Daniel Boone Regional Library

2002 Annual Report

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The Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) reached an exciting milestone in 2002 by completing the reconstruction of our flagship facility, the Columbia Public Library (CPL), and moving back to 100 West Broadway. After nearly ten years of planning, the new 102,000 square foot building opened its doors September 3 and it continues to be the talk of the town. One library patron wrote in the comment book after the opening, “Love the new library - so glad you're back home.” Another wrote, “What an incredible gift to the Columbia community. This library is at once a gorgeous architectural achievement and an amazingly cozy neighborhood library. A true community gathering place and a possible library of the year nominee! Columbians be proud!” Still another happy patron wrote, “A big city building in a small town - wonderful addition!” Or, as another put it, “A masterpiece, one slice of nirvana surrounded by a forest of urbana. The reading room brings peace of mind to an otherwise restless soul. This makes me want to pay taxes.”

Since September, we have experienced record-breaking circulation and issued a large number of new library cards. The four public meeting rooms are nearly always booked and the bookings greatly outnumber what they were in the previous Broadway facility. The number of library cards issued increased by 87% over 2001, and of the 13,960 cards issued in 2002, more than 8,000 were issued between September and December. Despite being closed two weeks for the move back to Broadway, the Columbia facility still circulated more than 1.3 million items in 2002, an increase from the previous year of 13%. Between October and December, community members conducted 122 meetings attended by 2,693 people and more than 1,700 people took official tours of the library.
The Columbia construction project, which spanned just over two years, required a great deal of work and an incredible amount of planning by many staff members. All staff members in the region, whether they worked in Columbia or not, were at least indirectly affected by this monumental project. The efforts of the Columbia Library District Board of Trustees were also incredible. These volunteers spent countless hours of their time, rearranging their personal and work schedules to meet whenever they were needed. In 2002, these Trustees held 17 board and 19 committee meetings in addition to their regular DBRL board and committee meetings. (Since 1998, the Columbia Library District held a total of 98 board and 90 committee meetings!)

Columbia’s other highlights for the year included becoming a Friend in Education with Parents as Teachers (PAT) as part of the Columbia Public Schools Partners in Education Program. The library also formed a partnership with the Latino organization, El Centro Latino, and began hosting an El Día de Los Niños, El Día de Los Libros program. In addition, the library provided space for University of Missouri students to tutor younger students in reading and math through the “A Way With Words & A Way With Numbers” program and added 25 new public computers.

In Fulton, workers completed an exterior facelift to the historic Carnegie building, which houses the Callaway County Public Library. In 2001, the east steps were refurbished and a new retaining wall and sidewalks were built. In 2002, the exterior work included sandblasting, replacing some bricks, grouting, tuck-pointing and painting. The sidewalk along the Court Street entrance was also leveled, making the library more accessible to patrons. New handrails on the Court Street steps and handles for the doors completed the outside improvements. A remodeling of the inside is planned for 2003.
Nearly 121,000 people visited the Callaway County Public Library in 2002, an increase of 3% over last year. Staff members issued 16% more library cards than last year and 460 students from seven elementary schools in Fulton and Callaway County toured the library. Many Callaway children also received free books as part of the annual Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program.

The Southern Boone County Public Library in Ashland doubled its hours beginning March 1, 2002. (It is now open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday.) The number of visitors to the library increased a great deal this year and library staff also checked out 9% more materials than last year.

The bookmobile celebrated 45 years of service in 2002 and established a new weekly stop in eastern Columbia. For the second year, staff took the bookmobile to Douglass Park for the City of Columbia’s “Lunch in the Park” program. The Outreach Department, together with the Callaway County Public Library, also formed a pilot program with SERVE to provide library services once a month at the Food Pantry in Fulton.

