


El Dorado County Library Department Overview 2024




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Board Of Supervisors
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Library Director



We provide free and easy access
to ideas, books, and technology
to promote literacy and lifelong
learning.

EL Dorado County Library Mission Statement

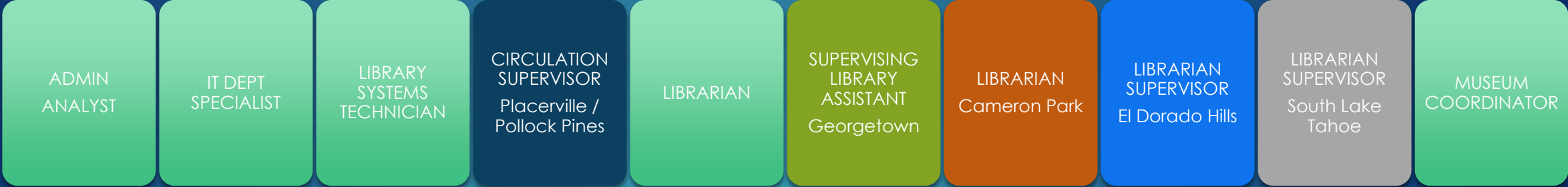


We are the hub of the community,
providing a welcoming
environment to inspire our
diverse population to read, learn
and connect.

El Dorado County Library Vision Statement

Library Director

39.85 FTE



What we do?



SIX LIBRARY
LOCATIONS



ONE
BOOKMOBILE



ONE
MUSEUM



ONE
RAILROAD

- Placerville
- Pollock Pines
- Georgetown
- El Dorado Hills
- Cameron Park
- South Lake Tahoe



Library Locations



EL DORADO COUNTY LIBRARY AND HUB SERVICES

- Books
- Programs
- Computers
- Wireless Internet
- Study Rooms
- Navigation Services
- Assistance Securing Healthcare, Clothing, Food And More





EL DORADO COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE



EL DORADO COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

- Schools
- Parks
- Senior Care Facilities
- Apartment Complexes
- Outreach Events
- Books
- Media
- Wireless Hotspots





EL DORADO COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

- Research
- Collections Care
- Exhibit Development
- Railroad Restoration
- Railroad Maintenance





AUNT POLLY'S CHAIR

The family removed the rockers from Aunt Polly's favorite chair, and they secured it to the wagon that Aunt Polly then drove from Illinois to El Dorado in 1854. Her wagon was one of 12 wagons making the journey that took 5 months. The chair had been handed down through the generations, and was recently donated to the Museum by a family member.





EL DORADO WESTERN RAILROAD



The EL DORADO WESTERN RAILROAD currently operates its excursion railroad program on the Placerville Branch between Shingle Springs and Missouri Flat Road. Originally there were five combined freight and passenger depots, built to standard Southern Pacific Railroad designs, in Latrobe, Shingle Springs, El Dorado, Diamond Springs and Placerville. The only existing structure is a portion of the Shingle Springs freight depot, built after a devastating 1896 fire burned the original 1865 station. The town of El Dorado now has a scaled version of the El Dorado Station through the generosity of volunteers and donors.

Rides are given on historic Gang Cars which were used by railroad inspectors, officials, workers, and others to travel the rails. The round trip takes about 40 to 45 minutes and will return you to the place you boarded. Maximum speed is 10 mph, and road crossing safety protocols are followed.







