

All Pueblo Reads 2012: *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf



This year's All Pueblo Reads project featured 93 events and activities, held with 29 community partners. Events all had a tie-in to the book through a "Life in Colorado" theme, and included lectures on Camp Amache (Japanese internment camp), Under Western Skies art exhibit, Pueblo's Creative Corridor Grand Opening, Haunted Windchimes concert and other programs.

Participation totalled 32,576. This is a 19% increase over 2011 (27,357).

Checkouts totalled 2,854 from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. This is an increase of 69% over last year's checkouts (1,690).

Innovations for 2012

A companion book was added for young people. Will Hobbs' *Bearstone* was the selected book. Hobbs was invited to Pueblo, and did a series of events with local students. Nearly 2,000 students attended, and the Hobbs books checked out 940 times.

VIP Art Show & Sale: This fundraising event was revamped by adding multiple artists instead of one featured artist, as had been done the past two years. 200 attended, and \$1,478 was raised for the Pueblo Library Foundation.

Total attendance for this year's Booklovers Blacktie Ball was 208, up from last year's attendance of 184. With ticket sales and sponsorships, the total donated to the Pueblo Library Foundation was \$19,620. This is a 37% increase from last year's event. An expanded silent auction and a continuation of the Friends of the Library sponsorship for students to attend were the main reasons for the increase.



Author Kent Haruf in Pueblo.



2012 Booklovers Blacktie Ball hosted its largest attendance ever.



Kids craft in youth services.



Okolitz Tamburitza perform at the All Pueblo Reads Kickoff Extravaganza.