

All Pueblo Reads 2015: Celebrate Sci-Fi

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The 2015 All Pueblo Reads project theme was Celebrate Sci-Fi featuring *Divergent*, by Veronica Roth, *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card, *The Giver* by Lois Lowry and *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. The companion book for young readers was *The True Meaning of Smekday* by Adam Rex. The project featured 197 events and activities, held with 16 community partners. All programs, events and activities tied in with sci-fi, science, outer space and other themes featured in the four selected books.

A special effort was made to provide Pueblo's students a free copy of *Ender's Game*, which many area teachers responded to. More than 1,200 books were distributed throughout Pueblo City Schools and Pueblo School District 70, helping boost the circulation statistics to an all-time high. Participation totalled a record breaking 39,513.

Booklovers Blacktie Ball and Public Event

This year's Booklovers Blacktie Ball featured a celebrity from the TV show *Mythbusters*. Tory Belleci presented his stories from working on the science-themed program and shared many additional stories from his time creating special effects in multiple sci-fi films including *Star Wars* and *Starship Troopers* among others. Total attendance for this year's Booklovers Blacktie Ball was 107. The following day, the public event featuring Tory Belleci's presentation attracted 400 attendees—a tie with Sherman Alexie for the largest Sunday APR event.



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Emmy award-winning makeup artist Gil Moscow shows the crowd how to create burns.



Gipsy Moon kickoff concert.



Tory Belleci entertained a crowd of 400.

Historical All Pueblo Reads data:

Year	Title	Activities	Partners	Checkouts	Total Participation
'08	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i> by Amy Tan	53	19	973	9,502
'09	The Big Read All Pueblo Reads 2009: A Celebration of Latino Literature (<i>The House on Mango Street</i> by Sandra Cisneros and <i>Sun, Stone and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories</i> edited by Jorge F. Hernandez)	59	22	1,031	17,926
'10	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of Part-Time Indian</i> by Sherman Alexie	86	25	1,242	28,337
'11	<i>Hoot</i> by Carl Hiaasen	110	44	1,690	27,357
'12	<i>Plainsong</i> by Kent Haruf	93	29	2,854	32,576
'13	<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	95	44	3,894	37,460
'14	<i>The Paris Wife</i> by Paula McLain	141	27	1,405	36,653
'15	Celebrate Sci-Fi featuring <i>Divergent</i> , Veronica Roth; <i>Ender's Game</i> , Orson Scott Card; <i>The Giver</i> , Lois Lowry; <i>The Hunger Games</i> , Suzanne Collins	197	16	7,960	39,513

















