

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
Report of the Executive Director
Submitted to
The Library Board of Trustees
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PREHISTORIC ROCK ART ARCHIVE

The archives of the Colorado Rock Art Association (CRAA) have been donated to the Pueblo City-County Library District. The collection was held at Colorado State University-Fort Collins. It now resides in the Special Collections Department at the Rawlings Library. The CRAA Archives were originally established at the Laboratory of Public Archaeology at CSU-Fort Collins in 2006. The original donation to the CRAA Archives consisted of all of the rock art related material from the estate of Dr. William Buckles of CSU-Pueblo. Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) and Tammie Moe (Librarian Archivist) arranged for the donation and transfer to PCCLD. PCCLD offers considerably better access to the collections, and professionals here are well-equipped to care for the materials. This donation also places the archive nearer the concentration of rock art in southern Colorado to which the materials relate. PCCLD already held in its Special Collections other written material and correspondence from Dr. Buckles. PCCLD staff now will commence reviewing and cataloging the collection. It will serve as a valuable resource for students and the public for study and research of prehistoric human rock art of this region.

SUMMER READING

PCCLD's summer reading program continues to go well. More than 7,500 children, teens and adults have registered to date, and thousands attended summer programming events during the month for all ages.

VITA

PCCLD again received recognition from the Pueblo Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program and the United Way of Pueblo County for serving as a host site for 2015 public income tax assistance. PCCLD provided time, space, and IT assistance and equipment for this purpose from February 1 through April 15, 2015. Judith Boudreaux, VITA program manager, lauded PCCLD for this assistance in a recent letter of appreciation, which resulted in more than \$1.3 million in tax refunds, credits and other savings for members of our community. PCCLD has provided space as a VITA site for several years.

RAWLINGS LIBRARY

Special Collections & Museum Services

- InfoZone Museum attendance for the month was 4,513. Total attendance for 2015 to date is 26,435, which compares positively with year-to-date attendance of 25,040 for the same period in 2014.
- 179 document delivery requests were provided in June compared with 98 in June 2014. 942 items from the collection were referenced in June compared with 796 in June 2014.
- Archival work for the month include oral history recording with Rose Maurello and transcription, training in archival data description standards (EAD-Encoded Archival Description) and configuration of Archivematica open-source digital preservation system.
- Digitization efforts for the month include metadata and OCR processing historic editions of the local newspaper, 1920s collection, Pueblo Courthouse, southern Colorado Youth Collection, Pueblo Levee Collection, historic Centennial High School yearbook, Trinidad High School Yearbook, and other work upon patron request.

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- Programs for the month included two genealogy programs for 215 people, InfoZone movies for 298 people, Celtic Music Fest for 94 people, Father's Day for 73 people, book signing for 42, Guitar Night for 142, and museum family night for 61.
- Outreach activities included a tour from Columbian Middle School for 57 and presentation to seventeen Red Hat Ladies.
- The Southern Colorado Community Foundation/Doris Kester Nonprofit Resource Center hosted a proposal writing workshop for 27 people.
- The Drop City exhibit—developed by PCCLD—continues on display in Walsenburg throughout the summer.
- Photographs from the PCCLD WPA collection are on exhibit at the Broadway Cup & Cork through July in partnership with the Pueblo Arts Alliance.
- *Bam! It's a Picture Book* is a travelling exhibit from the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature on display in the InfoZone through July 26.

