Service Area

Established in 1959, the Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) provides public library services to three library districts: 1.) Boone County Library District (outside the 1965 Columbia and Centralia city limits); 2.) Callaway County Library District (all of Callaway County); and 3.) City of Columbia Library District (within the 1965 Columbia city limits). The Columbia Public Library is the largest facility and serves as the headquarters. Other libraries in the system include the Callaway County Public Library (CCPL) in Fulton and the Southern Boone County Public Library (SBC) in Ashland. The Outreach Department, housed in Columbia, provides bookmobile service to eight towns: Auxvasse, Columbia, Hallsville, Harrisburg, Holts Summit, Mokane, Sturgeon, and Williamsburg. The smaller Youth Outreach Bookmobile serves the following Columbia locations: Bear Creek neighborhood, Blind Boone Community Activity Center, Columbia/Boone County Health Department, The Intersection and Lunch in the Park during the summer.

Patrons

According to the 2000 census, the population of the DBRL service area is 172,462. As of December 31, 2006, a total of 92,544 people held DBRL library cards. Of those, 15,466 were issued in 2006. Regionally in 2006, patrons visited a DBRL facility or bookmobile an estimated 785,000 times, up from 2005 by three percent. Library visits were up at CCPL by seven percent, at CPL by three percent and at SBC by two percent.
Circulation

DBRL checked out nearly 1.8 million items in 2006, a five percent increase over 2005. (This includes 8,541 eBook and 5,634 downloadable audiobook check-outs.) In 2006, CCPL’s circulation increased by one percent over 2005 to just over 170,000. CPL’s circulation increased by five percent to more than 1.4 million items. Circulation at the SBC Public Library was up to 43,000 items in 2006, a 13 percent increase over 2005.

Collections

DBRL provides a wide range of fiction and nonfiction books for adults, teens and children, as well as audiobooks on cassette/CD, large print books, genre fiction (romances, mysteries, science fiction, westerns), videos and DVDs, music CDs, small press and literary journals, Spanish language books, English as a Second Language materials and resource kits for parents and educators.

As of December 2006, DBRL owned 514,483 items, two percent more than in 2005, not including our electronic materials, magazines, microfilm or newspapers. In 2006, we added 590 titles to our electronic collection, bringing the total number of eBooks to 22,678. We now have 1,465 titles in our downloadable audiobook collection that was started in November of 2005 thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Columbia Public Library. DBRL also subscribes to 22 reference databases that can be accessed through our web site.

Every couple of years DBRL purges the catalog of materials long overdue or lost. In addition, the staff weeds the collection for items that are out of date or no longer of interest to the public. For the past couple of years, we have redoubled our efforts to keep our collection up-to-date by purging more old items from our collection and ordering more copies of the most popular titles.

In 2006, we expanded our “floating collection,” to create a more fluid, shared collection for the regional library system. In this system, rather than housing each item at a specific DBRL branch, “floating” items remain at the library to which the patron returns them. The items stay at that library until checked out again or requested by a patron elsewhere. This is advantageous to patrons because items that are in the floating collection tend to move to where the demand is greatest. It is advantageous to DBRL because it reduces the amount of processing and transporting of materials staff must do.
**Population Served**

- Total: 172,462
- CCLD: 40,766
- CLD: 51,886
- BCLD: 79,810

**Number of DBRL Cardholders**

- Total (as of Dec. 31, 2006): 92,544
- CCPL: 12,434
- CPL: 75,050
- SBC: 2,550
- Outreach: 435
- Bookmobile: 1,892
- Youth Outreach Bookmobile: 183

**New Library Cards Issued**

- Total: 15,466
- CCPL: 2,238
- CPL: 12,467
- SBC: 401
- Outreach: 77
- Bookmobile: 253
- Youth Outreach Bookmobile: 30

**Estimated Number of Library Visits**

- Estimated Total: 787,133
- CCPL: 109,104
- CPL: 632,681
- SBC: 34,116
- Bookmobile: 8,713
- Outreach Home Visits: 2,004
- Outreach Delivery Locations: 515

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**Administration**

**DBRL Board of Trustees**

DBRL is a political subdivision as defined in RSMo 70.210. It is governed by the DBRL Board of Trustees, which is made up of 19 volunteers; county library district boards have five members appointed by their respective commissioners, while city library districts have nine members appointed by their mayor. A contract binds our three member library districts.

