

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
Report of the Executive Director
Submitted to
The Library Board of Trustees
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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Work on a new strategic plan for PCCLD continues to progress. The report on the focus groups outcomes was delivered last month. Gathering community-wide survey results concluded and the process of synthesizing the collected data comes next. Studies comparing PCCLD with peer institutions and industry standards, an analysis of local demographics and resources, and library trends also are taking place with reports scheduled to be issued in May. Library stakeholders brainstorming sessions are to occur in early May with an outcome report due soon thereafter. The project remains on target for completion by mid-year.

READ OUT LOUD!

Illustrator/author Jarrett Krososcka visited PCCLD for Read OUT LOUD!, April 29-30. He provided a number of presentations and book signings. Additional special partnerships occurred with the Center for American Values and Pueblo Police. Janina Goodwin (Youth Services Manager) organized the event with assistance from Ellie O'Keefe (Teen Services Librarian), Jacque Collins (Library Specialist) and Natalie Gallegos (Library Specialist). The program reached 2,807 students this year.

ONE BOOK 4 COLORADO

One Book 4 Colorado is a statewide initiative with the goal of providing the same book to every four year old across the state. The program is funded via the Colorado State Library. The book for 2015 is *How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?* by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague. This year's program took place April 13-27. PCCLD distributed 1,770 English language books and 118 in Spanish to the children in our community. The program was coordinated locally by Janina Goodwin (Youth Services Manager).

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) was selected as this year's recipient of the \$10,000 Josephine Forman Scholarship by the Society of American Archivists. She was chosen for her articulation of professional goals, commitment to advancing diversity in the profession, academic work, experience, and strong professional recommendations. The scholarship will be formally awarded at the Awards Ceremony at the Society of American Archivists annual meeting in Cleveland in August.

BOOPSIE

Among PCCLD's 2015 goals is to better meet the library needs of mobile technology users. PCCLD currently is participating in a state library initiative to make a shared app using Boopsie that provides access to library catalog and other research resources via mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. The first meetings on the project took place in March with other libraries around the state. 28 public libraries in Colorado, including PCCLD, appear to be moving forward with the state library on this project. A similar project in the states of Washington and Virginia resulted in significant increases in use by the mobile user audience in those geographic areas.

DROP CITY EXHIBIT

PCCLD's Drop City exhibit was developed by the Special Collections and Museum Services team at the Rawlings Library. The exhibit was on display in the InfoZone earlier. Now it will travel to La

Veta Library, the Greenhorn Valley Library, and Walsenburg in May and June. The exhibit is in partnership with the Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society.

RAWLINGS LIBRARY

Special Collections & Museum Services

- Attendance in the InfoZone was 5,332 for the month. Year-to-date attendance is 18,140 compared with 17,515 for the same period one year ago.
- 214 Document Delivery requests were answered in April. 720 items from the collection were counted used by customers in April.
- Jen Koen (Digitization Coordinator) digitized 277 images for the Pueblo Historic Levee Collection plus items for CSU-Pueblo, the Santa Fe Avenue collection, honoring the Hoag family, Trinidad High School, the Pueblo County Historical Society, the Southwestern Colorado Heritage Center, PULP, special Pueblo Courthouse project, and post-production steps for *The Pueblo Chieftain*.
- Tammi Moe (Archivist Librarian) secured cloud server hosting for PCCLD source files and systems. She completed digitization for CSU-Pueblo history department of images of the historic Pueblo flood, the Stringfellow family for monograph "Unbroken Spirits: Three Extraordinary Southern Colorado Women," by Kay Avery; Chicano movement for Cinco De Mayo Celebration; Bessemer Ditch materials; Raymond Edgar Lee's collection of the Levee circa 1950s. Tammi also continues work on finding aids and the Buckles collection.
- Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) and Jon Walker met with Laura Ruttum Senteria from History Colorado to discuss permissions for using state microfilm of *The Pueblo Chieftain* to digitize.
- New accessions include Falk collection, Fleming art catalog, historic Cañon City photographs, Irving Place School, Sacred Heart Orphanage, and Pueblo Cemetery North.
- Genealogy/Western Research programs included genealogy workshop at Greenhorn Valley Library with eight attending, Dana Maestas book signing with 38, genealogy workshop with ten, DNA Interest Group with fifteen.
- Maria Tucker participated in the Bridging Borders Fellowship grant program on April 3 with ten attending.
- Charlene Simms (Special Collections Librarian) and Tammi Moe conducted oral history interviews with Salt Creek Neighborhood residents as part of Salt Creek Memory project.
- Presentation of final projects for CSU-Pueblo class with 25 in attendance on April 28.
- Non-Profit Resource webinars were held on April 13 with two in attendance and on April 28 with one attending. Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) provided individual training to five staff and the board of Kinderkirk.
- The InfoZone featured 29 films with total attendance of 152. Other programs included Audubon Society "Attracting Wildlife," Earth Day Craft making Chia Pets, Italy: Where it All Began, Pueblo Academy of Arts, and Read Out Loud Tours on April 29 and 30.
- Outreach programming included a presentation to 8th-grade students at Pueblo Academy on research methodologies, library databases, and creating bibliographies and citations using Zotero; attended North Mesa Family Night to promote the InfoZone and its resources; a North Mesa Elementary School Tour; a PEO group tour of Special Collections; and two tours from Columbian Elementary School.
- Maria Tucker attended the final Ludlow Centennial Commission meeting at Colorado Humanities in Denver on April 24.

