

**PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**Report of the Executive Director – March**  
**Submitted to the Library Board of Trustees**  
**April 23, 2026**

## Barkman Library

March Program Highlights:

**Early Literacy Fair** - In partnership with the Youth Services department at the Rawlings Library, Barkman hosted a Literacy Fair for our parents, caregivers, and their little ones. We learned that hosting right after our weekly Storytime did not work out as smoothly as we hoped it would. Logistics didn't run the way we had hoped. However, everyone still had a good time.

**Sensory Playtime** – Librarian Brigitta Myerhofer offers this special event twice a year. It's a fun time for caregivers and their children to “play” with different substances and sometimes the kids find their favorite. Cotton balls, sand, paint, shaving cream and even deep diving into the “pool of treasure” (different items buried under shredded paper), there is every bit of educational sensory item worked into “playtime.”



Two young children and their mother playing with cotton balls.



Little girl with stethoscope at literacy fair.

We still remain busy with outreach. Our current list of monthly outreach partnerships includes:

- Building Blocks
- CTK Head Start (visited twice a month)
- CSU-Pueblo Pre-k
- Haaff Preschool (visited twice a month)
- Belmont Preschool (visited twice a month)
- Jordan Residential
- Pueblo Villa

It's fun to see "our" preschool kids learn and grow. Program and Outreach Specialist Penny Jerman had this to say about March's visits to CTK Head Start. "They were very good this time. They are such cute kids who ask lots of questions and tell me their life story. They get really wiggly most days so I end up doing a movement song, instead of a felt board so they can get their wiggles out. The teachers are also helping out more to wrangle the kids." The groups that Penny visits consist of ages 3-5 yrs., so they can be quite a delightful handful.

Penny's "Crafternoons" are very popular and this month all attendees tackled the art of macramé flower keychains. Everyone had a great time and our feedback about the program did include that participants needed clearer steps as it was a little too hard. We'll do better next time.



Patron showing off her macramé flower keychain in yellow, green, and gold colors.



Two lady participants at the Pueblo Villa making scrap fabric keychain.

The participants of Penny Jermans' March book club were so excited to talk about "Go as a River" by Shelly Read, that they only got through discussing 3 of the 11 listed questions. Penny also had a high attendance. Everyone wanted different refreshments for April.

Future Programs we're very excited about:

**Baby Art Crawl!** Second time we are hosting this program and it is so much messy fun for babies and their parents. Very young baby/toddlers create their art as they crawl through foam, play in nontoxic paint, squish the clay amongst their toes and "record" their art on various pieces of paper. Come and join the fun!

**Local Author Talk with Steve C. Posner.** The event will showcase Mr. Posner's novel, "Questioner," a crime thriller. This will be the second local author Barkman has hosted this year with plans for many more.

**Staff Showcase:** Nicholas Naranjo, a Barkman CSR, received a big thank you from a patron in March. On his way out to his car to head home, Nick noticed that an elderly patron was having trouble with a flat tire in the parking lot. Nick stopped, on his own time, to help the patron change the flat out for the spare. The patron was very appreciative and came into the Library to let Nicks' manager know about how much he appreciated Nick stopping to help him.

Nicks' hard work has also helped the Library District create a subsidized version of instructions for patrons about how they can print wirelessly in the library using the SmartALEC App. The new, subsidized instructions brought us from several pages, into one coherent half sheet which was designed by Ann Boyden in Community Relations.

## Giodone Library

### Outreach

Lorena conducted a weekly story and craft at Avondale Elementary with a total of 61 students. Lorena presented Storytimes at Ascension Preschool- 50, and Thatcher Preschool – 18. On March 19<sup>th</sup> the D70 Media Techs met in the Giodone Meeting Room, and Danielle Cowles, from Technical Services presented information about our digital offerings. In partnership with Tech Services, we delivered a classroom set of The Watsons' go to Birmingham for a fourth-grade class at South Mesa. The teacher and the students wrote thank you notes expressing their appreciation for the new set.

