

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Report of the Executive Director

Submitted to

The Library Board of Trustees

July 26, 2012

DIGITIZATION

Maria Tucker (Special Collections and Museum Services Manager) has been overseeing an effort to create a plan to guide PCCLD in the digitization of its special collections and archives. Bishoff and Associates was selected as the consulting firm to work with staff to provide the plan. The consultants were selected through a competitive RFP process. The consultants have been on site for three meetings and the last meeting was held on June 11. A draft report and recommendations is currently being reviewed, and a final report and presentation will take place in late July.

RFID/AMH

The project to implement RFID/AMH technologies into PCCLD is moving forward. Contracts are being finalized with the two selected vendors. In addition, Studiotrope Design Collective architectural firm has been selected to help integrate the new technologies and related service desk modifications into the Rawlings, Pueblo West, Lamb, and Barkman Libraries. Work to implement the project is commencing in earnest.

SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is a hit. The total number of registrants through the end of June 2012 already exceeds the total amount for all registrations for the entire summer of 2011. Efforts such as increased school visits, setting up Summer Reading Registration booths at events throughout the community, and increased programming options are some of the reasons for the increase. The Friends of the Library are also to be recognized for their part in providing an incentive to each PCCLD location that demonstrates an increase in participation. The focused effort on adult summer reading also seems to be paying dividends with increased participation.



Baby Story Time focuses on our youngest customers.

RAWLINGS LIBRARY

Special Collections & Museum Services

- Thirty-two Document Delivery requests were answered in June. Requests this month include obituary, genealogy, research requests and use/purchase of historic photos. Researchers from New York working on a documentary have been spending much time researching the collection. Customers used 792 items from the collection in June. The genealogy computer, non-profit resource center computer and *Ancestry.com* are continuing to experience heavy use.
- Jay Boyle (Archive & Collection Coordinator) has been processing the State Fair collection. The collection is being re-housed through an IMLS grant in partnership with the Pueblo County Historical Society. He will work on developing a finding aid for the collection. Jay is also working on processing the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Collection and developing a finding aid.
- An intern will be working on re-housing the vertical files throughout the summer.
- Training will take place in July for department staff to utilize the Rocky Mountain Online Archive (RMOA). RMOA makes it possible to create finding aids for collections available online.

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- Staff is working with the Colorado Digitization Project to retrieve metadata and master photo files that were scanned several years ago in order to import the data into a new online content management system as a beginning stage digitization.
- A basic training in Ancestry.com is scheduled for July. A Non-Profit Resource Center Workshop has been scheduled for July 23, and a Genealogy and non-profit workshop is being planned for August.
- Attendance in the InfoZone Museum in June was 4,628.
- A meeting on renewable energy and solar power was held in the InfoZone, it was attended by 25 adults and 1 child.
- The Selznick opening was attended by 32 people.
- An Adult Summer Reading program on dreams was attended by 22 people.
- The Women’s Foundation used the InfoZone Theater for a program with 30 people in attendance.
- An Adult Summer Reading program on herbal crafts was attended by 45 people.
- Four Summer Reading programs were held in the Ryals Room with a total attendance of 265 adults and 541 children.
- PechaKucha was held in the Ryals Room, 84 people attended.
- A group from PCC toured both the Special Collections and InfoZone, 40 people were in attendance.
- Jennie Bachelor (Museum & Special Collection Coordinator) is working on developing tours for students to correlate with the new exhibits. She will be working with Youth Services and will develop a teachers’ packet for those interested in booking a group.
- Upcoming exhibits include an exhibit about the State Fair and “Pueblo: Then and Now” featuring the WPA collection and photography by John Wark.

Reference & Readers Advisory

- ESL and Spanish Classes in June were attended by a total of 50 people.
- On June 20-21, in conjunction with the Adult Summer Reading Program, Felicia Sanchez-Garbisio (Hispanic Resource Coordinator) presented an herbal craft program at the library branches. On Saturday, June 23, she hosted a program at the Rawlings Library by well-known herbalist, Teresa Vigil. The craft programs at the branches were well received, and Cate Mugasis (former Outreach Assistant) donated materials including essential lavender oil from her own collection. Participants made herbal sachets of Lavender and made herbal keepsakes from a choice of several herbs including Rosemary, Sage, Peppermint, and Red Rose buds. Saturday’s program by Teresa Vigil was promoted at each branch during the week, and she was able to answer many questions from participants and discussed the many ways herbs can be used to relax.



