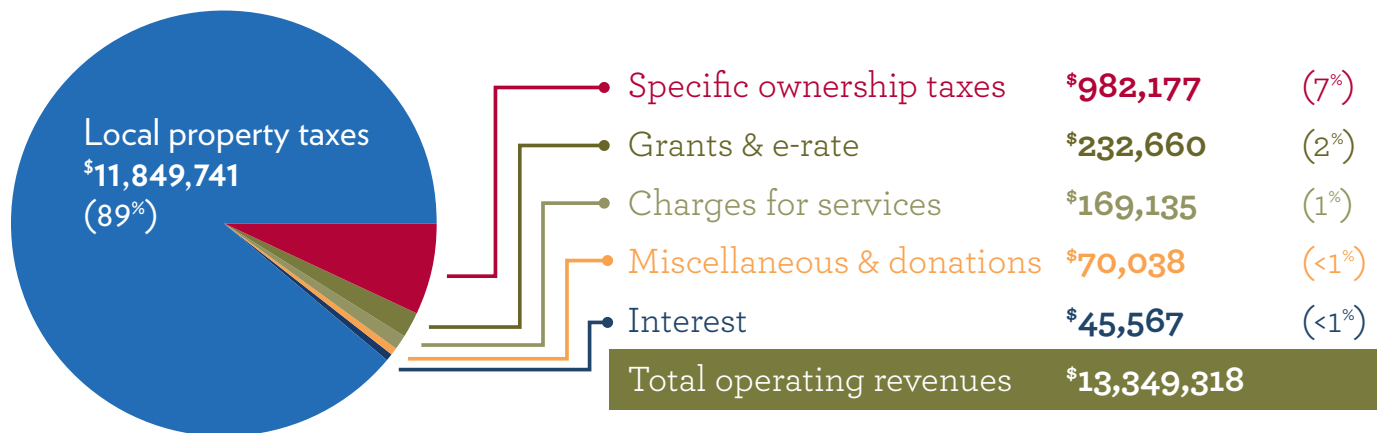
Dot Lindsey, President, Anythink Board of Trustees

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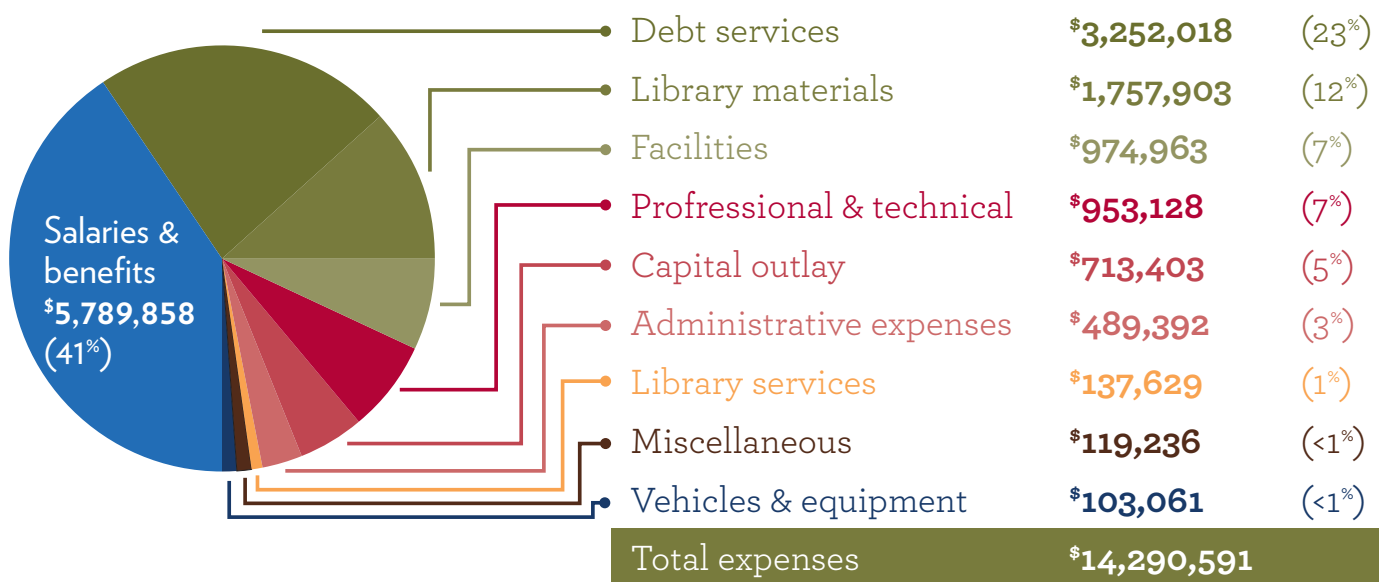


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