Each trustee serves on his/her own district board as well as the DBRL board. The DBRL board serves as the governing body and makes all library system policy and budget decisions. DBRL’s fiscal year runs January-December. We are funded primarily through property tax income (see page 14). State aid, interest income, grants, bequests and donations, and copier/printer income make up the rest of the system’s revenue.

Melissa Carr has served as the regional director for 10 years and worked for DBRL for 34 years. The director oversees the day-to-day library operations and the staff.

In 2006, the DBRL board held a total of 57 board and committee meetings and spent much of its time planning for the implementation and financing of the 2005-2010 Master Facilities Plan (MFP). The MFP called for the Boone County Library District (BCLD) to construct and operate a larger SBC Public Library and plan a branch in the northern Columbia metro area if funding was available. Acting on this plan, the DBRL board, the BCLD board and the DBRL Ad Hoc Boone County Facilities Committee developed a proposal asking BCLD residents to pass a 21-cent (per $100 of assessed value) property tax increase in the BCLD to fund the construction of two new facilities and ongoing operational costs including summer Sunday hours for the Columbia Public Library. The BCLD April 2007 election was defeated 10,080 to 3,698. The work completed on this project in 2006 is outlined on page 13 (see 2006 DBRL Board of Trustees).
Columbia Library District
Board of Trustees

The Columbia Library District accepted a donation of the Columbia Art League’s 135-piece permanent collection. DBRL hired a part-time archivist to review and catalog the collection.

COIN

June 30, 2006 marked the end of Columbia Online Information Network (COIN) dial-up Internet service, as well as the transfer of COIN’s information web site and about 220 not-for-profit web sites to DBRL.

Over the years, various organizations have supported COIN, a not-for-profit organization. COIN began in 1993 as a pilot project of the University of Missouri, City of Columbia, Columbia Public Schools and DBRL, and later Boone County. COIN was the first community information network in the state and one of the first in the country. When it began, COIN was the only Internet access provider for the general public in the mid-Missouri area.

Recently, as the market for Internet providers has grown, COIN began losing customers to high-speed Internet access providers. This, along with growing COIN operating expenses led to the dissolution of COIN on June 30. At that time, DBRL, the City of Columbia, Boone County, the City of Fayette and the Howard County Library were affiliated members. DBRL continued to host COIN e-mail accounts until December 31. At this time, DBRL continues to host the web sites of local not-for-profit organizations.

Web Site Hits

Total .............................................. 1,149,599
Online Renewals .................................. 165,941
Online Holds ...................................... 77,976

Circulation

Total DBRL ...................................... 1,784,667
CCPL ............................................. 171,756
CPL ................................................ 1,494,593
SBC .................................................. 43,812
Bookmobiles and Outreach .................... 58,212
Interlibrary Loan .................................. 2,119
eBooks ............................................ 8,541
Downloadable Audiobooks .................... 5,634

Collection by Facility

Total DBRL ...................................... 514,483
CCPL ............................................. 64,313
CPL ................................................ 402,247
SBC .................................................. 18,526
Bookmobile ....................................... 11,452
Youth Outreach Bookmobile ................. 5,744
Other Outreach ................................... 12,201

DBRL Collection by Type

Books .............................................. 461,617
Cassettes ......................................... 8,931
CDs ............................................... 28,810
DVDs ............................................. 6,307
Videos ........................................... 8,818
Magazine Subscriptions ....................... 1,066
Microfilm Reels .................................. 6,063
Newspaper Subscriptions .................... 75
The summer reading program was a huge success in 2006 for children ages 2-12! In all, 3,213 children signed up for the “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales” program, 863 completed it and together they read 114,084 books. That’s about double the number of books read in 2005. We believe the increase can be attributed to more publicity in the schools in May and during summer school, as well as the popularity of the trading cards.