Regionally, the DBRL launched the successful “One Read” community-wide reading program. Along with a task force of local businesses, organizations and media, we encouraged the entire community to read and discuss the book “Plainsong,” by Kent Haruf. The program was modeled after Chicago’s successful “One Book, One Chicago,” which registered .226% of the population in Cook County. Here, “One Read” registered 945 people, or .7% of the two-county population over the age of 18. Between July 25 and November 22, the program generated 879 check-outs of the library’s paperback, hardback, large print, cassette and Spanish language versions of the book, and 8,109 hits to the “One Read” portion of the library’s Web site. The “One Read” Web page even caught the attention of “TV 411,” which came to Columbia and Fulton in December to shoot footage for its a half-hour program funded through the Adult Literacy Media Alliance. The Emmy Award winning show is aired on more than 100 PBS stations across the nation.
For the eighth straight year, regional circulation topped one million, reaching an all-time high of nearly 1.6 million items, and DBRL staff issued a whopping 64% more library cards. In 2002, we increased the size of our collection by adding 34,000 items and we launched two new collections – DVDs and books on CD. We also expanded the English as a Second Language (ESL) and Spanish collections. We increased our programming efforts and the number of people attending those programs increased by 21%. Nearly 2,000 young readers read 24,439 books during the “Mysterious Summer” reading program.

We greatly enhanced our Web site and Web catalog this year and the public responded favorably. We experienced a 140% increase in the total number of Web site hits this year and more than one-third of our patrons’ renewals and holds were placed via the Web catalog. We made available on the Web catalog for the first time: Publisher’s Weekly Reviews, Library Journal Reviews and School Library Journal Reviews; tables of contents for 350,000 titles from 1991 forward; summaries and annotations for 600,000 titles from 1985 to present; and cover images for 650,000 titles from 1990 forward. We also gave patrons electronic access to a variety of databases including: “eLibrary;” “InfoTrac;” “Learn-A-Test;” “Contemporary Authors;” “Contemporary Literary Criticism;” and “What Do I Read Next?” We also launched access to the “Chapter-A-Day” online book club through our Web site, which e-mails excerpts of books directly to patrons. Fifteen thousand eBooks became available in 2002 through DBRL’s subscription to netLibrary and now, through OCLC’s WorldCat database, library patrons can submit Interlibrary Loan requests online through FirstSearch.

As always, the Friends groups at each library facility worked tirelessly to raise money for more books, special programs and library equipment through their popular book sales and other events. In 2002, the Friends of the Callaway County Public Library donated funds to purchase books for the Reading Is Fundamental program and dedicated funds to the interior facility improvements scheduled for 2003. The Columbia Friends donated money for more books and for the children’s programming held at the Columbia building dedication events in September. The SoBoCo Friends passed a resolution that the funds they raised would be saved in an account by the DBRL Foundation for expenditures promoting the use and expansion of the SoBoCo Public Library.
The Foundation of the Daniel Boone Regional Library furthered its mission to secure private support for the regional system in a variety of ways in 2002. It completed the private funding campaign for the new bookmobile, giving a total of $42,700. It also completed the $3,000 donation which funded the clay tile mural in the first floor elevator vestibule of the new Columbia library, and hosted a reception for the fifth graders at Lee Expressive Arts Elementary School who created this beautiful new work of art. The Foundation funded the transportation of 460 second graders from seven schools in Callaway County to visit the CCPL. Funds were also provided through the Julia Keckeley Fund for the RIF program in Callaway County and the Wulfenkamer bequest provided for the addition of fiber arts materials to the regional collection. Finally, through its annual direct mail campaign, the Foundation received 84 gifts totaling $6,530.

The many grant funds the DBRL received this year enabled us to develop new partnerships and purchase a variety of equipment. The After School Connections grant administered by the Missouri State Library allowed us to hold a series of storytelling workshops for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders at each facility. A grant from the Missouri Department of Social Services enabled us to cosponsor the Play As Learning (PAL) project with Educare Boone County. DBRL hosted bimonthly PAL programs for parents and their children and helped develop ten themed PAL Discovery Kits, including a Spanish-language kit, which are now available for check-out. Videoconferencing equipment was purchased through a Library Sciences and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, and a variety of adaptive equipment purchased through another LSTA grant will help us provide better library services to those with disabilities. In all, the library received nearly $80,000 in grant monies this year.

