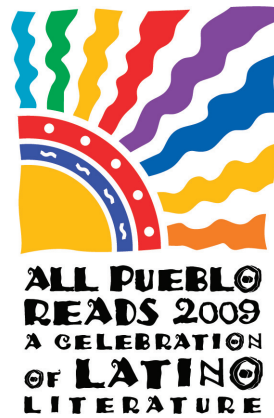


The Big Read All Pueblo Reads 2009: A Celebration of Latino Literature

featuring *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
and *Sun, Stone, and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories*
edited by Jorge F. Hernandez



59 events and activities including music concerts, cultural events, book discussions and movies were planned with 22 community partners and held throughout Pueblo County

17,926 participants (89% increase over 2008).

Project revenues were \$25,005 and library costs were \$34,558. Total cost to the library district was \$9,553.

Checkouts totaled 1031 from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30. This is an increase of 6% over last year's checkouts.

A \$20,000 grant was awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read



People listen to Mexican folk music at the Kickoff Celebration.



More than 100 attended the opening reception for the Cheech Marin Chicano Collection.



Risley Middle School students greet Sandra Cisneros with special T-shirts.



More than 400 fans saw author Sandra Cisneros.



More than 100 library supporters attended the Booklovers Blacktie Ball.



Día de los Muertos was celebrated with a parade from Rawlings Library to El Pueblo museum.



Enthusiastic artists participate in the community mural project.



Freddy "Freak" Trujillo stand in from of his collection of artifact from the Chicano Movement.



Actor Fred Blanco wowed the crowd as civil rights activist Cesar Chavez. More than 250 watched his performances over two days.



A young, happy patron shows off her coloring skills.



The second-floor display at the Rawlings Library.



Veronika String Quartet performs at the Kickoff Celebration.