As in the past, children who signed up for the program received a reading record that had space to keep track of the books they read and listed activities for them to complete. In 2006, we asked the children to read, or for parents to read to their child, for 18 hours and do 12 activities. When children signed up, they received a bracelet that said “read” in several languages. When they completed their reading record, they got a t-shirt.

Inside the reading record was a map of Missouri with small outlines of 30 native animals. When the children read for an hour or completed an activity, they marked off one of the animals. When they came to the library, they got a trading card with a full-color picture of that animal on one side and facts about the animal on the back. We were able to work with the Missouri Department of Conservation to get some fabulous animal photos.

The Missouri Department of Conservation was thrilled to work with us on the program. In addition to making their photographs available, the department gave us 3,500 copies of “Inside Out,” the quarterly children’s supplement that appears inside the “Missouri Conservationist,” but they also distribute it as a stand-alone magazine. They continued to send us 1,000 copies for the region after the summer reading program was over. They also sent audiotapes of animal noises and various videotapes on Missouri wetlands, nocturnal life, forests, etc. They also sent 50 copies of their book “Fox in the Forest.”

The teen reading program “Creature Feature” also proved to be very popular with 127 teens participating in the program. Throughout the year, we increased our teen programming efforts region-wide.

We once again cooperated with the Missouri River Regional Library in the Mid-Missouri Storytelling Festival in April. We hosted 12 programs at schools and our libraries. In Callaway County, we began conducting regular story times for infants ages birth-24 months. In Columbia, we introduced a new program, “Countdown to Kindergarten,” for parents and kids getting ready for kindergarten.
Programming, continued

In 2006, the public chose “Tortilla Curtain” by T.C. Boyle for the fifth annual One Read community-wide reading program. The two other books considered were “The All True Travels & Adventures of Lidie Newton: A Novel” by Jane Smiley and “The Language of Baklava” by Diana Abu-Jabar. “Tortilla Curtain” was also the book chosen by the University of Missouri-Columbia for its incoming freshman reading program. Participants checked out the book a record 2,139 times and more than 2,200 people attended the One Read events, which included book discussions led by ¡Adelante! Editor Katherine Reed, the Mayor and Mrs. Hindman and MU President Elson Floyd in Columbia, Dr. Elisa Rizo-Arbuckle in Fulton and Kit and Cathy Salter in Ashland. Boyle’s book signing and lecture drew 860 people to the University Bookstore and Jesse Auditorium.

In addition to the regular computer, history, health, genealogy and author programs held for adults at the CPL, the library hosted a book discussion group series called “Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature, Identity and Imagination.” The series was the result of an American Library Association grant that MU’s Ellis Library received. They asked to partner with us on this grant and hold the events at the Columbia Public Library. There were five different books, each discussed on a different evening.
In 2006, we began providing more genealogical services region-wide. This increase is due in part to the many genealogy resources now available through the Internet. In addition, we have city, county and state histories, early marriage records, cemetery records and microfilm of early newspapers and more. Each month, at least one genealogy program was held at one of our three libraries. HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com are two very popular online databases. In the classes on these, we show patrons how to use the best features of each to get the maximum results in their online research time. There are an increasing variety of computers and web-based tools for genealogists, so we also held programs to demonstrate software for sharing family histories that can generate attractive web sites and family history books.

About 45 people attended the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging’s five sessions on the Medicare prescription drug benefit plans, held in the CPL Training Center. Many attendees were able to enroll electronically on the spot.

