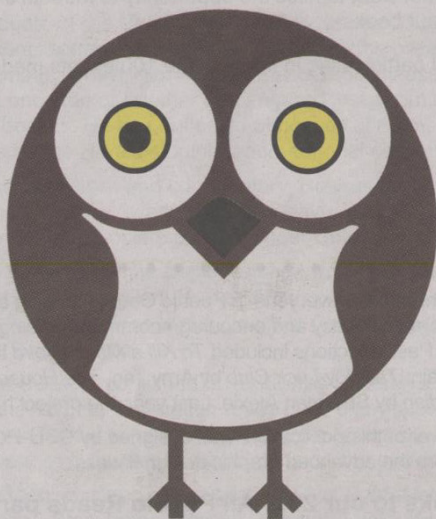


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**All Pueblo  
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# Check it out!

## Library expanding electronic device inventory

By JOHN NORTON  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

For more than a decade, people unable to afford computers or Internet access, or who just didn't want to make the investment for something they might use only occasionally, have relied on public libraries to shop online, handle email or do research.

Starting Friday, Pueblo library cardholders will be able to do that anywhere they can pick up a Wi-Fi signal with a laptop computer or Apple iPad they now may check out from two of the branches where the devices will be available.

The Pueblo City-County Library District has purchased 44 Acer laptops and 20 second-generation iPads along with a dozen Barnes & Noble Nook electronic book readers that cardholders can use in the library, or check out and take home.

The devices will be available at the Robert Hoag Rawlings and Barkman branches.

"This won't be quite as simple as checking out a book off the shelf," said Jon Walker, executive director of the library district.

Besides being a library cardholder with no outstanding fines, borrowers must agree to strict terms. The laptops and iPads may be borrowed for seven

days and fines are steep — \$20 a day. The borrower will be responsible for hundreds of dollars in replacement costs if they don't return the devices.

The libraries have been lending out Nooks for about two months with no problems, so he's optimistic people will be careful and bring the equipment back, Walker said.

The Nooks may be checked out for three weeks with an option for one renewal. The overdue fine is \$1 a day.

The Nooks, which are Barnes & Noble's answer to Amazon's Kindle, are pre-loaded with electronic books, Walker said.

Walker said the new program to loan out electric devices is just another example of how libraries have evolved.

"Wired technology hit libraries about 15 years ago," he said. "I think libraries did a pretty good job of mastering wired technology."

Walker pointed out that in the Pueblo branches there were more than 300,000 log-ons last year.

Wireless devices for reading electronic books have been around for more than a decade but it's only been in the past couple of years that readability and an infrastructure to provide content have been improved.

"It was about a year ago

that it really started to hit hard," Walker said, as Kindles, Nooks, iPads and other tablet devices were hot Christmas gifts. "The library district is starting to respond to what we see as a tipping point."

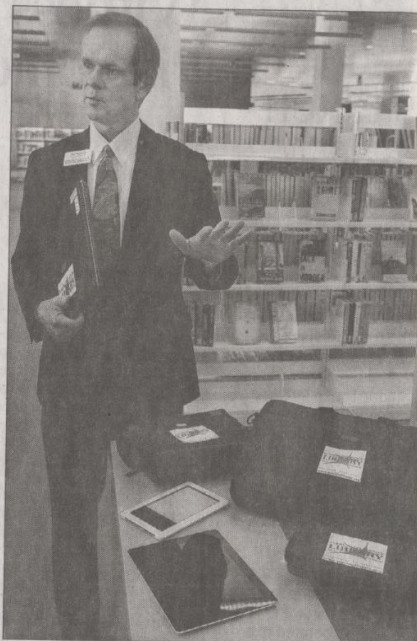
Earlier this year, the Pueblo library district was one of a number in Colorado to receive grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce under its Broadband Technology Opportunity Program. Pueblo's libraries received a bit less than \$100,000 and the Friends of the Library and Lamb Foundation chipped in about \$10,000 apiece, Walker said.

