

DECEMBER 2018

Press/Publicity report



CALENDAR

TODAY

Knit and Crochet Table Gang:

1:30-3:30 p.m.,
Thurston Room of the
Robert Hoag Rawlings Public
Library, 100 E. Abriendo
Ave., 251-1938 or jpf6476@hotmail.com.

Pueblo Storytellers: 1-2:30
p.m., Robert Hoag Rawlings
Public Library, 100 E.
Abriendo Ave., all adults
welcome, 543-6234.11th St.,
542-4578 or 821-2756.

Cast Off Knitters: 1-4 p.m.,
Pueblo West Library, 298
S. Joe Martinez Blvd.,
330-465-0193.

Pueblo West Writers: meeting,
6:30-8:30 p.m., Pueblo
West Library, Jerry King
room A, 298 S. Joe Martinez
Blvd., pueblowestwriters.wix.com/pwwg.

AT THE LIBRARY

New Books

(From the Pueblo City-County Library District)

Fiction

“A Ladder to the Sky,” by John Boyne*
“Master of His Fate,” by Barbara Taylor-Brown*
“My Sister, the Serial Killer,” by Oyinkan Braithwaite*
“Homeward Bound,” by Rita Mae Brown*
“Newcomer,” by Keigo Higashino*
“Fire and Blood: 300 Hundred Years Before a Game of Thrones (A Targaryen History),” by George R.R. Martin*

Non-Fiction

“Thanks A Lot Mr. Kibblewhite: My Story,” by

Roger Daltrey*

“The Breakthrough:

Immunotherapy and the Race to Cure Cancer,” by Charles Graeber*

“The Laws of Human Nature,” by Robert Greene*

“The Roof: The Beatles’

Final Concert,” by Ken Mansfield*

“Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents,” by Pete Souza*

“It’s Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered,” by Lysa TerKeurst*

***Titles are either available or can be recommended in the eBook format through PCCLD’s Cloud Library Collection**

BUSINESS

Plug 'n go

Vehicle charging stations come to Pueblo West

By Tracy Harmon

The Pueblo Chieftain

Electric vehicle owners can get a charge and read a book at the same time.

New electric vehicle charging stations are set to open Dec. 19 at the Pueblo West Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

San Isabel Electric will dedicate the new charging stations during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Dec. 19 at the library. Those who attend the event can learn about the economic and environmentally-friendly benefits of electric vehicles, plus there will be information on grants, rebates and incentives for owning gas-free cars.

For example San Isabel Electric members are eligible to receive \$3,000 off the 2018 Nissan Leaf until Jan. 2 and the electric co-op also is offering a \$500 rebate for home electric vehicle chargers beginning in 2019.

San Isabel Electric broke ground on the charging stations in October. The charging stations will have one Level 2 charger and one Level 3 charger.

Level 2 chargers run on the same electric current found in homes, while Level 3 chargers operate on larger currents and are often referred to as a fast chargers because of the quick charge they offer.

"Helping members get the gasoline equivalent of 100-plus miles per gallon aligns perfectly with our goal as an electric cooperative to save our members time, energy and money," said Reg Rudolph, San Isabel Electric general manager. "Driving electric gets you where you want to go faster because you can avoid the pump, plus it costs less money as electricity is significantly cheaper."

"Driving electric is just more fun. Electric vehicles have instant acceleration," Rudolph said.

Two to three vehicles may be charged at the same time, depending upon how the vehicles are parked. Electricity will be sold at the same electricity rate residential San Isabel members pay.

To use the charging station, electric vehicle owners must register for a \$2 Charge Point account. Charge Point is the manufacturer of the charging stations.

Pueblo County received a \$16,000 grant from the Colorado Energy Office's Charge Ahead program to install the chargers at the Pueblo West Library. In addition to the state grant, funding was provided by the Pueblo City-County Library District, Pueblo County, Bank of the San Juans, the Pueblo West Metro District and San Isabel Electric.



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Origami Odyssey: 2-4 p.m., Idea Factory at Rawlings Library. Christmas models will be folded.

Pueblo Storytellers: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., all adults welcome, 543-6234, 11th St., 542-4578 or 821-2756.

Pueblo West Toastmasters: meeting, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pueblo West Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., pueblowesttm.toastmastersclubs.org or 609-352-8703.

Pueblo Toastmasters: 6 p.m., Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., 415-1176.