Regional Workshops/Training

As a participant in the Central Missouri Training coalition in 2006, we provided six free, state-approved workshops for child-care providers. Two of our children’s librarians participated in and presented at three state-wide summer reading workshops held by the Missouri State Library. We also held an “Every Child Ready to Read” training for 19 staff members who work with children. It was presented by a national trainer from ALA. We also presented at the Kansas City Metropolitan Library Information Network (KCMLIN) Spring Children’s Workshop about youth outreach services, library kits and working with schools.
Regional Workshops/Training, continued

In Columbia, we hosted the first annual workshop for Columbia Public Schools (CPS) media specialists about the summer reading program, and worked with CPS to offer two “Read From the Start” programs at Derby Ridge Elementary and the new Head Start facility on Worley. CPL also hosted six parenting workshops in conjunction with the Boone County Parent Education Committee involving organizations like the Columbia/Boone County Health Department and Parents As Teachers. We also continued compiling and printing the bimonthly Parent Education Calendar.

Columbia Public Library Services

In 2006, the CPL celebrated its fifth anniversary as a Partnership Friend with the Columbia Public Schools Parents as Teachers (PAT) program. In celebration of this anniversary, CPL became a full-fledged Partner in Education with the PAT program. This partnership means that the library works even more closely on events with PAT. The mission statement for this venture is: Joining together to enhance the love of books, stories, and reading, the relationship between parent and child, and the learning potential of each child and family.

CPL continued to host the Way With Words/Way With Numbers Tutoring program 19 hours per week for children in kindergarten through fifth-grade and Centro Latino’s Teen Tutoring Program eight hours per week for grades 6-12. We also hosted monthly meetings and did other work with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Education Committee’s Early Childhood Development Subcommittee. We helped them order and process books for the project and participated in the Business Expo 2006 as part of an early childhood booth.

Columbia Public Library History

1917–Columbia Free Library located in the Court House contains 1,900 volumes. Proposition for a Carnegie Library is defeated by 136 votes.

1926 ................Total circulation 34,791
1966 ................Total circulation 275,743
1976 ................Total circulation 403,529
1986 ................Total circulation 410,195
1996 ................Total circulation 914,678

Callaway County Public Library History

1908–The library first opens in rented rooms on the second floor of the Odd Fellows Building.

1966 ................Total circulation 41,864
1976 ................Total circulation 62,003
1986 ................Total circulation 97,042
1996 ................Total circulation 163,851

Southern Boone County Public Library History

1999–DBRL’s 1969 bookmobile is parked at the Ashland Baptist Church and serves as a temporary library facility.

2000–SBC Public Library opens at 117 East Broadway for 20 hours a week, 3–7 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday and 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

2001 ................Total circulation 47,053
General Services, continued

Outreach & Bookmobile Services

Library Express collections were established as part of Centro Latino’s after school tutoring/mentoring program, and at Trinity neighborhood laundromat (Columbia Housing Authority), Unity neighborhood laundromat (Columbia Housing Authority) and the Columbia/Boone County Health Department Family Health Center.

We conducted a bookmobile pilot project at the Vanderveen Crossing neighborhood in northern Columbia in an effort to complement the summer grant we received with the Columbia Public Schools. We also wanted to test the difference between stopping in this residential location as compared to our other two Columbia locations (Broadway Marketplace at Broadway and Highway 63 and North County Shopping Center on Paris Road).

Operations

Grants

We received a grant for $7,119 from the Missouri State Library to bring our summer reading program to more children, working with the Columbia Public Schools (CPS) and Centro Latino. Storyteller Priscilla Howe visited all eight Columbia Public School summer programs to encourage children to read and participate in our summer programs. Two school media centers were also opened twice a week for five weeks after summer school was over (July 17-August 18). We helped staff the centers and provided activities like youth bookmobile visits. We also coordinated summer trips to CPL for children from Centro Latino, and established a deposit collection there.

