

AT THE LIBRARY

Fiction

"The Emperor's Tomb: A Novel," by Steve Berry
"Port Mortuary," by Patricia Cornwell
"Corrag: A Novel," by Susan Fletcher
"The Huckleberry Murders," by Patrick F. McManus
"Cross Fire," by James Patterson
"Happy Ever After," by Nora Roberts

Nonfiction

"The Empowered Patient: How to Get the Right Diagnosis, Buy the Cheapest Drugs, Beat Your Insurance Company, and Get the Best Medical Care Every Time," by Elizabeth Cohen
"The Mentor Leader: Secrets to Building People & Teams That Win Consistently," by Tony Dungy
"As China Goes, So Goes the World: How Chinese Consumers Are Transforming Everything," by Karl Gerth
"Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption," by Laura Hillenbrand
"Use Your Head to Get Your Foot in the Door: Job Search Secrets No One Else Will Tell You," by Harvey MacKay
"America by Heart: Reflections on Family, Faith, and Flag," by Sarah Palin

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Fiction

"The Human Blend," by Alan Dean Foster
"Red Herring: A Joe Gunther Novel," by Archer Mayor
"The Life and Opinions of Maf the Dog, and of His Friend Marilyn Monroe," by Andrew O'Hagan
"The Midnight Show Murders: A Billy Blessing Novel," by Al Roker
"Of Love and Evil," by Anne Rice
"Luka and the Fire of Life," by Salman Rushdie

Nonfiction

"Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter: the Georgia Years, 1924-1974," by L. Stanley Godbold Jr.
"Cleopatra: A Life," by Stacy Schiff
"Falling Off the Bone," by Jean Anderson
"Crazy Sexy Diet," by Kris Carr
"Food Justice," by Robert Gottlieb
"Now . . . Build a Great Business: 7 Ways to Maximize Your Profits in Any Market," by Mark Thompson

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Sunday, December 12, 2010

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Pueblo library district prepares to offer e-books

Patrons also will get the chance to check out devices.

By GEORGE HEYMANN

SPECIAL TO THE CHIEFTAIN

Pueblo County residents who are avid readers and interested in consuming content in digital form, are looking forward to a very good year.

The Pueblo City-County Library District expects to have its Centers of New Information (e-book program) available by June, according to Executive Director Jon Walker.

"A total of \$100,000 in grants has already been promised to help jump-start the program," Walker said. "Presently, the funds have been earmarked by the U.S. Department of Commerce, locally by the Friends of the Library as well as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. And additional grants are pending."

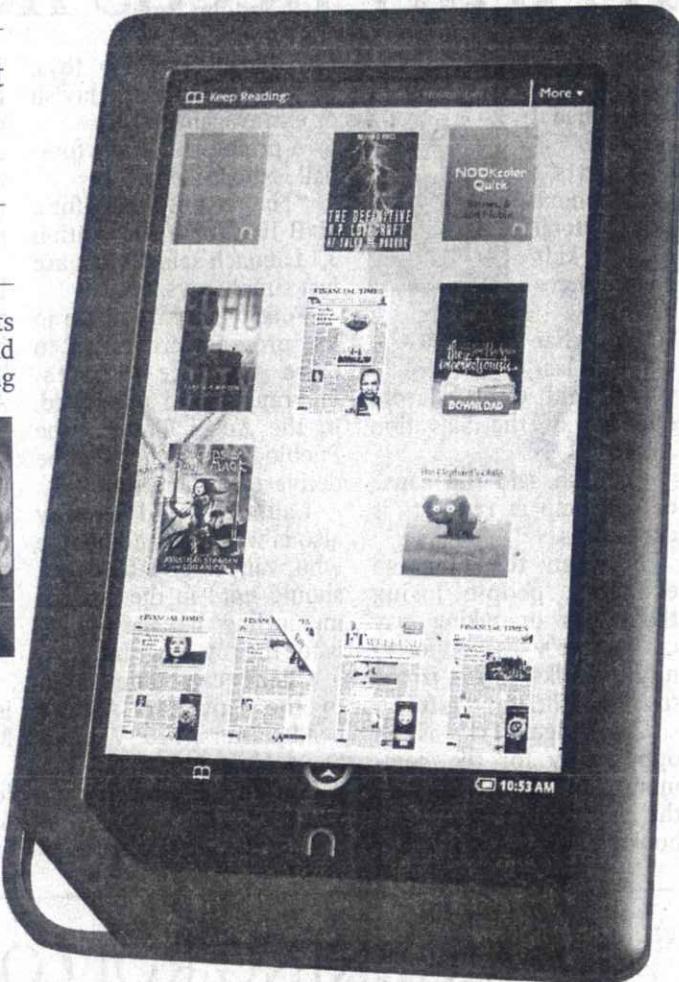
Walker said the digital content provider for the program has not been finalized yet, adding that the library "may utilize a combination of services instead of a single-source provider."