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"Mycroft and Sherlock," by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar*
"The Adults," by Caroline Hulse*
"Wrecked," by Joe Ide*

"Everything Under," by Daisy Johnson*

"Hazards of Time Travel," by Joyce Carol Oates*

"Kingdom of the Blind: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel," by Louise Penny*

Non-Fiction

"Help: The Beatles, Duke

Ellington, and the Magic of Collaboration," by Thomas Brothers*

"Professor at Large: The Cornell Years," by John Cleese*

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life," by Jane Sherron de Hart*

"Quarterback: Inside the Most Important Position in the National Football League," by

John Feinstein*

"The Story of Greece and Rome," by Tony Spawforth

"Fryderyk Chopin: A Life and Times," by Alan Walker*

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LOCAL NEWS

It's electric: Officials celebrate new Pueblo West charging station

By Anthony A. Mestas
The Pueblo Chieftain

Puebloan Gary Myers' fuel tank in his Nissan Leaf was empty Wednesday and being replenished at the Pueblo West Library.

This new way of filling it up was, literally, a walk in the park.

Myers was using the new electric vehicle charging station, which was dedicated during a ceremony Thursday afternoon.

While the vehicle was charging, Myers was enjoying the nearby park with his 5-year-old granddaughter Emma Guerrero.

"I've had my car for about a month and a half. I live in Pueblo, but my daughter lives here and I am out here quite a bit.

I'm excited that there is a station here," Myers said.

"We are picking the kids up from school out here and sometimes we are a little low on juice and you have to get some."

Myers said it was the first time he was charging his vehicle at the station, which has been online for the past few days.

"Having a car like this is quite a bit different. You have to plan your trips more. Charging stations aren't as plentiful as they are further north. So this one is perfect," Myers said.

Pueblo County now has two stations. The other one is at the Pueblo County Courthouse.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Wednesday for the newest station.

San Isabel Electric broke ground on the charging station in October. When construction is complete, the new charging station will consist of one Level 2 charger and one Level 3 charger. Level 2 chargers run on the same electric current found in homes. Level 3 chargers operate on larger currents and are often referred to as a fast or rapid charger because the larger current allows drivers to charge vehicles more quickly.

Pueblo County received a \$16,000 grant from the Colorado Energy Office's Charge Ahead program to install a DC fast charger at the Pueblo West Library.

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Gary Myers unplugs his Nissan Leaf after charging it at the new electric vehicle charging station at the Pueblo West Library on Wednesday. [CHIEFTAIN PHOTO/ZACHARY ALLEN]

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In addition to the grant, this charging station was made possible by the Pueblo City-County Library District, Pueblo County Government, Bank of the San Juans, the Pueblo West Metro District and San Isabel Electric.

Chris Markuson, director of economic development for Pueblo County, said collaboration was key to this project.

"When Pueblo sets its mind to something, we get it done. Pueblo is scrappy that way," Markuson said.

"And the way we do it is by working together. This project is a true testament to that."

Reg Rudolph, general manager and CEO of San Isabel Electric, also praised the collaboration. He said the pilot project was an excellent opportunity for the utility to work on a public electric vehicle charging station.

"We believe that electric vehicle expansion is definitely going to require more infrastructure to support the development of the industry. We wanted to be part of the new generation of transportation that was coming to our industry and to provide service to our members as well as Southern Colorado," Rudolph said.

Two to three vehicles may be charged at the station at the same time, based on how the vehicles are parked.

Electricity will be sold at the same rate electricity is sold to residential San Isabel members. To use the charging station, EV owners must register for a \$2 account Charge Point account. Charge Point is the manufacturer of the charging station.

Terry Zupan, Pueblo West Metro District president, said the station will put Pueblo West on the map.

"Those that travel through our area are going to get to come down and drive their vehicles and check out some books at the library and many will play in the park," Zupan said.

"I am just so happy to be a partner with the district being able to contribute a little bit to this so that we can provide this service to our community. Not just as a convenience to our residents, but to bring in some tourist traffic as well."

Jon Walker, president of the Pueblo City-County Library District, said the station is working well at the Pueblo West Library.

"I think it's a great place to put the charging station. I really appreciate the support of all the partnering institutions that made it happen," Walker said.

"We are so pleased and so proud."

