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Thanks to a \$1,200 grant from a local non profit, the Lucero Library is putting together a library of spices for people to borrow. If the program is successful then the Pueblo City-County Library District will consider implementing it at other libraries.



Spice up your life with the Pueblo Library

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PUEBLO, CO — The Pueblo Library is inviting you to spice up your latest cuisine with options from its "spice library."

The Patrick A. Lucero branch is located on Pueblo's east side and is now offering people the option to choose between 11 different spice options. Each resident can take up to five spice packets a day. Don't use the spice? No worries! Use it at a later date.

At this time available spices include:

Himalayan pink salt
Crushed red pepper
Cinnamon

Dill weed
Thyme
Chinese five-spice powder
Black sesame seeds
Fennel seeds
Bay leaves
Sazon Goya
Curry

A kickoff celebration was held at the library Thursday, where people were able to do a spice sampling and plant herb garden starters. They also were able to hear from organizers of the project.

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Pueblo's summer reading program sees strong record turnout, despite lack of monetary incentive

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PUEBLO, CO — A record number of children took part in a summer reading challenge, even though they did not get paid like they had in years past. It was part of the Pueblo Library District's summer reading program.

The district says more than 6800 children under the age of 17 checked out and read 5 books each and took part in one library program. The program director says it is the highest amount of participation in the history of the program.

Last year, children were paid \$100 each through the program, but this year the district did not have the funding from the city and county governments.

"Reading pays paid kids like 100 dollars to be able to read books and stay engaged with our libraries, being able to have 68-hundred kids read over the summer still participate, showed that we kept them engaged and kept them participating in library programs," says Nick Potter, with the Pueblo City-County Library District.

The district has another reading program in October where children will be able to meet the authors of three books. For more information contact the library.

At KOAA, we believe giving children books can take them to new places, open their imaginations, fuel big dreams, plant the seeds for future success and help break the cycle of poverty.

Our annual "If You Give a Child a Book" campaign began August 28. During the campaign, News5 will be partnering with Title 1 schools to give books to underserved kindergarten through thirdgrade students living in poverty.

Every \$6 you donate will result in one free book for a student hoping to have a bright future.

The overall goal is to help these children build home libraries made up of age-appropriate and culturally relevant books that feature those with different abilities, cultures, beliefs, races and ethnicities.

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