That funding paid for the hardware that will be kept in the "New Information Technology Centers" at the two branches. Walker said the Rawlings and Barkman branches were chosen because they are nearer to neighborhoods where people are less likely to have computers at home.

"We want people to be able to access library information regardless of socioeconomic means," he said.

Walker said that offering the three types of devices can fill a number of needs. "We feel like these devices are going to impact libraries in many, many ways."

For someone who just wants to read a book and doesn't miss the feel of



CHIEFTAIN PHOTO/CHRIS MCLEAN

Library Executive Director Jon Walker talks about the electronic devices that soon will be available to be checked out from the Robert Hoag Rawlings and Barkman branch libraries.

paper pages, the Nook will be a convenient way of checking out best-sellers and other offerings.

The iPad does everything a Nook or Kindle can do and offers computer programs and other applications, while the laptops are loaded with Microsoft Office and other productivity programs.

People even may order books on their own to read on the Nooks or iPads, but

if they do they won't be able to keep them. Even the library won't get them, Walker said, because just like the wired PCs in the branches, software erases all files between log-ons to prevent congestion.

That's something that laptop borrowers need to bear in mind, he added, and make sure they save documents to an external drive if they want to keep them.

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## CSU-Pueblo dean named to library board

Rhonda Gonzales, dean of library services at Colorado State University-Pueblo, has been named to the Pueblo City-County Library District Board of Trustees.

She replaces Katherine Frank, a former faculty member at the university who left to take a dean's job at a university in Indiana.

Gonzales has 22 years of professional experience working in

libraries.

She began her career as a catalog technician at Colorado College and has served as CSU-Pueblo's dean of library science since 2003. Gonzales has held various positions including



Rhonda Gonzales

reference/instruction librarian, substitute reference librarian and systems librarian.

Gonzales has a master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College in Boston.

She was appointed by a committee made up of two City Council members and two county commissioners.

— John Norton

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## A 'Hoot' of a read

**Children's  
award-winning  
literacy novel is  
this year's All  
Pueblo Reads book.**

**By JOHN NORTON**  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

This year, Pueblo readers will have a real hoot with the book chosen for All Pueblo Reads.

For seven years, the library district has encouraged as many Puebloans as possible to read the same book in October and take part in more than three weeks of related activities.

This year's selection is "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen, the Miami Herald reporter and columnist who has turned out a number of novels that depict some of the craziness of South Florida, often with recurring characters like the former environmentalist governor now living as a one-eyed, roadkill-eating hermit in the Everglades.

"Hoot" is a departure from Hiaasen's typical fare — recall the book and film "Strip-tease," that marked Burt Reynolds' movie comeback.

"Hoot," like Hiaasen's "Flush" and "Scat," was written for young readers. It's the story of an effort by a group of middle school students to stop a development that's threatening a colony of burrowing owls. The book was a 2003 Newberry Honor Book Award-winner for children's literature.

Jon Walker, executive director of the library district, said, "It is our hope and belief that this book will resonate with the

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**Carl Hiaasen**

\$10,000 gift, which has made it possible to have Hiaasen in Pueblo for two public programs. He'll be at the Booklovers Blacktie Ball at the library scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 22 and a public presentation the next morning at 10 a.m. where he will speak and sign books.

He joined the Miami Herald when he was 23 as a general assignment reporter and later joined its investigative team.

He's had a regular column since 1985.

He began writing novels in the early 1980s with his good friend, the late William D. Montalbano and in 1986, published his first solo work, "Tourist Season," inspiring Jimmy Buffett's song "The Ballad of Skip Wiley."

Buffett also produced the film version of "Hoot," which will be shown in the Robert Hoag Rawlings' InfoZone Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m.

The All Pueblo Reads kickoff will take place in the library's Youth Services area from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday where the Junior League will present a book bash.

More details about related activities over the next three weeks are available from the library district's newsletter on its website.