Reference /& Readers Advisory

- Center for New Information Technology: David Hartkop (Technology Trainer) presented Microsoft suite and basic computer classes in April for 34 people. David also presented seven programs in the Idea Factory that reached 140 people. Programs included 3D modeling with Tinkercad, Maker Club meetings, and Roncalli STEM Career Night.

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- Hispanic Resource Center: The art exhibit in the Hispanic Resource Center for April was *Landscapes, Scenicscapes and Such* works by Terry Cates and Steve Mason. The HRC also hosted Citizenship classes with thirteen people attending. Fifteen students are registered for classes this spring. On April 15, an award ceremony was held to celebrate the accomplishments of ten students who completed citizenship classes. Spanish classes, taught by volunteer Barry Gonzalez, continued in April with attendance of 32. English Language Learner classes were offered with help from a federal Library Services and Technology Act grant. The library currently has 45 students enrolled in the classes. Bilingual stories for young children attracted 26 people in April. Speak English! Conversation Club had 15 attendees for April.
- Adult Literacy Program: Thirteen volunteer tutors provided 67 hours of tutoring and contributed a total of 99 volunteer hours to the Adult Literacy Program. There are currently fourteen active students in the program. Adult Literacy classes attracted 33 attendees.
- Information for the GED was held April 18 with 2 attendees.
- Poetry Slam was held April 16 with 44 attendees.

Youth Services

- Minecraft program was successfully held at Barkman with 35 participants. In May, similar programs are planned at Rawlings, Barkman and Lamb.
- SPELL (Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries) activities continue with help from a grant from Colorado State Library. Books and supplies have been arriving, and Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) has been busily preparing kits. Agreements with four day care organizations are in place: Kinderkirk Childcare Center in Pueblo West, Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Franklin Elementary D60 Preschool, and Thatcher Learning Center.
- Youth Services staff represented PCCLD at these opportunities: Circle of Friends Child Care Conference, YMCA Kids Sports Day, CSU-Pueblo: Let's Move, Children's Day at City Park, Arbor Day at City Park, and Pueblo School for Arts & Science Twentieth Anniversary.
- El dia de los niños events were held at PCCLD libraries and coordinated by Youth Services: Giodone one, Lucero fourteen, Rawlings 24, and Pueblo West eight.
- Tweens Earth Day crafts coordinated by Ellie O'Keefe (Teen Librarian): Greenhorn Valley had eight participants, Lamb nine, Rawlings twelve, Lucero eleven, and Barkman nine.
- Teens (ages 13 and up) had six at Greenhorn Valley, Barkman six, Rawlings eight, Lucero eighteen, Pueblo West six, and Giodone eight.
- Other events in April included a Teen Movie Night with four participants, Teen Advisory Board with eight, Teen Writing Workshop with six, two *Read Dog, Read!* events with 89, Preschool Dance Party with sixteen, two Lego Mania events with thirteen.
- Regular events included five Babytime events with sixty participants, four Time for Tot programs with 64, and nine Preschool Storytimes with 209. There were also twelve Headstart storytimes reaching 373 participants, seven tours with 481, and two school visits reaching 109.

