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Gypsy Javas to take over Rawlings Library cafe operation

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Nov. 1 opening expected for Gypsy Javas library location

The Pueblo City-County Library District has selected a new business to take over the cafe space located on the first floor of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.

Nick Potter, PCCLD director of community relations and development, confirmed that Gypsy Javas, an established Pueblo coffee shop, will open a new location in place of the previous cafe, PJ's Coffee, which served the library and its patrons from March through May.

Gypsy Javas, located around the corner at 119 Broadway Ave., opened in 2019. Owner Mindy Collins is a graduate of the Culinary School of the Rockies and has 15 years of professional experience in the hospitality industry. With this background, she came to Pueblo to open a combination coffee shop and specialty bakery, which is open daily from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. The business partners with Coda Coffee, a Colorado roasting company, to provide "organic, fair trade" coffee beans.

The closure of PJ's was announced two months after the official ribbon cutting that marked the end of a \$12.5 million library renovation project that included a cafe described as an in-house catering service.

Potter told the PSJ that the PJ's Coffee owners stepped down due to "medical issues" and "staffing issues."

More information came Wednesday in a press release:

The Gypsy Javas extended location will join the Pueblo Library team on Nov. 1. The cafe will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"We welcome everyone for morning coffee, an excellent food menu, and a wonderful space to gather by our beautiful water feature at the Rawlings Library's first floor," said Sherri Baca, PCCLD's executive director, in a press release.

"I am very excited and proud to enter into a joint venture between the Pueblo City-County Library District and my small business Gypsy Javas," Collins added. "It is our goal to provide on-site numerous blends of coffee, espresso and lattes. We hope this endeavor will be mutually beneficial for the many patrons of the library and Gypsy Javas."

The new location will offer a catering menu to cater meetings throughout the library district.

Menu items include coffee, tea and juice in addition to pastries, bagels and lunch sandwiches. All items will be prepared on site.

"It is wonderful that Gypsy Javas will be providing their signature offerings at the library including grab-and-go items and limited catering for meetings and small events," Baca added.