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PUEBLO, COLORADO

## City's love affair with books touted

Pueblo ranked No. 7 in national poll of avid readers.

By GAYLE PEREZ  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Pueblo is one of the top places for book lovers, according to a popular online ranking site.

The city recently was ranked seventh in the nation as a top city for book lovers as ranked by Livability.com.

Portland, Ore., was listed the No. 1 place for readers by Livability, which showcases the best places to live

in America by providing an in-depth look at the most liveable cities.

Pueblo was the only city among the top 10 in which a library — the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library — was highlighted as the best place for reading material.

All other ranked cities were noted for a bookstore or a number of bookstores in the community.

"The vast increase in the use of the library in recent years, I think, is what makes this community a little



Jon Walker



Fredlina Atencio of Pueblo browses through books at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library on Thursday. Livability.com ranks Pueblo among the top 10 cities in the U.S. for book lovers and specifically cites the Rawlings Library.

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different," said Jon Walker, director of the Pueblo City-County Library District. "Certainly in our community, the library has become a very popular place."

Walker said the diverse

material available in the library and the commitment of the library staff to provide material that readers want both contribute to the increased use of the library.

"We've worked really

hard to gear our collections to meet what people want and that has paid dividends for us," he said.

Livability.com listed

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### TOP TEN

Cities with the most book lovers:

1. Portland, Ore.
2. Kansas City, Mo.
3. San Jose, Calif.
4. Charlottesville, Va.
5. Iowa City, Idaho.
6. Traverse City, Mi.
7. Pueblo
8. Coral Gables, Fla.
9. Spokane, Wash.
10. Charlotte, N.C.

Source:  
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PUEBLO, COLORADO

## Check this out: Library lending electronics

Nooks, laptops, iPads at Center for New Information Technology.

By NICK BONHAM  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Nooks, laptop computers and iPads began leaving the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library on Saturday after a ribbon-cutting debut of the Center for New Information Technology.

More than 50 people attended, including Puebloan and Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia.

While some may struggle to fathom the availability to take home the high-dollar electronic devices with the swipe of a library card at the Rawlings or Barkman libraries, people once had similar thoughts about libraries lending books, said library board director Jim Stuart.

"The first books were extremely valuable. Only the rich owned them. ... But eventually they started checking out those books," Stuart said, asking the crowd to remember



CHIEFTAIN PHOTO/BRYAN KELSEN

Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, speaks with Sharon Morris after Saturday's debut of the Center for New Information Technology at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library. Morris is, the director of library development and innovation at the Colorado State Library.

Saturday's historical moment.

The Center for New Information Technology was funded through a federal grant from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Pueblo received about \$95,000 in program funds and the Friends of the Library and the Lamb Foundation each raised

\$10,000.

"To me," Garcia said, "it says a lot about Pueblo. It's a community with a great history, but it needs to look forward."

Sharon Morris, director of library development and innovation for the Colorado State Library, called the Pueblo City-County Library District a

leader in the state and said the new technology now can be used by people who have little Internet access.

"People needed new technology. People were lining up to use computers at libraries across the state, and there weren't enough," she said.

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## AT THE LIBRARY

### Fiction

"The Perfect Suspect: A Catherine McLeod Mystery," by Margaret Coel  
 "Goddess of Vengeance," by Jackie Collins  
 "My Soul to Take: a Novel," by Dur Tananarive  
 "The Ballad of Tom Dooley," by Sharyn McCrumb  
 "Trackers: a Novel," by Jeon Meyer  
 "Headhunters: A Novel," by Jo Nesbo

### Nonfiction

"The Casserole Queens Cookbook," by Crystal Cook and Sandy Pollock  
 "Why Marx Was Right," by Terry Eagleton  
 "The Sookie Stackhouse Companion," by Charlaine Harris  
 "American Dreamers: How the Left Changed a Nation," by Michael Kazin  
 "What It Is Like to Go To War," by Karl Marlantes  
 "The Golden Empire," by Hugh Thomas

