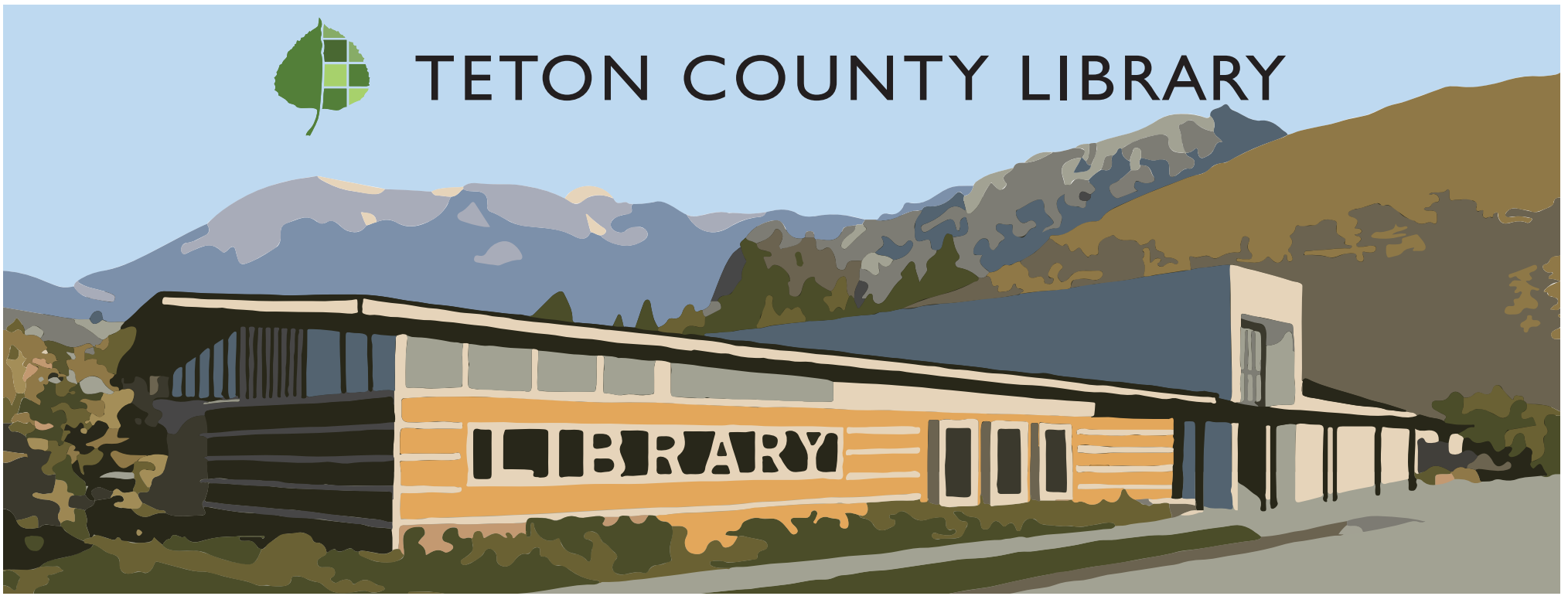




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## REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY *Spring 2019*