### Program Highlights

Dispelling Gardening Myths was a partnership with the CSU Extension Office Master Gardener, and was well attended – 12. Another lecture, from a regular library customer who is working on their book, Monica Hall, shared her experience holding a private university accountable, was also well attended. – 13. In partnership with United Way,

VITA volunteers assisted 23 people in filing their taxes on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Kits2Go were very popular during Spring Break, and we gave away 100 kits to keep kids entertained. The Junior Book Club has a dedicated group and averaged 5 attendees each week.

### Building Updates

Our floor outlets were replaced with flat caps to reduce tripping hazards in the building and meeting room.



The Facility Team installed a storage container in Giodone's back field for storing their items securely.



### Collection Update

Tech Services provided Giodone a list to weed our picture book collection to help supply children's books for the Books in the Park program.

In total we had 639 in program attendance, 6 notary appointments, 9 public meeting room reservations, and 27 study room reservations.

## Greenhorn Valley Library

### Program Highlights:

March was a lively and engaging month at the library, with strong participation across programs for all ages. Our kids' Dungeons & Dragons program continues to grow, with nearly 20 attendees joining bi-weekly sessions. The group recently launched a new campaign inspired by *The Odyssey*, and due to its popularity, we have now split participants into two groups to better support gameplay. During spring break, our Program and Outreach Coordinator Ashley partnered with the Pueblo Zoo for a special program where children had the unique opportunity to see and interact with a pancake tortoise and a chuckwalla. In addition, Ashley led a hands-on science experiment demonstrating how oil slicks form. Regular story times led by Karaline also remain well attended, with participation nearing 15 children each session, and Family Friday continues to draw a consistent crowd of kids and parents.

Adult programming also saw strong engagement this month. A special candle painting program offered a creative outlet for participants, while both our daytime book club and Book Club After Dark were well received and sparked lively discussion. We also hosted several pop-up painting sessions for both adult and youth Dungeons & Dragons participants, giving them the chance to paint their own miniatures and further immerse themselves in their campaigns.

Additionally, the library provided a significant amount of technology assistance throughout the month, both through one-on-one help sessions and our ongoing computer basics class, supporting patrons in building essential digital skills. We of course also hosted the Greenhorn Branch's Vita Tax Day and have been consistently assisting patrons print off their needed paperwork for tax season.



### Outreach:

Outreach efforts continued to make a meaningful impact this month, as Karaline and Ashley expanded the library's presence in local schools. They have been leading an engaging after-school STEM program at the elementary school, providing hands-on learning opportunities that encourage curiosity and creativity among younger students. In addition, Ashley has been visiting the high school during lunch periods, bringing crafts and outreach materials to connect with teens, promote library resources, and foster relationships with a broader segment of the community.



## Displays:

Our displays this month focused mostly on spring themes, a basketball movie display for March Madness, a Celtic Connections display that featured both fiction and nonfiction literature, and a “book or movie” selection display.



## Lucero Library

Tina

### Highlight: Celebrating Brazilian culture with East Side Child Care

**Description:** We host an activity every two weeks with a local daycare center, East Side Child Care. In March, I wanted to highlight Brazilian Carnival and share aspects of the culture with the school aged students by making headdresses and masks together. We started with a small presentation about Brazil and we talked about iconic landmarks, the language and of course what Carnival is and how they celebrate. None of the kids knew much about Brazil or what other countries were in South America. When we saw them for the second time in the month, the kids wore their headdresses while watching the movie, Rio! Before the movie, I brought back the presentation to see if the kids remembered anything from our previous session. That time every kid who raised their hand identified countries in South America where they did not before. During the movie I heard kids exclaim “I know what that statue is called! We saw that earlier!” and “Look, that is Carnival, there is the festival!”. Some costumes featured below:



## Jessica

### **Highlight Adult Program: Chocolate Chia Seed Pudding**

**Description:** Across two sessions, thirty participants explored the versatility of chia seeds. The program featured a "surprise" chocolate chia seed pudding sampling, which was a major success; it effectively demonstrated the ingredient's appeal, even to those who had never tried it before. Attendees highly valued the educational handouts, which included an easy-to-follow recipe and a breakdown of the nutritional benefits of chia seeds.