Reference & Readers Advisory

- The department coordinated 82 events with a total attendance of 3,107 in June.
- **Hispanic Resource Center (HRC)**
 - Maria Smyer (Hispanic Resources Coordinator) oversaw 39 programs, classes and presentations with 2,815 participating. The HRC is helping present the *Colors of the Southwest Art Exhibition* in partnership with the lead institution, Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center. A portion of the Charles & Jeanette Gilchrist Native American art collection is on view in the HRC through September 27, and a catalog of the full collection is available at each PCCLD library. Maria represented PCCLD at the opening reception for the exhibition at the conference center and also arranged a complementary exhibit in the HRC featuring the works of artist Lynn Chapman. On June 13, Ms. Chapman demonstrated southwest painting style in a presentation at the Rawlings Library. The Sangre de Cristo's Buell Children's Museum donated ten museum passes to checkout from PCCLD during the summer.
 - Two films with Native American themes were sponsored by the HRC with eight attending.
 - English Language Learning classes had 115 in attendance in June.
 - Citizenship classes had ten attending in June.
 - The HRC's bilingual storytimes had 36 in attendance in June.
 - The HRC assisted in hosting a special summer reading kickoff at the Rawlings Library with nine community agencies with booths at the Rawlings Library, including Catholic Charities and Spanish Peaks Behavioral Health Center.
- **Center for New Information Technology & The Idea Factory** - 1,105 people used Idea Factory technology and 25 maker events for 253 people took place. Perhaps the highlight was David Hartkop's (Technology Trainer) weather balloon launch and tracking program on June 14 to much fanfare. The balloon—with special tracking and video recording equipment aboard—was tracked from its launch site at the Greenhorn Valley Library across the continental divide to its landing place in the San Luis Valley near Hooper, Colorado where it was recovered.
- **Adult Literacy Program** - Fourteen volunteer tutors provided 103.5 hours of literacy assistance in June for 22 students. Thirty attended a special adult literacy class. *The American Dream Starts @ Your Library* grant program continues with 93 special literacy learning materials checked out.

Youth Services

- Pueblo's iteration of the state library's **SPELL (Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries)** project continues as planned. Kirsten Dees (Youth Librarian) is overseeing PCCLD's effort. In June, Kirsten presented six programs for 203 participants.
- The **Books in the Park (BIP)** program, which is overseen by Youth Services, changed slightly effective July 1. The Wednesday and Thursday location moved from Cesar Chavez Academy to Erselia Cruz Park. The park is immediately adjacent to the school. This is the first year for the program in this west side Pueblo neighborhood, and the change should increase visibility

and access by neighborhood residents. There have been some difficulties in providing the program from Cesar Chavez due to construction at the school and other considerations. BIP's second location in Bessemer at Minnequa Park continues unchanged and is operating well. This is the twelfth consecutive year for BIP at the park in Bessemer. To date, 2,646 items have checked out at BIP locations with 587 attending programs.

- Youth Services staff visited the following school programs in June: Carlile Elementary, Imagination Station, St. John Neumann, Life Center Academy, Summer Safety and Fun Fair, Pueblo Parks "Camp T'Kai," Optimist Club of Pueblo summer reading promotion, Pueblo Housing Authority fair, and Savannah Smiles Early Learning Center.
- Natalie Gallegos (Youth Services Library Specialist) presented four Storytime @ the Zoo programs for 65 participants.
- Youth Services special programming attracted 790 children, 38 tweens and 26 teens. In addition, special summer reading kick-off events attracted 133 people.
- Regular programming experienced sixty participants in Baby Time stories, 77 in Time for Tots, 134 for *Read Dog Read*, 32 for Lego Mania, eighteen for Preschool Dance Party, nine for Cosplay sewing workshops, and 45 for a special program at the Pueblo Mall.
- Youth Services had 52 participate in the "Guess the Shredded Book" program.

BARKMAN LIBRARY

- Barkman staff participated in Most Improved Reader Awards and Summer Reading promotion visits in June at Haaff Elementary, Heroes Academy, Sunset Elementary, and Fountain Elementary.
- The Needles Craft Club met weekly on Thursdays with seventeen participants.
- Paula Pryich (Librarian) provided storytime visits at Belmont Elementary, Building Blocks and CSU-Pueblo with 52 participants.
- Thirteen participated in Father's Day Fun at the library.
- *Storytime with a Bang!* reached 43 children in June.
- There were 32 participants in "Guess the Shredded Book" program.
- Movies on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. had 64 attendees.
- Thirty-three participated in *Read Dog, Read* sessions.
- 225 Belmont 1st and 3rd grade students toured the library.
- Eleven attended "All Pueblo Grows Presents: Garden Insects and Diseases of the Month."
- Time for Tots and Signing Storytimes reached 84 children.
- Linda Pacheco (Customer Service Representative) helped host the monthly Book Discussion group for twelve participants.
- Cory Reimers (Customer Service Representative) worked with Youth Services to host the Minecraft program with eighteen attendees.
- Youth Services presented programs at Barkman in June with 339 at children's programs, 69 at tween programs, and thirty at teen programs.

