

ANYTHINK'S FUTURE

THE NEXT 10 YEARS

We never stop learning – and neither do you. That's why the library is exploring new ways to support kids, families, job seekers and lifelong learners in Adams County.

To meet the current needs of our community, our plan is to...

- Offer more programs and services for children and families, including kindergarten readiness resources
- Offer more programs and services for all ages focused on lifelong learning
- Increase the number of resources available for seniors, including adult education programs, one-on-one tech help and community dialogues
- Add Monday hours at four of Anythink's seven branches not currently open on Mondays
- Purchase more books, ebooks, DVDs and CDs to expand collections to offer broader selection, including more classics and student support
- Improve technology offerings, including additional laptops and hotspots for checkout
- Expand and renovate some existing facilities
- Build two new libraries and develop a career-based library

These plans will require additional funding.

What does this mean for Anythink Bennett?

With additional funding, we would...

- Open on Mondays
- Add 1,000-square-foot expansion to children's area for additional programming space
- Larger collection means getting books in people's hands faster - also working on expanded distribution system to cut wait times.
- Improve technology offerings, including additional laptops and hotspots for checkout

Why do we need additional funding?

Anythink is one of the lowest-funded libraries in the metro area.

BOOKS

We have less than one book for every Adams County resident.

	Books
Denver Public Library	1,413,550
High Plains Library District	495,977
Anythink Libraries	259,628

PROGRAMS

We have one of the lowest number of children's programs compared to other Front Range libraries.

	2018 Programs
Denver Public Library	19,555
Jefferson County Public Library	8,696
Douglas County Public Library	5,542
High Plains Library District	4,197
Anythink Libraries	2,352

STAFF

Our staffing levels are some of the lowest in the state. Anythink has one librarian for every 10,000 children under the age of 18.

	Staff per 1,000 residents
Douglas County Libraries	0.98
Denver Public Library	0.83
Anythink Libraries	0.33

Learn more at

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