June 2012 Device Statistics		
Item Library	Item Type	Total Circulation
RAWLINGS	EREADER	15
RAWLINGS	IPAD	35
RAWLINGS	LAPTOP1	92
RAWLINGS	LAPTOP7	53
	Total	195

Item Library	Item Type	Total Circulation
BARKMAN	IPAD	13
BARKMAN	LAPTOP1	14
BARKMAN	LAPTOP7	11
	Total	38

June 2012 Public Technology Sessions				
Date	Time	Program	Presenter	Attendees
6/1/2012	11am	Tech Open House	Andrew Bregar	3
6/4/2012	11am	Computer Basics	Andrew Bregar	5
6/4/2012	6pm	Computer Basics	Andrew Bregar	3
6/11/2012	11am	Internet Basics	Kimberly Young	9
6/11/2012	6pm	Internet Basics	Kimberly Young	3
6/18/2012	11am	Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics	Andrew Bregar	7
6/18/2012	6pm	Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics	Andrew Bregar	3
6/20/2012	10am	Tech Open House	Andrew Bregar	11
6/25/2012	11am	Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Basics	Andrew Bregar	5
6/25/2012	11am	Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Basics	Andrew Bregar	3
6/27/2012	4pm	Downloadable Resources	Andrew Bregar	7
Total				59

- A number of adult literacy tutors and students are taking a break during the summer months and plan to resume tutoring this fall. As a result, 12 tutors provided instruction to 12 students during the month of June, totaling approximately 105 hours of individual tutoring.
- Twenty students have registered for the GED class that will begin on July 9. Need-based scholarships that cover the \$45 registration fee have been awarded to 11 students. There are currently 25 students on the waiting list for future classes offered at the Library.

June 2012 Adult Summer Reading Programs				
Date	Time	Program	Presenter	Attendees
6/4/2012	7pm-Lamb	Dream Master	Tianna Galgano	12
6/5/2012	7pm-Rawlings	Dream Master	Tianna Galgano	15
6/6/2012	10:30am-Y Lib	Dream Master	Tianna Galgano	5
6/4/2012	6pm-Barkman	Dream Master	Tianna Galgano	18
6/8/2012	3pm-PW	Dream Master	Tianna Galgano	10
6/11/2012	6pm-Barkman	Healthy Sleep Habits	SMC Sleep Disorder Clinic	4
6/12/2012	7pm-Rawlings	Healthy Sleep Habits	SMC Sleep Disorder Clinic	10
6/13/2012	7pm-PW	Healthy Sleep Habits	SMC Sleep Disorder Clinic	3
6/14/2012	10:30am-Y Lib	Healthy Sleep Habits	SMC Sleep Disorder Clinic	4
6/14/2012	7pm-Lamb	Healthy Sleep Habits	SMC Sleep Disorder Clinic	3
6/20/2012	4pm-Lamb	Herbal Craft	Felicia Sanchez-Garbiso	5
6/20/2012	7pm-PW	Herbal Craft	Felicia Sanchez-Garbiso	16
6/21/2012	10:30am-Y Lib	Herbal Craft	Felicia Sanchez-Garbiso	4
6/21/2012	6pm-Barkman	Herbal Craft	Felicia Sanchez-Garbiso	16
6/23/2012	1pm-Rawlings	Herbal Relaxation	Teresa Vigil	38
6/22 & 6/23	3-9pm	Tinseltown-SRP literature	Carol Rooney/Kim Young	90
6/24/2012	7pm-Rawlings	PechaKucha	various guests	84
6/26/2012	7pm-Rawlings	Book Connections	Dr. D. Souder	10
6/26/2012	5-8pm-PW	Afterwork Chair Massage	IntelliTech	28
6/29/2012	8pm-Nature Ctr	Summer Night Hike	John Gallagher	10
Total				385

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- Amy Nelson (Literacy Librarian) has been selected to attend the 2012 PLA Results Boot Camp in Nashville, Tennessee from August 20-25.

Youth Services

- Youth Services provided 51 programs for a total of 3,099 participants.
- A new Baby Time Storytime designed by Mary Grant (Early Literacy Librarian) started in June and is offered weekly.
- Programs are being offered every Saturday, providing programming options for families unable to visit libraries during the week.
- Natalie Gallegos and Felicia Sanchez-Garbiso (Library Assistants) hosted a Summer Reading Registration booth at the City Park free rides day meeting with 293 youth and parents.
- Volunteers Karma and her certified R.E.A.D. dog Toby are visiting Youth Services twice per month to encourage youth to relax as they read to a dog.
- Camp Fire Stories encouraged families to enjoy the great outdoors, bringing 87 participants.