BARKMAN LIBRARY

- Alicia Griebel (Barkman Library Manager) worked with Youth Services to provide outreach for the YMCA Health Day with 232 visiting the PCCLD booth.
- Paula Pryich (Librarian) provided early literacy outreach at Belmont Elementary and CSU-Pueblo preschools with a total of 136 students attending.
- Working with Youth Services and One Book 4 Colorado, the Barkman staff gave away 165 books in English and twenty in Spanish.
- Paula Pryich and Rachel Bolt (Library Specialist) accumulated a total of 73 attendees for the Time for Tots, Sign Language, and Preschool Storytime programs.
- Linda Pacheco (Customer Service Rep) helped host the monthly Book Discussion group with six participants.
- Cory Reimers (Customer Service Rep) worked with Youth Services to begin the use of the Minecraft server. The kids had an excellent time with 35 attending.

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- Cory Reimers and Frank Vidana (Materials Handling Tech) worked together to move the children's DVDs into the children's area creating an inviting space and promoting better circulation.
- Barkman's youth programs this month included six teens attending the DIY Notebook, two for the Identity Theft Protection program, nine tweens for Paper Crafts Earth Day Style.

GIODONE LIBRARY

- Cesar Chavez second grade and Kindergarten classes came to Giodone for a tour of the library on April 3 with 94 participants.
- Paula Pryich (Librarian) promoted the Summer Reading Club at North Mesa Elementary on April 23 with approximately 100 participants.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager) presented "Creating Online Portfolios" at the CAL Para-Librarian Conference on April 23 with ten attending.
- Thirty-two first grade students from Avondale Elementary attended the weekly story time at Giodone on April 23
- Vineland Elementary visited the Giodone Library on a field trip on April 30 with 49 participants.
- Several Earth Day programs were offered with participants making crafts out of recycled materials.
- An Artist Reception was held on April 25 with 53 people attending.
- Giodone offered an *Open Mic Night* with 48 people attending with heavy teen participation.

GREENHORN VALLEY LIBRARY

- Five Preschool Storytimes had 52 attendees, and four Time for Tots programs had 49 attendees.
- The Greenhorn Valley Library was very excited to introduce a storytime garden during the month of May. A small indoor greenhouse has been added in the children's area for toddlers and preschoolers to plant seeds. Pots and seeds were provided courtesy of Greenhorn Valley True Value.
- Four sessions of *Read Dog, Read* had seven participants.
- This month's *Passport Kids* event on April 10 had 27 participants who had the opportunity to "visit" the Australian Outback.
- Members of the Southern Colorado Astronomical Society set up numerous specialized telescopes in the library parking lot to allow 27 participants to examine the sun in greater detail at the *Our Amazing Sun Solar Gaze* on April 11.
- This month Lego Mania on April 17 with 24 participants added brand new marble runs for builders to use alongside the usual selection of Legos.
- Earth Day events included *The Lorax* movie and snacks on April 18 with eleven participants and a *Trash to Treasure—Upcycled Drink Pouch Wallets* on April 24 with 21 participants.
- Centralized programs from Youth Services included Paper Crafts Earth Day Style for tweens on April 3 with eight participants; DIY Notebooks for teens on April 17 with six participants; and *One Book for Colorado* book distribution for 42.
- Yoga classes continue to be popular with five programs offered in April with 64 participants.
- The Yarn Club met on April 13 with fifteen participants.
- The Scrapbooking club met on April 17 with thirteen participants.
- The Greenhorn Valley Library featured fine art from the Cuerno Verde Arts Council with pieces from Kay Stevens, Nancy Goodenough, Pat Potter, Lee Jones, Barbara Ritschard and Bessie Vollmer in the H.W. Houston Art Gallery.
- Charlene Garcia Simms hosted a Genealogy Workshop on April 4 with seven participants to share research strategies and teach customers how to use Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest and other online research resources.
- Greenhorn Valley was lucky to celebrate the talent of Hal Walter, a local author from Westcliffe, Colorado who discussed his new book, *Full Tilt Boogie: A Journey Into Autism, Fatherhood, and an Epic Test of Man and Beast* on April 8 for seven participants.