The completion of the CPL building, combined with all the enhancements we’ve made to our services, made for a record-breaking and memorable year. Next year, the remodeling work will begin inside the CCPL to brighten its appearance. The smaller bookmobile will be refurbished and sent back out on the road to serve youngsters at various community centers in the region. It will also be time to review the five-year Master Facilities Plan, which will give us a map of our future growth needs in the region.
Circulation

- Columbia ................. 1,327,411
- Fulton .......................... 158,340
- Ashland ..................... 51,353
- Outreach ................... 54,905
- Interlibrary Loan ........ 1,871

Total ............................ 1,593,880

Regional Circulation 1992-2002
Collection by Format

- Books .......................... 380,921 ..... 86%
- Audiocassettes .............. 39,709 ........ 9%
- Compact Discs .............. 11,128 ........ 3%
- DVDs .............................. 633 ..... <1%
- Videos ........................... 8,985 ....... 2%

Total ........................................ 441,376 .... 100%

Periodical Statistics

Number of current/active magazine subscriptions .......... 942
(includes donations and free newsletters)

Number of newspaper subscriptions ............................ 76

Number of microfilm reels ...................................... 5,943

The library has access to over 5,000 full-text titles in two periodical databases: EBSCOHost and Infotrac. NewsBank provides selective full-text access to about 500 newspapers.
**Patron Visits by Facility**

- Columbia ..................... 329,501
- Fulton ......................... 120,770
- Ashland ........................ 39,037
- Bookmobile & Outreach .. 10,356
- **Total** ............................... 499,664

**DBRL.org Web Site Hits by Month**

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*true community building in*

*masterpiece*
### Revenue

Regional Total $6,314,950

Library District Property Tax
- Boone County .......... $2,941,722
- Callaway County ...... $1,099,033
- Columbia ............... $1,740,205
  Total ........................................................ $5,780,960

Interest Income .................................................. $179,568

State Aid ............................................................ $105,581

Gifts, Memorials, and Donations ....................... $58,118

COIN Management Fees ......................................... $49,840

Management Fees ................................................ $16,558

Copier Income ...................................................... $18,893

Grants .................................................................. $77,818

Other Sources ....................................................... $27,614

### Expenditures

Regional Total $6,010,777

Salaries and Benefits ....................................... $3,093,707

Books and Materials ............................................ $734,321

Building Operations and Maintenance ................... $347,180

Office Expenses .................................................. $171,376

Professional Fees ................................................ $43,632

Advertising and Printing ........................................ $54,651

Programming ....................................................... $36,389

Vehicle Expenses .................................................. $19,812

Facility Rent ....................................................... $291,264

Other Expenses ................................................... $139,828

Capital Assets
  (Furniture & Equipment Acquisitions) ........... $1,005,445
  (Building Renovations) ................................. $73,172

Note: All financial figures reported in this document are based on an independent auditor’s report submitted March 21, 2003 by the Columbia office of Williams-Keepers LLC, Certified Public Accountants & Consultants.

Audited financial statements can be viewed in their entirety at the Daniel Boone Regional Library Administration offices, Columbia Public Library, 100 West Broadway.
Columbia Library District

**Capital Project Fund**

Fund Balance, End of 2001 $10,343,764

Revenue
- Investment Income ............................................. $306,207
- Net Change in Fair Value of Investments ................. ($1,799)
- Other Revenue ...................................................... $21,960

Expenditures ................................................ ($8,360,806)

Fund Balance, End of 2002 $2,309,326

**Debt Service Fund**

Fund Balance, End of 2001 $253,777

Revenue
- Library District Property Tax .................................. $1,824,599
- Interest Income .................................................... $25,709
- Other Revenue ...................................................... $24,000

Expenditures
- Principal Payments .......................................... ($745,000)
- Interest and Fees ............................................. ($995,084)

Fund Balance, End of 2002 $388,001

**General Obligation Bonds**

Principal Balance on Bonds,
- End of 2001 ......................................................... $20,755,000
- Principal Payments ............................................ ($745,000)
- End of 2002 ......................................................... $20,010,000

A true community gathering place and a possible library of the year!
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