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ENTERTAINMENT

Steel City art shows, Cinco De Mayo, 'Swan Lake' and more upcoming things to do in Pueblo

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Thursday, May 9

"Mirasol" Film Screening at Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave., fourth floor Ryals Grand Event Space | 5:30-7 p.m. | Join Pueblo County Commissioner Daneya Esgar, the Palmer Land Conservancy, and the Pueblo City-County Library District for a free screening of the documentary "Mirasol, Looking at the Sun," featuring St. Charles Mesa farming and agriculture experts.

Saturday, May 11

World War II history talk at Pueblo West Library

298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd. | 10:30 a.m.-noon | Join retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Nathan Watanabe for "Go for Broke, the 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team of WWII," featuring tales of action by Asian-Pacific Americans. The presentation will include artifacts, photos, uniforms, and a WWII-era Jeep.

Wednesday, May 15

Ladies of Many Hats presentation at Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave. in the Ryals Grande Event Space, fourth floor | 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday | Hear stories of women who contributed to Pueblo's history from 1870 to 1960. The event includes modeling of vintage and replica hats. Learn how hat styles mirrored the social and political changes of the times. Refreshments provided. The event is co-sponsored by the Pueblo Heritage Museum.

Thursday, May 16

All About Herbs program at Lucero Library

1315 E. Seventh St. | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Learn all about growing, enjoying and preserving herbs with the Cooking Matters and CSU Extension Master Gardener programs. To register for the free event visit pueblolibrary.org or call 719-562-5600.

NEWS

PCCLD to preserve history with public “memory labs”

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FOX21 NEWS

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(PUEBLO, Colo.) — A new project for archiving memories is underway through the Pueblo City-County Library District (PCCLD). The Mellon Foundation recently awarded the PCCLD \$250,000 to preserve the history and culture of communities throughout Southeastern Colorado.

Regional Memory Labs is an archiving initiative that provides equipment and training to people for the DIY digitization of their personal collections—recordings, documents, videos, photos, and more, can all be preserved in a modern, digital format.

“History is made locally by ordinary people living in a place,” said Aaron Ramirez,

PCCLD’s manager of Local History and Genealogy. “One of our goals is to raise awareness of the principles of archiving and to help people understand that their personal and community histories are an important part of the cultural and historical landscape of Southeastern Colorado.”

The five-year project will allow for the creation of six permanent Satellite Memory Labs and five Mobile Memory Labs across 16 counties in Southeastern Colorado. Memory labs will allow users to digitize the following:

- Photographs
- Photo and slide negatives
- Documents
- Outdated video media, including 16mm film, 8mm, Super 8mm, VHS, VHS-C, S-VHS and MiniDV
- Audio cassettes
- 3.5-inch floppy disks and more

“The Southeastern region was settled long before Colorado became a state,” Ramirez continued. “The diversity of the region, of the land and of the people, has left its impact and it’s important to us, as archivists, to preserve this rich, diverse



KRDO NEWS

Pueblo library district awarded grant for digital archiving

By Karla Sosa

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PUEBLO, Colo. (KRDO) - People who live in Southeast Colorado will now be able to preserve their history for future generations, thanks to a new grant headed to the Pueblo City-County Library.

The funds will go towards the library's regional memory labs. This project will

allow for local communities near Pueblo the opportunity to share their history with future generations.

The library currently has a digitization lab but with this new \$250,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, they'll be able to update their equipment and also offer other things like mobile kits that patrons can check out. Patrons will be able to digitize photographs, slide negative documents, floppy disks, and more.

This is a five-year project, the goal is to reach out to the small communities from Baca to Las Animas counties that don't have access to this type of technology.

The new equipment should arrive in the next few months. Patrons who decide to use this new equipment will get training before taking one of the six mobile kits home.



The Pueblo Library District wants to preserve more history in Southeastern Colorado. The district received a \$250,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, a group that helps communities with arts and humanities projects.

KOAA-NEWS

Pueblo Library District seeking to preserve the history of Southeastern Colorado through your images

By: Carl Winder

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PUEBLO COUNTY, Colo. — The Pueblo City-County Library District wants to preserve more history in Southeastern Colorado.

The district received a \$250,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, a group that helps communities with arts and humanities projects.

