

# **NOVEMBER 2018**

## **Press/Publicity report**



# Women's Suffrage Quasquicentennial

**Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Rawlings Library, Ryals Room-4<sup>th</sup> floor**

**100 E. ABRIENDO AVE.**

**A two-part event  
celebrating  
Colorado's 125<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of  
women voting.**

**6:30 p.m.** | Share your stories  
of those who worked for women's  
suffrage. Refreshments and  
activities for all ages provided.

**7 p.m.** | Through re-enactments,  
learn about the movement's early  
struggles.



**PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY  
LIBRARY**  
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## CALENDAR

### TODAY

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

Pueblo West Writers, meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Pueblo West Library, Jerry King room A, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., [pueblowestwriters.wix.com/pwwg](http://pueblowestwriters.wix.com/pwwg).

Women's Suffrage Centennial-Southern Colorado: Quasquicentennial celebrations, 125 anniversary of Colorado women winning the vote, Ryals Room, 4th floor, Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. All welcome.

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

## Colorado millennials are booking it to their public libraries, mirroring a national trend

Millennials are the most likely age group in the nation to use public libraries, according to Pew Research data

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When 23-year-old Curt Baker had two buddies visiting from Arkansas over to his new Denver digs last week, he knew there was one spot everyone had to check out: the Denver Central Library.

"I've only lived here about a month, but I love the connections and public resources available here at the library," Baker said Friday afternoon at the public library's downtown location. "We all really like libraries, so I thought I'd show my friends while we explore the city."

Baker has joined social events at the Denver Central Library that encourage conversations over coffee and donuts, and is using the downtown location's printers and free Wi-Fi as he applies for jobs.

Research confirms Baker and his twentysomething pals aren't outliers in their reverence for public libraries. A message popularized by every '90s kid's favorite cartoon aardvark has seeped into the collective millennial brain, according to a Pew Research study: "Having fun isn't hard when you've got a library card."

Nationally, millennials are the generation most likely to use public libraries, the Pew study found. The 2016 data show 53 percent of those aged 18 to 35 said they had used a public library or bookmobile in the previous 12 months, compared to 45 percent of Gen Xers, 43 percent of baby boomers and 36 percent of those in the Silent Generation. The survey question was worded to focus on public libraries, not libraries on college campuses.

Colorado is stocked with slightly more than 100 library districts that reported to the Library Research Service's annual survey. Those Colorado libraries saw more than 31 million visits in 2017, offering more than 10,700 programs for young adults and nearly 70,000 for adults.

Jon Walker, executive director of the Pueblo City-County Library District, has seen the millennial trend for himself.

While his libraries don't break out numbers to specifically track attendance by age, Walker said the Pueblo library district saw an 86-percent attendance increase in adult programming from 2017 to 2018, meaning people were scrambling to make it to sewing circles, coding classes and tie-dyeing events. The program attendance from January through September 2018 was 357,681, while the same time period in 2017 saw 191,822 participants.

"A lot of this interest is in our young adult population," Walker said. "That age group is definitely in our wheelhouse."

Walker thinks young adults' library love affair stems from two places. First, he's noticed fledgling parents finding solace behind library walls as they search for somewhere safe, affordable and educational to turn their kids loose.

Kiran Nole, 21, was hanging out with the almost 4-year-old twin boys she nannies in the Denver Central Library's children's section on Friday.

"They love coming here and interacting with other kids and reading books with me," Nole said. "And it's nice for me to come and talk to other nannies and parents. Also, I just found out I could check out movies here and that some of them are even new, so that's really cool, too."

Secondly, Walker has seen massive growth in the Pueblo library's program attendance for hands-on classes and events.

"This month alone, we've got dance programs, music programs and we had a film festival where people made their own films and then we showed them," Walker said. "We aren't abandoning investing in the book, but we are seeing some shift away from the traditional resources to these other kinds of activities just based on utilization."

