

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
Report of the Executive Director
Submitted to
The Library Board of Trustees
June 28, 2018

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Medal of Service

PCCLD was accorded the IMLS National Medal of Museum and Library Service at a ceremony in Washington DC on May 24. Representing PCCLD at the program was Doreen Martinez (President of the PCCLD Board of Trustees), Lyndell Gairaud (Member, Board of Trustees), Philip Mancha (Member, Board of Trustees), Mandy Brown (community member), and Jon Walker (Executive Director). Additional information is available online at <https://www.ims.gov/issues/national-initiatives/national-medal-museum-and-library-service/2018-medals>.

Summer Reading

PCCLD's 2018 Summer Read Program is kicking-off district-wide during the first week of June. Hundreds attended the opening event at the Rawlings Library on June 1, and strong attendance is reported elsewhere at PCCLD locations. Find more at www.pueblolibrary.org/summerreading.

Most Improved Reader Awards

District staff have been visiting schools throughout the county in recent weeks promoting summer reading and presenting *Most Improved Reader* awards to students as the school year wraps at both Pueblo City Schools and Pueblo County Schools.

Early Childhood Literacy Success

The Ryals Family Foundation funded in full a grant to fund study of the impact on early childhood literacy success of parental engagement and student exposure to the arts and literacy. The \$12,600 grant will enable a study conducted in partnership with CSU-Pueblo Center for Teaching and Learning, Pueblo City Schools' Columbian Elementary School, Pueblo Symphony, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, and PCCLD. PCCLD will administer the project.

Rawlings Space Planning Grant

PCCLD received a \$10,000 grant from the Lamb Foundation in support of architectural planning and design for renovations to the Rawlings Library local history and archives areas.

Security

PCCLD's new Security Department commenced training and orientation beginning in late April and became fully operational in May. The team is led by Tony Varela (Security Supervisor) working under Sara Rose's (COO) direction. The Security Department is responsible for public and staff safety in PCCLD libraries, security of library facilities and assets, and enforcement of the PCCLD Code of Conduct and other related policies and procedures. The department also oversees transport by overnight courier of materials and documents intra-district.

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Special Collections & Museum Services

- May total attendance was 4,583. Year-to-date attendance is 25,196 compared with 22,618 in 2017.

- 182 Document Delivery requests were answered in May, and 947 items from the collection were counted used by customers in May.
- Digital Collections use in May was 4,461. *The Colorado Weekly Chieftain* had 356 views, and *The Colorado Daily Chieftain* had 2,057 views. There are now 6,503 items in the digital collection, with six items added in May.
- The InfoZone showed 21 films in May with 221 attending.
- Special Collections & Museum Services sponsored events included: Pueblo Archaeology & Historical Society with 65 attending; Short Film Awards with 130; Weaving the Tzute of Life with 35; Heroes Elevate Empathy with 85; Buddhism Here and Now with 39; Discovering India by Diane Hammerland with 26; and passive programs with 340.
- On May 25, Special Collections hosted a field trip from Carlile with 48 participants.
- Community use of the InfoZone Theater for May included: Colorado Center for Metal Arts, Short Film Awards rehearsal, DoTERRA Essential Oils, Essential Oil Class, GOAL Academy from Pueblo West, The Turning Points Koan – Wet Mountain Sangha, Pueblo Levee Project, Colorado State Library, Sierra Club Ready for 100, and Sound Healing Workshop by Emily Easton.
- Genealogy and Special Collections Programs included the following:
 - The Southeastern Colorado Genealogical Society had a presentation on immigration on May 5 and had 18 people in attendance.
 - Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) made presentations on the Flu Epidemic of 1918 to the Lion's Club on May 3 with 15 in attendance and to the Beulah Historical Society on May 17 with 30 in attendance.
 - The last session of Bridging Borders took place on May 4 with 25 attending.
 - There were six people for the May 10 research session. There were two people for the May 15 Ancestry.com training, and there were 7 people for Noreen Riffe's (Volunteer) session on Finding Lineage.
- Maria Tucker provided an overview of the Non-Profit Resource Center to two attendees on May 12 and has scheduled a program in partnership with the Colorado Non-Profit Association in July.
- Heroes Art Project was on exhibit in May, and staff is working on an exhibit of Rock Art. Native Voices and Discover Exoplanets are upcoming traveling exhibits in the InfoZone. Steampunk Exhibit is on the 3rd floor, exhibits in the branches will be Music in Pueblo.