Grants, continued

In 2006, during a visit to Columbia, a group from Suncheon City, South Korea, Columbia’s sister city, toured the Columbia Public Library. They were impressed with the library and the services we provide and wanted to continue a relationship with the library. Through MU’s Asian Affairs Center, they donated 100 English books and pamphlets to the Columbia Public Library. Target Stores awarded us a grant for “Musical Mayhem” in which a presenter worked with parents and kids to write songs and share musical stories.

Information Technology

In 2006, the IT Department upgraded bandwidth to IMA 4.5, which is the equivalent of three T1 lines. Staff installed new software for caching web traffic to increase browsing performance and reduce bandwidth usage, and installed new security software on public computers, as well as the computers in the CPL Training Center. Staff also installed remote access software on computers at the Ashland and Fulton branches, giving IT the ability to troubleshoot and resolve problems from Columbia, and implemented the SAM time management software for SBC for management of the public access computers. At the end of the year, IT staff also migrated about 190 staff e-mail accounts from coin.org to our new dbrl.org domain.

At “Musical Mayhem,” kids wrote and performed their own songs with help from Judy Domeny Bowen.
**Technical Services**

The Technical Services Department almost totally eliminated the large cataloging backlog by streamlining our efforts and implementing a first-in, first-out process that has been very successful. Recently, we were getting materials out to the public as quickly as two weeks from the date they were ordered. We also expanded the use of the online ordering interface between our cataloging software and our vendors, improving efficiency; began using a new software module to create routing slips for library journals and reviews that librarians use to select materials; and developed new reports that will be useful for collection analysis.

**Public Relations**

In September of 2006, we began a partnership with KOMU-TV in the form of a weekly, two-minute slot called “H Block Books” during KOMU Today each Friday morning. Staff also appeared on KOMU-TV’s Pepper and Friends “Kids Korner” four times, including a live remote for the summer reading program kick-off. We also continued submitting the monthly “Literary Links” articles to the Columbia Daily Tribune that highlight the library’s collections. Staff redesigned the Intranet site, building it with a content management system that allows for staff interaction online and for easy updating by staff other than the Web master. We also completed new Spanish versions of the DBRL library card applications and worked with the University of Missouri’s Asian Center to acquire both a Chinese and Korean library brochure.

**Other Staff Achievements**

For the first time in 20 years, we planned and hosted the Missouri Library Association (MLA) annual conference. Numerous DBRL staff served on committees and planned events that drew a record attendance of 595. Conference attendees gave rave reviews for the general session speakers, the convenience of the conference hotel facilities and the Columbia location. DBRL formed a book cart drill team to perform at the conference and at local events in the region. The Dewey Decimators competed against two other teams and won the first place trophy. The teams performed choreographed routines set to music with decorated book carts as part of the conference kick-off in the exhibitor hall. The contest was sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Library and Information Network and DEMCO. Across the nation, libraries are forming these to promote themselves in their communities to dispel the myth of the bun-wearing, shushing librarians and to promote team building skills among staff members.
Operations, continued

Employee Milestones

Head of Buildings and Grounds Bill Fisher retired at the end of October following his 40-year employment anniversary with DBRL. To honor his contributions to the library, the DBRL board unanimously passed a resolution marking October 2006 “Bill Fisher Month” at all DBRL facilities. Additionally, Bill’s anniversary and retirement merited a resolution from Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman and one from Missouri Governor Matt Blunt that was also signed by Secretary of State Robin Carnahan. The governor also sent a personal note to Bill congratulating him on his retirement and thanking him for his service to the people of Missouri.

Connie Bush celebrated her 35 year anniversary with DBRL in 2006. Connie worked in the Children’s Department of the Columbia Public Library for one month before becoming the Children’s Librarian at the CCPL in February 1971. Connie returned to CPL in 1985 to be the Children’s Librarian and over the next 20 years continued to broaden her responsibilities. Today Connie manages the Circulation Department and Information and Media Desk Services.

