

**PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**Report of the Executive Director**  
**Submitted to**  
**The Library Board of Trustees**  
**October 20, 2015**

**RAWLINGS LIBRARY**

**Special Collections & Museum Services**

- September total attendance in the InfoZone was 3,252. Year-to-date attendance is 39,366.
- 183 Document Delivery requests, including *Ask Us* questions, were answered in September. 1,004 items from the collection were counted used by customers in September. The obituary index is updated on an ongoing basis.
- Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) and Charlene Simms (Special Collections Librarian) are working on re-housing and inventorying all of the framed art in the collection. A Friend of the Library grant was provided to build an art storage unit for the vault.
- Special Collections will now house a small collection of circulating material. This collection will include new and popular history and genealogy books for customers to check-out. Charlene Garcia Simms (Special Collections Librarian) is developing criteria for this collection.
- Samples were digitized using the Steelworks Center of the West's camera system, and Tammi Moe (Librarian Archivist) processed source files. Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) sent these images to the Colorado State Library for assessment. A price quote will be obtained for digitization and post-processing of newspaper pages.
- An initial outline was created for the "Celebrating 125 Years of Library Service" in Pueblo exhibit.
- Kenneth Gardner (Volunteer) completed full transcription of one oral history and authority record for Gail Ireland.
- A Genealogy Workshop was held on September 23 with two people attending. The Hilos Culturales reception was held on September 23 with 40 people in attendance.
- The Latino/Latina Book Festival activities included presentations at: Cesar Chavez Academy with 400 students and teachers in attendance; Dolores Huerta Elementary School with 250 in attendance; CSU-Pueblo with 40 students in attendance; a reception at the Lucero Library with 38 people in attendance; and a Writing and Publishing Workshop at the Rawlings Library with 72 people in attendance. Total attendance for this two-day program had 800 people in attendance and was offered in collaboration with CSU-Pueblo and Pueblo City Schools.
- The InfoZone featured 25 films with 252 people in attendance
- SECAHEC (Southeastern Colorado Area Health Education Center) offered three Mini Med Webinars in September with ten participating.
- The InfoZone offered a Grandparent's Day craft on September 9 with 32 participants.
- The InfoZone featured Constitution Day activities on September 17 with 4 participants.
- The Arkansas Valley Audubon Society presented "Elk: An American Legacy" in the InfoZone on September 19 with 24 attending.
- Colorado Trust's Health Equity Learning Series was offered in the InfoZone on September 24 with 25 attending.
- Tammi Moe (Librarian Archivist) presented to a class of 20 CSU-Pueblo history students. The students will be working on projects in PCCLD's Special Collections.
- Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) submitted a grant to the Friends of the Library to purchase a new wireless assistive technology hearing system.

- An exhibit was developed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for September for HilosCulturales with photos and artifacts for this organization that promotes Spanish Colonial folk music and dance.
- An exhibit about Juan Bautista de Anza has been developed by Special Collections & Museum Services staff with assistance from Gay Davis from the Anza Society. The exhibit was on display in September in the InfoZone, and smaller exhibits were displayed in the branches.
- New Frontiers: Exploring Sci-Fi, an exhibit for All Pueblo Reads, is being developed and will include the Steampunk Art of Dave Duros.
- Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) prepared an RFP for exhibit and multi-media specialists to update the video wall in the InfoZone Museum permanent exhibit. Three proposals were received and presented for Board approval in September.