One example of the great artwork submitted to the Teen Art Show, displayed at Pueblo West during July.

- The Stuffed Animal Sleepover program was a big hit. 140 participants dropped off stuffed animals, picking them up the next day along with photos of all the fun their animal had in the library during the night.
- SRDA Foster Grandparent and trained instructor, Susan Graham, read individually with 307 youth throughout the month of June.
- A new program providing visits to day care centers throughout the community, led by Mary Grant (Early Literacy Librarian), commenced in June with a goal to visit each center twice throughout the summer.
- Youth Services staff wrote and presented a puppet show program at each location as part of Summer Reading programming.
- Weekly Summer Reading programs for teens have been well attended, bringing about 30 participants each week.
- A Teen Art Show, developed in collaboration between Maria Kramer (Teen Librarian), Cindy Shimizu (Pueblo West Manager), and Susan Wolf (Program & Events Coordinator), brought 62 submissions. Of these, 39 pieces will be on display at the Pueblo West Library through July.
- Maria Kramer (Teen Librarian) has developed a great group of teen volunteers who have provided almost 73 hours of work in June.
- Maria Kramer (Teen Librarian) submitted an IMLS planning grant to develop a Learning Lab in the Rawlings Library on June 15.
- In an effort to bolster teen Summer Reading registrations, Maria Kramer (Teen Librarian) has scheduled multiple community outreach visits. In June she registered readers of all ages at Tinseltown Cinemas and Fun Yogurt.

BARKMAN LIBRARY

- Barkman volunteer activity went up substantially in June for a total of 115 hours. The reason for the increase was the Summer Reading program, and teen volunteers contributed 103 hours of that total.
- Steve Antonuccio (Barkman Manager) was invited to Baca Elementary to talk about careers in Library Science on June 5 for the Baca Elementary Career Day. He addressed 150 Baca Elementary students about the Summer Reading program and careers for librarians.

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- Barkman’s Summer Reading program is breaking records for attendance. The second program for children brought in a record 185 people for one program. The programming and outreach activity set another record number in June with a total of 2,558 people participating.
- For the first time ever, the adult summer reading program included live programming for adults at Barkman and district wide. The first program on dream interpretation had 18 adults in attendance. Kim Young (Rawlings Lead Reference Librarian) is heading up the adult summer reading programming effort.
- Participation in Barkman’s Teen Summer Reading program has had record-breaking participation; the programming on cartooning had 27 teens attending.
- The June book discussion group featured the book “Water for Elephants” by Sara Gruen, and twelve adults attended.

LAMB LIBRARY

- Summer reading really began with a bang. Lamb was bursting at the seams with children. These are the statistics for June 2012:
 - Sweet Dreamz for babies—85 registrations. There were 59 registrations for June 2011.
 - Dream Big for children—678 registrations. There were 246 registrations for June 2011.
 - Own the Night for teens—220 registrations. There were 46 registrations for June 2011.
 - Between the Covers for adults—80 registrations. This is a new program with no statistics for 2011.
 - Total attendance for children’s programs was 711.
 - Total attendance for teen programs was 93.
- Lamb Library served as a ballot drop-off location for 11 days which brought in new customers. Staff processed numerous library cards and checked out lots of material. The gate count was 836 on one of those days which was a record for Lamb.



PUEBLO WEST LIBRARY

- Gate count for the month was 20,512. The library hosted 107 meetings during June in the Pueblo West meeting rooms.
- Deborah Krauth (Business Librarian) and Kathleen Murray (Technical Clerk) joined with DeAnna Yee from the Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium to author an article entitled *Raising the Bar for Job Seekers in the Pueblo City-County Library District* regarding the new Virtual Workforce Center located at the Pueblo West Library. The article appears in Colorado Libraries Vol. 36, no.3 (2012) <http://coloradolibrariesjournal.org/articles/raising-bar-job-seekers-pueblo-city-county-library-district>.
- The library was a ballot drop-off location for local elections.
- Pueblo West Library’s coffee with an author this month was Jeff Clary, who wrote a book about a group of WWII soldiers called, “Cold, Wet, and Miserable” on June 9.
- The Virtual Workforce Center (VWC) class was offered on Thursday mornings each week with about four people attending each week.
- An OverDrive session was offered on Saturday morning, June 2, with 4 attending.
- The children’s specialists were very busy this summer with 622 attending programs in June.
- Children’s staff is taking their show on the road as well, working with the folks at day cares and schools with 78 attending.