BALLAST CAR

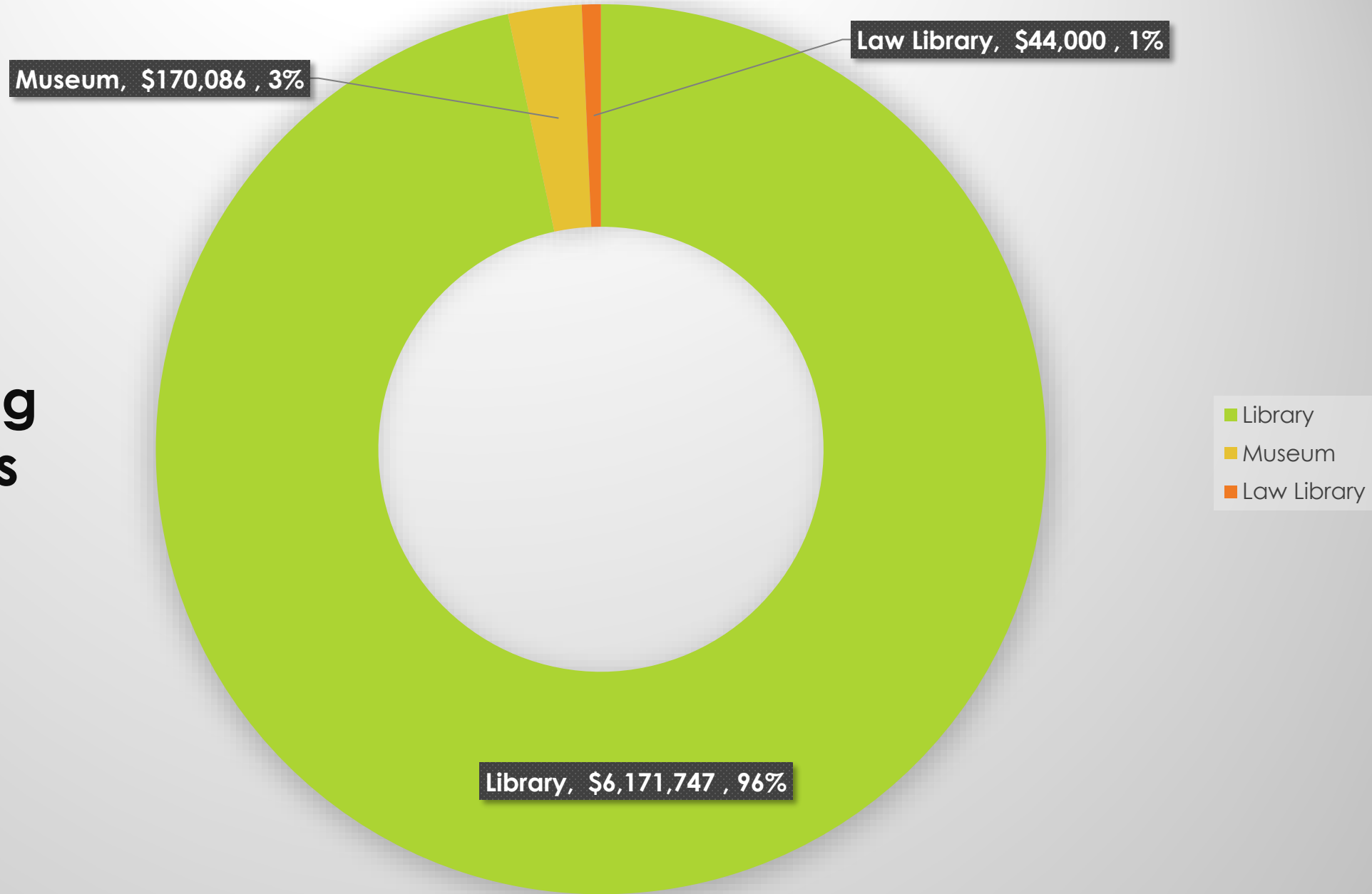
This ballast car was donated to the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation; it is a necessary piece of rolling stock to maintain the historic Southern Pacific tracks (that responsibility was given to the Museum by the Board of Supervisors and is carried out by the Railroad volunteers.) The car can carry necessary ballast to various points along the tracks and then be distributed where needed.

Previously, this was all being carried out by the volunteers by hand.