## Chris

### **Highlight Youth Program: Suncatchers**

**Description:** We used clear glue and food coloring to make suncatchers. The kids really enjoyed this program and are waiting until they dry so they can take them home. We also made glow-in-the-dark chalk using plaster and glow-in-the-dark mixing powder. Along with bingo and fireflies, we watched a movie for a bit of comedy relief.

## Branch Highlight:

### **Highlight Program: Finished Risley Tours & Talking with Parkview about similar tours.**

**Description:** Library tours with Risley International Academy of Innovation have successfully concluded, with all homeroom classes visiting the library. This initiative ensured that every student had the opportunity to explore library resources, learn about services, and engage with staff in a welcoming environment. The visits strengthened our partnership and helped foster early familiarity and comfort with the library.

Building on this success, the library is currently in discussions with Parkview Elementary to explore similar tour opportunities. This potential partnership would expand student access and continue efforts to connect local schools with library services and resources.

## Lamb Library & Library @ the Y

### Program Highlights

- Adult Programming

March programming celebrated Women's History Month, creativity, and community partnerships. Participants explored Warli tribal art, traditionally created by women, by designing and painting their own postcards, and learned about Georgia O'Keeffe before trying their hand at painting her iconic floral style. Seasonal activities included a St. Patrick's Day tie-dye program and a gnome embroidery one, adding a festive touch to the month. We also introduced spring-themed stamp carving, giving attendees the opportunity to design and print their own seasonal designs. In

partnership with Colorado Workforce Center, we hosted a workforce program where multiple attendees created résumés, and one participant was even able to begin applying for jobs during the session.



Senior Craft - Stitch Your Luck! Seniors enjoyed a festive, hands-on embroidery session, creating “Stitch Your Luck” Saint Patrick’s Day designs. The program combined creativity, relaxation, and social connection, leaving participants with charming handmade keepsakes.



- Teen/Tween Programming

Teens and tweens celebrated Mar10 Day with bracket-style Mario Kart racing and activities that encouraged friendly competition and social connection. The program was high-energy, fun, and well attended, offering a playful way for participants to engage and unwind after school.

Teens celebrated Pi Day by hand-sewing adorable mini pie keychains. The program combined creativity, hands-on crafting, and social time, giving participants a fun, memorable keepsake to take home.

- Children’s Programming

Family storytime included a variety of themes and crafts this month, including Donald Duck Day, First Day of Spring and World Theater Day.

## **YMCA**

- Children’s Programming

Kiddos fluttered into spring with a butterfly-themed storytime. The program combined engaging stories, songs, and movement activities, sparking curiosity and creativity while introducing little learners to the wonders of nature.



- Adult Programming

This month's YMCA adult craft session drew an impressive turnout, with participants enthusiastically creating their own interpretations of a miniature forest painting.

## **Outreach Highlights**

Outreach efforts continued with a visit to Pueblo Diversified Industries (PDI), where participants painted tiny masterpieces—fish being the most popular subject— a St. Patrick's Day visit to PSAS Fulton Heights (K–2), featuring a themed storytime and a hands-on leprechaun STEM activity, and a poetry jam for South Park Elementary 2nd graders. See below for an email sent in appreciation of Cynthia's efforts!

"I am writing to share a review of Ms. Cynthia from the Lamb Branch Library following our K–2 story and STEM event. She arrived on time and was fully prepared with a hands-on STEM activity that was both engaging and age-appropriate.

Ms. Cynthia read with great enthusiasm and kept all of our students entertained and involved throughout the story. The highlight of the visit was the "treasure puck" activity, where students used vinegar and a dropper to uncover a hidden surprise. The students were amazed and highly engaged in the process.

