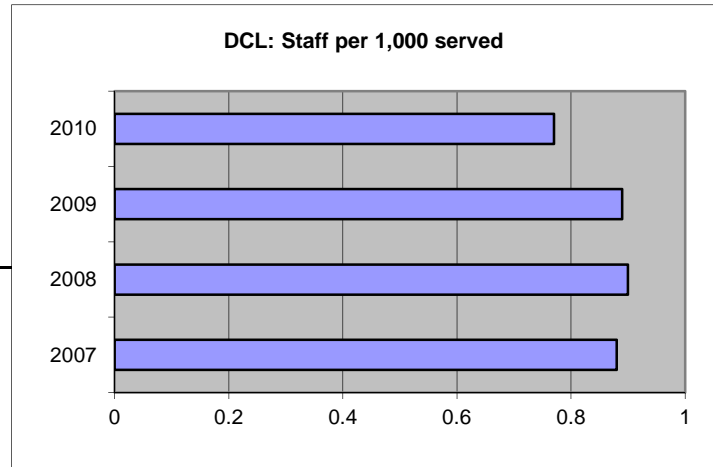


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DCL continues to be recognized as an outstanding library receiving #1 status in our population range in the Hennen ratings. We were rated as a 4-star library in the Library Journal index for the third year straight. Rather than comparing libraries with similar populations as in Hennen, the LJ index uses expenditure ranges. This report shows the ratios of five key statistics which are highly correlated to successful public libraries. The peer libraries we use below for comparison are ranked first and second as 4-star libraries in our expenditure range: Berkeley Public Library, CA and Fremont Public, IL. We are keeping Arapahoe, CO as our closest peer in Colorado.

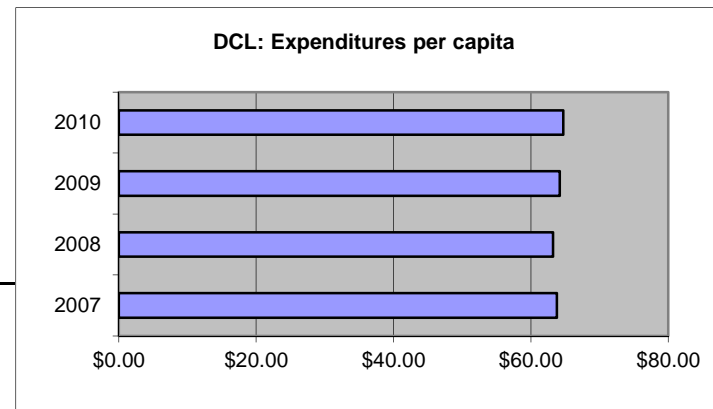
Staff per 1,000 served				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Douglas	0.88	0.9	0.89	0.77
Arapahoe	1.16	1.11	1.12	
Berkeley	0.33	0.33		
Fremont	0.62	0.62		

Notes: Staff per 1,000 served measures the level of staffing relative to county population. For the last three years, DougCo population slowed to 1 and 2 percent growth. Our staffing levels were remaining stable until this year using this ratio. In 2010 we see a dramatic decrease that is a result of the hiring freeze and efficiencies in the branches and depts. The average for Colorado libraries is .90



Total Expenditures per capita				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Douglas	\$63.79	\$63.19	\$64.18	\$64.70
Arapahoe	\$84.73	\$104.34	\$105.98	
Berkeley	\$126.42	\$134.94		
Fremont	\$106.15	351.13*		

Notes: Knowing the extent to which libraries are supported by their local funding base is valuable information for governing boards. The average ratio for expenditures per capita nationally is \$37.66. Along with our comparison libraries here, DCL has one of the best ratios in this category in the United States. The average for Colorado libraries is \$51.69.



*Fremont PL Total Expenditures went from \$3.5 mil to \$11.6 mil (?)

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Library Visits per Capita				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Douglas	6.51	6.49	6.71	7.26
Arapahoe	10.03	9.85	10.62	
Berkeley	12.59	14.29		
Fremont	8.61	8.88		

Notes: Indicates the average number of library visits per person served. It is a good measure of public awareness and use of the library. DCL visits are above average for the U.S. (4.9) and below Colorado (9.7)

Circulation per Capita				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Douglas	23.06	24.31	27.25	28.29
Arapahoe	22.22	22.04	24.18	
Berkeley	15.14	16.36		
Fremont	17.76	20.74		

Notes: Shows the average number of loans made to each resident annually. Higher circ per capita can be a result of higher materials expenditures and volumes held per capita. DCL has healthy stats in this category showing above average for Colorado (10.83) and the U.S. (7.4).

Program Attendance per Capita				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Douglas	0.47	0.62	0.69	0.77
Arapahoe	0.57	0.47	0.49	
Berkeley	0.33	0.33		
Fremont	0.62	0.63		

Notes: Indicates the average number of times a Douglas County resident attends a DCL program. Higher numbers in 2010 were a result of branch outreach efforts and attendance at storytimes. Nationally, libraries average .27 attendance per capita (Colo .58)