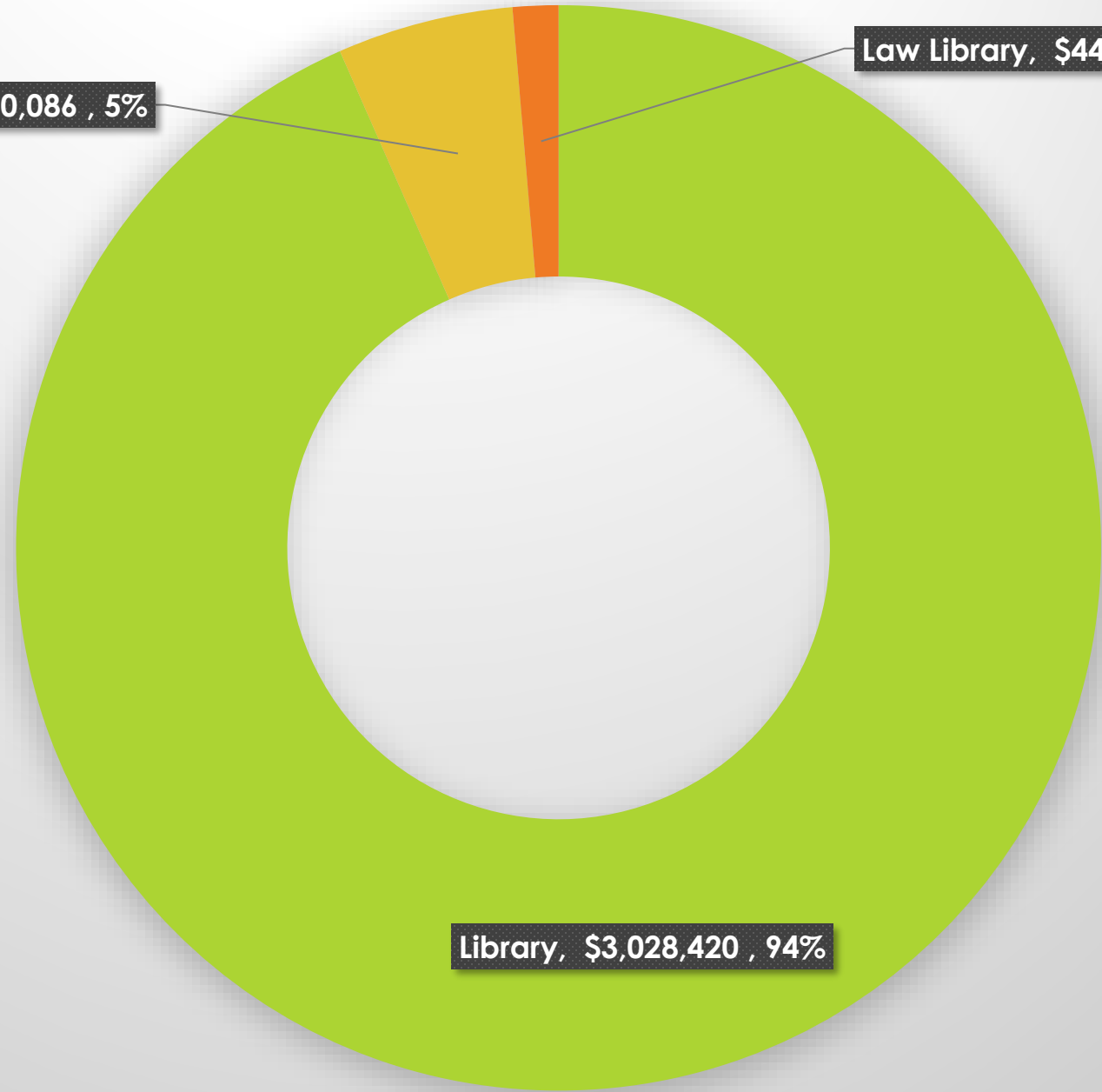
Total Operating Appropriations

\$6,385,833



Net County Cost

\$3,242,506



Museum, \$170,086 , 5%

Law Library, \$44,000 , 1%

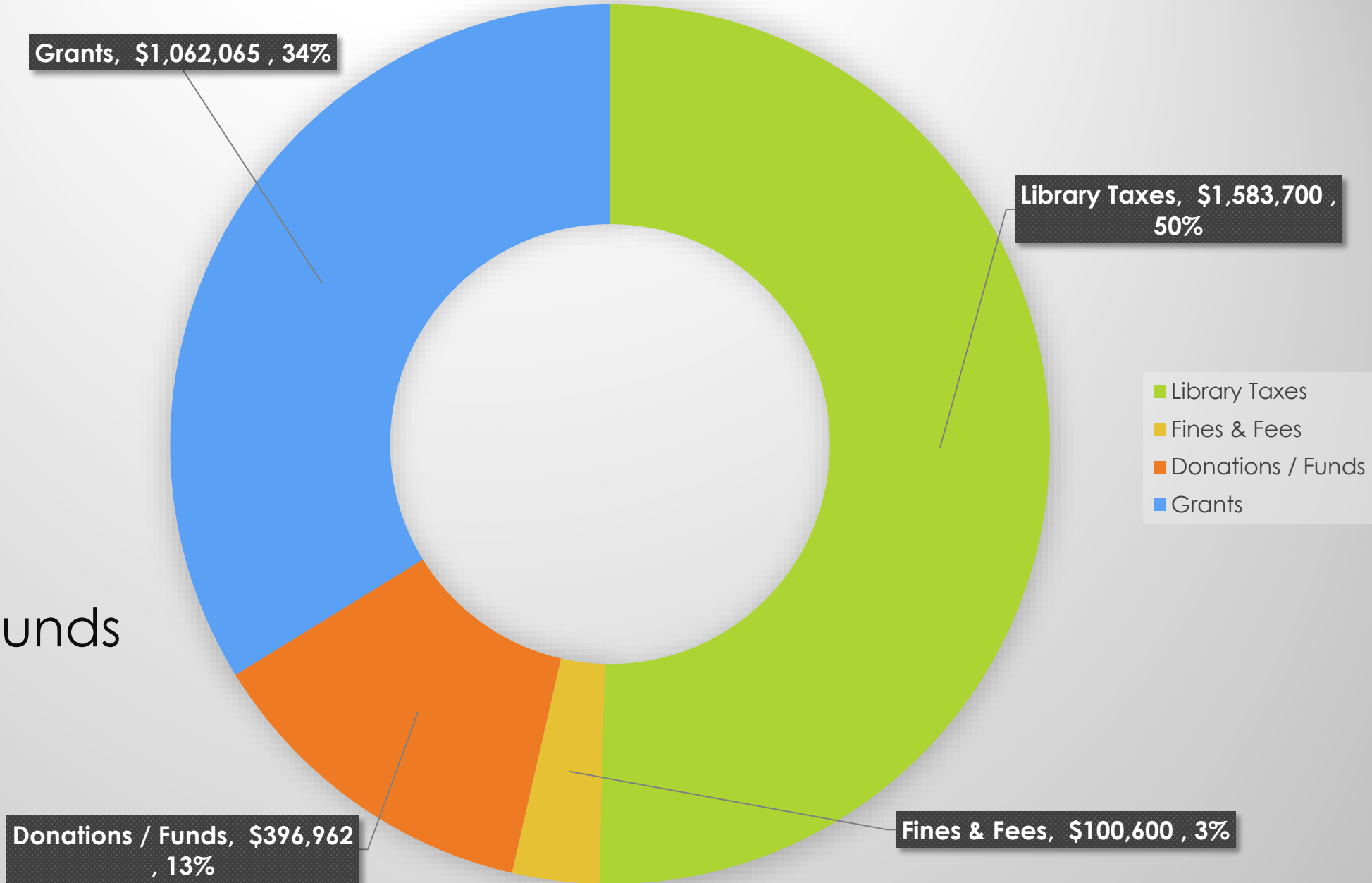
Library, \$3,028,420 , 94%

- Library
- Museum
- Law Library

Revenue Sources

\$3,143,327

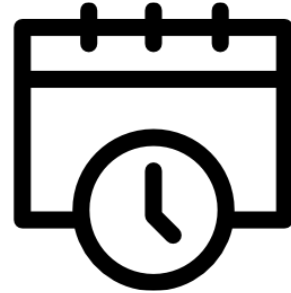
- Library Taxes
- Fines & Fees
- Donations / Funds
- Grants