GIODONE LIBRARY

- Paula Pryich (Librarian) presented storytimes at Los Pobres on Thursdays and at Meadowbrook Trailer Court on Fridays.
- The Summer Reading Club Kick-off was held at the Giodone Library on June 6.
- Giodone had 137 participants in the "Guess the Shredded Book" program.
- Youth Services programs at Giodone Library in June attracted 312 children, eighteen tweens and sixteen teens.
- Giodone offered at least one program every day in June and continues to see healthy program attendance numbers.
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- The Minecraft program on June 13 attracted ten participants.

GREENHORN VALLEY LIBRARY

- 145 attended library storytimes, seven attended *Read Dog Read*, thirty for Lego Mania and fifteen participated in Passport Kids in June.
- Four teens are volunteering this summer to assist with summer reading programming.
- Sixty attended yoga classes, 41 for various craft events (cooking, knitting, flower and scrapbooking).
- Seventeen attended library-sponsored outdoor events, including bicycling, running, and hiking.
- 56 participated in science events, including high-altitude balloon launch, star gazing, and on dark matter.
- Library staff hosted an information booth at a Colorado City Parks and Recreation event. Parks and Recreation have donated a picnic table for the library's front porch.
- Library staff hosted an information booth at the annual Greenhorn Valley Business Expo on June 13.
- Amy Martin (Managing Librarian) and Theia Bravo (Librarian) provided story times at Aspen Acres Campground for 31 campers.
- The **Beulah Satellite** is operated by Greenhorn Valley Library staff on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings for the summer.
- Groups using the library meeting room in June included 4H, Cuerno Verde Arts Council, Greenhorn Valley Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts, Rye Elementary Reading Camp, Lago Vista Homeowners' Association, and doTerra Essential Oils.

LAMB LIBRARY

- Maria Kramer (Managing Librarian) presented on PCCLD eResources at the Pueblo City Schools Summer Institute.
- 386 attended a variety of family programs, including topics such as summer reading, PAWs, 3Doodler, and Lego Mania.
- Tween and teen programs—including Minecraft, comics, arts and crafts, and filmmaking— attracted 87 participants.
- Adult program participation was 54 people for topics such as needlework, sugar scrubs and the historical portrayal of a madam who ran a parlor house in Salida in the early twentieth century.
- Lamb staff also hosted four “Book A Librarian” events, one-on-one personalized information technology assistance.
- Lamb had 84 participants in the “Guess the Shredded Book” program.
- The Minecraft program attracted fourteen participants on June 26.

LIBRARY @ THE Y

- Youth Services programs at the Y attracted 152 tweens and 313 children.
- Library @ the Y had 66 participate in the “Guess the Shredded Book” program.

LUCERO LIBRARY

- The **Books a la Cart** program, operated from the Lucero Library, circulated 1,140 books in June from various community book shelves.
- Catherine Shepherd (Librarian) provided outreach activities at Risley Middle School, Bradford and Baca Elementary Schools, Eastside Day Care; and supported programming for summer reading events, movies, crafts, and more.
- Diann Logie (Managing Librarian) provided outreach at Mama's 11th Annual Fun Day at St. Anne's Park, Soapbox Derby, and Bradford and Baca Elementary Schools.
- Youth Services programs at Lucero in June attracted 265 children, 54 tweens and 33 teens.
- Lucero Library had fourteen participate in the “Guess the Shredded Book” program.
- The Minecraft program on June 18 attracted thirteen participants.
- The Lucero art exhibit is on the theme of local heroes.

PUEBLO WEST LIBRARY



- More than 100 people attended the Pueblo West Library's Family Technology Day on June 20. Susan Wolf (Interim Librarian) organized the event, which included temporary use of Rawling's Idea Factory technology such as the MakerBot and 3D Doodlers.
 - The library hosted a number of additional adult-oriented programs—such as a writer's group, Mah Jongg club, three book clubs, a knitting group, a photography exhibit and various technology classes. Total attendance was 151 people.
 - Volunteerism at the library has increased remarkably. There currently are six adult and twenty teen volunteers, who contributed a total of 277 hours of service in June. They are helping with the summer reading program and various other clerical duties.
- Summer reading activities were busy in June with 190 attending a kick-off event on June 3, and 957 attending additional events during the month. So far more than 1,200 young people and 340 adults have registered for summer reading at the Pueblo West Library, which already exceeds last year's total for the entire summer.