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- The CSU-Extension office kicked off spring in the Greenhorn Valley with *All Pueblo Grows—Starting Your Garden from Scratch* on April 17 with twelve participants.
- Greenhorn Valley is piloting a *Couch to 5K* program designed to help non-runners train to run a 5K in nine weeks. Seventeen people attended the initial and about five-to-ten people on the Monday run.
- *Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft* was offered on April 22 with two participants. This program was provided by Aventa Credit Union as part of PCCLD's Money Smart Week.
- A special screening of the *Drop City* documentary film was shown on April 25 for ten participants.
- Sharon Rice (Library Specialist) offered story times for the morning and afternoon Preschool classes at Rye Elementary for 42 attendees.
- Theia Bravo (Librarian) has been working with SRDA to establish the Greenhorn Valley Library as a pick-up and drop-off location for shuttle transports for community members to Pueblo during the summer. This service is expected to begin in June.
- The Greenhorn Valley Library is partnering with the Aspen Acres campground at San Isabel to build a browsing library for summer residents along story times in June.
- Amy Martin (Greenhorn Valley Library Manager) initiated contact with the director of YMCA Camp Jackson to build a summer partnership with campers and support staff.
- Renee Montano (Customer Service Representative) is working with Faith Circle and Angel House Assisted Living to expand Homebound services in the Greenhorn Valley.
- The Beulah Satellite offered Lego Mania, Passport Kids and Trash-to-Treasure programs with 31 participating.
- Events held in the Meeting Rooms included the Art of Relaxation Yoga Class (Tuesdays before hours), D70 Online Instruction and Testing for students, Greenhorn Valley Chamber of Commerce, weekly Girl Scout meetings, Cuerno Verde Arts Council, Life Leadership, Mia Master Internal Wellness, Volunteers for Change knitting group, Edward Jones Financial class, and Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center.

LAMB LIBRARY

- The gate count at Lamb in April was 30,889. This is yet another all-time high since October, a 7% increase over last month and a 31% increase over April 2014.
- April program attendance was 656.
- Lamb staff manned a booth for CSU-Pueblo *Let's Move*, and talked to 125 people about upcoming programs, Summer Reading, and the strategic planning survey.
- Lamb gave away 185 copies of *How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?* For One Book 4 Colorado. Cathy Shepherd (Lamb Librarian) contacted partner schools to help get them out to local preschools.

LIBRARY @ THE Y

- Four Time for Tots programs reached 73 participants.
- Eight Storytime programs reached 89 participants.

LUCERO LIBRARY

- Provided story times and visits to promote One Book 4 Colorado at Bradford Elementary and East Side Child Care center for 148 attendees.
- Collaborated and implemented Minecraft week April 13-18. The daily themes were Minecraft Candy Pops, Minecraft videos, Minecraft Bingo and Minecraft Game Gathering. Eighty-nine kids participated that week. For the Game Gathering program, Lucero borrowed laptops from Giodone.
- Boys and Girls Club tour provided for seventeen students.



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- Presented programs on Water, Ducks, Shoes and read, *How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?* to support One Book for 4 Colorado. Lucero continued to promote story times, but still have few participating with only seventeen attendees for both story times.
- Diann Logie (Lucero Library Manager) hosted the screening of the film *Last Days in Vietnam*.
- 1,012 books were delivered for Books a la Cart.

