

# Annual Report

2025

DELTA COUNTY LIBRARIES



## Select Strategic Accomplishments

### *Board Governance*

- Adopted a balanced 2026 budget.
- Conducted an annual board evaluation.
- Updated 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.

### *Community Engagement—Workforce and Skill Development*

- Offered weekly ELL classes, averaging 5 students each week.
- Administered 28 HiSET exams (high school equivalency).
- Launched the Delta County Success Closet Program in partnership with local thrift stores, where 13 participants redeemed vouchers toward professional attire for job interviews, job-related dress codes, court hearings, etc.

### *Community Engagement—Youth*

- Distributed 2,263 student e-cards to public, charter, and private school students.
- Launched the Faro Project in partnership with artist Seth Weber to install artworks at Delta and Paonia libraries and to partner with local youth-focused organizations to inspire awareness of unhoused, abused, and neglected children.
- Expanded bilingual materials for Spanish-speaking youth—Launchpads, Wonderbooks, Learning Kits—with grant funds from The Bacon Family Foundation and Delta County Libraries Foundation.
- Engaged youth and adults in our Summer Reading Program —520 youth and 207 adults.

### *Connecting Our Community to Resources*

- Eliminated overdue fines on most materials, increasing access to the library for people who need it the most, especially children.
- Completed the planning phase and began the design phase of our new website scheduled to launch mid-April 2026, with grant funds from Delta Community Fund, Surface Creek Community Fund, and West Elk Community Fund.
- Migrated to the Marmot Overdrive collection, increasing electronic materials by 39% and increasing circulation of electronic materials by 15%.

### *Notable Staff Accomplishments*

- Completed a comprehensive Staff Safety Manual along with staff training.
- Claudia Bishop, Delta Library Manager, represented Colorado at the IMLS-sponsored National Forum—Libraries Advancing Community Learning to Reduce Substance Use—in Kansas City.