**TOTAL CIRCULATION**  
**448,675**



**VOLUNTEER  
HOURS**

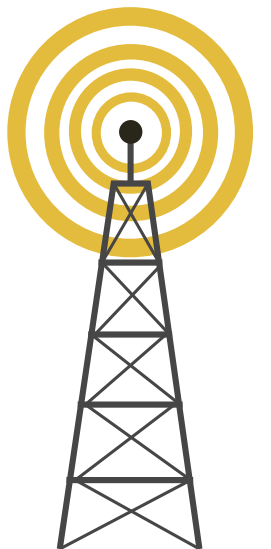
**9,769 = \$241,197**



**CHILDREN  
& TEEN  
PROGRAM  
ATTENDANCE**  
**30,463**

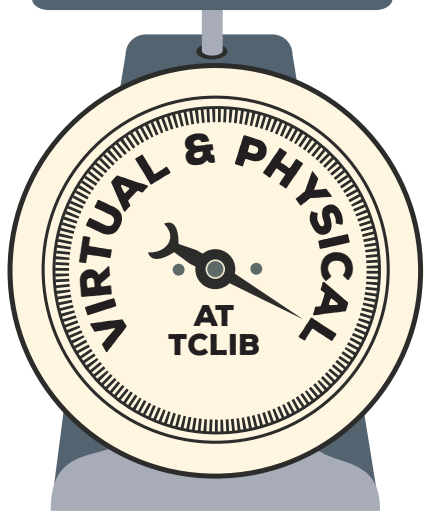


**ADMIT**  
  
ADULT  
PROGRAM  
& CLASS  
ATTENDANCE  
  
**13,199**  
  
**ONE**



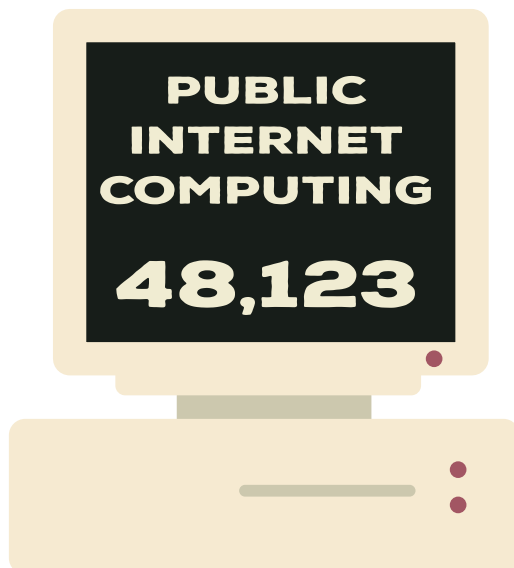
**WIRELESS  
USERS**  
**65,977**

**607,413**



**VISITS**

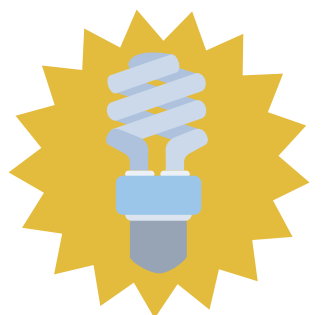
**PUBLIC  
INTERNET  
COMPUTING**  
**48,123**



**DIGITAL  
CONTENT  
CHECKOUTS**  
**128,733**



**REFERENCE  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED**



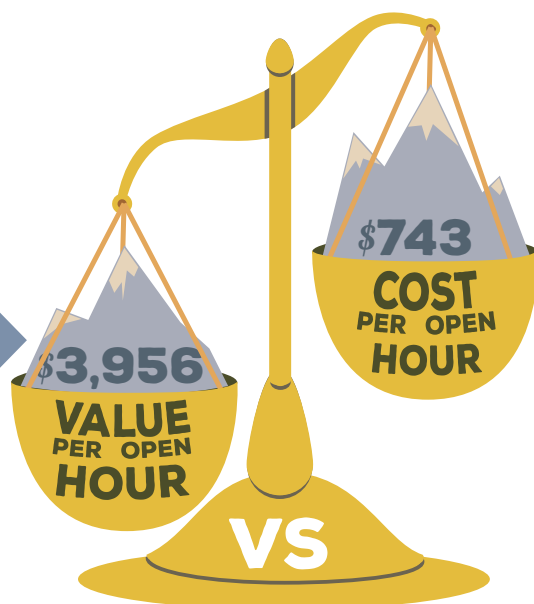
**17,253**

**FOR  
EVERY  
SPENT BY TETON COUNTY,  
CITIZENS  
GET**



**\$5.32 BACK**

**IN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS,  
SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND  
FACILITY USE.**



**VS**



**WI-FI HOTSPOT  
CHECKOUTS**

**450**



**ACTIVE  
CARD  
HOLDERS**  
**16,086**

\*ALL DATA FROM CALENDAR YEAR 2018



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## MOUNTAIN STORY 2019: ALEX HONNOLD FROM ALONE ON THE WALL TO FREE SOLO

The climbing community has been well aware of Alex Honnold for some time, so when he published a memoir, we figured he'd make a great presenter for our annual Mountain Story series, the theme of which is "where great adventure meets great writing."