PUEBLO WEST LIBRARY

- Pueblo West meeting rooms are now available to the public after regular library hours. So far it has gone relatively smooth with few logistic problems. Meeting room users are given a unique code for the time they need the meeting room outside of public hours. They are responsible for their own set-up and clean up. There have been over a dozen meetings in April outside of normal Pueblo West public hours. Connie Curtis (Customer Service Representative) oversees coordinating meeting room use for the library.
- The art display for April included a variety of oil paintings by Linda Cates, Terry Cates, Steve Mason and Mo Keenean-Mason. Two of the paintings were sold.
- Ninety-six people attended adult programs in April. Adult programming is extremely diverse and included Chinese Mah Jongg club, two book discussion groups, a writers' group with 16 in attendance, a small business club, and several computer classes.
- Close to 500 people attend children's programs in April. As always, children's programs are coordinated through librarian Elizabeth Flores. Programs for children included 162 young people for a Junior Achievement program. 300 people attended storytime programs for all ages including the *Read Dog* program, with pictures below.
- Fifteen teens attended teen program for the month of April. Programs included an Anime and a notebook making program for teens.



FACILITIES

- Demolished the InfoZone stage area in preparation of remodeling.
- Supported pest mitigation at Lamb.
- Conducted successful fire drills at Rawlings, Greenhorn Valley and Lucero.
- Started up sprinkler systems at all branches.
- Started spring outdoor cleaning at all branches.
- Replaced raised concrete that was a trip hazard at Rawlings.
- Staged Women's Award event at the Rawlings Library.
- Cleaned heat exchanger.
- Troubleshooting cause of low water to the cooling tower and chiller issues.
- Completed the annual fire inspections.
- Rebuilt Freon monitor.

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- Completed HVAC service at all sites.
- Repaired roof leak at Pueblo West.
- Hung test light at Pueblo West.
- Completed 465 work orders.
- Completed 84 meeting event set-ups.
- Installed rain sensors on Rawlings sprinkler systems.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- InfoZone Theater AV upgrade work was a priority for the month.
- Updating new branch public laptops with MineCraft program.
- Started cleanup of IT data closets.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Midori Clark (Community Relations Director) presented PCCLD's social media efforts to a group of thirty CLiC attendees on April 6.
- The annual Create Your Own Dr. Seuss Character awards ceremony took place on April 9 at the Rawlings Library. The event had 260 attendees. There were 1,754 entries, a 5 percent increase over 2014.
- The Friends of the Library hosted their annual dinner on April 24 at the Rawlings Library. There were 70 attendees. As part of the program, Community Relations assisted by producing a short video highlighting the gifts of the Friends of the Library. The video included stories about how the Friends scholarship helped Susan Wolf, how the Friends' donation to the Libraries for Life campaign has impacted the Greenhorn Valley Library (in an interview by Amy Martin) and how their donation to Special Collections has helped preserve historical documents (in an interview by Maria Tucker).
- The 2015 All Pueblo Reads book is *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card. A contract was executed with Card for his appearance in Pueblo on October 24-25. The CSU-Pueblo Advanced Graphic Design class selected the All Pueblo Reads project again for logo design, and approximately 25 students created unique logos for consideration. Sara Schwartz (Program & Events Manager) and Midori Clark (Community Relations Manager) reviewed the logos and one was selected to feature for this year's branding campaign.
- Midori Clark presented to 35 women gathered for a meeting of PEO at the Rawlings Library on April 28. The presentation included an overview of the library districts, statistics about library use and information about the three new libraries. It ended with a tour of the vault by the Special Collections team.
- The Pueblo Library Foundation met on April 8. The Foundation Board subsequently adopted a new investment strategy and voted to hire financial advisor Michael Salardino. A fundraising plan for an endowment campaign is being drafted.

TECHNICAL SERVICES & COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- 6,707 items were added to the collection in April, and 6,288 items were withdrawn.
- Twenty more laptops were ordered for the district's circulating collection. These are expected to start circulating by early summer.
- Peggy Bilger (TS Specialist) and Teresa Valenti (retiring TS & CD Director) completed processing on the ESL Literacy Grant. This included 620 student workbooks and student books.
- Staff met with the Brodart, major book vendor for PCCLD, to discuss changes to processing.
- A conference call was held with Ingram to discuss moving forward with setting up cataloging and processing profiles for this major book and materials vendor.
- Subscriptions were discontinued to *Science Today* and *Gale eBooks* due to low usage.
- Elizabeth Flores (Children's Collection Development Librarian) created the monthly weeding list which consisted of 4,669 items that had not been checked out for extended periods or are in poor condition.

