

# 2014 ANYTHINK ANNUAL REPORT

## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Anythink celebrated its fifth birthday in 2014. We realized how far we have come as a library system, and how much more we have to learn as our community continues to evolve. We learned that teens are using The Studio to record their music, adults are sharing recipes and gardening tips at our community gardens, children are exploring cooking, music and dance during visits to Anythink. Our libraries are places where you can learn and create almost anything. One of my favorite projects of the year is “The Wish” at Anythink Huron Street, invented and constructed by papercraft artist Helen Hiebert. In order to create your future, you must first imagine it and then make it come true. What do you wish?

- Pam Sandlian Smith, Anythink Director

*“A participatory cultural institution is a place where visitors can create, share and connect with each other around content.”*

Nina Simon



## THE WISH

“The Wish” is the latest project in Anythink’s “This is Who We Are” collaborative public art series that partners community members with local artists to create art that represents each individual library’s community. Featuring a large dandelion sculpture made of 300 handcrafted paper seeds created by artist Helen Hiebert, “The Wish” represents the wishes and dreams of individuals from the Anythink Huron Street community and across the globe. This beautiful piece also contains an interactive sound component designed by local sound artist Jim Green. “The Wish” was commissioned in honor of Kay Riddle, former president of the Rangeview Library District Board of Trustees.



## COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Anythink continues to build relationships with other organizations in the area. In 2014, Anythink held its annual staff training day at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. This training day allowed for Anythink and DMNS staff to learn about the similarities between libraries and museums, as well as expand upon participatory learning experience skills.

*“I cannot say enough great things about this place. This is the best library I’ve ever used.”*

*Spencer H., Anythink customer*

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**“Anythink strives to understand and connect with the community to continually improve its ability to provide services and tools that enhance the quality of life for all residents.”**

*Ray Coffey, President, Anythink Board of Trustees*



## OUTSIDE THE LINES

In September 2014, Anythink joined more than 170 organizations across the United States and Canada to participate in Outside the Lines, a celebration demonstrating the creativity and innovation happening in libraries by connecting with local communities. Anythink invited individuals and businesses to show their support during Outside the Lines through a variety of ways, including direct community outreach, online engagement and celebrations at each Anythink location. Started by a group of library directors and marketers – including Anythink – Outside the Lines has grown to include nationwide support from libraries and organizations, as well as individuals like best-selling author Clive Cussler.

**“The library buildings and resources, youth programs and partnerships with online media are all remarkable. Anythink is fantastic.”**