Natalie Gallegos (Youth Services Library Assistant) was featured in the Heroes Heroes Elevate Empathy Art show.

Reference and Readers Advisory

Adult Programs, Events and Displays

- May displays included: Gardening, BBQ and Grilling, Biographies, "Read the Rainbow," Read A-Likes, and Read a Mystery Month
- Government Documents monthly usage was 33.
- The Bullet Journal Club held on May 5 had 12 participants.
- Self-Publishing Workshop - Before You Publish held on May 6 had seven participants.
- An Open Music Jam held on May 12 had ten participants.
- Self-Publishing Workshop – Where & How to Publish held on May 21 had 9 participants.
- Sound Healing Workshop with Emily Easton held on May 22 had 18 participants.
- Vinyl Destination held on May 22 had three participants.

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- Storytellers had 49 for weekly meetings in May.

Hispanic Resource Center (HRC)

- HRC Exhibit featured Recycled Gems. Local artist Carol Ausman displayed her recycled jewelry, paintings and cards in the Hispanic Resource Gallery.
- The HRC film was *Lowriders* with 11 attending.
- Bilingual storytellers were on break during the month of May.
- HRC Classes included Spanish classes with 11 attending in May and English classes with attendance of 108 for the month.
- The Cinco de Mayo Celebration held on May 5 had 50 in attendance.
- Repujado is an ancient metal embossing technique that transforms a thin sheet of metal into a three-dimensional object by giving it volume and relief. A Repujado program had attendance of 30.



Beginning English Language Class, Lucero Library

Adult Literacy Program

- The Adult Literacy Program has added many new tutors and learners, but there is still a waiting list of learners who need to be matched with tutors. Currently there are 53 active tutors and 68 learners.
- The first Career Online High School (COHS) graduation ceremony will be held July 19 at the Rawlings Library. Five COHS students will be receiving their high school diplomas. 39 adult students are working toward diplomas.

Older Adult and Homebound Programs

- There are 19 active homebound customers served by 15 active volunteers who circulated 42 items in May.
- StoryKeepers on May 5 featuring Veteran Stories drew in 38 attendees, including children, tweens, and teens as well as adults of all ages.
- Amy Martin (Reference & Readers Advisory Manager) and Lesley Saldana (Customer Service Representative) hosted the first Memory Café Garden Party program on May 22 with 15 participants. This new service was made possible by a Friends of the Library Grant to encourage social interaction and activity for aging adults and their caregivers or families.



Computer Classes and Digital Training

- Total computer training and program attendance was 116 (computer classes, super seniors, open lab, VA group, Workforce)
- Darius Goshay from Pueblo Wireless Doctor volunteered his time and talents to provide smartphone assistance to 5 patrons on May 5.
- Open Learning Lab volunteers met twice per week to provide one-to-one tech support to 51 customers.
- Lori Kozel (E-Resource & Digital Collection Librarian) provided weekly technology training to 45 patrons. Adult learners participated in interactive instruction for Google Suite applications, explored PCCLDs Health database, and learned about Gmail and online safety tips.
- Lori Kozel met with five military veterans from the Community Living Center to explore Google maps and memory games.
- Jackie Swanson (Adult Literacy Coordinator) and Lori Kozel shared adult and computer literacy information at the Parole Employment Job Fair on May 21 and the Continuum of Care meeting on May 22.
- Lori Kozel provided five basic computer classes to 28 job seekers at the Pueblo Workforce Center. Attendees learned how to use Gmail, complete an online job application, use a flash drive, and attach a resume.