### **Readers Advisory & Reference**

- David Hartkop (Technology Trainer) offered eight technology classes in September. Twenty-nine people attended his classes.
- In addition to his Microsoft and computer classes, David has been busy providing programming and information about Idea Factory technology.
- During the month of September, 25 programs, classes and presentations were offered by Maria Smyer (Hispanic Resource Coordinator) and the Hispanic Resource Center (HRC). In September, 1, 447 customers were touched by HRC activities.
- Local artist and author, Lionel Trujillo, is exhibiting “Ancient Aliens Meet the Farside,” three Mayan and Aztec inspired metal artworks in the Hispanic Resource Center. This is the first time the three pieces have been exhibited together.
- Wooden masks carved by Mexican artist, Luis Campos, are also on display in the Hispanic Resource Center. Campos’ “Men of Light/Los Hombres de Luz” series took a year for him to carve and represent the great scientists of the world including Galileo and Leonardo da Vinci.
- Several programs were presented in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month.
  - Los Hombres de Luz – On September 19, five people enjoyed listening to artist Luis Campos as he presented information about his wooden mask series, The Men of Light.
  - Mexican Tin Art–On September 22, Mexican artist Leticia Martinez gave a workshop/presentation on the technique of Repujado. Twelve people enjoyed learning about Mexican Tin Art and making their own creations.
  - Viva Machu Picchu–On September 26, Barry Gonzales spoke to an audience of 15 people about his recent excursion to Machu Picchu. His presentation included information about tourism and history of this archaeological wonder.
  - Cultural Crafts–Maria Smyer (Hispanic Resource Center Coordinator) traveled to four library locations and shared cultural crafts with children and adults including the Giodone Library with 6 attending, Greenhorn Valley with none attending; Rawlings Library Art Bash on September 30, and the Lucero Library with 25 attending. At all events children and adults made a Mexican tie dye banner with Maria’s guidance.
- Every Monday at 10 a.m., Maria reads bilingual stories to children and their parents. Total attendance for September was 6.
- On September 21, Catholic Charities held a graduation ceremony for Mi Familia Fuerte. Through their program, families with children from birth to three years of age receive four dynamic components: personalized home visits, group connections, child development screenings, and a resource network. This year, 30 little graduates and 100 people attended the ceremony.
- Four Hispanic Resource Center films were shown in the InfoZone Theater during September with a total of nine attending. Featured films were *El Barrendero*, *Cantinflas*, *McFarland USA*, and *Spare Parts*.
- In September, Ashley Osterhout (Literacy Librarian) and Maria Smyer (Hispanic Resource Coordinator) began testing new students for the fall semester ELL Classes. On September 21, seven students were tested. Ashley began teaching the Intermediate Level Class at the end of September; and on September 20, twelve students attended her first class offered during the Fall Semester.

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- The last bilingual computer class offered through the LSTA Grant was held on September 12. Unfortunately, no students came to the class.
- On September 9, our partner UVAS provided a citizenship presentation, “Ciudadania - Foro Informativo/Citizenship Presentation,” and registered six students. Total attendance for the presentation was 25. Classes started on September 14, and this month’s attendance was 36. Total attendance for the citizenship programs this month was 61.
- During the month of September, nine volunteer tutors provided approximately 62.5 hours of individual and group tutoring and contributed a total of 101.5 volunteer hours to the Adult Literacy Program. There are currently 17 active students in the program. One student was tested this month and added to the wait list for a tutor totaling five students currently on the wait list for a tutor. No learners were matched with tutors in September. No new tutor applications were received this month.
- Total Adult Literacy program attendance was 55. Adult Literacy Class had 41 attendees, Speak English! Conversation Club had 10 attendees, Adult Literacy and ESL Tutor Orientation was held September 9 at the Giodone Library with one attendee, and on September 16 at the Pueblo West Library with three attendees. Information for the GED was held September 14 at the Giodone Library with no attendees and on September 22 at the Pueblo West Library with no attendees.
- Upcoming Adult Literacy Programs
  - Speak English! Conversation Club will meet Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. at Rawlings Library, Bret Kelly B.
  - Adult Literacy Class will meet Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. at the Rawlings Library, Idea Factory.
  - Information for the GED will be held Wednesday, October 21 at the Rawlings Idea Factory from 2-3 p.m.
  - Adult Literacy and ESL Tutor Orientation will be held Wednesday, October 28 at the Rawlings Idea Factory from 1-2 p.m.
- All Pueblo Reads Programming
  - “Minecraft? What is it?” on Saturday, October 10 from 2-3 p.m. and Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Team Building Ropes Course on Saturday, October 10 from 1-3 p.m. at Colorado State University-Pueblo.
  - Evidence of Aliens by Derek Lopez on Saturday, October 17 from 2-3 p.m.
  - How do you connect with those different from you? Passive response poster October 1-31.
- Update on ALA’s The American Dream Starts @ Your Library Grant. The grant supports the purchase of ELL learning materials to be implemented into the Adult Literacy collection. The most recent large report was due August 31 which Amber Pepin (Fundraising Manager/Grantwriter) completed in conjunction with Maria Smyer (Hispanic Resource Coordinator) and Ashley Osterhout (Literacy Librarian) and turned in promptly.
- Update on “Adult Literacy: Libraries in Action” Pilot Program. In September, Ashley Osterhout (Literacy Librarian) coordinated a phone interview between her, Jon Walker, and Anna of RED, the outside program assessor. Ashley also completed a questionnaire for Anna further outlining specifics about the current program. Ashley will attend the program orientation webinar scheduled for October 29 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- During September, Derrick Mason (Idea Factory Librarian) and David Hartkop (Technology Trainer) have worked with two teachers from Central High School’s Math Department Senior Math Modeling Course. Students walk to the Rawlings Library to attend instruction offered in the Idea Factory and Training Lab. David and Derrick have given instruction on 3D Printing, Google Spreadsheets and Crowdfunding and currently have the group working on their own crowdfunding cause to give back to the community. One class is drafting a fundraising project to build bicycles to give to underprivileged youth. The other class is working on raising money for a Spirit Bus for the high school. The first class is much more engaged than the second one. The two teachers are going to re-evaluate interest, and the students from class 2 who really