A Boulder Public Library program named “adultology” is shamelessly catering to folks wanting to feel more grown-up in the kitchen. Aspen Walker, community engagement and enrichment manager at the Boulder library, said the class teaches farm-to-table cooking and culinary experiences like learning how to brew kombucha.

Walker also pointed to the Boulder library’s “makerspace” — which features a full service woodshop and crafting supplies for sewing, mending, weaving and more — as being popular with young adults. A workshop coming up particularly excited Walker: library patrons can learn how to sew pockets on their clothes.

Chris Henning, spokesman for Denver Public Library, also has seen young adults gravitating toward some of the library’s less traditional offerings. “We’re seeing a larger number of millennials than we’ve had in a long time,” Henning said.

At the Denver Public Library, patrons can check out experiences: [passes to Colorado state parks](#) complete with a family activity backpack, [admission to nearby museums](#) and a lottery for tickets to plays and concerts with the Colorado Symphony and the [Denver Center for the Performing Arts](#), GoPro cameras, indoor air quality monitors and more.

In August, the Denver library’s Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales Branch offered [literary-themed tattoos](#), moving the needle toward a youthful, trendy service to remind everyone of the magic of ink on paper and skin. A [free Netflix-esque streaming service called Kanopy](#) is also leaving its Denver Public Library mark, offering thousands of videos in its digital catalog.

“Based on that sharing economy idea where they’re trying to save money and be resourceful, that’s where we’ve seen a lot of growth because of millennials,” Henning said.

Hana Zittel is an adult services librarian at the Denver Central Library branch, where she manages book checkout and designs programming for adults and young adults.






Zittel isn’t convinced that young folks are pumped on the library just for the museum passes and movies — she watches millennials’ love of the written word unfold around her every day.

“From what I see, millennials are big readers and see the merit of the library being free and open to everyone and a place where all ideas are welcome,” Zittel said. “One of the most valuable things the library still represents is nurturing that love of learning and reading.”

Zittel and her coworkers also help coordinate programs like the Winter of Reading, inspired from the classic summer reading programs normally aimed at children with a seasonal and generational twist.

“This may not be the same library you remember when you were a kid,” Zittel said. “I was just sharing with a group of friends that they can get free tickets to museums through the library, and they were yelling at me to write the website link down for them. The connection over art and music and reading is something that really resonates with that age group, and the library has kind of become an epicenter for those interactions.”

## Popular In the Community

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### Elizabeth Hernandez

Elizabeth Hernandez is a Denver Post reporter covering breaking news and a little bit of everything else, too. A former education reporter at both The Post and Boulder Daily Camera, Elizabeth is passionate about using her platform to tell the stories of underrepresented Coloradans in an accurate, compassionate, engaging manner. She started at The Denver Post as an intern in 2014 and just kept coming to work until they hired her.

### **Library deserving of state, national awards**

Kudos to the Pueblo Library District and the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library for its recent distinction as the best library district in Colorado.

Earlier this year, they had the honor of being named the best in the nation.

All a person has to do is visit this well-organized and visitor friendly library to fully understand the vision of Bob Rawlings as he fully supported the library district.

**Larry Alvarado, Pueblo**

## AT THE LIBRARY

**By Luke Lyons**  
The Pueblo Chieftain

**New Books**  
(From the Pueblo City-County  
Library District)

### Fiction

"Dark Sacred Night," by Michael  
Connelly\*\*  
"Virgil Wander," by Leif Enger\*  
"The Vanishing Box," by Elly  
Griffiths\*  
"Elevation," by Stephen King\*  
"When We Were Young," by Karen

Kingsbury\*  
"She Would Be King," by Wayétu  
Moore\*

### Non-Fiction

"Shotguns and Stagecoaches: The  
Brave Men Who Rode for Wells  
Fargo in the Wild West," by John  
Boessenecker\*  
"I Think Therefore I Draw:  
Understanding Philosophy  
Through  
Cartoons," by Thomas Cathcart\*  
"When Women Ruled the World:  
Six Queens of Egypt," by Kara

