



Rapid City Public Library 2006 Annual Report



Bringing the community together...

Friends of the Library

Rapid City Library Foundation



Greta Chapman,
Rapid City Public
Library Director

"As we move into the 21st century, the library is adapting to meet the needs of the community. We have undertaken an extensive renovation of the library's main floor to create a more effective community gathering place. Plans are underway for a library branch site in partnership with the General Beadle School and Community Center, scheduled to open in 2008. We emphasize to the public that this is your library, and we will continue to provide user-friendly, intuitive services for all members of the community, in person and online."



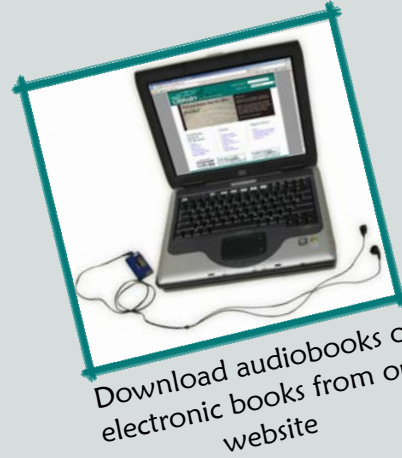
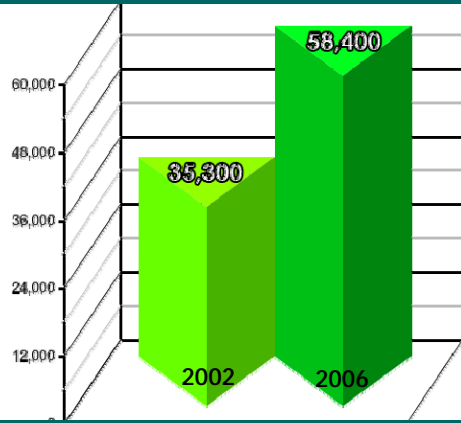
5 YEAR GROWTH (2002-2006)

CHANGES IN 2006

Borrowers

↑ 65% increase

From 2002 to 2006, the number of cardholders rose to include nearly two thirds of the population in Rapid City.



Download audiobooks or electronic books from our website

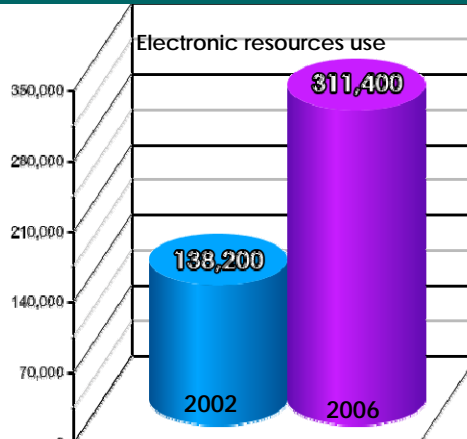


New Friends of the Library book sale area

Computer Use

↑ 125%

Library computer and database use has more than doubled in the past five years.



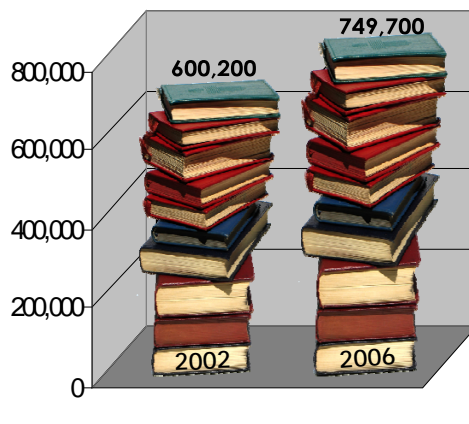
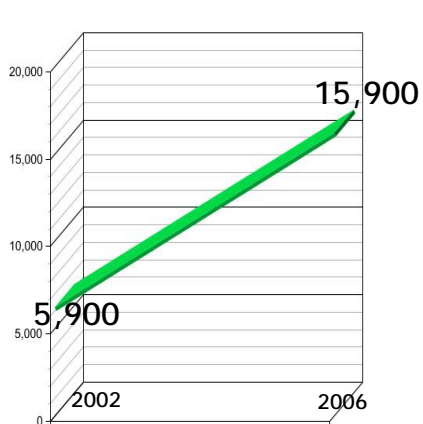
Increased self-service convenience options, including check out, material hold pickups and drive-up services



Multi-purpose service point stations are staffed throughout the library to serve patrons by phone, online or in person

Programming Attendance ↑ 230%

Circulation ↑ 25%



Full Service Coffee Shop



Centralization of computers into a "Technology Commons"