enjoy visiting the library will possibly join class 1. The others would remain at CHS. A decision will be made in October.

- Derrick Mason (Idea Factory Librarian) and David Hartkop (Technology Trainer) visited the Lucero Library to set up their Makerspace equipment. They configured the iPads, Laptop, 3Doodlers and 3D Printer and will be returning for a follow-up training session. The Lucero Library is not ready to show the equipment to the public yet.
- Derrick Mason (Idea Factory Librarian) is attending the SLJ Lead The Change online course. Through required coursework, he is crafting a Sewing Machine program to utilize the seven machines in the Idea Factory.
- Derrick Mason (Idea Factory Librarian) is working with Makerspace personnel from other libraries throughout the state and will be presenting a program while attending and at CAL Conference 2015 in Loveland on October 22-24.
- Digital Use included: eight 3D print requests completed, 1,151 people used items on the Idea Factory Tech Bar, 138 Central High School students attended Idea Factory programs, twelve participated in the Finch Robot program, and 29 attended technology training. Total digital use in the Idea Factory in September was 1,338.
- Twenty-eight programs were held in the Idea Factory during the month of September with 370 attending the programs.
- In September 2015, Reference & Readers Advisory staff scheduled 74 events (including an exhibit) with a total attendance of 1,835.
- During the month of September Homebound circulated 48 items, using 14 volunteer hours to deliver material to 36 customers.
- Thad Stelter (Library Specialist) continues to compile and send the list of new books received at the Pueblo City-County Library District for publication in the Sunday *Pueblo Chieftain*. In addition, the books are listed at: [www.pueblolibrary.bibliocommons.com](http://www.pueblolibrary.bibliocommons.com).

## Youth Services

- Minecraft EDU sessions were held at Giodone with 4 participants; Pueblo West with 14, Barkman with 27, Rawlings with 9, and Lamb with 14. Pueblo West tried something new, a Minecraft program directed at younger customers who are also fans of the game, and 16 attended.
- SPELL (Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries) school visits continued to Kinderkirk, Thatcher, and Trinity Lutheran. Plans to expand SPELL to District 60 preschools were stalled by conflicting requirements—SPELL requires monthly parent nights, and the themes of preschool parent nights are mandated. We are looking into ways to work together anyway. Two Kinderkirk programs on September 3 were attended by 70, two on September 10 at Thatcher had 40, and two on September 17 at Trinity Lutheran had 62.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) and the Youth Services Committee planned an Apple Storytime and Craft program, including games, apple tasting, and apple print making. Greenhorn Valley had 3 participants, Giodone had 11, Rawlings had 30, Library @ the Y had 110, Lucero had 20, Barkman had 6, Lamb had 9, and Pueblo West had 11.
- The tween program this month was Play With Clay, in which participants could decorate an emoji, and make conductive clay and squishy circuits. Giodone had no attendance, Lamb had 4, Rawlings had 1, Pueblo West had 12, and Greenhorn Valley had none.
- The teens worked on felties this month—adorable figures made of felt and fabric paint. Rawlings had 8 attendees, Giodone 4, and Greenhorn Valley 2.
- Youth Services sent several program kits around the district as well. Lucero had 15 and Giodone had 5 attend Perler Beads programs. Pueblo West had one attend the Duct Tape program.
- Lego Mania was held at Rawlings on September 12 with seven attending. The Preschool Dance Party held on September 19 had eleven attending.