Idea Factory

- Idea Factory total program attendance was 124. One-on-One Computer Help was provided to 24; American Sign Language for Beginners was attended by 15; Southern Colorado Threadbenders had 5; Introduction to 3D Printing was attended by 9; VHS to DVD Conversion had 3; Origami Odyssey had 19; 4-H Robotics had 22; SoCo Makers Meetup had 14; Growing STEAM Makers had 11; and Meet Your Maker Entrepreneur & Innovator Speaker Series had 2.
- There were 21 3D printing requests completed; 894 Thingiverse views; 123 Thingiverse downloads; and 1,257 customers used the Tech Bar.

Youth Services

- Youth Services program attendance had 1,052 in May 2018.
- Centralized Youth and Family programming reached a total of 511 and included the following:
 - May the 4th Be With You celebration of Star Wars featured crafts and games with 184 in attendance.
 - Free Comic Book Day offered attendees to drop in to make comic-inspired crafts, play games and pick up a free comic book courtesy of Escape Velocity Comics with 179 attending.
 - Read Out Loud Outreach Visits were in-class workshops on comic book creation developed by Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) and delivered by Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager) with 98 in attendance.
 - The Lamb Summer Reading Kickoff Party was the first of the centrally funded branch kickoff events with 50 in attendance.
- Centralized Teen and Tween programming reached 63 and included the following:
 - Minecraft Lockin at Barkman on May 18 with 20.
 - Temporary Tattoos at Greenhorn Valley on May 17 with 1.
 - Perler Beads at Lamb on May 23 with 8.
 - Shrinky Dinks at Greenhorn Valley on May 10 with 1.
 - Buttons at Pueblo West on May 17 with 13.
 - Laser Tag at Pueblo West on May 25 with 20.
- Centralized Storytime attendance reached 822 and included 364 for SPELL visits and 458 for Preschool Storyreader Visits.
- Rawlings Youth and Family programs reached 782 and included Battle of the Books with 150 in attendance; Afterschool Food Program with District 60 also providing lunches during the week of the teacher strike with 609 attending; and Kids Club with 23 attending.
- Rawlings Tween and Teen programs reached 249 including: Study Sessions for 20; Tween Hangouts with 63; Growing STEAM Makers with 11; Imagination Chapter with 19; Tween Pop-Up programs with 25; Teen Advisory Board with 26; and Teen Nights with 85.

- Storytimes reached 148 including Family Storytimes for 81; Children's Book Week Storytimes with 23; *Read Dog Read!* with 26; and Storytime at the Mall with 18.
- Visits, Outreach and Tours included the following:
 - Database Training for McClelland School with 15.
 - Storytime and Summer Reading Promotion at Central Christian with 10.
 - Storytime and Summer Reading Promotion at Mother's Day Out with 25.
 - Catholic Charities Family Night with 28
 - Summer Reading Promotion at Bessemer Academy Kindergarten Transition with 40.
 - Heritage Tour and Storytime for 77.
 - Summer Reading Promotion at Columbian for 319.
 - Summer Reading Promotion at Central High School for 50.
 - Heroes Kindergarten Storytime Visit with 36.
 - Two Summer Reading Promotions at Carlile for 235.
 - Summer Reading Promotion at Morton for 513.
 - Summer Reading Promotion at Bessemer for 268.
 - Summer Reading Promotion at Minnequa for 100.