LIBRARY @ THE Y

- The Library @ the Y provided twelve programs serving 397 people. The monthly gate count totaled 3,335.
- The Library @ the Y is a popular place for families to enjoy Summer Reading. Weekly programs brought an average attendance of 68 participants. Community members of various professions have been talking about their exciting careers. Families then enjoy a thematic story time and hands-on crafts.



The Fire Department leads a program at the Library @ the Y.



Children learn a hula dance from a cruise ship employee.

FACILITIES

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

- Worked in conjunction with Outreach Services staff on the Books in the Park program. Completed a new custom book cart and continued transporting the Books in the Park cargo trailer between Bessemer Park and El Centro del Quinto Sol.
- Worked with Wright Jones Plumbing & Heating to test the backflow devices with repairs completed on the lawn sprinkler system backflow device.
- Purchased and installed a bike rack for staff and public use at the Rawlings Library.
- Set up a new office space for State Librarian and Special Projects Librarian. All existing furniture was removed and reinstalled. Desks, file cabinets and other office furniture were set up along with the change out of the office door core lock.
- Worked with Automatic Access on repairs to handicap front door controller.
- Repainted a handicap curb and leveled concrete landings to eliminate potential trip hazards.
- Repaired bronze statue at Rawlings.
- Worked with Simply 5 Lighting control technical support staff to recalibrate the lighting control panels due to sections of lighting shutting off during normal operating hours at the Pueblo West Library.
- Completed inspections of fire extinguishers.
- Worked with vendors on power washing the courtyard at the Rawlings Library to remove gum and debris from the concrete.
- Worked with Carnation Building Services on stripping and waxing the main floor at the Barkman Branch Library.

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- Mechanical Tasking of HVAC equipment continues with the completion of:
 - Water Chemistry procedures, cooling tower water testing, boiler and chilled water loops tested and adjusted for proper levels of chemical, operation of the chemical feed pumps and blow down sensors were cleaned and tested – Rawlings Library
 - Reflective pond maintenance, cleaning of the pond, backwashing of the sand filter, cleaning of the basket filters, addition of bromine was completed – Rawlings Library
 - Emergency generator maintenance checks, oil levels, fuel levels, anti-freeze levels and freeze points were tested, battery charging station, battery connections, glycol heaters, run hours, alarms are checked during this service – Rawlings Library
 - Elevator telephone connections were tested and verified for proper operation; this was to verify connection between the elevator cars and the Schindler Elevator Dispatch Operation for emergency response purposes – Rawlings & Lamb Library
 - Liebert Air Conditioning monthly preventive maintenance, including remote condensing unit preventive maintenance, the Liebert Air Conditioning unit operates 24/7, 365 days per year providing climate controlled atmosphere in the district's server room – Rawlings Library
 - Service of Air Handlers 1 & 2 were completed – Rawlings Library
 - Service of the vapor loc humidifier in the server room was completed – Rawlings Library
 - Tested and inspected all alarmed panic bars – Rawlings Library
 - Service of Flue Fans 1, 2 & 3 was completed with possible motor problems on fan 3
 - Service of the building relief fan – Rawlings Library
 - Service of the bathroom exhaust fan – Rawlings Library
 - Service of the cooling tower sump tank and circulating pump – Rawlings Library
 - Repairs to the air conditioning chiller, refrigerant levels topped off – Rawlings Library
 - Repairs to the roof top unit # 2, condenser fan motor wiring issues and circuit # 1 refrigerant levels topped off – Pueblo West Library
 - Liebert Air conditioning unit refrigerant levels topped off, alarms addressed – Rawlings Library
- During the Month of June 2012, a total of 408 work orders were completed district wide.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Human Resources posted an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a compensation consultant to propose and implement a pay-for-performance system, replacing the current step increase system. Five consulting firms responded to the posting, and their proposals are being reviewed.
- The Health and Safety Committee started a summer health program, Walking with Weights, which will run June through August with 27% of employees participating.
- Health Insurance renewals took place in June for the benefit year beginning July 1. As requested by the Steering Committee this year, PCCLD extended health benefit coverage to same sex partners and common law marriage partners who sign an affidavit.
- Positions being recruited:
 - Help Desk/AV Technician, Grade 5, 32 hours per week.
 - Web Editor, Grade 5, 20 hours per week.
 - Manager of Fundraising /Grant Writer, full-time, new position for the Library Foundation.
- Terminations:
 - Maida Scott, Web Developer, voluntarily terminated employment on June 1.
 - Cate Mugasis, Outreach Assistant, voluntarily terminated employment on June 16.
- PCCLD Volunteer hours for the month of June totaled 2,044.3 hours, valued at \$41,397.08 (Estimated by Independent Sector's figure of \$20.25/hour for each volunteer hour contributed).
- The Volunteer of the Month for June 2012 was Carolyn Lowrey who has been volunteering with PCCLD in Genealogy and Special Collections for almost four years. Charlene Garcia Simms (Special Collections Librarian) had the following to say, "The first two years, (Carolyn) helped us with the obituary index with data input. She completed six years (of data) which equated to thousands and thousands of entries. The obituary index is one of the most popular resources and bringing it up to date is very important. She was meticulous in her work, checking and