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- Teen programs offered at Rawlings included Movie Night with two attending, two Teen Advisory Board meetings with eleven, Teen Craft Night with eight, and “I’m With the Banned” with five attending.
- Weekly storytimes were offered at Rawlings with 106 attending Babytime, 61 attending Time for Tots, 148 attending Preschool Storytimes, and 225 attending Head Start programs.
- Read Dogs visited the Rawlings Library on September 11 and 25 with a total of 61 participating.
- The Kids Day Parade was held on September 5 where Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) manned a booth with library information and a craft with 35 participants. The Friends of the Library distributed over 500 books.
- Ellie O’Keefe (Teen Librarian) helped organize the Pueblo Youth Employment Council Resource Fair on September 18 with 150 attending.
- Youth Services visited Goodnight Elementary on September 8 and worked with eight students.
- McClelland was provided a tour of the library on September 9 and 10 with 45 participants.
- Career Building Academy was provided a tour of the library on September 28 with 25 participants.
- Carlile Elementary students visited Youth Services on September 30 with 17 attending.



### **BARKMAN LIBRARY**

- Paula Pryich (Librarian) had 33 participants for Preschool Storytimes at the Barkman Library. Another 39 attended her outreach storytime visits at Building Blocks and CSU-Pueblo Preschool.
- Rachel Salazar (Library Specialist) had 70 participants for Storytime for Tots and Signing Storytimes.
- Centralized programming at Barkman included the Teen “Felties” program with four; Apple Storytime program with six; and 87 participated in the passive program making Mexican tissue paper flowers.
- Barkman had four attend the Book Discussion group hosted by Linda Pacheco (Customer Service Rep). The Minecraft Madness Lock-in had 27 attendees hosted by Cory Reimers (Customer Service Rep) and Matthew Parlier (Materials Handling Technician). The Crafty Needles Group had 19 participants. The Afternoon Movie and the Saturday Afternoon Movie had 37 attendees.
- Barkman received 109.75 volunteer hours.
- Barkman featured the *History in Your Backyard* exhibit of Juan Bautista de Anza and Hispanic Heritage in September with 778 visitors.

### **GIODONE LIBRARY**

- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager) delivered posters and newsletters to local businesses. Kayci also delivered *Ender’s Game* books and All Pueblo Reads resource guides to Vineland Middle School and Pueblo County High School.
- Giodone had 19 attendees for the adult Dream Interpretation class on September 10.
- Giodone held its first Preschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program on September 24 which had 32 attendees. *The Pueblo Chieftain* also featured photos of the event.