Until that detail is finalized, library officials will not be able to say which platforms and mobile devices will be served by the program.

"One of the exciting prospects of being able to



Jon Walker



AP PHOTO/RICHARD DREW

The Pueblo City-County Library District hopes to be able to offer e-books by June 2011. The library district also plans to have digital e-book reading devices, similar to the one shown, available for use by the public.

check out e-books from the library, besides the cost (free), is being able to check out a book from the convenience of home," Walker said, explaining that people will not have to go to the library to download books. "I also appreciate the fact that if I get busy, I don't have to worry about being late returning a book. The e-books simply expire — never a late fee."

Also, the library plans to make a limited number of wireless mobile devices available for use along with

the new digital e-book content. Walker said even though those devices are expensive and there is an element of risk, he believes it's the right thing to do.

"The intrinsic value of a book is different today than it was 100 years ago," Walker said. "Then, books were more of a luxury item that could only be afforded by the wealthy. Trusting the general public with those precious items took a leap of faith then, as it will with these electronic items today."

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"Knot Gneiss," by Piers Anthony

"Valley Forge: George Washington and the Crucible of Victory," by Newt Gingrich

"The Wolves of Andover," by Kathleen Kent

"Edible Stories: A Novel in Sixteen Parts," by Mark Kurlansky

"The Dove of Death: A Mystery of Ancient Ireland," by Peter Tremayne

"The Weight," by Andrew Vachas

Nonfiction

"Stieg Larsson: Our Days in Stockholm," by Kurdo Baksi

"Harmony: A New Way of Looking at Our World," by Charles, Prince of Wales

"Rachael Ray's Look + Cook," by Rachael Ray

"My Nest Isn't Empty, It Just Has More Closet Space," by Lisa Scottoline

"The Walls Talk: Historic House Museums of Colorado," by Patricia Werner

"Reading Jackie: Her Autobiography in Books," by William Kuhn

Upcoming holiday closures noted

By JOHN NORTON

THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Stores, banks and post offices will have varied hours Friday and most government offices will be closed both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

All city and county offices, with the exception of law enforcement agencies and fire departments, will be closed both days as will state and federal offices other than the post office.

Post offices will be open regular hours Friday and New Year's Eve, too, except for the Belmont and Midtown stations, which will close at noon on Christmas Eve.

Most banks and credit unions will be open for regular hours on New Year's Eve but on Christmas Eve, expect them to close early. Many branches

will close at midday or in the early afternoon so anyone needing to do banking this Friday should call their financial institution to find out hours.

For last-minute shoppers, many stores will be open during the day but, again, hours will vary.

The Pueblo Mall will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve so people can get some shopping done before evening.

On New Year's Eve, the mall will open at 10 a.m. but close early, at 5 p.m. Large discount stores will be open later, however, with Kmart closing at 9 p.m. and Walmart at 8 p.m. On New Year's Eve, the mall will open at 10 a.m. but close early, at 5 p.m.

Pueblo library branches will be closed both Fridays and Saturdays for the holidays and the Sunday after Christmas Day.