Cooney\*  
"Almost Everything: Notes on  
Hope," by Anne Lamott\*  
"Astounding: John W. Campbell,  
Isaac Asimov, Robert A. Heinlein,  
L.  
Ron Hubbard, and the Golden  
Age of Science Fiction," by Alec  
Nevala-  
Lee\*  
"Slowhand: The Life and Music of  
Eric Clapton"\*\*

\*Titles are either available or can  
be recommended

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### **PAAA to hold Community Conversation**

The Pueblo Area Agency on Aging will host a Community Conversation, scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the Greenhorn Valley Library, Charles Burns Room, 4801 Cibola

Drive, Colorado City.

These interactive conversations are an opportunity for the public to share their vision of the future, offer opinions, concerns and suggestions. The input will help in updating the agency's Four Year Plan.

Anyone wanting to give an opinion by phone may call 582-6120.

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### SATURDAY

Lacemakers of Southern Colorado, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lamb Library, 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd. All Pueblo Grows Seed-Lending Library, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., community seed exchange, Thurston Room of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. 583-6566 or [volunteers@allpueblogrows.org](mailto:volunteers@allpueblogrows.org).

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### **Fiction**

"Heads You Win," by Jeffrey Archer\*

"Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel," by Lee Child\*

"The Noel Stranger," by Richard Paul Evans\*

"The Infinite Blacktop," by Sara Gran\*

"The Colors of All the Cattle: No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency," by Alexander McCall Smith\*

"Nine Perfect Strangers," by Liane Moriarty\*

### **Non-Fiction**

"The Mamba Mentality:

How I Play," by Kobe Bryant\*

"Imagine it Forward: Courage, Creativity, and the Power of Change," by Beth Comstock\*

"Basketball: A Love Story," by Jackie MacMullan\*

"Churchill: Walking with Destiny," by Andrew Roberts\*

"Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger," by Rebecca Traister\*

"The Way of Coyote: Shared Journey in the Urban Wild," by Gavin Van Horn\*

**\*Titles are either available or can be recommended in the eBook format through PCCLD's 3M Cloud Collection**

# OPINION

## OUR VIEW

### Counting our blessings in Pueblo

**S**andwiched as it is between Halloween and Christmas, Thanksgiving sometimes seems to get the short shrift. In some businesses and homes, the Christmas decorations go up just as soon the Halloween decorations come down. Some people seem to view Thanksgiving weekend primarily as the start of the Christmas shopping season, rather than fully appreciating it for the fine holiday that it is in its own right.

Well, not us. We're glad to celebrate Thanksgiving as a time for savoring the good things we have in our lives. And while we often use this editorial page to vent about what we dislike, today we'd like to bring attention to just a few of the things for which we are truly thankful.

For instance, let's start with EVRAZ. The owners of our local steel mill are considering \$480 million worth of improvements to their facilities. While a final decision hasn't been made yet, such a commitment would increase the likelihood EVRAZ will remain in Pueblo for decades to come, continuing to be one of the linchpins of our economy.

We're also thankful for the Pueblo City-County Library District, which has been getting well-deserved recognition this year for its many programs and services. While the main library and the branch libraries around Pueblo County haven't deviated from their mission of providing books for patrons to check out, the library district has expanded its role to serve as a focal point for a variety of community activities as well.

There are plans in the works to expand the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo, which is also good news for the community. Last summer's issues with algae notwithstanding, the riverwalk remains one of the community's most important draws for tourists and a terrific amenity for residents.

Let's also be thankful Pueblo has decided to move to a strong mayor form of government. We don't know yet who Pueblo's first mayor will be or how successful he'll be. Over time, though, we expect the new form of government to help our community achieve more of its goals and become a magnet for future growth.

We also appreciate having state Rep. Daneya Esgar and state Sen. Leroy Garcia in important leadership positions in the Colorado Legislature. Pueblo needs all the help it can get in terms of representation in the state Capitol. Having two of our own in high-ranking jobs should help us in that regard.

