

RUBY M. SISSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION & FRIENDS

2022 Annual Report

The **Mission** of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation & Friends is to support and enhance the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library by raising funds for information resources, programs, services, and facilities. The Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization led by a volunteer board of directors and supported by individual donors and community partners.

Board of Directors

Back row, L to R: Cindi Galabota, Executive Director; Al Northrop, Member; Debra Hepler, President; Kim Moore, Member

Front row, L to R: Katie Dobbins, member; Carol Sheets, Secretary; Randi Everett, member; Staci Prutsman, member
Not pictured: Alan Saltzstein, member



Chief Administrative Personnel

Cindi Galabota, the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's first Executive Director, has been with the Library Foundation since 2018. She considers herself a humanitarian and environmentalist and is passionate about improving life on earth for all living things, one challenge at a time. Ms. Galabota also embraces the belief that anything is possible with a little creativity, passion and elbow grease. She has spent most of her career in nonprofits, working with people of all ages and backgrounds.



Prior to her employment with the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation, Ms. Galabota was the first executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County. She also spent a short time as the executive director of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and

as a commercial lender with First Southwest Bank. Before settling in the southwest, she worked at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science in the education department and the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, Illinois. Through her professional experiences, Ms. Galabota has gained insight into the best practices of fundraising, community relations, volunteer coordination, and general administrative management in nonprofits.

When Ms. Galabota is not working she is usually with her husband, Scott; her children, Donovan and Corinna; and her dogs, Hadley and Peggy. She enjoys hiking, playing Frisbee, and beading.

Benefits to the Community

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is truly a community hub and provides services, resources, and programs to all people without regard to socioeconomic background, age, race/ethnicity, sex, etc. We are one of downtown’s most visited destinations with an average of 6500 visitors each month.

Public libraries are America’s most democratic institution. When fully supported with integrated public and private support, they represent the best of government and community at work, connecting all people with the resources and information they need to achieve their dreams and contribute to society in a positive way.



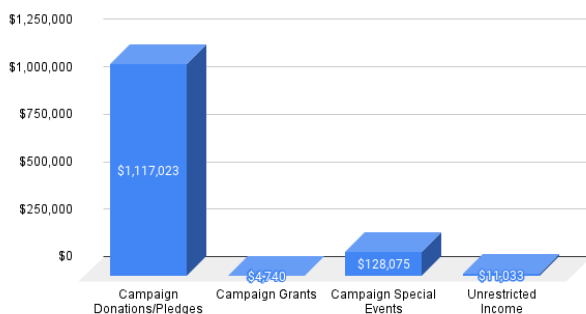
Young patrons dance with Steve Weeks during Summer Reading Program.

In addition to books and computers, your Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is a place where people of all ages gather to explore, share, discover, and dream. We are a warm sanctuary for some and a refuge from loneliness for others. We provide online access to education and employment opportunities, literacy support for children and adults, access to information and life-long learning opportunities that are free of charge for everyone in the community.

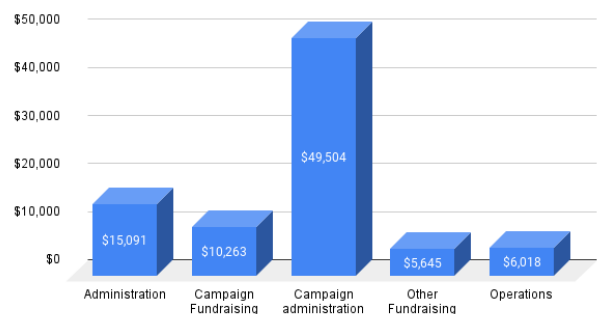
Financial Summary

In 2022, the staff and volunteers of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation spent a majority of their fundraising efforts towards the Capital Campaign. Year-end fundraising for general operating support was successfully completed in December.

Library Foundation Income 2022



Library Foundation Expenses 2022



Accomplishments in 2022

Approximately 85% of the work completed by the staff and volunteers of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation was directed towards the *Mountains of Opportunity* capital campaign to expand and renovate the Ruby Sisson Library.



Attendees enjoy viewing and bidding on their favorite decorated tables at The Library Affair.

- 📖 Partnered with more than 180 supporters to raise \$1,500,000 towards our Mountains of Opportunity building campaign to expand and renovate your Ruby Sisson Library;
- 📖 In April, we hosted our first annual The Library Affair and raised over \$125,000 from the amazing event. At this event, we also kicked off the public phase of our building campaign;
- 📖 In June, we combined the Library Foundation with the Friends of the Library to create one dynamic organization supporting your Ruby Sisson Library;

- 📖 In September, we hosted professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro for Navigating the World with Stories;
- 📖 In October, we partnered with 17 local restaurants to host the inaugural Pagosa Restaurant Week and raised nearly \$10,000 through the efforts. In October we also hosted Lanes & Links for the Library community event;
- 📖 In December, we participated in the Festival of Trees, and created a beautiful tree filled with handmade ornaments from recycled materials to help kick off the holiday season. Thank you to Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate and to Kim Moore for bidding on our tree!



Chris Mott and Matt Martin with Team M Squared record a promotional video for the inaugural Restaurant Week.

“We are excited to contribute to the ‘*Mountains of Opportunity*’ campaign to expand and renovate the Ruby Sisson Library in Pagosa Springs. We were extremely impressed with the Library’s planned Collaboration Lab to engage families in hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) learning together. The Library’s STEAM-focused programs help to provide more equitable learning for all youth and create an avenue for youth voice and leadership. We are honored to partner with the Ruby Sisson Library and know that our contribution towards the Collaboration Lab is a wise investment for our community for years to come.”

~Jessica Matlock, CEO La Plata Electric Association

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation & Friends in 2022. We are moved by the community's support of your local, public library.

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Archuleta County
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Terry and Kathy Carter
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Michael and Gaby Chapman
Alice Chavez
Rose Chavez
Chavolo's Mexican Restaurant
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Community Foundation
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Denver and Katie Dobbins
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Suzy Halterman
Barbara Hanke

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Mike and Laurie Heraty
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Chophouse
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Center
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Todd and Jann Pitcher
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Staci Prutsman
Queen Bee Facial Studio
Tanya Quinn
Dr. Jack Ramsey
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Linda Richardson
Richard Richardson
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Ken Rogers
Ann Rohrbacher
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Rosie's Pizzeria
Darrin Roush
Steve and Joyce Ryan
Esther Ryser
Sage Eatery
Alan and Grace Saltzstein
Rick and Jan Santopietro
Greg and Deborah Schulte
Bob and Lisa Scott

Scott Strategic Investments
Steve and Eleanor Sherr
Gregg and Kristi Smith
Josie Snow
Theresa Snyder
Socorro Senior Living
Caroline Smith
Keith and Sherry Spears
Will and Christie Spears
The Springs Resort
Ronald Stanke
Lynn Steinert
Herbert and Charleen Stipe
Patti Stivers
HK and JC Strahlendrof
TBK Bank
Craig and Marcie Taylor
Paula Tennant
Evelyn Tennyson
Terry's Ace Hardware
William Thomas
Cori Thompson
Vicki Thompson
Lance and Melissa Thornton
Bill and Becky Todd
Town of Pagosa Springs
Two Old Crows
Turn to the Wonderful
The UPS Store
Ronnie and Sherry Vanatta
Stephanie Wagner
John and Sherry Waner
Joan Ward
Drs. Bill and Rhonda Webb
Meg Wempe
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