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Fiction

"Plugged," by Eoin Colfer  
 "The Widower's Tale," by Julia Glass  
 "Prey," by Linda Howard  
 "Train Dreams: A Novella," by Denis Johnson  
 "Pirate King," by Laurie R. King  
 "The Map of Time: A Novel," by Felix J. Palma

### Nonfiction

"Childhood Under Siege: How Big Business Targets Children," by Joel Bakan  
 "Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease," by Caldwell Esselstyn Jr.  
 "Doctor, Your Patient Will See You Now: Gaining the Upper Hand in Your Medical Care," by Steven Z. Kussin  
 "The Mindset Lists of American History: From Typewriters to Text Messages, What Ten Generations of Americans Think is Normal," by Tom McBride and Ron Nief  
 "Ghost in the Wires: My Adventures as the World's Most Wanted Hacker," by Kevin Mitnick and William L. Simon  
 "The Day After the Dollar Crashes," by Damon Vickers

## BOOKS

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Fiction

"Miracle Beach," by Erin Celello  
 "The Resurrection of Nat Turner: Part One – The Witness," by Sharon Ewell Foster  
 "Becoming Marie Antoinette," by Juliet Grey  
 "Devious: A Bentz and Montoya Novel," by Lisa Jackson  
 "Flash and Bones," by Kathy Reichs  
 "A Moment in the Sun," by John Sayles

### Nonfiction

"Nothing to Lose, Everything to Gain: How I Went From Gang Member to Multimillionaire Entrepreneur," by Ryan Blair  
 "Be Honest: And Other Advice from Students Across the Country," edited by Ninive Calegari  
 "Innovation You: Four Steps to Becoming New and Improved," by Jeff DeGraff  
 "A Stolen Life: A Memoir," by Jaycee Dugard  
 "The 12 Secrets of Highly Successful Women," by Gail McMeekin  
 "Paradise Lust: Searching for the Garden of Eden," by Brook Wilensky-Lanford



# BOOKS

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Fiction

"Legends of Shannara: The Measure of the Magic," by Terry Brooks

"Bye Bye, Baby: From Joe DiMaggio to JFK, They All Loved Her . . . But Who Killed the Blonde Bombshell?," by Max Allan Collins

"The Race: An Isaac Bell Adventure," by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott

"Heartwishes: An Edilean Novel," by Jude Deveraux

"Cat in a Vegas Gold Vendetta," by Carole Nelson Douglas

"Kill Me if You Can," by James Patterson and Marshall Karp

### Nonfiction

"A Place of Remembrance: Official Book of the National September 11 Memorial," foreword by Michael R. Bloomberg

"The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace: Empowering Organizations by Encouraging People," by Gary Chapman and Paul White

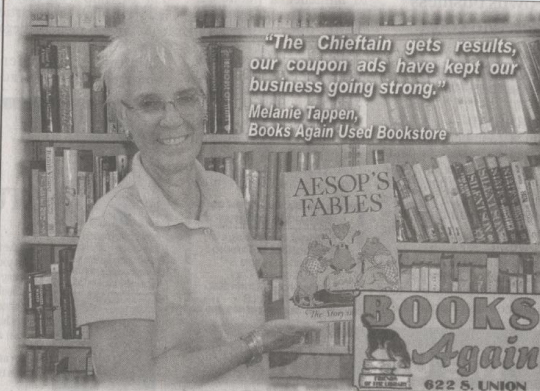
"Just One Catch: A Biography of Joseph Heller," by Tracy Daugherty

"Bobblehead Dad: 25 Life Lessons I Forgot I Knew," by Jim Higley

"Skyjack: the Hunt for D.B. Cooper," by Geoffrey Gray

"The Long Night: William L. Shirer and the Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," by Steve Wick

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**PEOPLE SPEAK****What is your take on the cantaloupe/listeria situation?**

**Gail Contreras**  
Puebloan, native  
of Rocky Ford  
Hair stylist

"Because my family are farmers, I ate one (Wednesday) and so far I feel fine. I just say wash it real good."