BARKMAN LIBRARY

- Paula Pryich (Librarian) had 27 in attendance for Preschool Storytimes, Stories on the Fly and Drop-in Storytimes. In addition, there were 136 in attendance for outreach at Building Blocks, CSU-Pueblo and SPELL for preschool storytime visits.
- Paula Pryich had 8 participants for Bird Science.
- Paula Pryich provided Summer Reading promotions at Belmont Elementary reaching 514; Ben Franklin Elementary reaching 363; Haaff Elementary reaching 318; and Fountain Magnet School reaching 384.
- Matthew Parlier (Library Specialist) had 45 attendees for Chess Hangout; 18 for TAB meetings and teen TAB Lock-in; 80 for Crossword; and 70 for the 1st grade school tour/storytime/Summer Reading program visit from Franklin Elementary co-hosted by Elizabeth Moore (Customer Service Representative).
- Barkman staff and YA hosted programs included Christ the King Pre-K Outreach with 40 attendees; Book Discussion group featuring local author Patrick Wyburn with 26; Popcorn, Minecraft, Video Game Lock-in with 20; Comic Book Celebration with 33; May the 4th Be With You with 30; Tech Tutoring with 11; Make a Butterfly with 25; Barkman Weekly Trivia with 70; Crafty Needles Group with 25; Adult Coloring Program, Passive Coloring and Word Search with 213; Growing STEAM Makers with 8; and Barkman Reading Challenge with 26.
- The Birdhouse exhibit created by Joseph Yeno had 708 attendees.

GIODONE LIBRARY

- Community Outreach included: Title One Family Night at North Mesa where the library hosted a table reaching 160 participants; Read Out Loud Outreach to PSAS reaching 26 and North Mesa reaching 72; SPELL Ascension Preschool Visit reaching 54; WWI Unknown Soldiers service at Roselawn Cemetery; Vineland Title One Family Night reaching 70.
- Summer Reading Promotional announcements were made to: Avondale reaching 231 attendees; North Mesa with 409; Vineland Middle School with 280; Vineland Elementary with 291; County High with 846; Pleasant View Middle School with 363; and South Mesa with 450.
- Giodone offered 45 programs reaching 3,452 participants in May.



- Paula Prych (Librarian) hosted 14 storytimes on both Thursdays and Fridays and occasional drop-in storytimes with a total of 64 attendees.
- On May 1-5, Giodone held a Comic Book Celebration with crafts available every day to celebrate all things comic book with 26 participants.
- The May the 4th Be With You party was held on May 4 with 11 attending.
- Giodone hosted a Mother's Day Tea Party on May 10 for the second year with a full house of 51 attending. This event was made possible with the support of a Friends of the Library grant.
- Bird Science was offered on May 11 which was a STEM program on bird flight with 3 attending.
- Growing STEAM Makers 4-H program is getting steady attendance each month with 4 participants.
- A teen program on Fingernail Polish Art was offered on May 16 for 5 participants.
- The Giodone Book Club discussed *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbach with 12 attending.
- The Mesa Neighbors Discussion Club featured a presentation by Deb Cherry (Customer Service Representative) on the history of Mineral Palace Park with 11 attending.
- Family Craft Time "Return of the Fairies" part 3 involved making tiny crafts to create a living space for a fairy with 7 participants.
- The English Conversation Club meets weekly to practice conversational English with 3 participants.
- Fireside Crochet met weekly in May and will take a break over the summer with 11 participants.
- Passive programming was offered with coloring sheets and puzzles for 100 participants.
- The Avondale Satellite hosted three Maker Clubs with a total of 16 participants in May.

