



2017 ANYTHINK ANNUAL REPORT



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“Anythink consulted with the community to create a new strategic plan that will steer the library as a catalyst for innovation in the coming years. This will bring new experiences, resources and opportunities for kids, teens, adults and families throughout Adams County.”

-Lynne Fox, Anythink Board of Trustees president

“Whether it’s through high-quality experiential educational programs for kids or special community events like the Backyard Concert Series, Anythink provides opportunities for everyone in Adams County to learn, connect and create. Anythink is truly a place of passion, creativity and innovation and where doors are opened for curious minds.”

- Brian Hall, Anythink Foundation chair



My place to **TELL MY STORY**

Anythink continues to serve as a hub for community discourse, engagement and an exchange of ideas. In 2017, Anythink asked Adams County residents to share their ideas about community, family and personal goals – and how the library can help in achieving those aspirations – through telephone polling, online and in-person surveys and a series of 23 roundtable discussions. The results helped inform the library’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. Our vision: Anythink is the catalyst for innovation in our community.

“Anythink does such great things for our community. It’s a great place to raise little ones!”

– Catherine C., Anythink customer



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My place to **RECORD MY MIX TAPE**

The Studio at Anythink is guided by the philosophy that customers of all ages thrive when they discover and follow their passions, collaborate with others, and become creators. In 2017, The Studio – which includes two dedicated physical spaces, as well as traveling equipment and programs – expanded to a larger, more versatile space at its Anythink Wright Farms location. From jewelry-making and textiles to 3D printing and videography, the new space is designed to support a wide range of resources, mentorships and programming for people to tinker, create and become experts.

“In 2017, we saw so much intergenerational collaboration, where kids would work together with their parents and grandparents to create something new together.”

– Mo Yang, Studio Coordinator



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My place to **WORK FROM "HOME"**

Did you know that 86 percent of all businesses in Adams County employ fewer than 20 people?*

To help celebrate the community's entrepreneurial spirit, the library hosted Anythink Startup Month in September 2017. This month-long series partnered community members with experts and organizations, including the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute and local economic development centers to help foster business and career skills. In addition to these special programs, Anythink Startup Month created opportunities for entrepreneurs, freelancers and professionals to network and discover more about the business resources available to them year-round at Anythink.

“Anythink Brighton became like a second home to me when I taught myself web development through library resources. While my daughter attended early literacy programs, I was learning how to create my own website.”

– Donna L., Anythink customer

*Source: Adams County Economic Development





My place to **KID AROUND**

Anythink's four-legged friends from Caramel Apple Farms returned in 2017 for what is now an annual summer tradition: goats! The goats, which make a visit to each Anythink location, provide an opportunity for kids to learn first-hand about animals and farm life. The goats are just one example of Anythink's experience- and nature-based learning opportunities for children and families, which also includes embryology, Explore Outdoors nature classrooms and kid's gardening clubs.

“Thank you for giving my grandson so many opportunities to learn about his world. He is entering kindergarten in the fall, and our library is a great partner in his educational foundation.”

– Shawnee C., Anythink customer



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My place to **CREATE A MASTERPIECE**

In 2017, Anythink offered more than 470 children's programs, attended by 11,565 people. From story times to music and movement classes, these programs focus on developing cognitive and early literacy skills that help prepare kids for lifelong learning. In addition, partner programs help introduce community youth to a wide variety of special cultural and STEM (science, technology, engineering and technology) educational opportunities. Last year's partners included Exploration Universe, the Denver Zoo and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

“My parents have been taking my kids to this library weekly for years, and I think it's one of the best resources a community can have. The divided-up rooms and ‘word think’ shelving method make it very user-friendly, and my kids love the classes and the art room. In fact, I had the honor of going with them yesterday, and my son happily gave me a tour, introduced me to all the staff he knows (which may be everyone) and made sure I got some coffee at the snack bar!”