## GREENHORN VALLEY LIBRARY

- Theia Bravo (Greenhorn Valley Librarian) had record attendance during her Time for Tots storytimes in September. Weekly participation ranged from 10-30 children, with a total of 87 participants during the month.
- Sharon Rice (Library Specialist) has experienced a drop in Preschool Storytime attendance due to school being in session with a total of 21 participants during September. Beginning in November, Preschool Storytime will change to Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- Greenhorn Valley Tale Waggers are a regular programming highlight on Friday afternoons, and our furry friends helped 22 children practice their reading skills this month during *Read Dog, Read*.
- Lego Mania was offered on September 18 with 25 participating.
- Centralized Youth programs included: Apple Storytime and Crafts with three participants; Try It! Play with Clay with no participants; Idea Factory at GHV—Finch Robots with twelve participants; Teen Craft Felties with two participants, and a Literacy Fair with eight participants.
- Renee Montano (Customer Service Rep) continues to offer yoga classes every Tuesday evening. During the month of September, 25 participants attended these classes.
- The Yarn Club met on September 14 with two participants, and the Scrapbook Club met on September 18 with six participants.
- “Cattail” Bob Seebeck taught Survival Plants of Colorado on September 10, an exceptional class about the wild medical, edible and folk toolcraft botany of the Greenhorn Valley. During this 7-hour class, 20 participants explored the trails near the library, Rye Mountain Park and the Greenhorn trail, where participants learned to identify over 90 different wild plants. This program was made possible by generous support from Robert and Catherine Sounart.
- The Greenhorn Valley Library was pleased to offer two public events in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Anza Society International that took place in Pueblo on September 10-12. In particular, the panel discussion and debate at the Greenhorn Valley Library was one of the conference highlights that gave participants the opportunity to visit our new library, view September’s gallery exhibit, *History in our Backyard*, learn from local history scholars and visit potential sites of the battle. Other events included the Documentary: *The Anza Expedition 1775-76* on September 5 with three participants and Anza’s Comanche Campaign and the Battle of Cuerno Verde Panel Discussion and Debate on September 12 with 66 participants.
- Amy Martin (Greenhorn Valley Library Manager) attended conference sessions at the El Pueblo Museum on Friday, September 11 and had the opportunity to learn more about Juan Bautista de Anza’s influence on the history of our area, as well as meet fascinating authors and scholars, a few of whom donated their books to the Greenhorn Library’s local interest collection.
- Sharon Rice (Library Specialist) delighted the morning and afternoon preschool classes at Rye Elementary with her ukulele, fun stories and crafts four times this month with a total of 69 participants in September.
- The Beulah Satellite featured Passport Kids Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with seven participants; Lego Mania with 11; and Happy Birthday Johnny Appleseed with 11.
- Community Meeting Room users included: The Art of Relaxation Yoga Class; Sikes Ranch Homeowners Association; Cuerno Verde Arts Council; Kaiser Permanente Medicare Department; Edward Jones Financial Class; GHV Chamber of Commerce; doTerra Essential Oil Consultants; Young Living Essential Oil Consultants; and Allied Wealth Advisors.
- Technical Services staff visited Greenhorn Valley Library to discuss the current condition of the collection and to think about the best path forward to build the best collection for the community. As a result, staff have weeded the YA Graphic Novel Collection, implemented a new DVD display near the library entrance, and are making plans to move Juvenile and Young Adult collections. Amy Martin (Greenhorn Valley Library Manager) has also begun pricing a few small pieces of display shelving to market materials more effectively.
- Local historian, Cheryl Huban, donated a complete set of the *Pueblo Lore* and a number of local history documents to add to the GHV local interest collection. For the most part, these

materials are already indexed, so they will be a nice addition to the library and will improve community access to materials that would otherwise only be available in Pueblo.

- Facilities delivered a new shelving unit that was in storage that has been placed in the front entrance vestibule to use as a community bookshelf. Customers are very excited to have a place to exchange used books!