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Fiction

“The Immortalists,” by Chloe Benjamin*
“Asymmetry,” by Lisa Halliday*
“The Great Alone,” by Kristin Hannah*
“An American Marriage,” by Tayari Jones*
“There There,” by Tommy Orange*
“Where the Crawdads Sing,” by Delia Owens*

Non-Fiction

“Fascism: A Warning,” by Madeline Albright*
“A Kind of Miraculous Paradise: A True Story

About Schizophrenia –

Sandra Allen*

“Becoming,” by Michelle Obama*

“How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression and Transcendence,” by Michael Pollan*

“You’re on an Airplane: A Self-Mythologizing Memoir,” by Parker Posey*

“Educated: A Memoir,” by Tara Westover*

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LOCAL NEWS

Calling all young female leaders

Library Foundation program accepting applications

By Jon Pompia
The Pueblo Chieftain

Wanted: 25 female high school students destined for leadership greatness.

For sophomores, juniors and seniors, the 2019 Leadership Institute at the Pueblo City-County Library District will offer life-changing opportunities to acquire the traits that define a strong community leader while learning public speaking and other vital social skills.

Once a month, from February through June, participants will gather for two- to four-hour leadership workshops.

"Each month, the cohort will learn about a new topic at a workshop or panel led by Pueblo's female leaders," explained Midori Clark, the library district's director of community relations and development. "The February installment features a leadership inventory and the chance for each participant to explore their strengths. Subsequent months highlight additional areas of learning including business and social etiquette, communication, women in leadership and community impact."

Community leaders who have volunteered their talents in past years include Jane Rawlings, Sherri Baca, Abbie Kraus, Clarice Ratzlaff, Sarah Joseph, Debbie Rose, Corrine Koehler, Lindsay Pechek and Maria Tucker.

In addition to the workshops, the institute participants will plan a fundraiser to benefit the Pueblo Library Foundation.

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"They break into committees and learn about event management including budgeting, marketing, ticket sales, creating an agenda and so forth," Clark explained. "The fundraiser, or the Bal de Bibliothèque, is the culmination of the program and will take place on July 13. This ball

is a one-of-a-kind event where all participants will be publicly recognized for their accomplishments and introduced as the next generation of leaders to the community.

"It is an event that is similar in nature to a debutante ball, the only event of its kind in the Pueblo community. Attendance at the ball and a rehearsal the night before, on July 12, is required."

Rhyia Bibby, an East High School graduate who completed the institute last year,

said participation "taught me to be bold, open-minded and determined in everything I do."

Describing the program as "unlike anything I have participated in before," Bibby said the institute far exceeded her expectations.

"As someone who is always looking for ways to better understand and be involved in my community, I expected this program to improve my knowledge on how to be a better and more empowering leader," she

explained. "What I did not expect, however, was the relationships made with the other girls and the leadership skills that were instilled in me by the strong women of the community."

"There is something to be said for interacting with other young women and gaining the experience that comes with hearing a diverse range of voices having the conversations that need to be had about the issues in our community. Learning to turn these

discussions into actions, and actions into real change, is an invaluable lesson that I will always be beyond grateful for."

Although there is a \$500 tuition cost, several full and partial scholarships are available, and for the past two years, some of the scholarship money has gone unused.

Added Clark, "Preference will be given to applicants with 3.0 GPA or higher; have demonstrated high character; have demonstrated history of

community service, school involvement or athletic participation; and aspire to a successful future. All interested students are encouraged to apply."

For more information, contact Clark at midori.clark@pueblolibrary.org or 562-5605. The application form is available online at pueblolibrary.org/leadershipinstitute, and applications are due at the library by Feb. 1.

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LOCAL NEWS

The shadows of winter



A man bundles up as he walks in the long shadows of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library on Thursday as late afternoon temperatures dipped into the low 30s. The National Weather Service predicts today's high to only reach the mid-20s. [CHIEFTAIN PHOTO/STEPHEN SWOFFORD]

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Fiction

“The Fallen,” by David Baldacci*
“Lethal White,” by Robert Galbraith*
“The Outsider,” by Stephen King*
“Circe,” by Madeline Miller*
“Nine Perfect Strangers,” by Liane Moriarty*
“The House of Broken Angels,” by Luis Alberto Urrea*

Non-Fiction

“Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in the Silicon Valley Startup,” by John Carreyrou*

“All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir,” by Nicole Chung*

“Barracoon: The Story of the Last ‘Black Cargo,’” by Zora Neale Hurston*
“The Recovering: Intoxication and Its Aftermath,” by Leslie Jamison
“Into the Raging Sea: Thirty-Three Mariners, One Megastorm, and the Sinking of El Faro,” by Rachel Slade*
“Feel Free: Essays,” by Zadie Smith*

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