The use of droppers was an especially thoughtful addition, as it provided an opportunity for students to strengthen fine motor skills—something this age group greatly benefits from as they continue developing proper pencil grip.

Overall, Ms. Cynthia provided an engaging, educational, and well-prepared experience for our students. We truly appreciated her time and effort and would be happy to welcome her again in the future." - Shauna Jensen, teacher at Fulton Heights Charter Academy."

## **Branch Promotions**

The Lamb team kicked off our spring seed library promotion in March with a drawing for a garden tool set! Patrons are encouraged to check out their 5 packs for an entry, which has resulted in over 450 packs checked out this month!

## Pueblo West Library

### **Community Display Cases**

Pueblo West Women's League Winter Fundraising Display

### **Art Exhibit, Estimated Attendance TBD**

Yarn Hoarders Anonymous Crochet Club Exhibit



**Pueblo West Library held a total of 123 programs, outreaches, club meetings, technology training, and Kits2Go with a total attendance of 2416.**

### **YHA Crochet Exhibit and Reception 3/10/2026**

Yarn Hoarders Anonymous hosted its second annual crochet exhibit at Pueblo West Library with a friends and family reception attended by 12 guests. The exhibit featured returning members and the youngest exhibitor's amigurumi creations. The event celebrated club creativity and community engagement.

### **Ombre Winds Chimes 3/12/2026**

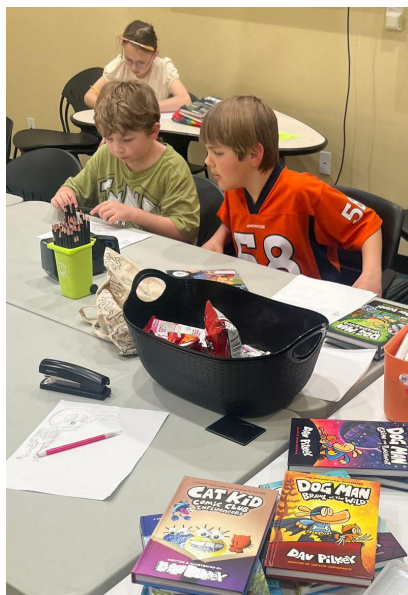
Participants made wind chimes out of small terracotta flower pots and washer bolts. The idea was to paint the flower pots in ombre shading, but everyone decided to just paint them with their own designs, some of which were very intricate. Everyone who attended expressed that it was fun, engaging, and were happy that the completed wind chimes actually worked!

### Tech Talk 3/30/2026

An elderly patron sought assistance with her Chromebook, specifically switching between open tabs and saving documents. We then took a look at a different laptop so that she could practice with the Windows platform, such as Word, etc. We set her up with an online job application that she started to fill out.

### Tween Hangout: ART! 3/10/2026

To celebrate Youth Arts month the kids got to create art using a variety of materials. Their favorite form of art, being drawing, they chose to draw together and create original characters based on their favorite video games.



### **Spring Break Kit2Go: Crochet for Beginners 3/23/2026**

Using the Spring break funds from Youth Services I was able to put together a kit2go for the kids to learn beginner crochet. The youth were excited to get the materials to start their crochet journey.

### **Adult Craft: Hobbit Door Wreaths 3/25/2026**

The patrons really got their creative juices flowing with this fantastical craft. They used a variety of materials to create their colorful masterpieces. They noted how fun and unique the craft was.



## Family Event: The Pout-Pout Fish 3/13/2026

To celebrate the release of The Pout-Pout Fish in theaters the Pueblo West Library threw a fun fish party! A bunch of families came to the library and joined in on the fun. Patrons were very thankful for the activities. The kids noted that their favorite part was creating sea creatures using clay. They were super excited to share their creations.



