



5th annual
¡Día
de los
Muertos
Festival!

**Celebrate Day of the Dead
at the library!**

Day of the Dead is a holiday that honors
family and friends who have passed on.

**Day of the Dead Crafts
at these locations:**

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

Lucero* | 4:30 p.m.

Pueblo West* | 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

Giodone | All day

Lamb | 1 p.m.

Barkman | 2 p.m.

Greenhorn Valley | 2 p.m.

Rawlings* | 2 p.m.

*NOTE**
actual sugar skulls
will only be at
Rawlings,
Pueblo West
and Lucero

**Enter the
altar contest!**

RAWLINGS LIBRARY

Altar Contest, sugar skull crafts,
rock painting, refreshments and
Mariachi Aguila de CHPA



INVITATION TO CREATE ALTARS

Join the Pueblo City County Library in their Annual Altar Contest. We are looking for individuals or groups to create and display an altar in the special Día De Los Muertos events at the Rawlings Library on Nov. 2nd. This is an opportunity to pay homage to deceased loved ones – family, friends, pets, celebrities or ancestors – by creating a personal ofrenda (altar) that will be displayed in the Hispanic Resource Center on the 2nd floor of the Rawlings Library. There will be two categories: Mini and Regular sized altars. There is NO FEE to participate. Altars will be at the Rawlings Library on the 2nd floor and can be built on November 2nd starting at 3:00pm. Contestants will be awarded at 6:00pm. **Deadline for reserving space is Wednesday, October 24 at 9 p.m.** Questions? Contact Maria Smyer at 562-5615 or Maria.Smyer@pueblolibrary.org.

In creating a traditional ofrenda (altar), the four elements of nature are represented:

- Earth, represented by fruits or favorite family dishes that feed the souls
- Wind, represented by movement, using generally confetti or papel picado.
- Water, is placed in a container for the soul's thirst after the long journey
- Fire, a candle for each soul remembered and an extra candle is for the forgotten soul.
- Salt is placed as a means of purification,
- Copal (incense) commemorates pre-Hispanic history
- Cempasúchitl (marigold flower) petals are scattered to guide the soul to the altar.
- Photographs of loved ones are also placed to remember and relive.
- Monarch butterflies play a role in Día de los Muertos because they are believed to hold the spirits of the departed. This belief stems from the fact that the first monarchs arrive in Mexico for the winter each fall on Nov. 1, which coincides with Día de los Muertos.

RULES:

- Altars must not exceed 5 feet in height and 5 feet in width.
- Participants will be provided one table for their altar and two chairs.
- Altars must be free-standing.
- Organic materials (plants, food offerings) are acceptable. Alcohol is not allowed.
- Offensive material will include but are not limited to items such as sexually explicit or demeaning, racist, and promotion of crime, cruelty, and violence.
- Battery operated candles are allowed. No open flames are allowed.
- Installation takes place Friday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.
- Judging takes place on Friday, Nov. 2 from 3-4 p.m.
- Winners announced on Friday, Nov. 2 at 4 .p.m

Name of Participant(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Who is alter in honor of? _____

Altar size: small regular