Happily, Alex agreed to a January 2019 date. Then the documentary about his free solo climb of El Capitan hit theaters and Alex's star power exploded outside the climbing world as well. His personal, inspiring keynote address packed the house at the Center for the Arts with library cardholders a few weeks shy of Free Solo's Oscar win for Best Documentary. If you missed his talk, find it archived on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/tetoncountylibrary](https://facebook.com/tetoncountylibrary)



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## WORKSHOP THAT'S ALL ABOUT PLAY

Our 1,2,3 Play With Me workshops for caregivers and children through age 3 take place twice a year, offering an informal and fun environment for socialization and information sharing with other caregivers and community resource professionals.

One parent who attended and spoke with a Speech/Language/Hearing pathologist said she was made aware of what options and supports there are in the community for addressing a speech problem. Another parent of a 4-month-old enrolled in the workshop mentioned that although her child was the youngest there, he got a lot out of watching and interacting with the older kids in the workshop. Yet another parent commented that she most liked getting out of the house, going to a space where she could bond with her child and make friends with others who have small children.



LANGUAGE EXCHANGE



MOUNTAIN STORY:  
ALEX HONNOLD



FOUNDATION  
DIRECTORY



1,2,3 PLAY WITH ME

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH LYNDA.COM

Alta Branch library patron Greg found himself back in school—without the tuition bills—through taking lynda.com classes on the library website, [tclib.org](https://tclib.org). He found high quality instruction to teach him both beginning and advanced levels of audio mixing and sound engineering to help him in his music production work. Even better, he took the classes in his own studio, with access to his own audio tools, on his own time.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

## LANGUAGE EXCHANGE IN THE LIBRARY STUDY ROOMS

Josep and Bryce might never have met, but thanks to the Language Exchange program they have been meeting for weekly conversations since October. They say the Language Exchange is great because it allows them to learn each other's culture, in addition to practicing a new language. The study rooms and the Language Exchange Library's display have helped them use a variety of resources to learn from each other and keep their meetings fun and informative. During one meeting they used the DVD player to watch and discuss a film about Josep's home country of Spain. They're also taking advantage of the library's English and Spanish collections by reading Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist* together, with Bryce reading in Spanish and Josep in English. The Language Exchange has partnered more people than ever this year, receiving almost 140 applications!

## FOSTERING FILM THROUGH FOUNDATION DIRECTORY

Alyson knew about humanities grants offered in our region, but not so much about those farther afield. Then she heard that she could access Foundation Directory Online free with her library card to search for grants for her Sister Cities community media docu-series project. Her first efforts with the database yielded thousands of results, many of them not quite pertinent to her needs. She stopped by the library Research Desk for some help, and her search became much more targeted and efficient, so she could spend more time applying for grants and less time searching for them.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Teton County Library Friends, our volunteer organization, is just as committed to sharing a love of reading as our librarians. In late summer 2018, Friends volunteers placed four Little Free Libraries book exchange boxes around town, from which people may take free books and leave books for others to take—building

community in the process. The boxes, which bear a slight resemblance to oversized bird houses, are part of a worldwide network of more than 70,000 such libraries, exchanging millions of books each year. During our snowy winter, the boxes underwent makeovers from Jackson Hole High School art students and will soon be reinstalled at Aspen Meadows and Blair Place apartments, and Mike Yokel and Garaman Parks.





# CHECK IT OUT!

## TECH TUTOR TO THE RESCUE

Longtime Jackson residents Gwenn and Don are extreme go-getters: avid surfers, skiers, tennis players, and more. They just never slowed down enough to learn how to do much with computers. When they finally got smart phones they realized they were in serious need of help, so they turned to our free Tech Tutor service with staff member, Wren. After a few weekly sessions, they mastered many basic skills, though Gwenn admits, “We’d be lost without Wren.” Next up, they plan to teach Wren the basics of pickleball.