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Tuesday, December 21, 2010

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Fiction

“Fall of Giants,” by Ken Follett
“Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter: A Novel,” by Tom Franklin
“The Importance of Being Seven: A 44 Scotland Street Novel,” by Alexander McCall Smith
“Deja Vu,” by Fern Michaels
“The Distant Hours,” by Kate Morton
“Outwitting Trolls,” by William G. Tapply

Nonfiction

“This I Believe: On Love,” Edited by Dan Gediman
“Frank: The Voice,” by James Kaplan
“A Rope and a Prayer: A Kidnapping from Two Sides,” by David Rohde
“Franklin and Eleanor: An Extraordinary Marriage,” by Hazel Rowley
“FAB: An Intimate Life of Paul McCartney,” by Howard Sounes
“Operation Exodus: From the Nazi Death Camps to the Promised Land,” by Gordon Thomas

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Fiction

“Dead or Alive,” by Tom Clancy
“Vortex (Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi, Book 6),” by Troy Denning
“Christmas With Tucker,” by Greg Kincaid
“An Object of Beauty,” by Steve Martin
“The Hidden: A Novel of Suspense,” by Bill Pronzini
“Eighteen Acres,” by Nicolle Wallace

Nonfiction

“Great Food, All Day Long: Cook Splendidly, Eat Smart,” by Maya Angelou
“White Hand Society: The Psychedelic Partnership of Timothy Leary & Allen Ginsberg,” by Peter Connors
“Pavement Chalk Artist: The Three-Dimensional Drawings of Julian Beever,” by Julian Beever
“Simply Beautiful Photographs,” by Annie Griffiths
“Straight Talk, No Chaser: How to Find, Keep, and Understand a Man,” by Steve Harvey
“My Passion for Design: A Private Tour,” by Barbra Streisand

Sunday, December 26, 2010

Sunday, January 2, 2011

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Coming to your library: Ebooks

by GEORGE HEYMANN
ACTIVE YEARS

If you are an avid reader and are interested in consuming that content in digital form, 2011 is going to be a very good year for Pueblo-County residents.

Pueblo City-County Library District (PCCLD) expects to have its Centers of New Information (ebook program) available by June 2011, according to Executive Director Jon Walker.

Said Walker, "A total of \$100,000 in grants has already been promised to help jump-start the PCCLD program. Presently, the funds have been earmarked by the U.S. Department of

Commerce, locally by the Friends of the Library as well as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. And addi-



tional grants are pending.

"The ebook digital content provider for the PCCLD program has not been finalized at this time. We may utilize a combination of services instead of a



Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.

Photos: George Heymann

single-source provider."

The supported platforms, mobile devices, electronic catalogs, digital rights management (DRM) and checkout periods for the digital content cannot be specified until the selections are final, as the electronic catalogs and terms of use vary from provider to provider.

I wanted to gain some insight as to what Pueblo's digital future might look like so I made the trip to Fountain to register with our neighboring Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD), which has implemented an ebook program.

The PPLD uses Overdrive Media Console for audiobooks and video; Adobe Digital Editions for Adobe

PDF and Epub Ebooks, and MobiPocket for Mobipocket Ebooks.

The PPLD website provides a series of on-line flash tutorials that you can watch to familiarize yourself with the available services, as well as the software you need to download and install in order to utilize those resources.

The multimedia presentations provide comprehensive instructions broken down into smaller, easy-to-digest sections that can answer many of the frequently asked user questions. There also is a separate page with step-by-step instructions that provide additional help.

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Once you download the requisite software, you can log in with your PPLD card and pin number. Once signed in, you can search the digital catalog, check out your selected titles and download the ebooks to your computer (Mac or PC). The downloads are yours to use for the period specified at checkout time (up to 21 days). There also is an option to transfer the ebooks or other digital materials to supported mobile devices, but they are not required.

One of the exciting prospects of being able to check out ebooks from the library, besides the cost (free), is being able to check out a book from the convenience of home. I also appreciate the fact that if I get busy, I don't have to worry about being late returning a book. The ebooks simply expire — never a late fee.