## LAMB LIBRARY

- For the month of September 2015, the Lamb Library had 13,347 visits. This is a slight decrease of 554 visits when compared to the previous year.
- Lamb Circulation in September was 27,294 (Adult 18,533, Youth 8,234, Teen 527). Lamb continues to have strong circulation in adult level materials and juvenile materials. The circulation for September 2015 was very comparable with the circulation in September 2014. There was a slight dip of 2,405 when comparing the same month last year to this year. However, year-to-date, the Lamb Library is still over 22,000 higher in circulation when compared to the same time last year.
- Lamb Program attendance (excluding exhibit attendance) was 530. Youth program attendance totaled 396 with 218 attending regular storytime programs. Other Youth programs included Try it: Play with Clay with 4 attending; *Read Dog Read* with 4; Lego Mania with 4; Minecraft Lock-in with 14; Apple Storytime with 9, Highland Park School Visit reached 40, Columbian Elementary Parent Night with 53, and South Park Elementary 50. Teen program attendance totaled 71 which included two passive programs: Australian Dot Art with 28 participants, Piet Mondrian Inspired Art with 38; and the Teen Anime Club had 5. Adult program attendance totaled 63 with 9 attending Adult Anime Clubs; 23 at DIY: Bath Fizzies; 10 at Lamb Needlework Club; 21 at Tea Tasting.
- This month Lamb featured the Special Collections Exhibit: *History in our Backyard: Expeditions of Juan Bautista de Anza*. This exhibit was developed by Community Relations and Special Collections at the Rawlings Library. It was featured in all library locations and consisted of six panels highlighting the local history of Juan Bautista de Anza.
- A second exhibit featured drawings by a local teen artist, Josiah Blickhahn. This display included 14 pencil drawings inspired by the video game Sonic the Hedgehog.
- Theia Bravo (ILL Librarian) provided ILL training and updates at the Lamb staff meeting on September 3.

## LUCERO LIBRARY

- Catherine Shepherd (Children's Librarian) presented the following youth programs: DIY crafts, Perler Beads, Family Storytime, Art of Journaling, Apple Storytime and craft, Zentangle Doodling, three movies and passive programs totaling 221 in attendance.
- Catherine Shepherd (Children's Librarian) attended Parent Nights at Bradford and Park View Elementary Schools and provided library information for 125 parents and youth.
- Catherine Shepherd (Children's Librarian) prepared and submitted a Friend's Grant for \$1,452.
- Diann Logie (Lucero Library Manager) hosted two author nights in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Beverages and Valarie Sanchez's famous biscochitos (Spanish sugar cookies) were served.
- Denise Chavez was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico and is the author of *The Menu Girls*, *Face of an Angel*, *Loving Pedro Infante*, *A Taco Testimony: Meditations on Family, Food and Culture* and *The King and Queen of Comezon*. There were 40 in attendance.
- Local author, Dr. Irene Blea, moved to Pueblo as a child and grew up in the West Side. She was a Tenured Full Professor of Mexican American Studies at CSU-LA and has published seven university text books and has explored fiction writing with the titles: *Suzanna*, *Poor People's Flowers* and *Daughters of the West Mesa*. The visit was attended by 34.
- Mark Salazar offered his Gang Awareness presentation for 154 youth.
- Books a la Cart–Valarie Sanchez (Customer Service Rep) and Yvonne Harris (Materials Handling Technician) delivered 1,111 books to local organizations.



## **PUEBLO WEST LIBRARY**

- Twenty people attended the Pueblo West history program presented by Jock Peters. Jock Peters is on the Friends of the Library Board and has been a proponent of the White Branch and the Pueblo West Library for the past ten years. He was instrumental in raising the money and creating awareness for the expanded Pueblo West Library built six years ago. He maintains a history of Pueblo West collection at the library, including copies of the original Pueblo West News since 1969. He is an incredible volunteer and makes himself available to talk about the history of this area
- Working with local historian Jock Peters, Pueblo West has submitted a \$6,000 grant to build an electronic history wall at the Pueblo West Library. Just like the three new branches, Pueblo West has a unique history as a designed community and would like to display that history permanently and visually in the branch. If approved, they hope to start work on the history project in early 2016.
- Pueblo West hosted a total of 70 programs in September with 1,730 people attending. There were 31 youth programs with 383 participants, 12 teen programs with 59 participants and 27 adult programs with 1,288 participants. Storytimes and Minecraft programs continue to be the most popular among youth programs. Many ongoing programs continue to be facilitated by community members. The September exhibit in the Vectra Art Gallery featured photographer Jim Holst who sold two pieces and donated some of the proceeds to the library.
- Pueblo West volunteers continue to provide valuable help in terms of shelving and programming needs. Teen volunteers provided 30 hours and adult volunteers provided 82 hours of help in September. This translates to more than a half-time employee for us.