The money will go toward creating memory labs to digitally archive the history of

the 16 counties in Southeastern Colorado. "We want to represent the culture, the people, and the history of this region, and in order to do that, we're calling on the public to bring their family collections in and scan them to provide access to them and to preserve them for generations to come," said Aaron Ramirez, with the Pueblo City-County Library District.

The library district says you can come for free do-it-yourself digitization on the third floor of the Rawlings Library. You can view the hours for digitization below, the district says a reservation is required.

Monday through Friday

10:00 am to 12:30 pm
12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Fridays and Saturdays

10:00 am to 12:30 pm
12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm
For the AV Station, there are two 5 hour sessions Monday - Thursday

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.



The Rawlings branch of the Pueblo City-County Library District. *Zachary Allen/The Pueblo Chieftain*

THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN BUSINESS

Pueblo Library District wins \$250,000 grant for digital archiving project

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Pueblo Library District wins \$250,000 grant for digital archiving project
The Pueblo City-County Library District was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the

Mellon Foundation to go toward preserving the history and culture of communities throughout southeastern Colorado through a digital archiving project.

Funds will go toward creating Regional Memory Labs where residents can digitally preserve old photos, slides, documents, audio and videos.

The labs will be shared with partnering organizations within 16 counties, including Alamosa, Baca, Bent, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Grande and Saguache.

Organizations interested in applying to become a Regional Memory Lab can visit pueblolibrary.org/regionalmemorylab.

Pueblo Library District launches digital archiving project to preserve history around southeastern Colorado

By Shanna Lewis · May 29, 2024, 12:00 pm



Pueblo City County Library District

Pueblo City County Library District Local History and Genealogy Department Manager Aaron Ramirez studies historical

Pueblo Library District launches digital archiving project to preserve history around southeastern Colorado

By Shanna Lewis

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Some of southeastern Colorado's history can be told through photos and videos of everyday life. Those are among the

things the Pueblo City-County Library District wants to capture in its Shared Memories project.

Currently, the program has a Digital Memory

Lab with various digitizing technologies at the Rawlings Library in Pueblo.

The goal is to expand this project to reach rural and marginalized communities around southeast Colorado and help people collect and digitize their images, recordings and more.

"Our priority is preservation and raising awareness of the importance of their family, of their personal collections here in southeastern Colorado," said Aaron Ramirez, who leads the district's local history and genealogy department.

Ramirez said PCCLD will provide the tools to help get those materials digitized and archived and the project is for people from all walks of life.

"If you're not rich or famous, you don't make it into the history books," he said. "This is an effort to share the culture of southeastern Colorado and help preserve that culture."

A \$250,000 grant from the Mellon Foun-

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dation will fund six permanent and five mobile memory labs. They'll go to 16 counties in southern Colorado, stretching from San Luis Valley to the Eastern Plains, according to Ramirez.

The new regional memory labs will provide equipment and training at no cost to users for do-it-yourself digitization of all kinds of materials, including photographs, slides, documents, floppy disks, and outdated video and audio media like film movies, VHS tapes and cassettes. Recording equipment for oral histories will also be available.

Ramirez said users will keep their items and are not required to share them publicly.

"A goal of this project is to not be extractive," he said. "We've seen colonial type strategies of coming in and taking history and culture and artifacts and things from a people and doing with them as an archivist might," he said, alluding to museums or other institutions keeping them for exhibition, study, or other uses.

"If the participants are willing to share their images, their visual recordings, their sound recordings with us," he said, "we will happily help them share." Ramirez said they want to reach communities like Hispanic/Latino/a, African American and rural residents and "fill in the historical record of these missing voices."

A \$15,000 grant from a similar program at the library in Washington, D.C. helped the district set up its first memory lab for people in Pueblo County. Ramirez said those facilities have been used more than 100 times since 2021, so the work is already underway on a smaller scale.

The Pueblo Library main branch has hosted community events including a scanning day for the Southern Colorado Charro Association, a group of Hispanic equestrians and ranchers active in Pueblo County.

Members of the group digitized their personal collections and some chose to share their content through the library's online archive.

"The main goal we were after was to scan things and help people preserve their history," Ramirez said, "but sort of a side

effect was that these people all sharing their experiences in this group were able to come together (to reconnect) and chat and reminisce about pastimes and take a second look at these photos and materials."

Ramirez said PCCLD plans to reach out to other libraries in the Southeastern Colorado region, along with various groups that might be interested in either housing a permanent memory lab or hosting a mobile setup.