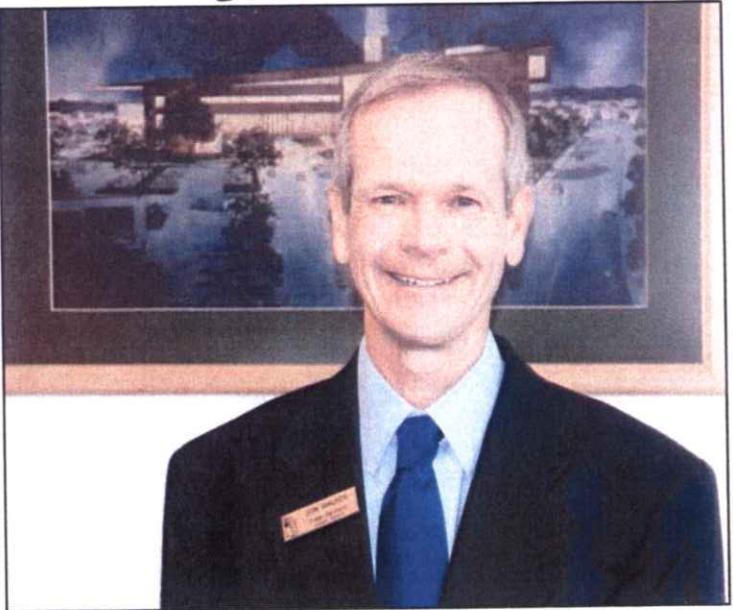
Another exciting aspect of the upcoming Pueblo program is that PCCLD intends to make a limited number of wireless mobile devices available for use along with the new digital ebook content.

When asked how the library will be able to provide access to these expensive mobile devices, Walker explained, "The intrinsic value of a book is different today than it was 100 years ago. Then, books were more of a luxury item that could only be afforded by the wealthy. Trusting the general public with those precious items took a leap of faith then, as it will with these electronic items today."

I had not thought about books in those terms before.

Although all of the details of the PCCLD program haven't been finalized, what is clear is that even in the "Internet age," the library is more relevant than ever, and continues to be a great community resource.

The way 2011 is shaping up, it looks like the hot ticket may be a "library card" from PCCLD.



Pueblo City County Library District executive director Jon Walker.

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Fiction

"Secrets to the Grave," by by Tami Hoag
"Dead Zero," by Stephen Hunter
"What the Night Knows," by Dean Koontz
"In Too Deep: Book One of the Looking Glass Trilogy," by Jane Ann Krentz
"Catacombs: A Tale of the Barque Cats," by Anne McCaffrey
"Threats at Three: A Lois Meade Mystery," by Ann Purser

Nonfiction

"Peace and Plenty: Find-

ing Your Path to Financial Serenity," by Sara Ban Breathnach

"The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery," by Eric Foner

"The Life You Want: Get Motivated, Lose Weight, and Be Happy," by Bob Greene

"Starting Over: the Making of John Lennon and Yoko Ono's Double Fantasy," by Ken Sharp

"Just Like Someone Without Mental Illness Only More So," by Mark Vonnegut, M.D.

"Amelia Earhart: The Turbulent Life of an American Icon," by Kathleen C. Winters

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Library expands access to research files

By JOHN NORTON
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

The Pueblo City-County Library District has combined its special collections under one manager with plans to increase access to many historical documents and records.

With the retirement of longtime special collections librarian Noreen Riffe, the library has merged special collections with the InfoZone News Museum, both now under the direction of Maria Tucker.

The special collections area is best known for its Western Research Department and heavily used genealogy resources.

Access to material in the collections is controlled and research has to be done in the area, located on the third floor of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library. More of the historic records located in

special collections will be digitized and incorporated into future temporary exhibitions. With more material being digitized, it will be easier for researchers to access it.

Inquiries are fielded from visitors to the library and via e-mail. Last year, 10,278 inquiries were received. In 2009, that figure was 11,175.

"The library has a very significant Western research and genealogy collection that is an important resource for historians



Maria Tucker

and genealogists," Tucker said. She said there are plans to expand the fourth-floor InfoZone this year, including an Interactive Newsroom exhibit and space for temporary exhibitions.

Before joining the library three years ago to manage the InfoZone, Tucker was executive director of the Bessemer Historical Society and managed one of the largest collections of historic corporate archives in the

country.

The library has hired Charlene Garcia-Simms, who is taking on a full-time role as special collections and genealogy librarian. Garcia-Simms is a genealogy expert, known particularly for her extensive work with the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America. She has been the Hispanic resources librarian at the district for the past three years.

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