GIFTS & GRANTS

- The following donations were received for the Summer Reading program:
 - HUB International Insurance Services provided a \$500 sponsorship.
 - Loaf 'N Jug provided a \$350 sponsorship.
 - Wal-Mart Northside provided a \$1,125 grant award.
 - Barnes & Noble of Pueblo provided reader-themed merchandise for teens valued at \$171.38.
 - Bingo Burger provided coupons for 250 free regular-size fries valued at \$600.
 - Buell Children's Museum provided 6,000 Buell Children's Museum admission coupons valued at \$24,000.
 - Cold Stone Creamery of Pueblo provided 6,000 child-size and 1,500 Like-It size coupons and Reading Log rewards valued at \$16,500.
 - Colorado State Fair provided two 4-pack concert tickets with gate admission to the 2015 Colorado State Fair valued at \$240.
 - Little Caesar's Pizza provided 500 Little Caesar's Slice & Soda coupons valued at \$1,125.
 - Pueblo Parks & Recreation provided 6,000 train or carousel ride coupons and 1,500 coupons for outdoor pool admission valued at \$30,000.
 - Pueblo Records & Tapes provided a \$15 gift certificate.
 - The Rio Grande Scenic Railroad provided four first-class tickets on the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad valued at \$316.
 - The Party People provided a pirate or princess birthday party package valued at \$200.
 - Wendy's provided 50 free Frosty and 50 free Value Fries coupons valued at \$100.
- The Southern Colorado Community Foundation sent a \$7,105.33 distribution to the operating fund from the Lenore Chamberlain Fund.
- The following contributions were received for the Libraries for Life Capital Campaign:
 - Alice Hill sent two \$139 pledge payments totaling \$278.
 - Anthony Nuñez made a \$500 pledge payment.
 - James Stuart made a \$250 pledge payment.
 - William Lucero made a \$100 pledge payment.
- Dolores Encinas donated two sewing machines and a tub of fabric for the new Teen Central/Idea Factory sewing program.
- The following contributions were received for the Library Foundation Endowment:
 - The Friends of the Library made a \$5,000 contribution.
 - Randall Pocius made a \$100 contribution.
- Marjorie Lloyd-Reynolds donated recorded books valued at \$100.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Ten staff attended AWE Station training on April 1.
- Erin Murphy (Youth Customer Service Rep) participated in a School Library Journal webinar on "Creepy Thrillers & Seriously Wicked Titles for Spring" on April 6.
- Eleven library staff attended the CLIC Conference at CSU-Pueblo, April 6-7.
- Kayci Barnett completed "Digital Age Management & Leadership: 5 Critical Steps to Integrating Digital Age Techniquet into the Workplace" on April 7.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) participated in a SPELL webinar on "Communicating Effectively with Parents" on April 9.
- Thirteen staff attended a ULC webinar on "20 Trends for the 21st Century: Getting and Staying in Touch with Our Communities" on April 14.
- Thirty-two staff attended "Focusing on Key Results" presented by Michael Cox on April 16.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) participated in "Creating Engaging Book Displays" webinar on April 16.
- Amy Martin (Greenhorn Valley Library Manager) attended the Colorado Council of the International Literacy Association Leadership Retreat in Denver, April 17-18.