Service and Performance Indicators



232,800
WEBSITE HITS



11,054
OPEN HOURS



93,146
LIBRARY CARDS



416,264
VISITS



Service and Performance Indicators



11,118
REFERENCE QUESTIONS



1,726
PROGRAMS OFFERED

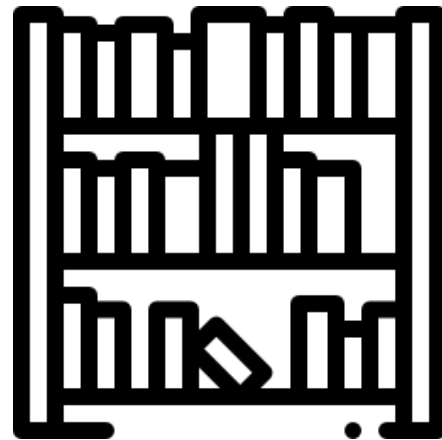


11,958
PEOPLE ATTENDED



Service and Performance Indicators

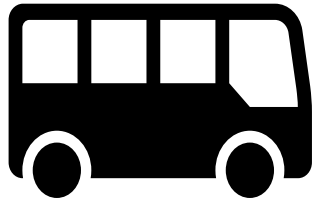
BETWEEN PRINT AND
DIGITAL ITEMS
PEOPLE
BORROWED
A GRAND TOTAL OF:



794,796
ITEMS



Service and Performance Indicators



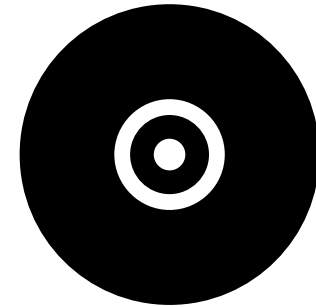
**OVER 1200 ITEMS
BORROWED**



BOOKS



WIRELESS HOTSPOTS



MEDIA



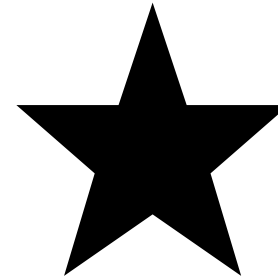
Service and Performance Indicators



**4,413 VOLUNTEER
HOURS**



**290 RESEARCH
REQUESTS**



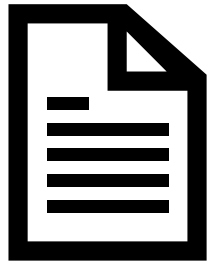
1 STAFF MEMBER



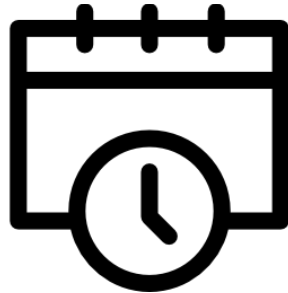
**3,300 MUSEUM VISITS
DURING COUNTY FAIR**