## Tech Services

### DIRECTOR

- Jill Kleven assisted in conducting interviews for the substitute position.
- An RFP was issued to procure 100 new Chromebooks for patron checkout.
- Jill collaborated with IT and Community Relations to escalate security gate issues at Barkman, as well as broader customer support concerns with Bibliotheca. The district will receive a partial refund for the gates and has been assigned a new customer service representative.

- Progress on EZProxy continues. New stanzas still need to be added to the website, after which OCLC will officially host the EZProxy server.
- Jill and Peggy Bilger met with an Ingram representative to discuss rising processing costs and potential offsets. Moving forward, catalogers will begin adding genre labels to materials.

## **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

- Danielle Cowles, Thomas DeFrates, and Jill met with OverDrive regarding February checkouts that should not have occurred. As a result, the district will receive a \$22,000 content credit along with three new subscription packages for the year. Cost-per-circ (CPC) has also been reinstated for customers.
- Elizabeth Flores, Peggy, and Jill met with representatives from Amazon, Follett, and Midwest Library Services to discuss secondary print vendor options. The district will move forward with Amazon and Follett in the coming months.

## **ILS**

- Theia Bravo continues working with Bywater Solutions to implement Message Bee. The rollout of patron notifications is expected in early May.

## **Local History & Genealogy**

### **PROGRAMS**

- Bilingual Storytime: 22 attendees
- Beginner English Class: 3 attendees
- Intermediate English Class: 15 attendees
- Advanced English Class: 5 attendees
- Beginner Spanish Class: 37 attendees
- Citizenship Class: 23 attendees
- Pinon Canon Author Event: 45 attendees
- March 3, Hidden Gems: 3 attendees

- (30) 11th graders from Fountain Fort Carson High School toured Library and engaged with Holocaust exhibit, 3/10
- (40) 4th graders from McKinley Elementary toured Library, 3/12
- (50) 8th graders from Pleasant View Middle School toured the library and engaged with the Holocaust exhibit, 2/17
- (50) 7th graders from Craver Middle School toured InfoZone and engaged with Holocaust exhibit, 3/18
- 3/31 St. Therese Catholic School kindergarten and first grade, 11 students with Victoria Miller

**Total Attendance (in person): 334**

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS, INITIATIVES, NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

Kathy Koen received LHG training to serve as sub. 3/2

Victoria Miller hired as new LHG staffer, Archivist: Exhibitions & Education. This was fortuitous as we hosted a sizeable amount of school tour groups viewing the ALA Holocaust exhibit. She has hit the ground running, and is an asset to the team.

Shared Memories project update provided to the START team, 2/16

### **Genealogy Projects**

- New Local History & Genealogy Librarian Caitlin Lombardo start date confirmed for April.

### **Physical Archives Projects**

#### **Joy**

- For Dr. Carl Bartecchi collection: wrote up processing plan, processed collection, created finding aid
- Created shelf location labels for Range 42 (art)
- Entered library director portraits in art index
- Shifted brand books in WR collection
- Fulfilled 1 digitization request

#### **Tabitha**

- John Korber Business Building scanning is complete (95 volumes)
- John Korber Biographies entered in ContentDM through C's. (volume 6)
- Obituary files entered online through K's.

### **Archival Reference Sessions:**

- Vault Visits: 24

### **HRC Projects**

- Finalizing Día de los Niños y Libros event
- Ordered books
- Chose crafts
- Finalized layout in the Youth area
- Found event support staff for Bluey
- Started the Latino Book Festival Committee with Amanda Dalie and Tiffany Pettigrew
- Discussing authors to invite
- Onboarded one volunteer (Ruth Baxter) for English conversation classes and tutoring
- Agreed to participate in a keynote panel for Children and Teens Services' workshop for April 17th
- Created a display for Adult Services using Hispanic and Latino authors
- Held a successful author event in FOL for Charlie Hanline

- Created a new Spanish storytime for the summer and adjusted the bilingual storytime hour to see if more patrons are available