*Tyson K., Anythink customer*

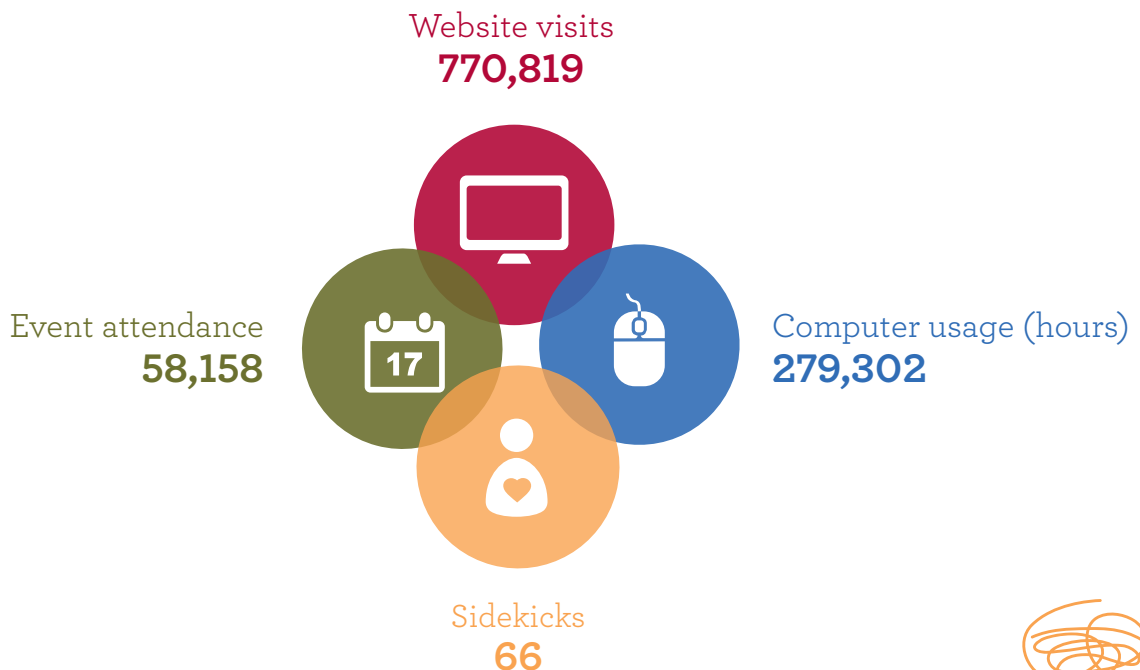
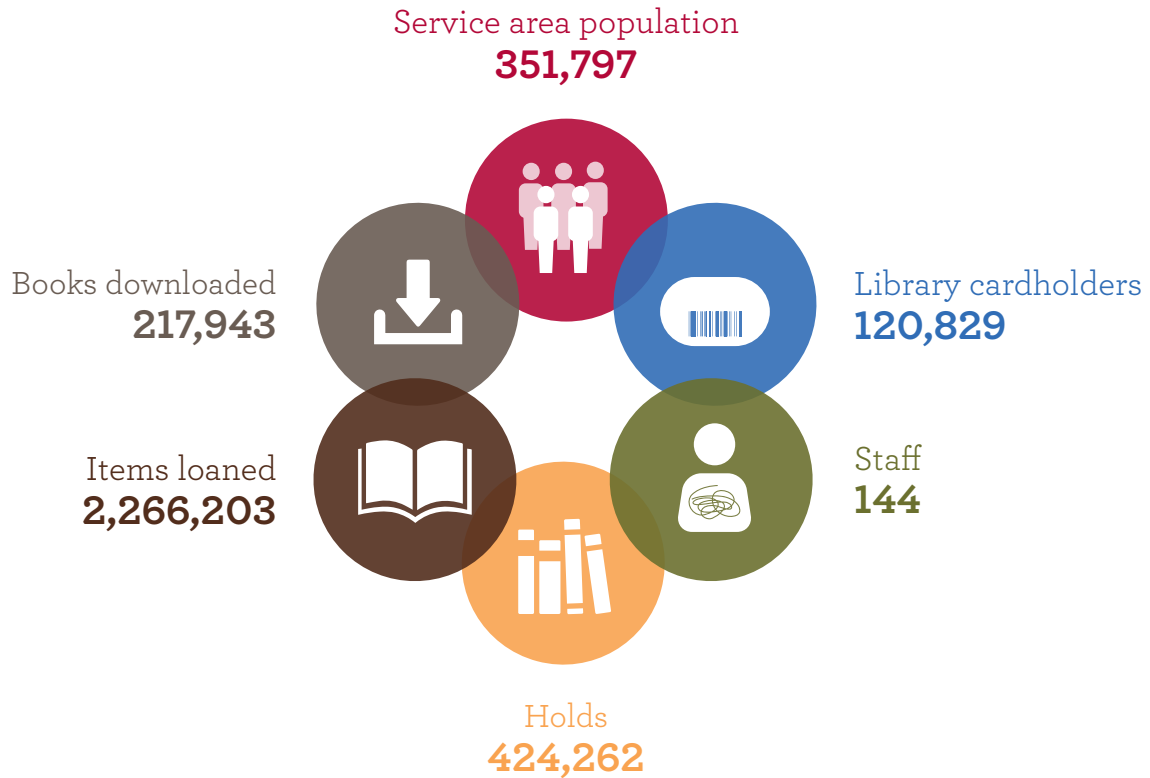


## HOUR OF CODE

As part of an effort to demystify code and show that everyone can learn basic skills that will push them to new bounds, Anythink partnered with Code.org to bring Hour of Code to students in Adams County. By providing hands-on, fun tutorials that explore everything from app making to video games, Anythink helped customers of all ages explore coding and programming in tangible ways.