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- Alayna Parker (Giodone Materials Handling Tech) attended “Young Adult Services” and “Dewey Decimal System” webinars provided by the Idaho Commission for Libraries on April 20.
- Deb Cherry and Jeffrey Jaramillo (Giodone CSRs) attended “Collection Development” and “Collection Policy” webinars provided by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) participated in “Let’s Hear it for the Middle Grades” webinar on April 21.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager) attended CAL Para-Librarian Conference, April 23.
- Theia Bravo (Greenhorn Valley Librarian) is helping the Diocese of Pueblo organize its library and attended a meeting to review the collection on April 23.
- Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) attended the final Ludlow Centennial Commission meeting at Colorado Humanities in Denver on April 24.
- Theia Bravo (Greenhorn Valley Librarian) attended the Pikes Peak Writers Conference in Colorado Springs on April 24-26.
- Lorina Messenger (Giodone Library Specialist) completed Family History training on April 29.
- Erin Murphy (Youth Customer Service Rep) participated in a Booklist webinar on “Look to the Stars: New SF/Fantasy for Your Library” on April 29.
- Carol Rooney and Susan Wolf (Reference & Readers Advisory) attended the Readers Advisory Interest Group Workshop in Lafayette on April 29.
- Daniel Gaghan (Media & ILL Librarian) attended the Colorado InterLibrary Loan Conference in Colorado Springs on April 29-May 1.
- Ellie O’Keefe (Teen Librarian) participated in a Booklist webinar on “Makerspaces, Hacking Fashion, and e-Textiles” on April 30.
- Three staff watched the President’s “Virtual Field Trip” with students around the country announcing the initiative to get library cards in the hands of all students on April 30.
- Joseph Devendorf (Giodone Materials Handling Tech) started new employee training.
- Lauren Martinez (Youth Materials Handling Technician) and Christopher Rief (Youth Customer Service Rep) have been trained on Library @ the Y open and closing procedures, Rawlings Circulation, AMH, and Call Center.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

- Luis Velez, Pueblo Police Chief, sent the following thank you letter to Jon Walker: “The Pueblo Police Department (PPD) held its 4th annual Staff Retreat on March 31, 2015 in the Ryals Room of the Rawlings Library. For the fourth consecutive year, the PPD has been allowed to utilize this remarkable facility and we are very thankful for the opportunities that the library has provided. Additionally, the staff of the library has been extremely accommodating, in not only reserving the facility, but also setting up of the room, quickly resolving any technical issues that arise, and providing an overall pleasant experience. Specifically, I would like to acknowledge and thank Administrative Assistant Marilyn Baillargeon . . . Additionally, I would like to recognize your Executive Assistant, Jane Carlsen, who came in personally at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the event to allow early access to the facility and to make sure that everything went smoothly. Ms. Baillargeon and Ms. Carlsen were always pleasant and extremely professional and it was a pleasure to work with them both! Other library support staff, including Todd (Smith) and Dan (Romero) from the I.T. Department, were equally as accommodating and their professionalism was appreciated. Thank you again for providing such amazing facilities for the community’s use. We anticipate continuing to utilize the Rawlings Library facilities for future staff retreats because they are so perfect for our event. Your staff is accommodating, resourceful and extremely professional! Thank you!”
- Joe’l DeYoung (former Library employee), from the Diocese of Pueblo, sent a thank you letter to Jon Walker: “Thank you for your time and consideration of our ‘library project’ here at the diocesan offices. It was nice to see you, and I appreciate your thoughts as we move forward.”
- Meegan Toomey, Pueblo City Schools, wrote: “I just entered one of my students for the Pueblo City-County Most Improved Reader Award. I wanted to THANK YOU and the library for offering this recognition. Year after year, it has brought joy to many of the students who don’t

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usually receive awards for their growth. Our school has implemented a growth award piece at our awards ceremony and it is super. I greatly appreciate this service and thank Ms. Schwartz for the coordination. Please relay my appreciation, that of our Heritage Staff, and of all of those students you have helped recognize. Thanks for continuing this program.”

- Giodone received the following online comment from kari999: “The librarians at Giodone Library are kind and nice, and I like the way they greet me.”
- Sherry Nash sent the following thank you note to Midori Clark (Community Relations Director): “My PEO group really enjoyed having our meeting at the Rawlings Library. The Bret Kelly A room was perfect for us. Thank you so much for your presentation. We were delighted to hear how well our library system is doing. It might have been statistics, but with your fun personality, it certainly wasn’t boring! All of our members are readers, but it was good for them to go to the library and have an update on the facilities and the programs. Thank you again for speaking to us and for all you do for the Pueblo Library District.”

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Walker
Executive Director