### **Feedback from Patrons:**

Tabitha, Thank you so much for your due diligence in this matter. Your work is appreciated. I truly appreciate this! Sincerely, Jacqueline Sedberry, Communications & Training Expert

Tabitha, First and foremost, thank you...means so much. - Geraldine Garcia

Tabitha, Thank you so much. This is my grandfather that my mother never knew. You provide a wonderful service. - Mary Iserman

Hi Tabitha, thank you for taking the time to pull this history. It really means a lot to me. Wish you the best! - Nick Faraone

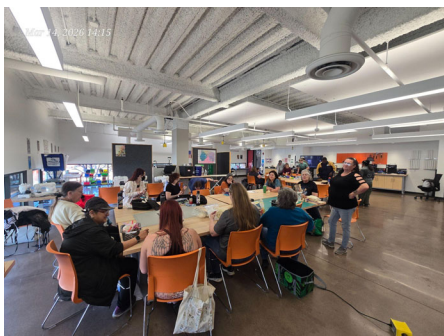
Tabitha, thank you so much, I very much appreciate your time and this information. I hope you have a great rest of the week. Best regards - Mariann Johnston (Mildred's granddaughter)

Hi Tabitha, I can't thank you enough for this obituary. So much of my family and my adopted son's family lived in Pueblo for many years. It means so much to be able to access their obituaries to just be able to get to know them all. Amazing stories abound in everyone's family tree. Thank you again. - Carolyn

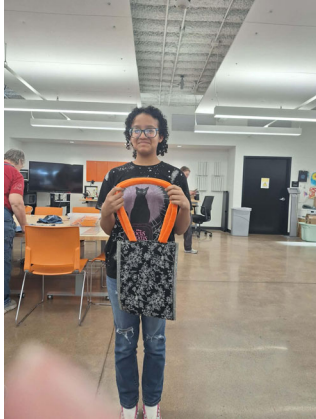
## **Experiential Learning**

### **Makerspace Services**

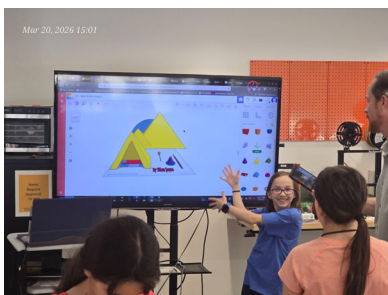
This month in the makerspace we were all about textile art! We finished our Drop Spindle series- where we have explored the art of hand spinning from making our own spindle to learning how to create beautiful plied art yarn. Our instructor, Melissa (Mel), has grown quite the following, and they're very excited for her to return for a yarn painting class this summer!



Michelle (Missy), our sewing instructor, taught our multi-generational class how to sew tote bags one weekend and gardening gloves two weeks later. As often happens when we have teens in our classes, they absolutely went off-script and we saw some incredibly creative belts, fanny bags, and pocket totes being made- and I have seen them being worn throughout the library this month, something that makes my maker heart very happy.



3D printing has really become a draw to the Rawlings makerspace. Jeremy of Thinker's Alchemy continues to teach incredibly popular classes and this time around has been showing 3D modeling- both kids and adults are really excited to learn how to use the modeling software to make their own designs and how to maximize their own or the library's printing resources. With us now having 5 running printers, we hope to have staff time to facilitate more printing services in the future.



I facilitated the quarterly Maker Committee meeting with representatives from Pueblo West, GHV, Barkman, Lucero, and Giodone. We discussed creating a quarterly

purchasing plan under the guidance of the Change Advisory Board and IT. All are in favor. We also discussed making sure that we are purchasing the same items in each space so that our patrons have the same experience at each location, and that we are able to more easily repair and replace items, again with licensed repair people and under IT's guidance. All are again in favor. It was a very productive meeting and we are looking forward to next quarter's gathering!