In 2006, the following staff members also celebrated anniversaries: Tawanda Coleman, 30 years; Diana Buckner, 25 years; Linda Hodgkins, Carolyn Branch, Julie Murphy and Marilyn McLeod, 20 years; Svetlana Grobman, 15 years; Gloria Banning, Wayne Pfeffer and Sally Abromovich, 10 years; and Judith Kirkman, Jim Smith, Amy Langen, Letitia DenHartog, Kris Farris Cheryl Hall, David Cavins, Heather Patten, Michael Williams, Alan Helland and Dave Langer, 5 years.

Volunteers

In addition to the Board of Trustees, the Foundation and the Friends groups, DBRL benefited from 706 volunteer hours in 2006. Volunteers mail overdue notices, shelve books and help out on special projects.
Master Facilities Plan

Per the Master Facilities Plan (MFP), the DBRL board began planning for branch libraries in southern and northern Boone County. In doing so, the Boone County Library District and the Ad Hoc Boone County Facilities Committee, also known as the building committee, held 22 meetings in 2006. Following is a summary of the work completed by the board and staff in 2006.

New SBC Public Library Planning

- Conducted eight public meetings in Ashland with approximately 130 people in attendance in order to discuss current and future library services in the community.
- Collected 175 comment forms about future library services that were distributed at the SBC library, throughout Ashland and Hartsburg, and online via the library’s web site.
- Negotiated the acquisition of 1.5 acres of land in Ashland and then later an additional .94 acres for the proposed library.
- Wrote the building program for the new proposed SBC Public Library.
- Held four public meetings (August 31 & September 1 and October 11 & 12), with 40 members of the public attending, to review SBC building plans, cost estimates and the conceptual design. The board accepted the SBC conceptual design in October.
- Developed cost projections for a 15-20,000 square-foot northern Columbia metro library based on the SBC cost estimate.

New Northern Columbia Metro Area Library Planning

- Formed a northern Boone County Library District advisory task force of 30 people from Columbia and Hallsville and held two meetings in order to gather public input about a proposed new northern metro Columbia library.
- Held two events at Derby Ridge Elementary and First National Bank’s north branch, attended Blue Ridge Elementary’s parent night and bookmobile stops in Hallsville and Harrisburg to talk with the public about the proposed library. In all, about 350 people completed comment forms.
- Worked with the city, county, a real estate consultant and a lawyer to negotiate and write an agreement for an option to obtain 6-10 acres of the Atkins Tract property north of the Boone County Fairgrounds. The agreement was submitted to both the city and county in December and accepted April 2007. The option is good through 2012 and stipulates that DBRL will pay $165,000 toward the Waco Road extension if it chooses to obtain the land. The land itself was donated.
- Developed cost projections for a 15-20,000 square-foot northern Columbia metro library based on the SBC cost estimate.

At the end of 2006, regional staff drafted and tested about 50 financial scenarios before presenting three financing options to the board. The staff and board also worked with the Center for Advanced Social Research (CASR) at the University of Missouri-Columbia to conduct a telephone survey to examine the public’s opinions about the library and their support for the DBRL building plans.
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#### Salaries and Benefits

| Amount | $4,179,698 |

#### Library Materials

| Amount | $1,039,968 |

#### Building Operations and Maintenance

| Amount | $796,509 |

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Note: All financial figures reported in this document are attested to by an independent auditor’s report dated April 27, 2007 by 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 2005 $169,858

Revenue
Investment Income .................................................................$7,322

Expenditures ........................................................................($35,816)

Fund Balance, End of 2006 $141,364

Debt Service Fund

Revenue
Library District Property Tax .........................................................$1,556,742
Interest Income ........................................................................$79,899
Other Revenue ........................................................................$24,000

Expenditures
Principal Payments .................................................................($960,000)
Interest and Fees .................................................................($693,910)

Net Increase to Fund Balance .................................................. $6,731

General Obligation Bonds

Principal Balance on Bonds, End of 2005 $16,485,000

Principal Payments .................................................................($960,000)

Principal Balance on Bonds, End of 2006 $15,525,000
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