double checking that the entries were correct. She even did research on her own to check spelling of names and dates. We could depend on her every week.” She went on to speak about her more recent volunteer efforts. These last “two years she has been helping us with the data input on our inventory which was taken manually and it is huge with about 50 categories. As with the obituary index, Carolyn is taking each category one by one and inputting in an Access database. We only have to train her once on what we need and she takes off with it and completes it. She is almost finished with this massive project and we will have it digitized as a finding tool for our patrons to have easier access and awareness of what we have in our collection. Carolyn is an ideal volunteer who is very dependable and conscientious of her work which makes it easier for our staff to work on other projects. These are but a few reasons why I think Carolyn Lowrey should be our Volunteer of the Month.”

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Worked with Internet provider to get 1 Gbps link setup at YMCA for build out.
- Upgraded PCCLD Internet Bandwidth from 20 Mbps to 75 Mbps.
- Continued Interview process for new 32-hour Help Desk position.
- Upgraded Abra Software for Finance and Human Resources.
- IT Personnel attended Citrix training for our PVS environment.
- IT Director traveled to Ottawa, Canada to see future RFID combination in action.

OUTREACH SERVICES

- Summer Reading started at Books in the Park (Bessemer) and satellite libraries commenced with new concept of lunches provided by the schools and Care & Share.
- At the request of Sandra Daff (City Council), three boxes of discarded children’s books were delivered to the Pueblo Convention Center on June 28 for Waldo Canyon Fire evacuees.

TECHNICAL SERVICES AND COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- 7,155 items were added to the collection during the month, and 3,303 items were withdrawn.
- Finalizing addition of mobile laptops and iPads for checkout at Lamb, Pueblo West, and Library at the Y. To begin offering device circulation at these three additional locations in August, 2012.
- Completed a draft discovery layer evaluation after reviewing major vendors.
- Worked on developing forms for centralized statistic collection.
- Much focus has been on adding juvenile materials in support of Summer Reading.
- The Collection Development Team is finalizing the current version of the Collection Development Guidelines to accompany the policy.
- The annual magazine renewal has been received, and Jill Deulen has distributed the lists to each location. We expect to have the renewal completed early enough to receive the discounted price for early renewal.
- The AIRS Committee has failed to put in place a new WorldCat agreement, but the service will continue uninterrupted until the issue is resolved. We do have a direct quote for WorldCat from OCLC and are prepared to subscribe directly if necessary. We should experience no interruptions in service throughout.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- A presentation was made to a healthy cooking class that was sponsored by Care and Share food pantry on Thursday, May 31.
- On Wednesday, June 27, Midori Clark (Community Relations Director) presented to the Kiwanis Club of Pueblo. 30 were in attendance for the program about the library’s new e-books and technology available for checkout. Also highlighted were the adult summer reading program and a brief description/update on the three new library projects.
- The InfoZone’s video (<http://www.pueblolibrary.org/infozone>) is complete. Other video projects in the works include the Virtual Workforce Center’s grand opening, an event with rocket launchers and the R.E.A.D. dogs.

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- An interview with Family Radio Network 89.9 highlighted the many events going on at the library this summer. The interview was on June 21, and the segments aired during the weekend (June 23-25).

