

## All Pueblo Reads 2013: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

This year's All Pueblo Reads featured "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett and "The Watsons go to Birmingham—1963" by Christopher Paul Curtis (children's companion book). The project featured 95 events and activities, held with 38 community partners. All programs, events and activities tied in with themes of the book, and included lectures on Civil Rights, "Black Stories Told by White Authors," Otero County's African American homestead community, an All Pueblo Sings gospel concert and a variety of exhibits.

Participation totalled 37,460. This is 15% increase over 2013 (32,576).

Checkouts totaled 3,894 from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. This is an increase of 36% over last year's checkouts (2,854).

## **Booklovers Blacktie Ball and Public Author Event**

Total attendance for this year's Booklovers Blacktie Ball was 232, up from last year's attendance of 208. With ticket sales and sponsorships, the total donated to the Pueblo Library Foundation was \$20,495. The 2013 amount was \$19,620. This is a 4% 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.



The following day, the public event featuring Kathryn Stockett's presentation and a book signing attracted 300, up from 73 attendees in 2013.



2013 Booklovers Blacktie Ball



Kathryn Stockett



All Pueblo Sings: Expressions of the Soul

Year	Title	Activities	Partners	Checkouts	Total Participation
<b>'</b> 08	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i> by Amy Tan	53	19	973	9,502
ʻ09	The Big Read All Pueblo Reads 2009: A Cel- ebration of Latino Literature ( <i>The House on</i> <i>Mango Street</i> by Sandra Cisneros and <i>Sun, Stone</i> <i>and Shadows : 20 Great Mexican Short Stories</i> edited by Jorge F. Hernadez	59	22	1,031	17,926
<b>'</b> 10	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of Part-Time Indian</i> by Sherman Alexie	86	25	1,242	28,337
<b>'</b> 11	<i>Hoot</i> by Carl Hiaasen	110	44	1,690	27,357
ʻ12	<i>Plainsong</i> by Kent Haruf	93	29	2,854	32,576
ʻ13	<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	95	44	3,894	37,460