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Gypsy Javas bringing fresh brewed coffee, homemade kolaches to Pueblo's Rawlings Library

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Gypsy Javas is expanding and its next chapter is a second location at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library cafe, where affordable, fresh coffee and homemade food will be available starting Nov. 1

Mindy Collins, owner, is used to seeing staff from the library at her shop located just a stone's throw away from the library at 119 Broadway Ave. They are such frequent visitors she knows many of them by name and they get a discount at Gypsy Javas.

"When they were remodeling the library and seeking applications for someone to take over the coffee shop, they asked me to apply, but it wasn't the right time for us. Now we have such a great staff here that it's a good time to expand," Collins explained.

The three-year contract is "more of a joint partnership. Since I already know the community and the space I can take what I have and offer a version of that at the library," she said.

That includes Gypsy Javas ever-popular fresh made parfaits, featuring honey vanilla yogurt layered with homemade granola and a fresh fruit compote. The parfaits are "a staple" for Gypsy Javas patrons.

Other offerings will include house-baked goodies, sweet and savory kolaches, and of course, the Denver-roasted Coda Coffee drinks. From muffins and bagels to turnovers and scones, there will be plenty of treats to choose from, including vegan and gluten-free options.

"We will offer small breakfast and lunch items, grab and go items and our in-house baked goods such as pastries and cookies. I hired a baker who makes phenomenal kolaches," which are Czech and Slovak pastries featuring a puffy yeast dough, Collins said.

"We want to offer affordable items including soups, salads and sandwiches," she said, pointing out that library patrons can partake of the goodies in the library cafe's 25-seat dining area or take them to go.

Hours at the library cafe are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Gypsy Javas staff also can offer limited catering of food and beverages to those who are having meetings in any of the library conference rooms.

Collins also envisions treats for the kids visiting the library for story hour like cookies and milk or juice, an idea inspired by her own twin sons Brayden and Landen, age 5, who love to get a snack after visiting the library.

"We are thrilled about reopening the Pueblo Library Cafe at the library," said Sherri Baca, executive director for the Pueblo library district. "This is an amenity and service that we are committed to providing to our patrons and the community— everyone has missed it in the last few months."

PJ's Coffee initially had a contract to operate a coffee shop at the library cafe, but the cafe closed May 31 due to unforeseen circumstances.

How Gypsy Javas got started

Gypsy Javas was established in 2013. In July 2019, Collins took over the business and just as she was getting to know her clientele, the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"The customers kept us going through COVID and what I love about Pueblo and what we've created here is this sense of community and a place to be social with neighbors. I would say 80% of my customers I see everyday," Collins said.

"They ask me about my kids and I know about their grandkids. What sets us apart is the customer service and making a true connection with our customers," she said.

Before moving to Pueblo, Collins owned and operated a restaurant in Boulder and also worked in both Denver and Boulder as a pastry chef.

Gypsy Javas employs a total of 10 workers — five baristas and two bakers at the main location and three barista/bakers at the library cafe.

"This shop has been here almost 10 years and we've worked so hard to keep it going. We hope to grow to a roastery and roast our own beans someday soon," she said.

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