

MAY 2019

Press/Publicity report



CALENDAR

Knit and Crochet Table Gang:

1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thurston Room of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., 251-1938 or jpf6476@hotmail.com.

Cast Off Knitters: 1 to 4

p.m., Pueblo West Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., 330-465-0193.

Pueblo West Writers: meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Pueblo West Library, Jerry King room A, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., pueblowestwriters.wix.com/pwwgPuebloVeterans

Pueblo Toastmasters: 6 p.m.,

Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., 415-1176.

AT THE LIBRARY

New Books From the Pueblo City- County Library District

Fiction

1. Little Darlings – Melanie Golding*
2. **Smashed:** Junji Ito Story Collection – Junji Ito
3. The Invited – Jennifer McMahon*
4. Crown Jewel – Christopher Reich*
5. The Old Drift – Namwali Serpell*
6. Murder on Trinity Place – Victoria Thompson*

Non-Fiction

1. **108 Stitches:** Loose Threads, Ripping Yarns, and the Characters from My Time in the Game – Ron Darling*

2. **Tiny Hot Dogs:** A Memoir in Small Bites – Mary Giuliani*

3. **Mind Fixers:** Psychiatry's Troubled Search for the Biology of Mental Illness – Anne Harrington*

4. **The Role of the Scroll:** An Introduction to Scrolls in the Middle Ages – Thomas Forrest Kelly*

5. **The Global Age:** Europe: 1950-2017 – Ian Kershaw*

6. **Beeline:** What Spelling Bees Reveal About Generation Z's New Path to Success – Shalini Shankar*

*Titles are either available or can be recommended in the eBook format through PCCLD's Cloud Library Collection

LOCAL NEWS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PUEBLO WEST

The 'downtown' of Pueblo West grew around library

By Anthony Sandstrom
The Pueblo West View

Fifty years ago, any visions of a "downtown" in Pueblo West was supposed to involve the Pueblo West Inn, the Desert Hawk Golf Course, and other things that served as the center of the planned Pueblo West community.

But two decades after that original planned community gave way to the self-governed community that Pueblo West eventually became, progress forged a whole new "downtown" in a somewhat unlikely way.

Instead of a public square with hospitality and business at its center, Civic Center Park, attached to the Pueblo West Library, became that square. Today, it's the center of the community, literally and figuratively, and it grew out of a need for education and community rather than commerce.

And it all began when the Pueblo City-County Library District filled a need in Pueblo West.

The White Branch Library

Pueblo West was without

a traditional library until the community was nearly 30 years old.

In 1997, the White Branch Library was constructed, and was a modest space, only about 5,000 square feet. It was in the same location as the modern-day Pueblo West Library, and today, in the northern wing of the current Pueblo West Library, its largest meeting and community room on the north end of the building was all that housed the White Branch.

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Children play in the Pueblo West Civic Center Park splash park after it was dedicated in 2014. Civic Center Park was the first park built in Pueblo West since 1972. [FILE PHOTO]

LIBRARY

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Despite being the smallest library branch in the entire district, the White Branch quickly outgrew its space and its patron base.

By 2005, an increasing amount of material circulated through the tiny branch. Aside from the flagship Rawlings Library location, the White Branch handled the most material in the library system.

It prompted a new approach to serve Pueblo West.

"(In 2005) we looked at our entire service area to make a sort of strategic plan," Pueblo City-County Library District Executive Director Jon Walker said. "That process involved looking at library standards of service, and some of those standards showed that Pueblo West was underserved. That plan showed that we needed some larger capacity in Pueblo West."

In that 2005 strategic plan, an expansion of Pueblo West's library was at the top of the list.

In 2009, an expansion to the current 27,000-square-foot facility took place, and not only does it still have the second-highest circulation of materials in the district, but it's also the second-largest branch in terms of area, only behind the Rawlings Library.

The Civic Center

The land around the Pueblo West Library was always intended to be a "civic center."

In 2009, when the library expansion was completed,



The White Branch Library, as seen in the early 2000s, was a modest space, only about 5,000 square feet. [FILE PHOTO]

there was a large swath of unimproved land behind the new building. That land was kept in the Pueblo West Metropolitan District's land portfolio as a site for potential civic buildings and other uses.

But a portion of that land was granted over to the Pueblo City-County Library District, and from there, a partnership continued to grow.

In 2013, the surrounding park was landscaped by the Pueblo West metro district, with bathrooms and amphitheaters added. During the second phase, the playground and splash park, potentially the most popular offering in the park, was added.

The rationale behind the park was, not only serving as a complement to the new library, but also to give Pueblo West a second

flagship park in addition to Lovell Park, which had served Pueblo West since the 1970s.

"We needed another place to have community events," Pueblo West Parks and Recreation Director Carol Cosby said. "Lovell Park was pretty maxed out, so we looked at a bigger park, a place more for things like concerts and big events."

The library and the Civic Center Park expansion were technically two different projects, but together, they were siblings in a revitalized city center for Pueblo West. Joined with Desert Hawk Golf Course and Cattails Crossing Pond just across McCulloch Boulevard, the area is a hot spot.