**Jimmy Lee**  
Pueblo  
Retired

"It's too good not to eat. Probably just wash it better. I'm not going to stop eating something I love because of something stupid."



**Sherry Levinson**  
Pueblo  
Massage therapy student

"I do eat cantaloupe but I'm not eating it now! It's very unfortunate for farmers in Rocky Ford."



**Justin Manzanares**  
Pueblo  
Former college baseball player

"I believe it's people who don't know how to clean their fruit. People with weak immune systems; people are sicker than the fruit."



**Juliette Mondot**  
Trinidad  
Documentarian

"The Rocky Ford hysteria? I just think it's a shame for Rocky Ford — and now they're saying it may not even be the source."



**Kaci Rodriguez**  
Pueblo  
Wife

"Not eating it for a while!"



**Cody Britton**  
Pueblo  
Landscaping

"It's crazy because I've been eating cantaloupe for a while."



**Matt Rodriguez**  
Pueblo  
Lube tech

"Just not going to eat it for a while."

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.



## PEOPLE SPEAK

## Are you a Denver Broncos fan and what is your prediction for the season?



**Sammy Arguello**  
Pueblo  
Broil/line cook  
"Yeah, I'm a  
Bronco fan and I  
think they'll win 12,  
give or take a few. I  
hope."



**Anthony Angel**  
Pueblo  
Job seeker  
"They'll lose. I'm a  
Tennessee fan."



**Brandi Strawn**  
Pueblo  
Job seeker  
"I don't watch a lot  
of football. I'm a  
Steelers fan, but, (I  
don't) really watch  
football."



**Jose Acosta**  
Pueblo  
Hip-hop  
hypeman  
"I'm a Raiders fan,  
ever since I was a  
little kid. But,  
really, Al Davis is  
killing us. I loved  
that game last  
season, though,  
59-14."



**Joe Budd**  
Pueblo  
Cook  
"Hopefully they'll  
get to the playoffs."



**April Velador**  
Pueblo  
Registered nurse  
"I don't know a lot  
about football."



**Caren Lloyd**  
Sacramento  
Computer  
enthusiast  
"I don't know  
anything about  
them. I only know  
about the  
California teams."



**Kera Johnson**  
Pueblo  
Goal Academy  
student  
"I'm a Raiders fan."

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library

## PEOPLE SPEAK

## What is your opinion of the city's proposed changes to the directions of Downtown streets?



**Phillip Howell**  
Truck driver  
Pueblo  
"Obviously, it will  
create chaos for a  
lot of people."



**Sarah Clark**  
Homemaker  
Pueblo  
"I don't like the  
idea. I don't care  
for all the ways to  
get off Downtown  
streets now,  
especially Fourth  
Street."



**Ernest Mortley**  
Retired truck  
driver  
Pueblo  
"I've seen traffic  
Downtown during  
a certain time of  
day get highly  
congested and I  
think it's a good  
idea to separate the  
traffic flows,  
especially on  
Fourth Street."



**Rosemarie Gaona**  
Certified nursing  
assistant  
Pueblo  
"Not a good idea.  
It's hard enough  
getting off Fourth  
Street already. It's  
been that way  
forever."



**Bill Mead**  
Social worker  
Pueblo  
"If it helps the flow  
of traffic and  
parking, it's good.  
It will be confusing  
at first, but if it  
helps, great."



**Bessie Hart**  
Disabled  
Pueblo  
"That's a lot of  
messing with  
streets. It will  
cause more trouble  
and more hassles  
for drivers."



**John Boucek**  
Retired  
Pueblo West  
"If the experts  
think it's fine, let  
them go ahead and  
do it."



**Tara Bernal**  
Unemployed  
Pueblo  
"It's going to  
confuse a lot of  
drivers. I see no  
good in it."

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.





