

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
Report of the Executive Director
Submitted to
The Library Board of Trustees
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2011 DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR

The All Pueblo Reads distinguished author for 2011 is Carl Hiaasen. Mr. Hiaasen is a noted author and columnist. On December 6, 2010, a contract was signed with Mr. Hiaasen's agent for him to appear in Pueblo at the Rawlings Library for the Booklovers' Blacktie Ball on October 21, 2011, and a public reception on October 22, 2011. The contract PCCLD signed for this service is \$25,000.

Hiaasen began writing novels in the early 1980s. He has published more than one dozen books, mostly novels. GQ magazine called Hiaasen's first novel "one of the 10 best destination reads of all time." Hiaasen made his children's book debut with Hoot (2002), which was awarded the Newbery Honor and spent more than two years as a New York Times bestseller. For young readers he went on to write the bestselling Flush (2005) and, most recently, Scat (2009). The film version of Hoot was released in 2006. Hiaasen also has written nonfiction. Hiaasen's novels have been published in 34 languages. The London Observer has called him "America's finest satirical novelist," while Janet Maslin of the New York Times has compared him to Preston Sturges, Woody Allen and S.J. Perelman.

For his journalism and commentary, Hiaasen has received numerous state and national honors, including the Damon Runyon Award from the Denver Press Club. In 2010, Hiaasen received the Ernie Pyle Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists for writing with "wit, style and an abiding sense of justice." His work has also appeared in many well-known magazines, including Sports Illustrated, Time, Life, Esquire among others.

LIBRARY WINS FINANCE AWARD

PCCLD is only the fourth Colorado library to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This award is the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reports. Chris Brogan (CFO) worked for a number of months preparing PCCLD's CAFR submittal to the GFOA. The standard to meet includes the "spirit of full disclosure" and clearly communicating the library district's financial story to anyone interested in learning about it. The only other libraries in Colorado that have also been given this award are the Arapahoe Library District, the High Plains Library District, and the Pikes Peak Library District. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professional with offices in Chicago and Washington.

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIES

Chris Brogan (CFO) has been elected as an officer of the Colorado Association of Libraries Executive Board. Chris will serve a three-year term as the organization's treasurer.

EMPLOYEE CHANGES

2011 begins for us with some employee changes. This month, seven longtime employees retired who have served the Library District a number of years: Shirley Cline (39 years), Darla Diaz (29 years), Isobel Drysdale (36 years), Kathy Knox (24 years), Patricia McClelland (21 years), Noreen Riffe (44 years), and Richard Tucey (33 years). We appreciate their service and will miss their presence in our daily lives.

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These retirements have presented an opportunity to reflect upon how to provide the best possible library service to our community. As a result, some new positions are being created and a few are changing.

- Maria Tucker has accepted an expanded role as Manager of Special Collections and Museum Services. Maria holds a Masters degree in Museum Science, and has extensive experience and training in archival management, which includes, prior to her joining PCCLD in 2008, the establishment and oversight of the Bessemer Historical Society-Steelworks Museum of Industry and Culture and CF&I Archives, among the largest corporate archives in the country.
- Charlene Garcia Simms has assumed the full-time role as Special Collections and Genealogy Librarian. Charlene not only holds a Masters degree in Information Resources and Library Science, but also a Masters degree in Business Administration. Charlene is noted for her expertise with genealogy, perhaps most notably for her extensive work with the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America.
- We also have posted two new positions for this department: Archives and Collections Coordinator and Museum and Special Collections Coordinator. These positions will enable us to better support exhibits, events and collections in the department.
- Richard Tucey has accepted a temporary part-time role overseeing the roll out of PCCLD's new Centers for New Information Technology and RFID technologies. Richard will begin his temporary duties on a part-time basis for PCCLD on February 8.
- Tabitha Davis is transferring to Special Collections as a Clerk III in support of the new department structure, and Karen McMahon has transferred to the position of Technical Services Assistant.
- PCCLD will temporarily host two employees from the Colorado State Library. Kieran Hixon, a library technology services trainer, and Richard Tucey (yes, "our" Richard Tucey), a part-time grants compliance officer, will office at the Rawlings Library, but are employees of the state library, providing services throughout Colorado.
- Finally, there are two new full-time jobs to our Community Relations Department: Marketing Coordinator and a Programs and Events Coordinator.