We're grateful that a badly flawed plan to build a minor league baseball stadium in Pueblo fell by the wayside. As we've said many times before, we're not against baseball. It is, after all, our national pastime. But the proposed stadium deal just raised too many questions for which answers were not forthcoming.

We are thankful for the performances of our local high school and college sports teams. While a number of them have had successful seasons this year, we'd particularly like to highlight Colorado State University-Pueblo and East High School, both of which are in football playoff games this weekend.

In another hopeful sign for our Downtown area, progress continues to be made on plans to redevelop Black Hills Energy's Power Plants 5 & 6. Much work still needs to be done, but that project has the potential to further transform the central city area. We're thankful for that.

We also are thankful for the many volunteers who participate in toy or food drives or find other ways to give back to their community, not just during the holidays, but throughout the year. They truly are Pueblo's greatest assets.

Finally, we are thankful for our own families and friends, without whom there wouldn't be much reason to celebrate. Don't let petty arguments with them over politics, football allegiances or the differences between stuffing and dressing ruin your holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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or 609-352-8703.

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

Origami Odyssey, meeting,  
7 to 8:30 p.m., Idea Factory  
of the Robert Hoag Rawlings  
Public Library, 100 E.  
Abriendo Ave., 544-6420

## AT THE LIBRARY

### New Books

From the Pueblo City-County Library District

### Fiction

"Long Road to Mercy," by David Baldacci\*

"Night of Miracles," by Elizabeth Berg\*

"The Incredible True Story of the Making of the Eve of Destruction," by Amy Brashear\*

"You Don't Own Me," by Mary Higgins Clark\*

"Look Alive Twenty-Five: A Stephanie Plum Novel," by Janet Evanovich\*

"Forever and a Day: A James Bond Novel," by Anthony Horowitz\*

### Non-Fiction

"Feel Better Fast and Make It Last: Unlock Your Brain's Healing Potential to Overcome Negativity, Anxiety, Anger, Stress,

and Trauma," by Daniel G. Amen M.D.\*

"Heirs of the Founders: The Epic Rivalry of Henry Clay, John Calhoun, and Daniel Webster, the Second Generation of American Giants," by H.W. Brands\*

"American Overdose: The Opioid Tragedy in Three Acts," by Chris McGreal\*

"Becoming," by Michelle Obama\*

"About My Mother: True Stories of a Horse-Crazy Daughter and Her Baseball Obsessed Mother: A Memoir," by Peggy Rowe\*

"Hindsight: & All the Things I Can't See In Front of Me," by Justin Timberlake

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# LIFE

## ARTS&ENTERTAINMENT

### THINGS TO DO IN PUEBLO

**No. 2:** If you're looking to share holiday memories, "StoryKeepers" will present a free monthly event open to all ages which promotes the telling of true-life stories. Each month there is a different theme, and anyone can share a story in an open-mic style setting.

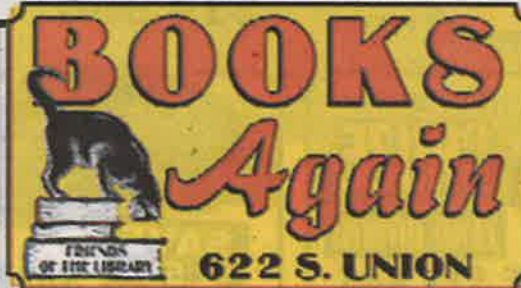
December's event will begin at 10 a.m. at the InfoZone Theater on the fourth floor of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

"StoryKeepers" will be held the first Saturday of each month.

**No. 3:** The Pueblo City-County Library District will host "Speak Your Peace" at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The event will feature speakers of diverse backgrounds speaking about various topics important to them and their culture.

To reserve a slot, call Deborah Martinez Martinez at 561-0993. The event is family friendly.



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