GREENHORN VALLEY LIBRARY

- Greenhorn Valley Library had a total of 825 children, tweens and teens participate in programs and community outreach during the month of May. The branch focused on getting ready for the Summer Reading Program by actively reaching out, creating awareness, and getting the community excited. Local school outreach was a huge success this month!
- Programming included: weekly Music and Movement storytimes with 75 participants; After School Kids at the Beulah Satellite with 38; Tinker Lab Tuesdays with 18; Teen Night with 1; Tween Night with 1; Growing STEAM Makers with 5; and Children's Window passive program with 57.
- Community Youth Outreach included Summer Reading Promotional visits to Craver Middle School reaching 73 participants and Rye Elementary reaching 152; and Most Improved Reader Award presentations at Rye Elementary reaching 225 and Beulah School reaching 180.
- Greenhorn Valley Library had 254 adult participants in May. With the start of spring and planting season, two of the most attended events were the *Greenhorn Valley Plant Sale and Market* and *Perennial Favorites Presents: Herbs, Cuttings and How to Propagate* which had a total of 95 participants. *Pinochle* is increasing in popularity every week. It has become a great way for the library to connect with the older adults in our community.
- Play Pinochle at the Library! had 99 participants; Tai Chi with Thoy had 47; Sewing Class: Making Your Sewing Machine Your Friend had 8; Greenhorn Valley Plant Sale and Market had 75; Perennial Favorites Presents: Herbs, Cuttings and How to Propagate had 20; and Energy Healing had 5.
- Sharon Rice (Library Specialist) attended four school outreach visits.
- Linda Reifschneider and Katherine MacLeod (Materials Handling Technicians) are working on new display and merchandising techniques to help increase monthly circulation.



- Meeting Room use continues to increase at the Greenhorn Valley Library. Noticeably more customers are using the open study rooms. Organizations that used meeting rooms this month included: District 70 Online School, Tutoring Program, Meadow Creek HOA, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Bible Study Group, Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC), Scrapbooking Club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

LAMB LIBRARY

- May gate count was 11,174. Meeting Rooms had 59 reservations in May. Volunteers provided Lamb 30 hours of service.
- The Lamb Library held six events for adults with 45 participants.
 - The Free Legal Self Help Clinic had 11 participants for the eight scheduled slots. Many of the scheduled customers brought a second person with them to their session.
 - Lamb hosted a screening of the movie, *Forks Over Knives* in conjunction with the Parkview Mobile Nurses. This screening brought in 10 participants.
 - The Creation Studio DIY Soaps continued to have a strong response with 14 attendees.
 - Other programs included Cook the Book Club with 3 participants and Life Care Center Storytelling with 7.
- Lamb offered 34 events for Youth, Tweens and Teens and had 1,365 participants.
 - On May 26, Lamb hosted a Summer Reading Kickoff Party in the meeting room. Fifty participants enjoyed food, prizes and crafts to celebrate the start of Summer Reading.
 - Lamb hosted four field trips from area elementary schools. A total of 414 students visited the library and learned about Summer Reading and how to utilize library services.
 - Lamb visited Roncalli Academy on May 24 to promote Summer Reading. Lamb also visited Daystar School on May 7 to promote Summer Reading.
 - Storytime events at Lamb this month had 133 attendees in May.
- Rachael Parlier (Librarian) went to Beulah Heights for a SPELL storytime on May 8.
- Rachael Parlier went to Paragon for storytimes on May 15, 16 and 17.
- Beulah Heights 1st graders visited Lamb for a tour on May 17.
- Highland Park 2nd graders visited Lamb for a tour on May 22.
- Rachael Parlier and Jaclyn Baros (Library Specialist) went to Roncalli for a Summer Reading outreach program on May 24.
- Highland Park 1st graders visited Lamb for a tour on May 29, and Highland Park kindergarteners visited Lamb for a tour on May 30.

LUCERO LIBRARY

- Nicki Lawless (Youth Librarian) presented the following programs: Hand sewing a bird with 11 participants; Sand Art with 21; May the 4th Be With You with 45; Sugar Scrub with 15; Eastside Daycare outreach with 50; Hand sewing a bookmark with 14; Moon Sand with 26; Henna Art with 12; Hand sewing a monster with 12; STEAM with 12; Junior League with 5; Risley Career Evening with 60; Hand sewing with 18; Watercolor painting with 23; Machine sewing basics with 4; and Sketching 101 with 10.
- Jerry Vigil (Library Specialist) presented the following programs: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with 7 participants; Felt Flowers with 8; Coffee and Coloring with 6; Hand Sewn Felt Bookmarks with 10; and Clay Pot Art with 9.
- Kimberly Sewell (Library Specialist) presented the following programs: Mother's Day Cards with 50 participants; Caterpillar Paper Chains with 34; Paper Cacti with 40; and Bullet Journaling Tuesdays.