RAWLINGS LIBRARY

InfoZone Museum

- Attendance in the InfoZone in December was 1,747, and year-to-date attendance is 35,000.
- The InfoZone showed three Saturday matinee movies with a total attendance of 81.
- InfoZone movies attracted a total attendance of 363.
- The InfoZone was used to hold meetings by the Southern Colorado Tea Party and One Colorado.
- The InfoZone partnered with Colorado State University Extension Office to host a screening of the film *Consuming Kids*.
- Select art prints by artist, Jan Oliver will be on display at the InfoZone through January 31.
- From February through March 2011, *Discover Space*, an interactive, 3-dimensional exhibit is scheduled to be on exhibit at the InfoZone.

Reference & Readers Advisory

- Anna Gray (Volunteer) continued to assist library customers at the computers and photocopier in December, and George Fosu (Volunteer) was available for assistance in the Computer Training Room on two Saturdays.
- Amy Nelson (Literacy Librarian) worked with a volunteer to recycle old Government Documents that have been stored in a closet in the Rawlings Library basement.
- In ILL, 220 items were borrowed from other libraries for our customers. ILL loaned 411 items from PCCLD to other libraries.

Special Collections & Genealogy

- Thirty-one document delivery requests were answered in December.
- Daily statistics show 786 customers assisted during the month of December.
- Photographs of 7th and Main and several buildings with outdoor clocks were requested by the Pueblo County Historical Society for publication in the “Pueblo Lore.”
- Two researchers working for the City of Pueblo have used Western Research materials on a project which can best be described as an architectural history of part of Southside Pueblo, from City Park to the Mesa Junction. They previously used the collection for a similar project on an architectural history of Pueblo’s East Side.

Youth Services

- Youth Services provided 38 programs serving 799 people. Patron assists at both the YS and Teen Central public service desks totaled 1,225.
- Teen programs hosted by Sarah Wethern (Teen Librarian) included: the Anime Fair at Pueblo West with 65 participants on December 4, a Teen Advisory Board meeting on December 7 with 7 participants, and Teen Scene on December 14 with one participant.



Cookie decorating at Snow Show Parties across the District



Authentic Japanese clothes at the Anime Fair

BARKMAN LIBRARY

- Maria Smyer (Library Assistant) and Paula Pryich (Librarian), gave story time programs to 96 people during December. The “Snow Show” with Denise Gard and sponsored by Youth Services had 32 people in attendance.
- In an effort to promote Barkman’s Story Time programs, a new sign has been posted outside the library to promote the Wednesday program. This was paid for through the Friends grant in 2010.
- The December book discussion group had 17 people attending the program, and each participant talked about their personal favorite holiday books. A holiday party followed the book discussion.

LAMB LIBRARY

- Stephanie Crawford (Library Assistant) set up displays on Susan Wiggs Books, Star Biographies, Light up the Holidays with Books, and Season Readings.
- Alicia Griebel (Children’s Librarian) presented storytimes for 63 people. Alicia presented a special children’s program to celebrate the holidays with crafts for children and teens that attracted 29 attendees.

PUEBLO WEST LIBRARY

- December highlights include some nice events for families and kids and the Anime Fair for teens.
- Door count for the month was 18,234. The library hosted 40 non-library meetings during December in our meeting rooms. Some of the groups using the rooms included United Health Care, Secure Horizons, and South Central BOCES.

LIBRARY @ THE Y

- Staff began pulling out adult material that had low or no circulations in a year and created a display with them to encourage circulation.