### SURVEYS

TCL uses Public Library Association’s Project Outcome surveys to measure our impact. 2018 survey results showed that

- 88% of children, youth and adult respondents want to use the library more after participating in Library Summer Fun/Summer Reading.
- 94% of parents intend to spend more time with their children after attending a library story program.
- 100% of technology class respondents felt more comfortable and confident using digital resources after receiving library instruction.

## From Dawn, our new Director!

I love libraries. I love them so much that I spent nearly 25 years being a librarian before I agreed to become an administrator. In this first year as director of Teton County Library, I have asked our team to evaluate our services, collection and technologies.



With program attendance surpassing 43,000 people and circulation exceeding 448,000 books and other materials last year, not to mention resources such as databases being well-used during more than 600,000 physical and virtual visits, we already have a lot to celebrate.

In the coming year we’ll be asking for your feedback and participation to deepen our understanding of your information and learning needs to build an even more responsive library. We’ll also be expanding our technological reach to ensure that our materials and programs are remotely accessible to everyone in our 4,216 square mile range and that everyone has equal access to the technologies needed for working, learning and living. Your tax dollars are already hard at work providing a vibrant center for lifetime learning and engagement in the community. We eagerly anticipate your continued input and perspective. We’re listening.

I would like to thank our amazing staff, our Library Board of Directors, the Teton County Library Foundation and Friends, and the Board of County Commissioners for their support and guidance in helping us to reach our goals.

-Dawn Jenkin

*Part of Love Your Library Week!*  
*April 22-27!*

## EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL

THURS, APRIL 25

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Ordway Auditorium

Create a culinary dish related to your favorite book and show it off to win prizes! Entries must be edible and must somehow relate to a book.

Prizes for People's Choice, Funniest/Punniest, Best Savory Entry, and Best Sweet Entry.

Details at [tclib.org/edible](http://tclib.org/edible)



**Calling all amateurs, chefs and bibliophiles!**

Examples courtesy of Duke University & Milligan College Edible Book Festivals



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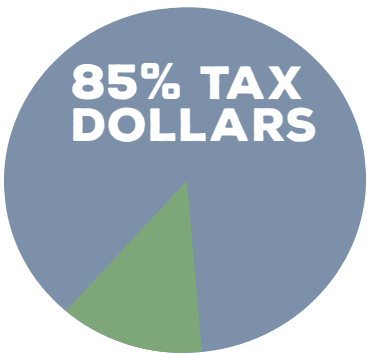
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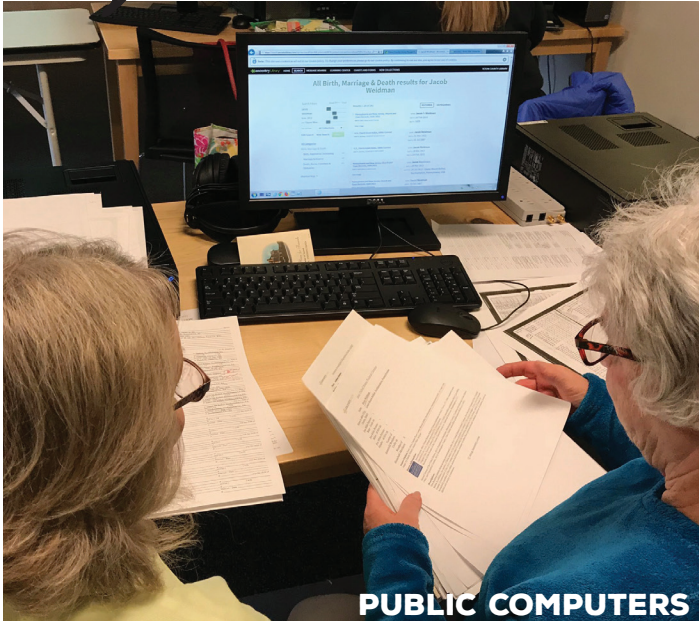
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