### **Holocaust Exhibit**

The last three weeks of the Holocaust exhibit were filled with school tours. We had a high school group that traveled all the way from Manitou Springs to see the exhibit! We were able to have the kids learn from second generation holocaust survivors as well as see the exhibit, tour the library, and make a take home craft in the makerspace. Our group from Swallows Academy explored the art of letter writing (as refugees often had American pen pals) and got to take home a fountain pen. We also hosted a philosophy class from CSU-P, and the students discussed the question "what more could have been done" while enjoying a beautiful spring day in the amphitheater.

We are grateful to Temple Emmanuel and the B'Nai Jewish Cemetery for their hard work in scheduling the speaker series, the docents, organizing the reception, and for being so supportive of the exhibit. We could not have done this without them!

### **Circulation Services**

We continued to host VITA tax services on the first floor throughout March- as always it continues to be a busy, in demand, and critical service for Puebloans. The first floor has been hopping every Tuesday! Our displays this month were Women's History and Gardening- partnering with CSU-Extension to have take homes about best practices for gardening here in Pueblo. That display was super popular and our staff member who created it could not keep up with the demand for the handouts! I hope that we see lots of xeriscape gardens around town this year. Carol Perea helped get the seed library stocked up as well so we are ready to plant. Get yours while they're here- they're going fast!

## **User Services**

### **USD OUTREACH**

In March, Adult Services Kathy Kearney and Tech Services Danielle Cowles conducted outreach at the VA Home and Richmond Apartments, offering arts and crafts, account assistance, and help with the PCCLD app and digital resources. Residents responded enthusiastically, particularly to the tech support, and follow-up visits are planned next month.



*Bingo & Bluey having their picture taken with a class of Kindergarteners.*  
Ms. Jacque took Bingo & Bluey to visit Minnequa Elementary for a special storytime and Summer Reading promotion for the entire school.

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### ***Big Events***



*Pictures above show patrons making a galaxy canvas and pink galaxy slime.*  
On March 20, Youth Services kicked off Spring Break with a Mario-themed celebration featuring galaxy slime, galaxy painting, and character building. Attendance: 135.

### **Youth**



*Pictures above show groups of children working on craft.*

Minnequa Elementary and Trinity Lutheran School visited the Rawlings Library and got a tour, storytime and craft!

### **Teen**



*Fingers holding a green shamrock clay charm with a painted smiling face.*

On March 17, we had 18 teens come and make shamrock clay charms and munch on some lucky snacks!

### **Tween**



*Group of tweens attending tween hangouts.*



*A photo of the Youth Services team at the Outstanding Women's Award luncheon.*

Youth Services team member Jacque Carter received an Outstanding Women's Award for her 30 years of service and also her connection and dedication to the community.

## **ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

### **Adult Literacy Administrator - New Hire 3/24/26**



*A person with hair pulled back and wearing a light blue, short-sleeved shirt, has a light brown dog on her lap as she smiles and hugs the dog who is named Moose.*

Introducing our new **Adult Literacy Administrator, Sarah Lahn**, who began her role on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The current overview of the adult learner programs consists of 10 adult learners in the literacy program, matched to 8 tutors. **Career Online High School** has 15 students enrolled, with an additional 6 scholarships awarded to potential students in early 2026. Happily, 1 COHS student was awarded their diploma this month from the COHS program. The ALP has 4 external partners at present, including Colorado State University – Pueblo, who will be working with the COHS students through a direct admission program.

### **Adult Learner Achieves GED and Enters Military Service**

Tutor Donald M supported an adult learner in GED math from April–October 2025. The learner’s goal was to qualify for enlistment in the U.S. Army, and in late March, Donald reported that he has since entered basic training—achieving his goal with support from PCCLD tutoring services.

### **Technology Support and Services Highlights**

In March, Tech Specialist Daniel Vigil significantly expanded the library’s digital literacy and one-on-one support services, demonstrating strong community impact. He conducted 30 individualized tech appointments, providing patrons with personalized assistance on a wide range of digital needs.