FACILITIES

During December, Facilities staff continued with day-to-day activities and also completed the following:

- Set up holiday decorations at each library location.
- Installed and modified a cleat cover with a padlock on the flag pole at the Rawlings Library to prevent vandalism to the flag pole pull lines and flag.
- Worked with the elevator service company Schindler Elevator on repairs of the staff elevator at the Rawlings Library.
- Worked with InfoZone staff on hanging and placing art work on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Library.
- Completed and posted Request for Proposals for copper parapet cap replacement
- Continued Mechanical Tasking:
 - Elevator car phones were tested in each library owned elevator car to insure communications between elevator car phones and elevator dispatch services.
 - Water chemistry testing procedures were completed, 5 gallons of CST-100 boiler water inhibitors was added into the boiler loop at the Rawlings Library.
 - The chiller room exhaust fan was serviced.
 - Programmable thermostats were installed and programmed at the Books Again Book Store.
 - The Liebert air conditioning system was serviced.
 - A new flame igniter and pump assembly was installed on the domestic hot water boiler at the Rawlings Library.
 - Three variable frequency drives were serviced at the Rawlings Library.
- During the Month of December, a total of 297 work orders were completed.

OUTREACH SERVICES

- Satellite libraries were closed from December 20 to January 2 due to the school holiday schedule. Even with the two-week closure, 2,222 items were checked out from the nine satellite libraries in December.
- Sixteen homebound customers received 90 items delivered by volunteers in December.
- Books a la Cart serviced twelve outlets in the community with 385 customers checking out a total of 736 books in December.

TECHNICAL SERVICES & COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- Work in the department this month has focused on receiving and paying invoices to prepare for the year-end fund rollover.

GIFTS & GRANTS

- Wal-Mart donated \$500 to sponsor the 2011 All Pueblo Reads program.
- Brett Leyh donated \$42.94 the amount of a book payment that would have otherwise been refunded.
- Other contributions included:
 - \$500 from Kathleen Wolf.
 - \$25 from James Schwarzenberger.
 - \$50 from Gerhard Borck.
 - \$50 from Sandra Wallitsch.
 - \$10 from Linda Dietrick.
 - \$50 from Lois Jones.
 - \$25 from Robert Freeman.

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- \$250 from Dr. R.J. Black Schultz.
- \$300 from Thomas Meehan.
- \$250 from Doris Ann Blanton.
- \$300 from Michael King.
- \$50 from Adolph Padula.
- \$100 from Yvette Teschner.
- \$25 from JoAnn Baillie.
- \$10 from Christine Jimenez.
- \$50 from Nick and Priscilla Lucero.
- \$250 from Drs. Robert and Sara Tonsing.
- \$250 from Debra Jones.
- \$500 from P. James Wallace, Jr.
- \$300 from Carol King in memory of Jerry King.
- Theodore Bueno donated \$1,000 to purchase both children's and adult literature in memory of his wife, Jodee Bueno.
- Ben and Joyce Gregor donated \$100 to purchase puppets in memory of their daughter, Jennifer Gregor.
- Xcel Energy donated \$500 to sponsor the 2011 All Pueblo Reads program.
- The library received \$1,051.53 in income from the Chamberlain Trust.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Sarah Wethern (Teen Librarian) participated in the CALLI Webinar on December 16.
- Twenty-six employees completed the Wellness Counts program.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

- Rich Poll (Collection Development Librarian) received a thank you note from Barb Lytle after requesting the library purchase a book and receiving detailed instructions how to make future requests on the library's website. Ms. Lytle wrote: "Thank you for this information. I will save it to reference should I need it in the future. I find our library system to be very good and broad in its literary material in the collection."
- Diann Logie received the following note from Karen Emilianvich from South Park Elementary which reads: "We thank you so much for giving a wonderful, fun and educational Family Night. We received many good comments from parents and children. Thanks again."
- Heather Otero wrote the following letter to "Miss Connie, Miss Francie & Ms. Isobel" in Youth Services: "Thanks so very much for your help in gathering a list of meaningful children's picture books! I look forward to reviewing them to make a choice for Christmas! Alexander and Catherine have always loved the library and will be so excited to hear that their dear library friends helped guide 'Santa's' hand in this year's selection! Have a blessed holiday season and thanks again!"

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Walker
Executive Director