– *Chrissy A., Anythink customer*



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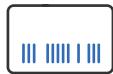
ANYTHINK BY THE NUMBERS



Service area population:
416,083



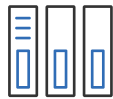
Total number of visits:
1,134,317



Library cardholders:
111,945



Full-time equivalent staff:
122



Items loaned:
2,241,289



Books downloaded:
379,718



Website visits:
1,906,698

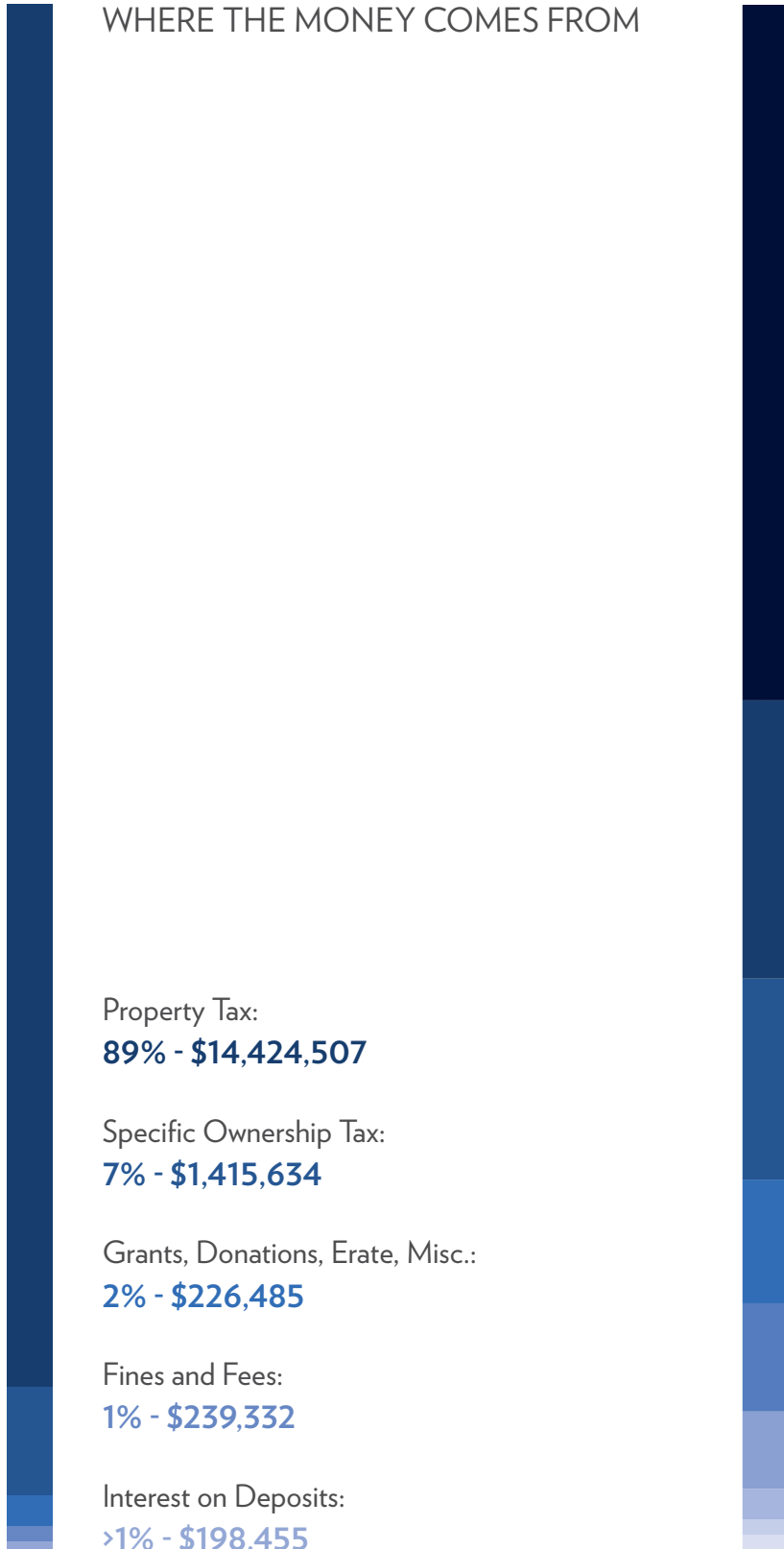


Program attendance:
64,997

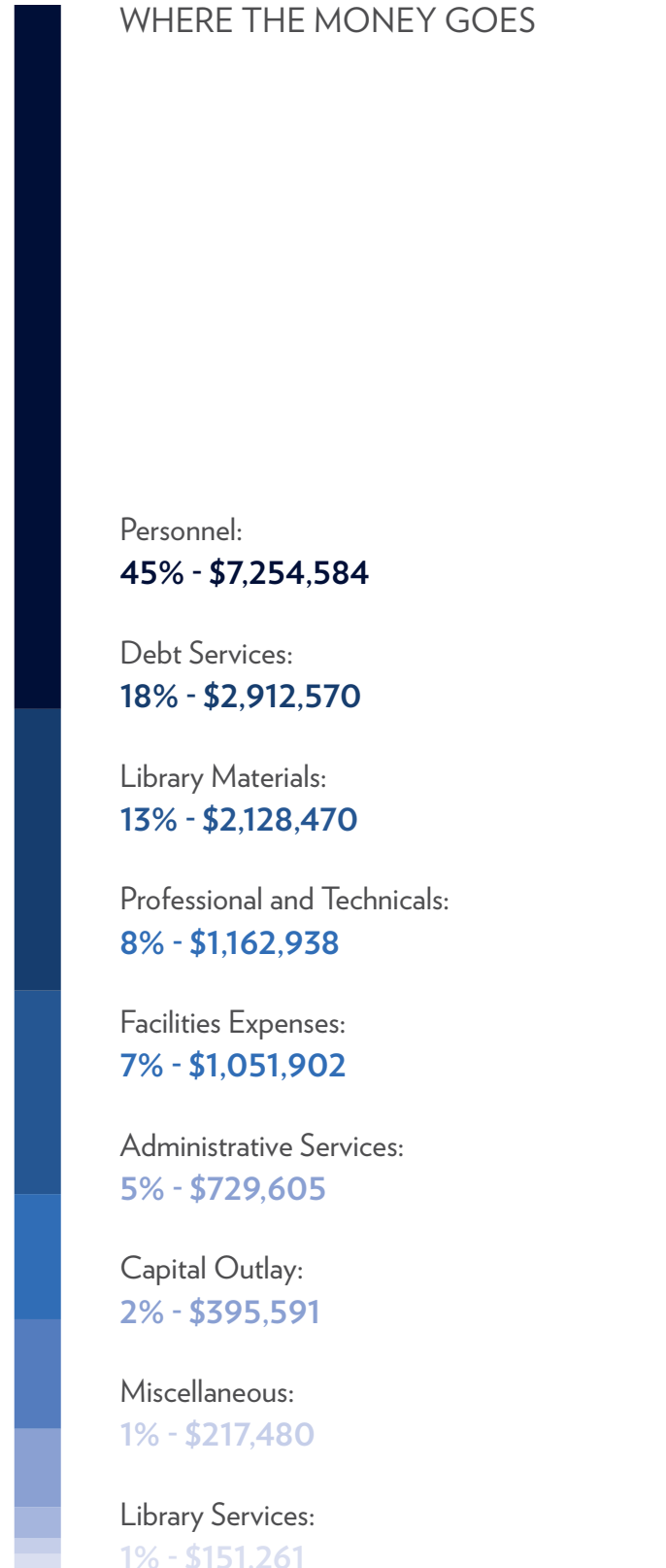


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