Summer Reading begins at Cesar Chavez

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- Mark Salazar (Hardknox Gang Prevention and Intervention) reached 272.
- 1,194 items were delivered by Books a la Cart.
- Lucero's Afterschool Nutrition program served 326 meals in May.
- The Lucero team meeting this month consisted of the following presentations or discussions: Summer Reading; Statistics; Programming; Pay for Performance survey; Problem Solving procedures; Schedule changes; Snacks for kids; Sunday library events and alarm/AV equipment.



Food for kids during teachers' strike

PUEBLO WEST LIBRARY

- Community display cases featured a Memorial Day Display and Summer Fun Display. The art exhibit featured Javier Quinones Photography.
- The new bathroom hand dryers have been installed and are now working.
- The Pueblo West Library held a total of 98 programs with 3,789 participants.
 - Adult programs featured 61 events attended by 719. Highlights included: Chair Yoga on Wednesdays and Thursdays attended by 115; Tech Talk on Mondays with 8; Sew Happy-Sunhats with 5; Coffee and Coloring with 20; Pueblo West Genealogy Club with 10; DIY-Terracotta Clay Pots and Terrariums with 40; and Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body with 6.
 - Teen and Tween customers had 15 programs attended by 295. Highlights included: six Teen Hangouts attended by 71; two Teen Nights attended by 31; four Pueblo West Trivia attended by 122; Growing STEAM Makers with 10; Laser Tag Lock-in with 20; and DIY: Terracotta Clay Pots and Terrariums with 40.
 - Children had 22 programs attended by 2,775. Highlights included: May the 4th Be With You party with 50; four Comic Book celebrations with 30; Free Comic Book Day with 51; two Title One Parent Nights with 110; Glass Harp Interactive Station with 196; four Most Improved Reader Award presentations with 1,289, SPELL at Children's Palace with 20; Summer Reading Promotion at PSAS with 500; RMSER Headstart Visit with 46; Swallows School Tour with 225; and South Park School Visit with 200.
- An estimated 765 people used the Pueblo West study rooms in May.

FACILITIES

- Completed 404 work orders.
- Johnson Controls repaired HVAC computer. After that, it had a glitch that keep turning off the chiller which has been corrected.
- Replaced 24 smoke damper actuators.
- Started up sprinklers with many repairs, and major repairs at Lucero, Barkman, and Rawlings ongoing.
- Annual Chiller service completed by Trane.
- Worked on HVAC system at Rawlings.
- Barkman parking lot was seal coated and striped.
- Replaced Rawlings front door motor.
- Installed new batteries in Rawlings generator.
- Completed cleaning carpets throughout the district.

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hires, Promotions and Lateral Moves

- Joanna Stankiewicz, lateral move to Greenhorn Valley Library Manager.
- David Paez, part-time Materials Handling Technician at Giodone.
- Kathryn Taylor, part-time Customer Service Representative in Circulation.

- Lauren Valdez, seasonal Books in the Park Assistant.
- Victoria Torrez, seasonal Books in the Park Assistant.
- Lori Kern, promotion to Customer Service Representative at Giodone.
- Robby Childress, part-time Security Officer at Barkman.

Separations

- Jeffrey Jaramillo (Giodone Customer Service Representative), voluntary resignation.
- Kayleen Shepley (Pueblo West Materials Handling Technician), voluntary resignation.

Recruiting/Open Positions in April

- Intern (grant from PLA Inclusive Internship Initiative).
- Part-time Security Officer, Pueblo West Library.
- Librarian Archivist, Rawlings.
- Circulation Supervisor, Rawlings.
- Customer Service Representative, Pueblo West.
- Substitutes.

Volunteers

- 1,656.51 volunteer hours valued at \$40,899.23 (estimated by Independent Sector's figure of \$24.69 per hour). Dale Buterbaugh was selected as Volunteer of the Month for May for his work providing weekly Sign Language classes for the past two years.