FACILITIES

- Worked to resolve ground cover growth in Lucero storm water retention pond area.
- Oversaw work to resolve leak in Rawlings chiller.
- Performed maintenance on Lamb, Barkman, Giodone, Lucero and Pueblo West HVAC systems.
- Installed pigeon deterrent at Rawlings.
- Received replacement light fixtures in preparation of project to update major Pueblo West interior lighting to LED fixtures.
- Completed 628 work orders, including special mowings at Greenhorn Valley and Giodone, graffiti removal, plumbing backup at Rawlings, roof leaks, support for Books in the Park, summer reading, and Art Bash.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Ending Employment at PCCLD:**
 - Charlotte Taullie retired after 10 years with PCCLD on June 8. Charlotte most recently served as a Materials Handling Technician for the Reference and Readers Advisory Department.
 - Lisa Cash resigned employment as a substitute Materials Handling Technician at the Greenhorn Valley Library on June 11.
 - Mary Wagner retired after most recently serving as a substitute Library Specialist on June 12.
 - Bill Seidel resigned employment to pursue an IT career in Florida on June 12. Bill joined PCCLD in 2006.
 - Karen Waters left employment to pursue a career in counseling (her field of study) on June 16. Karen joined PCCLD earlier this year serving as a substitute Customer Service Representative.
- **New PCCLD Hires, Promotions and Lateral Moves:**
 - Daniel Gaghan was promoted to ILS and Database Librarian from ILL/Collection Development Librarian on June 1. Daniel joined PCCLD in October 2014.
 - David Hayden moved back to part-time as Data Analyst on June 1. David previously served as part-time Administrative Technician and part-time Data Analyst. David joined PCCLD in September 2014.

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- Theia Bravo accepted an additional part-time position as Collection Development & ILL Librarian on June 1. This adds to her current position as Branch Librarian at the Greenhorn Valley Branch. Theia joined PCCLD in 2007.
- Cynthia Nicola accepted additional hours to work with Books in the Park this summer on June 2. Cynthia also works part-time for PCCLD as a Customer Service Representative at the Rawlings Library.
- Angelica Trujillo transferred to full-time Customer Service Representative at Lucero Library on June 4. Angelica previously served half-time at Lucero and half-time in Circulation at the Rawlings Library. Angelica has been employed with PCCLD since 2009.
- Sarah Meador temporarily transferred to Circulation at Rawlings on June 4 after serving as Library Specialist at the Lucero Library to accommodate PCCLD's operational needs.
- Valarie Sanchez temporarily accepted a full-time Customer Service Representative schedule to assist at the Lucero Library on June 4. Her temporary appointment will end August 8, 2015.
- Anthony Vigil-Martinez was hired as a Books in the Park Seasonal Assistant on June 5. Anthony is a student at Yale University and has broad community service experience.
- Brenna Bowker was hired as a Books in the Park Seasonal Assistant on June 5. Breanna is working on a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at the University of Northern Colorado and has experience working with youth.
- Michael Keefner was hired as Systems Administrator on June 10. Michael has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from CSU-Pueblo and most recently worked as Junior Systems Administrator for dpi, LLC, in Colorado Springs.
- Materials Handling Technicians Carol Perea, Susan Marks, Fran Nelson and Nate Petrov accepted additional hours per week on June 21 upon the retirement of Charlotte Taullie.
- Andrew Bregar accepted the position of Lamb Branch Manager. Andrew has served as Customer Relations Manager since October 2014 and began employment with PCCLD in 2011. Andrew's new post is a lateral transfer and is set to begin upon PCCLD finding his replacement.
- **Recruiting / Open Positions in June:**
 - Administrative Technician, Rawlings Library
 - Materials Handling Technician, Pueblo West Library
 - Customer Relations Manager, Rawlings Library

TECHNICAL SERVICES & COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- 5,290 new items were added to PCCLD collections in June and 5,450 were withdrawn. Current total cataloged collection is 482,805 items consisting of 354,127 print volumes, 110,190 videos, 11,669 audios, and 6,819 music items.
- The process of rebalancing collections among the various library locations has picked up pace.
- New tablets and laptops were prepared and made available for checkout at the Lamb and Lucero Libraries.
- Collection development librarians are working with materials vendor Baker & Taylor on changes to their user platform and ebook service. Staff also met with representative from 3M regarding their ebook service.