GIFTS & GRANTS

- Dr. John Conn donated a copy of his book, *The Inventory* to the library.
- Marlene Bregar donated a copy of the book, *Lonek's Journey – The True Story of a Boy's Escape to Freedom* by Dorit Bader Whiteman.
- Stephanie Garcia donated a copy of the book, *Deadly Innocence?* by Robert Perske.
- Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Women Educators donated \$20 to purchase a book in memory of Loretta Enderud.
- Colorado City Metropolitan District donated land for the Colorado City Library.
- Gary and Wendy Goldinak donated \$100 at the Pueblo West Library.
- Marie Barkman Blue from Highlands Ranch donated photographs for Special Collections.
- Percy R. Wilson from Hanover, Pennsylvania, donated photographs of the McClelland Library for Special Collections.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Chris Brogan (Chief Financial Officer) attended the CAL Executive Committee Meeting in Denver on June 1.
- Maria Tucker (Special Collections & Museum Services Manager) attended the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists Meeting at CSU-Pueblo on June 1.
- Chris Brogan (Chief Financial Officer) attended the Annual GFOA Conference in Chicago, Illinois from June 10-13.
- Midori Clark (Community Relations Director) attended the Risk Communication Network (a committee of public relations and public information officers in Pueblo County) on June 12.
- Midori Clark (Community Relations Director) attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Southern Colorado Chapter, board meeting on June 12.
- Tracee Reeves (Accounting Assistant) attended training on e-Rate Funding in Colorado Springs on June 12-13.
- Jon Walker (Executive Director) and Rhonda Gonzales (Board Trustee) attended Building 21st Century Roadmap for Libraries at Pikes Peak Library District on June 13.
- Charles Hutchins (IT Director) and Richard Tucey (Special Projects Librarian) visited Ottawa Canada on June 13-15 to visit a library with RFID equipment the library plans to purchase.
- Ruth Mondragon (Accountant) attended an APA Meeting in Colorado Springs on June 14.
- All Rawlings Library staff participated in a fire drill on June 14.
- Three Special Collections employees participated in a Book Repair Webinar on June 14.
- Jon Walker (Executive Director) attended the ALA Conference in Anaheim, California from June 22-25 in Anaheim CA. His major focus was on workshops and information with regard to RFID/AMH, e-books, OCLC, information discovery software, library pay for performance, and collection development.
- Sara Rose (HR Director) attended the SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from June 24-27.
- Eight new employees attended New Hire Organizational Training on June 26.
- Teresa Valenti (Technical Services & Collection Development Director) attended the CAL LibTech Division Meeting in Lone Tree on June 29.
- Mark Koch, Felix Ruybal and Al Perea (Facilities staff) attended a training session given by C.D. Jones HVAC Supply Company on troubleshooting the refrigeration circuit.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

- The Library staff received a thank you letter from Gary Bress, Colorado State Director of the Selective Service System, which read: "I want to thank you for allowing the Selective Service System to conduct Local Board Member Training at the East Library facility last month. It was

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very kind of you to open the doors for us. The Selective Service System is dedicated to keeping the country ready in case there is a need for compulsory military service and we appreciate being able to utilize one of your meeting rooms.”

- Michael Cox (Youth Services Manager) received an email from Donna Stinchcomb, Buell Children’s Museum Curator, which read: “A note to thank you for helping with the Family Arts Festival on Saturday, June 9. Thank you for volunteering your summer day. How kind of you to share fairy tales with our families and add fun and sparkle to our celebration. I heard great comments about your sessions. ‘What a great voice he had for the Big Bad Wolf!’ said one Mom. ‘He should be here all the time in the gallery,’ said another. I know this is a busy time for you with summer reading getting underway. Thanks for making time in your busy day to share the importance of stories with children. ... It was a successful day of arts—thanks for helping make it so! ...”
- Yolanda Gonzales submitted the following comment: “I love Library in the Park. I bring my 9 grandchildren plus 4 others on a daily basis. They all read more with this program. We also participate in the activities surrounded in the same area. The YMCA, the pool, the baseball and now soccer. It is also good that they give prize incentives and the ladies helping are all very good with the children and very helpful. And of course it’s free so in this economy.”
- Keira Martinez submitted the following comment: “I love it. As well as my 3 children, age 7.5 and 2. It’s awesome. It encourages reading. Everyone I’ve encountered here is great. It truly gives a sense of community. This is my second year attending great activities. It also helps social skills. Children of all ages playing and learning together.” An added comment from Zarian, 7 years old, said: “I enjoy Books in the Park because it has books for 2nd grade.”
- James Kirk submitted the following comment: “Books in the Park is a benefit to the community and hopefully will return next summer.”
- Second Graders from Columbian School sent 39 thank you letters. One example reads, “Thank you Library, I like those two books you let me check out. I liked the story of the three little fish. I will do the Summer Reading Program. Your visitor, Michael.”

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Walker
Executive Director