## **FACILITIES**

- Installed panic button at Lucero.
- Supported Art Bash.
- Set up Quiet Room.
- Had eight black chairs repaired.
- Treated the Rawlings Library for bed bugs.
- Certified back flows.
- Completed 528 work orders.
- Completed 129 meeting room set-ups.
- Replaced main make-up water valve for cooling tower.
- Repaired bypass cooling tower valve.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **Terminations /Retirements:**

- Kristen Olguin resigned from her Customer Service Representative position at Pueblo West effective September 4.
- Charles McGuire resigned his Substitute Materials Handling Technician position effective September 10.
- Angelica Trujillo resigned her Customer Service Representative position effective September 23.

### **New Hires, Promotions and Lateral Moves:**

- Claire Singleton was hired as an Administrative Technician in Community Relations effective September 14.
- Jessica Blackford was hired as a Materials Handling Technician at Pueblo West effective September 21.
- Mandy Brown was hired as a Materials Handling Technician at Pueblo West effective September 21.
- Sarah Meador transferred from Library Specialist in Pueblo West to a Customer Service Representative in Circulation at the Rawlings Library.

### **Recruiting / Open Positions:**



- Library Specialist—Lucero Library
- Customer Service Representative—Lucero Library
- Customer Service Representative—Pueblo West Library
- Circulation Manager—Rawlings - Circulation

**Leaves:**

- Jen Koen (Digitization Coordinator) was on FMLA leave.
- Chris Brogan (Chief Financial Officer) was on FMLA leave.

**TECHNICAL SERVICES, COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT, ILL & ILS**

- 4,781 new items were added to PCCLD collections in August and 5,470 were withdrawn.
- Jill Deulen (Director) has been working with CSU-Pueblo on forming a partnership for digital resources. Hoopla is the first service that will be looked at for sharing.
- The collection development team is currently testing out 3M Cloud ebook service as an alternative to OverDrive.
- Rich Poll, Jill Deulen, and Elizabeth Flores have been visiting various departments to discuss off-the-shelf rates, weeding procedures, and suggested changes to physical collections. So far they have visited Giodone, Greenhorn, Pueblo West, Lamb, and Youth Services
- Jill had a conference call with Playaway and it was decided that we will pick our standing order back up with them and order 40 new playaway titles a month. It is a format that is proving to be popular in all of the libraries.
- We have distributed more than 1,000 copies of Enders Game to District 60 and 70.
- All cataloged copies of Enders Game books, DVDs, BluRays, and Playaways went out in mid-September.
- Peggy Bilger is continuing to work on the new circulating Special Collections items. The target date for new items to circulate is November 1.
- Daniel Gaghan is looking at solutions to allow customers to receive notifications dependent on the status of their ILL request.
- We have renewed our yearly state courier agreement and will be reducing the number of days we receive the courier. This should save \$700 a year.
- Daniel is looking into Blue Cloud Analytics, a piece of statistical software that will replace Directors Station in the coming year. This software gives us circulation date, off-the-shelf rates, and individual collection date.
- The test server has broken and he is working with IT to get that back up and running.

**GIFTS & GRANTS**

- Duane and Jody Penny donated \$100 for a craft program at the Lucero Library
- Pamela Christie made an inkind donation of books for Special Collections and the Greenhorn Valley Library.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

- Alicia Griebel (Barkman Library Manager) attended Leadership Authenticity class from August 27 to September 17.
- Alan Rocco (Facilities Superintendent) attended webinar on Water Conservation Strategies on September 1.
- Ellie O’Keefe (Teen Librarian) attended several Pueblo Youth Employment Council Resource Fair meetings on September 1, 8, 15, and 22.
- Ellie O’Keefe (Teen Librarian) attended Pueblo Youth Employment Council meetings on September 3 and 17.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) attended “Art Integration and Children’s Books” webinar on September 3.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) attended “STEAM Programs for Youth” webinar on September 9.
- Alan Rocco (Facilities Superintendent) attended webinar on “Clean Air, Clean Facility” on September 10.