Daniel also launched a new digital literacy class series, beginning with “Getting to Know Your Computer,” establishing the foundation for a year-round curriculum designed to build essential technology skills in the community. Additionally, he initiated biweekly digital literacy classes in **partnership with SRDA**, extending the library’s reach to new audiences.

He continued to strengthen existing programs, including the **AARP Colorado-sponsored Tea and Tech**, and maintained the Lamb Branch **Digital Drop-In** sessions. Through these combined efforts, Daniel is playing a key role in improving digital access, confidence, and inclusion for patrons across the community.

### ***Programming Highlight***



*A woman with light brown hair and bangs wears a tan shirt and pants and holds a large raptor named Theo who is a Peregrine Falcon.*

On March 24, the Birds + Makes program, led by Program and Outreach Specialist Kathy Kearney, welcomed the Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center to the Rawlings Library Makerspace for an engaging, hands-on presentation. Held during spring break, the program drew 47 participants of all ages.

Attendees had the unique opportunity to experience a live bird demonstration, highlighted by a Peregrine Falcon named Theo. Theo's handler, Teresa (pictured above), introduced the audience to the bird's characteristics and behaviors, offering an up-close look at this remarkable species. The program successfully combined education and interactive learning, contributing to a dynamic and memorable spring break offering for the community.

### ***Library to You Highlight***

In March, five dedicated volunteers delivered 54 items to participants in the Library To You Homebound program, ensuring continued access to library materials for individuals unable to visit in person. The program also serves seven digital-only customers, expanding its reach and offering flexible access options. In total, nine active volunteers currently support Library to You, reflecting strong community engagement and an ongoing commitment to equitable library services.

## Facilities

### Work Order Statistics

- 348 Work Orders Completed

### Barkman

- Removed old Barkman sign and move shelving for new signs.

### Pueblo West

- Replaced men's restroom door.
- Repaired leaks under computer floor.

### Rawlings

- Replaced Makerspace sink.
- Installed window on book drop.
- Cleaned out flower beds.
- Replaced building relief fan motor.
- Fixed generator and tested.

### Other projects/duties – District

- Setup ADA furniture and distributed it across the district.

## Volunteer Hours

PCCLD Volunteer estimated hours for the month of March.

<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>249.00 HOURS</b>
<b>TEENS</b>	<b>18.25 HOURS</b>
<b>BOOKS AGAIN</b>	<b>1216.50 HOURS</b>
<b>BOD TRUSTEES</b>	<b>20.00 HOURS</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>1503.75 HOURS</b>
<b>VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	<b>\$50,360.59</b>

## Outreach

This was the second month Outreach held a Pop-Up Library Day at Pueblo Academy of the Arts, giving each student the opportunity to check out and return books. Overall, the event has been very successful, with students excited to check out favorites like Dog Man and discover new titles.

## Thank You Messages

### Rawlings Library

“Very nice library. The workers are very helpful. Thank you.”

-Anonymous Patron

“Because Katalina was so kind and helpful I believe that she deserves an increase in her hourly wage.

-Anonymous Patron

“I want to say something about your IT guy, Daniel Vigil. He is very nice, knowledgeable and patient. He has taught me so much. I think that you have a great asset in Daniel. He is doing a very good job. Daniel is AWESOME.”

-Lily Muniz, Patron

“Kudos to Natalie Gallegos and Emery Cruz. You helped me. I appreciate you helping me and going over and beyond. Respect to a disabled handicapped person. I’m thankful you were here.”

-Anonymous Patron

“Kudos to Leroy 2<sup>nd</sup> floor worker. He was very patient and helpful too. I am a disabled senior citizen. Kudos Leroy you’re appreciated. Thank you for helping me.

-Tasha

“Desi. Many patrons needed help with printing issues. She was great and balanced helping all of us.”

-Theresa

“Nicholas (sub at Barkman) was at Rawlings and I needed help with a document. Very knowledgeable and helpful.

-Theresa

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherri Baca  
Executive Director