USER SERVICES (FORMERLY TECHNICAL SERVICES)

- 4,834 items were added to the collection in May, and 2,950 items were withdrawn.
- Completed work on selection of new ILS (Koha).
- Rawlings has many duplicate DVDs on the shelves, and they are being reallocated to other locations.
- ILL will begin sending out email notifications to customers whose items are not able to be borrowed from other libraries.
- A new genealogy database Fold3 was added.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) attended the Rubber Ducky Club webinar on May 1.
- Lori Kozel (E-Resource & Digital Collection Librarian), Nicki Lawless (Lucero Librarian), and Lorina Messenger (Giodone Library Specialist) attended the CAL Maker Workshop at Library 21-C in Colorado Springs on May 1. Activities were provided to help underrepresented patrons become self-reliant in their daily life such as a Repair Café.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager) attended the LLAMA Workshop on building strategic relationships to sustain community on May 2.
- Deb Cherry (Giodone Customer Service Representative) attended "Crime Fiction for Mystery Month" on May 3.
- Maria Kramer (Youth Services Manager) attended the District 60 Strategic Planning Meeting on May 3.
- Jerry Gardener (Facilities Specialist) and Mark Koch (Facilities Technician) attended Allegion's LCN Automatic Operators and the ADA on May 3.
- Lori Kozel (E-Resource & Digital Collection Librarian) provided online Health Resource instruction on May 7 and 8 to six staff members. Staff learned to navigate PCCLD's Consumer Health Complete database along with several free online resources.
- Twenty-four staff attended Leading Teams training provided by Mountain States Employers Council on May 9.
- Sherri Baca (Chief Financial Officer) attended Updates to MSRB Web Portal provided by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board on May 10.
- Natalie Gallegos (Youth Services Library Specialist) attended Summer Program Recruitment Best Practices webinar on May 10.
- Darlene Sherwood (Purchasing Specialist) attended Amazon Purchasing webinar on May 11.
- Terri Daly (Human Resources Manager) attended a Supervision Class provided by the Colorado State Library presented by Pat Wagner on May 16-17.

- Al Perea (Facilities Specialist I) attended AC refresher course on May 17.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager) attended “2018 SXSW Interactive for Libraries: Reports from the Field” on May 17.
- Paula Pryich (Giodone Librarian) attended “The Necessity of Joy” Siera Spotlight Webinar provided by Pat Wagner on May 17.
- Lori Kern (Giodone Customer Service Representative) attended “Capture and Keep ‘em: Millennials” on May 19.
- Maria Smyer (Hispanic Resource Coordinator) and Kimberly Sewell (Lucero Library Specialist) attended the 6th annual REFORMA Colorado Conference on May 19.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager) attended LTC Conversation Café on May 23.
- Sherri Baca (Chief Financial Officer) attended training on the Sage Purchase Order Module provided by BCS ProSoft on May 23.
- Ellie O’Keefe (Teen Librarian) attended the Inclusive Internship Initiative webinar on May 23.
- Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) and Blake Hatton (Digitization Coordinator) participated in a webinar training on May 23 as part of the ongoing training provided by the DC Public Library and the Digital Memory Lab grant. Monthly webinars and meetings are scheduled.
- Loretta McDaniel (Payroll Specialist) attended training on the Intellilink upgrade provided by UMB Bank on May 29.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

