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# Press and Publicity Report

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## PJ's Coffee in Rawlings Library closes

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### Library looking for new cafe for key space

PJ's Coffee, a cafe on the ground floor of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library and the Pueblo library's exclusive caterer, is closing permanently on May 31.

According to a social media post by the library, the cafe will also be closed on May 27-28.

The New Orleans-themed coffee shop opened just this spring along with a major renovation of the Rawlings main library branch. The business originally occupied a space in Pueblo West before closing that location to move into the library.

"PCCLD is committed to providing a cafe after PJ's departure ... plans of a new cafe at the Rawlings Library will be released as soon as possible," the library's social media manager posted on Facebook on Thursday.

Nick Potter, director of community relations and development for the Pueblo City-County Library District, said he hoped to have a new business to announce for the cafe space soon. "The owners of PJ's had some medical issues as well as some staffing issues that prevented them from being to operate the business long term," he told PSJ.

*Rory Harbert contributed to this report.*

## Free summer meals program new requirement deters families in need

*Southern Colorado schools are ensuring no child goes hungry this summer*

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PUEBLO, Colo. — School may be out, but schools in Southern Colorado are ensuring no child goes hungry this summer.

Kids 18 and under can eat free every weekday.

Pueblo D60's free summer meals program launched Monday.

"It helps tremendously since food is expensive these days," said one D60 parental guardian Lisa Baker.

A new requirement may be deterring families in need. Unlike in previous years, kids have to be present and eat on-site.

"If it were allowed that they could pick it up and take it back home with them, then I think our participation would go up," said D60 food services general manager Savannah Box. Three more locations were added this year based on need.

"I noticed coming to Pueblo two years ago, all I heard from teachers, from staff, from parents that call, my kids are hungry, my kids are hungry, my kids are hungry," said Box. Thanks to this program, about 1,000 families were fed every day last summer.

"It's important that people show up and eat so we can continue the program," said Box.

"It's helping a lot of families, especially those that have several in school, I'm grateful for the school district," said Baker.

### PUEBLO LOCATIONS: Mon-Fri June 5th- July 28th

- Barkman Library 12:30-12:45 pm
- Lucero Library 11-11:30 am
- Lamb Library 11-11:30 am
- Rawlings Library 12:30-12:45 pm
- Mineral Palace Park 11:45 am- 12:15 pm
- Ray Aguilar Park 11:45am- 12:15pm

### Mon-Thursday June 7th, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm

- Liberty Point International in Pueblo West
- Pleasantview Middle School in the Mesa
- Avondale Elementary School in Avondale
- Craver Middle School in Colorado City