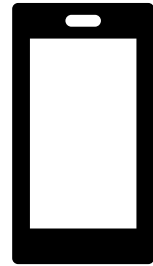
Service and Performance Indicators



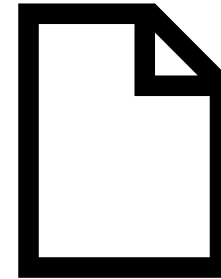
**113% INCREASE
REGISTRATIONS
1609**



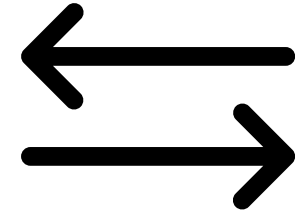
**220% INCREASE
NAVIGATIONS
2139**



**430
LIFELINE
PHONES**



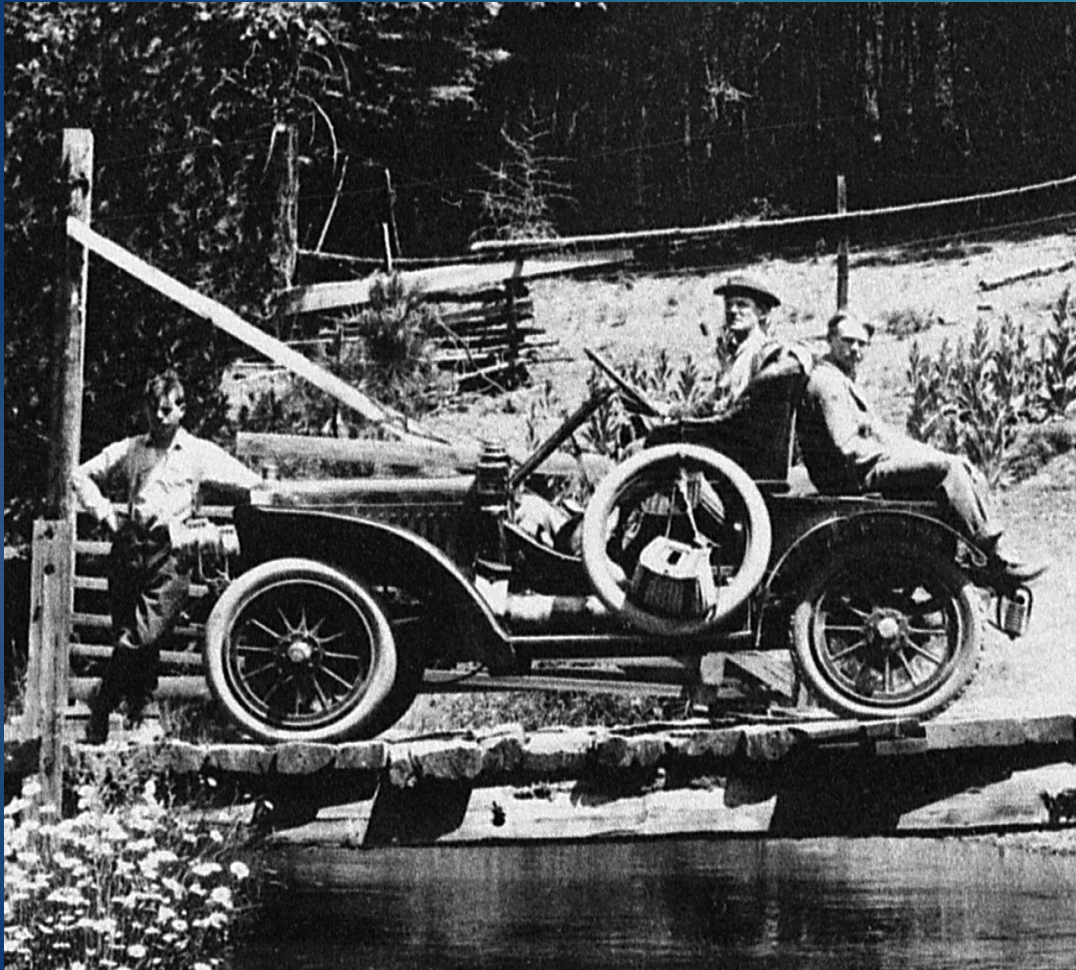
**677 PEOPLE RECEIVED
DIRECT ASSISTANCE WITH
FORMS AND RESEARCH**



**453
AGENCY
REFERRALS**



Innovation – Our Role In The Strategic Plan



CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY IN NEW WAYS

- Implement An Open-Source Integrated Library System
 - Promote The Story Of The Library With Creative Marketing And Rebranding
- Highlight What Makes El Dorado County Unique Through Programming And Events