- The library received a number of notes of congratulations related to the IMLS National Medal:
 - Terry Baughman from Bank of the San Juans wrote: “Just a quick note from our team on another National Honor!! It is so awesome to see these honors for what the Pueblo City-County Library is contributing to our community!! Again, from our team to yours, ‘Congratulations!’”
 - Christina McGrath, Director of Library Services at Pueblo Community College, wrote: “Great article in this morning’s paper. Congratulations on this designation! We are honored to be affiliated with such an outstanding organization.”
 - Michael F. Bennet, United States Senator, wrote: “Congratulations on being selected by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as a 2018 finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This recognition is the nation’s highest federal honor for libraries and is a testament of your dedication to serve Coloradans in Pueblo County and across the state. Each year, IMLS selects institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service that exceed the expected levels of outreach. Your commitment to strong community partnerships and lifelong learning through education and cultural programs, have earned you a reputation as one of our nation’s best libraries. We are proud of this acknowledgement and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.”
 - Lucille Corsentino who works with Concerned Citizens of Roselawn Cemetery wrote to Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museums Services Manager): “I ask that you please forward my note of congratulations to your entire staff including Jon Walker . . . Would like everyone to know how happy I was to read this morning’s Chieftain. You made the front page headlines. YEAH! This is well deserved, you earned the recognition and enjoy every minute. This is a once in a life time recognition, but in my heart I know the hard work all of the staff has done and will continue to do, well you just deserve it and that’s all that’s to it. Proud of you and for you. Continued success to each of you and thanks for all you have done for me personally and for Roselawn Cemetery.”
 - Donald Moore with the Pueblo Community Health Center wrote: “My hat goes off to you and the Library District team for being recognized as a National Medal for Museum and Library Service. PCCLD is one of Pueblo’s gems!”
 - Steven Trujillo, President and CEO of the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo, wrote: “Congratulations on being named a recipient of the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service! We, as a community, are proud to stand with our library! We have all benefited from our beautiful book and resources. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, Congratulations!! Thanks for all you do!”

- Gabbie Potter, Membership Director of the Pueblo Country Club, wrote: “I was reading the newspaper today just catching up on local news when I saw that the Pueblo City-County Library District was one of the recipients of the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. On behalf of everyone at Pueblo Country Club, I just wanted to say congratulations. What an amazing honor for the City of Pueblo!”
- Todd Kelly, President and CEO of the CSU-Pueblo Foundation, wrote: “Congratulations to you and your staff on this great honor for your library. You are doing great work and I appreciate all you do for Pueblo.”
- Diann Logie (Lucero Library Manager) and the Lucero Library staff received the following note with candy and donated pencils, yarn and stickers for the kids from Eva and David Montoya: "Congrats on winning the National Award for PCCLD--Pueblo. Well deserved to all library locations. Thanks for your leadership/passion for the Patrick Arnold Lucero (Library). I'm sure Pat's mojo is jumping with the honor for (his) name. All staff members deserve kudos for community spirit, for students, parents, others. Just a small token of appreciation. Enjoy. Sweets for the Sweet."
- Kirk M. Taylor (Pueblo County Sheriff) wrote: “On behalf of the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office, I would like to congratulate you on the Pueblo City-County Library District being one of the 10 recipients of the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service in recognition of significant and exceptional contributions to the community. As Sheriff, I take a special interest in those individuals who contribute to our community. I wish you continued success, happiness and good health.”
- The Denver Museum of Nature and Science sent the library a basket of cookies and a card of congratulations.
- Maria Smyer (Hispanic Resource Coordinator) and ¡Los Estudiantes! wrote the following note to Jerry (Vigil-Lucero Library Specialist), Diann (Logie-Lucero Library Manager) and staff: “The class and I would like to thank you for all your help in teaching us English!”
- Erica, Whitney and Heather from the Junior League of Pueblo sent the following note to the Lucero Library: “Thank you so much for allowing the Junior League of Pueblo to host the Afterthoughts Poetry program at your library!”
- The following Comment Form was received from Cestes: “Thank you for hiring THAD (Stelter-Reference & Readers Advisory Library Specialist)!!! He is amazing! He went above and beyond! So knowledgeable and courteous—very helpful.”
- Sharon Rice (Greenhorn Valley Library Specialist) received the following voicemail from Alma Jean: “I just wanted to call and congratulate you for all the good you’re doing in the community. I just got the insert in the paper and my sister and I just wanted to say thank you. Also with all the awards you’ve won recently.”

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Walker
Executive Director