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The perfect pandemic pass-time: Library sees higher demand



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PUEBLO — Winter isn't coming, it's here! So what do you do during quarantine when it's too cold for outdoor activities?

Skye Stuart, a former librarian for Fremont County and now patron of the Pueblo County library, has the answer.

"If you're not gonna go outside and play, then you can read a book and the more books you read the more you increase your knowledge, the more you use your mind and your imagination"

The Pueblo County library is adapting to its patron's needs during the pandemic by using a curbside pickup. According to Director of Community Relations Nick Potter, the curbside pickup served around 20 cars within the first two hours of being open this morning.

"The more that people are getting used to the way we've had to deal with the pandemic, we've been increasingly getting a lot more use," said Potter. "So every week we've actually been growing from the previous week."

Now that colder months have hit Colorado, Potter says expects this trend to continue.

"At the start of the pandemic... It was spring and then summer and so, people were able to do things outside, but now people are inside. They're looking for entertainment, they're looking for books to read and movies and crafts and things to do because, ya know it's cold and dark right now."

Stuart encourages parents to use the library's accessibility as a way to spend time with children, saying "I hope that younger parents with kids... They take the time to go online and just come down and pick up lots of books for their kids, and read together, snuggle up!"

People can pick up more than books at the library. Potter says they also offer "movies, some kind of craft kit, they can also actually even pickup tablets, chrome books and hotspots." Visit <https://www.pueblolibrary.org/> for a full list of resources available.

If you are interested in becoming a patron of the Pueblo County library, you can register for a library card [here](#). For more information about the library's curbside pickup, click [here](#).

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Pueblo's Rawlings Library open on Sundays again



PUEBLO'S MAIN LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS AGAIN



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PUEBLO — Pueblo's main Library is now open on Sundays again.

Starting Jan. 3, the Rawlings Library is open on Sundays.

The Pueblo City/County Library District had closed the location on Sundays because of the regular weekend protests that happened at the Christopher Columbus memorial.

"People know where to find us and when to find us and I think that is really important and our staff is really excited to have that sense of normalcy back and Sunday operations back here because it makes our patrons happy," Nick Potter said.

The Library is only doing curbside pickup currently because of the pandemic. Pick up hours are 1 - 5 p.m.

To browse and place holds on library materials, visit the [library's website](#).

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Rawlings Library will resume Sunday services

This will start on January 3, 2021



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PUEBLO, Colo. (KKTV) - The Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library in Pueblo will open their Sunday services back up. Starting Sunday, January 3, 2021 the library will resume curbside pickup services between one and five p.m.

The library closed in July because of the ongoing protests happening near the Christopher Columbus statue across from the library. Because of this, Sunday service was shifted to Barkman Library, 1300 Jerry Murphy Road and Lamb Library, 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd. Barkman and Lamb will now be closed on Sundays.

Residents can still browse and place holds on library materials in the online catalog [here](#) and browse available e-services. Curbside pickup is available at all Pueblo library locations and residents can now schedule their own curbside pickup time through the library's website or by calling (719) 562-5600. Mail delivery is also available.

The Rawlings library is also increasing digital access for Pueblo county residents and has tablets, Chromebooks and internet hotspots available for check out. Tablets have a one-month loan limit, Chromebooks and internet hotspots may be checked out for three months; all are available for free with a valid PCCLD library card.

If you do not have a library card, you can sign up for [one here](#).

Pueblo City-County Library District buildings remain closed to the public due to Pueblo County's high-risk status.

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