

Library Book Sales

This information comes from a Libnet exchange initiated on July 5, 2004 by Carol McArdell from the Pitkin County Library who wrote:

The Pitkin County Library is going to begin having an on-going in-house book sale rather than the twice a year event we have had in the past--a book sale in December and another in July. We are interested in knowing what libraries have an on-going book sale and what the proceeds are on an annual basis. Thank you.

Library	Respondent	Book Sale Information
Boulder Public Library	Liz Abbott	<p>The Boulder Public Library Foundation raises \$7,000-\$9,000 per year with just two two-sided three-shelf bookcases at Main, and a few shelves at two branches.</p> <p>Boulder's is done on the honor system (money box), with no staffing other than the volunteer efforts of selecting the donations.</p>
Denver Public Library	Pat Hodapp	<p>The annual 2-day Used Book Sale of over 60,000 books and media stuff brings in about \$45,000, Hardbounds are \$2, paperbacks (even oversized ones) are \$.50, media (who knows if it works!) are \$.25 and magazines (we do not accept donations of mags--they just show up!) are \$.25. We do have better books individually priced from \$4 to \$75 and some collectibles, also individually priced. It is held in the lower Conference Center and runs 2 days--Preview Night info call 720-865-2047.</p> <p>DPL has local branch sales all year; I have no \$\$ figures available.</p>
Louisville Public Library	Anne Mojo, Director	<p>In 2003, the Louisville Public Library Foundation raised \$4,500 in sales of used books. We have only one double-sided book shelf maintained by a volunteer and located near the circulation desk.</p>
Cortez Public	Joanie Howland	<p>We charge \$1 per pound.</p>

Farr Branch Library, Greeley	Kari Baumann, Branch Manager	The Weld Library District has been charging \$1 per hardback and 25 cents per paperback.
Weld Library District		The Weld Library District raises \$6,000-\$7,000 per year at an ongoing sale.
Douglas County Libraries		<p>Each branch earns an average of \$1100-\$1200 a month from ongoing used book sales.</p> <p>Prices: \$2 for hardbacks, \$1 for trade paperbacks, and \$.50 for mass market paperbacks. Children's books are stacked and measured and charges are figured at \$1 per inch of height. Other media vary: dvds and videos are \$1 per piece, cassette items are \$.25 per tape.</p> <p>Douglas County Libraries used to have three sales a year, each making anywhere from \$2000-\$6000.</p> <p>(The comments about Douglas County Libraries are paraphrased.)</p>