GIFTS & GRANTS

- The following contributions were received for the Libraries for Life Capital Campaign:
 - Alice Hill made a \$139 pledge payment.
 - William Lucero made a \$100 pledge payment.
 - Diann Logie made a \$500 pledge payment.
- The following purchased Bands in the Backyard gift tickets to benefit the Pueblo Library Foundation Endowment:

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- Alayna Parker paid \$52.
- Dan Romero paid \$56.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Ellie O’Keefe (Teen Services Librarian) attended several meetings of the Pueblo Youth Employment Council Resource Fair planning committee.
- Kirsten Dees (Youth Early Literacy Librarian) participated in the webinar “Hooray for Books” on June 2 and “Ideas to Promote Independent Reading” on June 17.
- Maria Kramer attended the webinar “Navigating the Tides of Teen Behavior” on June 1.
- Rachel Bolt, Alicia Griebel, Linda Pacheco, and Paula Pryich (Barkman) attended “Navigating the Tides of Teen Behavior” webinar hosted by YALSA in June.
- Alicia Griebel (Barkman Supervisor) attended 20-Second Talk webinar led by Jaimie LaRue.
- Lorina Messenger (Giodone Library Specialist) attended “Effective STEM and STEAM Activities for 3-4 year olds” webinar on June 2.
- Thirteen staff attended “Mental Health Training for Public Service Staff” provided by Spanish Peaks on June 3.
- Charlene Garcia-Simms (Genealogy Librarian) coordinated and attended a Genealogy Society of Hispanic America Conference in Santa Fe, NM on June 6-7. Charlene and Maria Tucker (Special Collections and Museums Manager) presented at the conference.
- Wendie Childs (Materials Handling Technician) attended the YALSA webinar on “Navigating the Ties of Teen Behavior” on June 7.
- Seven staff attended training on the new InfoZone equipment on June 9.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Manager) attended “Identifying the Community Assets Your Library Needs” webinar on June 10.
- Lorina Messenger (Giodone Library Specialist) attended “Making Presentations Memorable” webinar on June 12.
- Deb Cherry (Giodone Customer Service Rep) attended “Discovering Mysteries” webinar on June 16.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Manager) attended “Manage Work, Inspire People” webinar on June 17.
- Al Perea (Facilities Specialist) attended Mitsubishi Split System HVAC class on June 18.
- Alicia Griebel (Barkman Manager), Maria Kramer Lamb Manager), Elizabeth Flores (Pueblo West/Collection Development Librarian), and Theia Bravo (ILL/Collection Development Librarian) attended “Lead the Change: Promoting Your Stacks” in Thornton on June 19.
- Kirsten Dees attended the Pueblo Early Childhood Council meeting on June 22.
- Jill Deulen (Technical Services & Collection Development Director) and Amy Martin (Greenhorn Valley Library Manager) attended the ALA Conference in San Francisco, California June 25-30. Board members Fredrick Quintana, Donna Pickman, Philip Mancha and Jim Stuart also attended.
- Janina Goodwin (YS/Y Manager) visited both Denver Public Library and Pikes Peak Library District to discuss security procedures on June 30.
- Daniel Gaghan (ILS/Databases Librarian) participated in webinars on Sirsi ILS administration, Small Business Resource Center and MarcEdit.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

- Midori Clark (Community Relations Director) received a thank you note from Ashley with the Colorado State Library that read: “Thank you so much for being willing and able to chip in on electricity for the booth at Comic Con! It absolutely made a huge difference, and I was so happy that someone from Pueblo was able to make it up! If there’s anything at all you need, please let me know!”
- Beth Epley, a favorite long-time Summer Reading performer, wrote the following email to Janina Goodwin (Rawlings Manager/former Youth Services Manager): “I have to tell you how impressive the Pueblo Libraries have become. I was overwhelmed at Lucero yesterday. The

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new facility is amazing, and the service to the community is so valuable. I hear nothing but praise, and my voices joins in CONGRATULATIONS for so many accomplishments!”

- Jessica Dawn Smith provided the following feedback on the Giodone Library: “So far, it has been good. I went to the Giodone Library, and they were very helpful!!”

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Walker

Executive Director