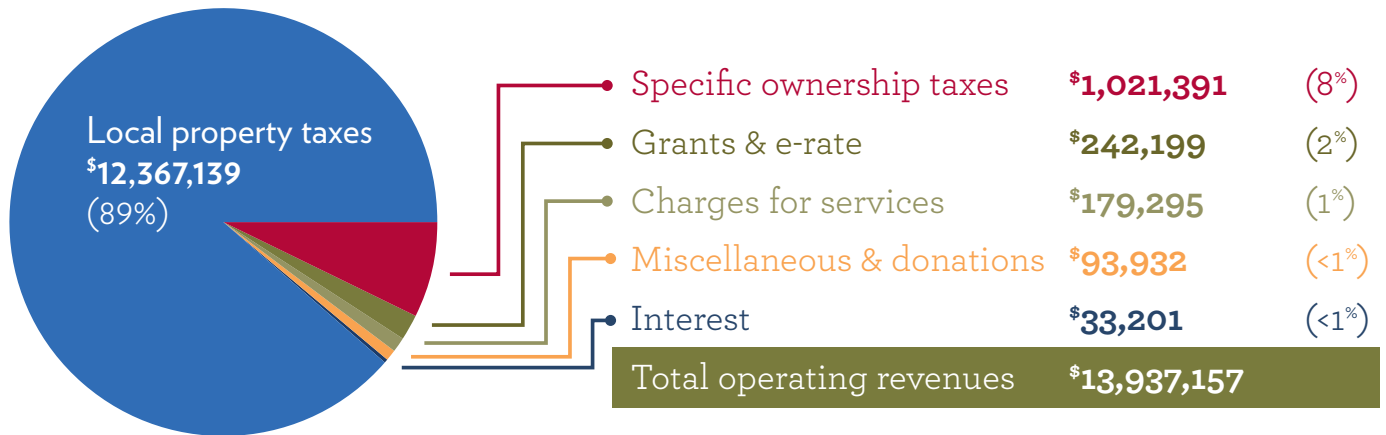


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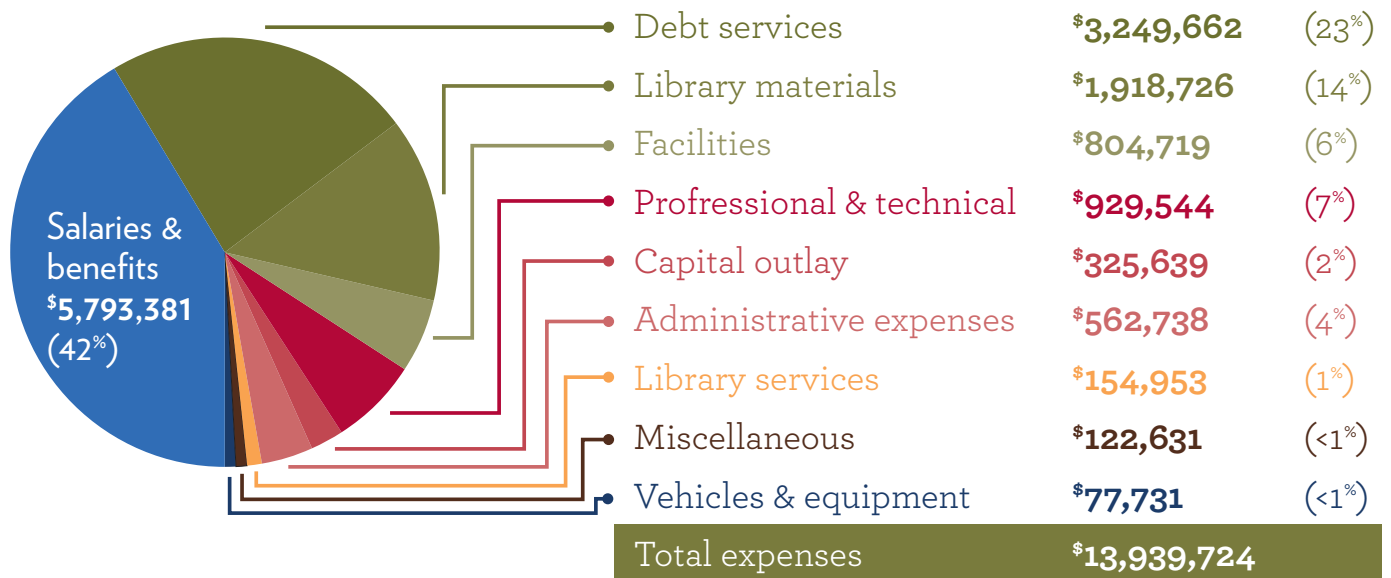


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