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- Natalie Gallegos (Youth Services Library Specialist) attended “Teen Book Buzz” webinar on September 10.
- Loretta Dilorio (Youth Materials Handling Technician) attended Copier and Printer training on September 11.
- Derrick Mason (Idea Factory Librarian) attended the CAL Makerspace Interest Group Meeting on September 12 in Loveland. Makerspace Librarians from around the Front Range exchanged ideas on what works and doesn’t in their Makerspaces.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) attended “Read Aloud Strategies” webinar on September 15.
- Maria Kramer (Youth Services Manager) attended the Space Science Institute Open House on September 16.
- Carol Rooney (Reference & Readers Advisory Manager) attended a webinar offered by Techsoup, “Managing Mobile Devices–Library Device Checkout Made Easy” on September 16.
- Kayci Barnett (Giodone Library Manager), Andrew Bregar (Lamb Library Manager), Maria Kramer (Youth Services Manager) and Diann Logie (Lucero Library Manager) attended Performance Documentation for Managers on September 17.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian), Lorina Messenger (Giodone Library Assistant), Rachael Parlier (Lamb Library Specialist), and Rachel Salazar (Barkman/Pueblo West Library Specialist) attended the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL) Conference on September 18.
- Karen Frank (Youth Materials Handling Technician) attended AWE Training on September 18.
- Rachael Parlier (Lamb Library Specialist) attended the webinar, “Successful Programming for Babies and Toddlers” on September 22.
- Kirsten Dees (Early Literacy Librarian) attended “Successful Programs for Babies and Toddlers” webinar on September 22.
- Natalie Gallegos (Youth Library Specialist) attended “Promoting Creativity in Childhood” webinar on September 22.
- Alan Rocco (Facilities Superintendent) attended “Internet of Things” webinar on September 24 which focused on all the new smart devices connected to the Internet.
- Lorina Messenger (Giodone Library Assistant) attended Playful Learning in the Libraries on September 24.
- Jeffrey Jaramillo (Gidone Customer Service Rep) attended the Reference Interview webinar provided by Idaho Commission for Libraries on September 29.
- Natalie Gallegos (Youth Library Specialist) attended “Marvelous Middle Grade Books” webinar on September 30.

## THANK YOU MESSAGES

- Theresa Kosak sent the following email to the Executive Director regarding Christopher Rief (Youth Services): “I am a regular (daily actually) patron of the library. I had to ask Christopher in the children’s area to assist in helping with pictures I needed. He was very knowledgeable and is very patient. I can’t thank you enough for the services that are provided to the public. The library is a great place, and we are fortunate in Pueblo to have such a great facility! I enjoy all the staff in the library and think everyone is respectful and helpful. I just wanted to give a shout out to Christopher. He is always pleasant, and his great warmth comes across to the patrons.”
- Alysha Burney with Havey Productions sent the following email to Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) after the screening of *The Great Divide*: “So glad it went well! I have received wonderful emails from folks in the audience, and they all were very complimentary toward the film and the event. Thank you for all of your work in making the evening such as success! Let me know when/if you’d like to host another screening.”
- The Rawlings Library received a Partnership Award certificate from Hilos Culturales, Inc. for hosting the Desde Ayer Photo Exhibit at the Rawlings Library on September 23. Partnership Award certificates were also presented to Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum

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Services Manager), Charlene Garcia Simms (Special Collections Librarian) and Megan Peterson (Museum Coordinator).

- Stella Cardoza, President of The Anza Society, wrote the following letter to Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager): “On behalf of the board of directors of the Anza Society, I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Pueblo City-County Library District. We sincerely appreciate all the support you provided during our recent conference in Pueblo. Thank you for designing the excellent and timely exhibit, ‘History in Our Backyard: The Colorado Expedition of Juan Bautista de Anza.’ The exhibit was very interesting and thought provoking. Some of us were fortunate enough to see the full exhibit at the Rawlings Library. Much to your credit, the exhibit received many favorable comments for its historical relevance and attractive display. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the Anza Society was a success because of the support we received from the Pueblo community. We again thank you for your personal involvement and for making the exhibit available in city libraries. Your efforts provided an excellent channel to spread the word about the life and times of Juan Bautista de Anza.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon Walker  
Executive Director