Today, the Civic Center Park cul de sac serves as the site of numerous festivals, including the Pueblo West Rotary Club Oktoberfest,



Expansion of the Pueblo West Library, which always was intended to be a "civic center" was completed in 2009. [FILE PHOTO]

the Pueblo West Chamber of Commerce SummerFest, a summer farmers market and the center of the post-parade Fourth of July activities.

There are no businesses or shopping at the center of this area, as is the case with the

social centers for most communities. Instead, it all arose from the community's need and want for intellectual and outdoor pursuits.

"There was a need for a place for people to enjoy the outdoors," Cosby said, "and that's what it has

become. The library uses (the park) for their events, too, and it's become a great thing in our community."

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LOCAL BRIEFS

InfoZone museum to host Ideas at Work exhibit

Ideas at Work: Innovation at the Depot exhibit will be on display Friday-June 2 in the InfoZone Museum on the fourth floor of Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

A collaborative project between Pueblo City-County Library District and Colorado State University-Pueblo,

the exhibit shares the stories of Pueblo Ordnance Depot employees whose ideas and innovation allowed the depot to thrive, starting in the 1940s to present day.

A public reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the InfoZone Museum.

The exhibit and reception both are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Ideas at Work is a

continuation of the March of 2018 exhibit, She's a WOW: Women Ordnance Workers in Pueblo, CO 1942-1945.

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STANDING

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2:30 p.m., Robert Hoag
Rawlings Public Library, 100
E. Abriendo Ave., all adults
welcome, 543-6234. 11th St.,
542-4578 or 821-2756.

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1. Storm Cursed – Patricia Briggs*
2. The Big Kahuna – Janet Evanovich*
3. The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna – Juliet
Grames*
4. Star Wars: Master & Apprentice – Claudia Gray*
5. The Tale Teller: A Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito
Novel – Anne Hillerman*
6. The Farm – Joanne Ramos*

Non-Fiction

1. Life After Suicide: Finding Courage, Comfort &
Community After Unthinkable Loss – Jennifer Ashton
M.D.*
2. Where the Light Enters: Building a Family,
Discovering Myself – Jill Biden*
3. Let Love Have the Last Word: A Memoir – Common*
4. The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women
Changes the World – Melinda Gates*
5. The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers
Who Brought the American Ideal West – David
McCullough*
6. All the Way: My Life in Four Quarters – Joe Namath*

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SATURDAY

Lacemakers of Southern Colorado: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lamb Library, 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

All Pueblo Grows Seed-Lending Library: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., community seed exchange, Thurston Room of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. 583-6566 or volunteers@allpueblogrows.org.

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Fiction

1. Sunset Beach – Mary Kay Andrews*
2. Resistance Woman – Jennifer Chiaverini*
3. The Never Game – Jeffrey Deaver*
4. **The Night Window:** A Jane Hawk Novel – Dean Koontz*
5. If She Wakes – Michael Koryta*
6. A Woman Is No Man – Etaf Rum*

Non-Fiction

1. **Furious Hours:** Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee – Casey Cep*
2. **Once More We Saw Stars:** A Memoir – Jayson

Greene*

3. Becoming Dr. Seuss: Theodor Geisel and the Making of an American Imagination – Brian Jay Jones*

4. The Map of Knowledge: A Thousand-Year History of How Classical Ideas Were Lost and Found – Violet Moller*

5. Howard Stern Comes Again – Howard Stern*

6. Forever and Ever, Amen: A Memoir of Music, Faith, and Braving the Storms of Life – Randy Travis*

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BUSINESS

NOTES

Xcel Energy donates to library's planned Steel exhibit

The Xcel Energy Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant to the Pueblo City-County Library District in support of the development of a new local touring exhibit called Exploring Steel, Energy and the West.

The exhibit will be developed in partnership with the library district's Special Collections and Museum Services. The exhibit will travel to each of the district's seven libraries. It also will take turns at other cultural and educational institutions in the region, including Salida, Alamosa and elsewhere.

The exhibit will feature the history of Colorado Fuel and Iron and EVRAZ steel manufacturing in Pueblo and the region. It will also focus on the role of energy and electricity in the story of manufacturing steel and iron, and how they played a critical role in the economic and social development of the American West from the 19th century into the future, as well as a more recent look at the energy industry's transition from coal to renewables.

"The library district is very pleased to have Xcel Energy's vital support for this special project to document and share with the public the important history in this region and, even, nationally and internationally, of Pueblo's steel manufacturing legacy and the critical role energy plays in this," library district executive director Jon Walker said in a statement.

Xcel Energy chief executive Ben Fowke said in a statement, "Libraries are a cornerstone for all vibrant, growing communities. We're pleased to partner with Pueblo's library district on a traveling exhibit showcasing the region's rich energy history and the important role it played in shaping this vital national industry."

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Knit and Chat Club: 1 p.m., Joseph Edwards Senior Center, 230 N. Union Ave., new members welcome, participants should bring needles, yarn is provided, 545-8900.

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1. Mistress of the Ritz – Melanie Benjamin*
2. The Guest Book – Sarah Blake*
3. Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors – Sonali Dev*
4. The Stone Circle – Elly Griffiths*
5. Cari Mora – Thomas Harris*
6. Tightrope – Amanda Quick*

Non-Fiction

1. No Walls and the Recurring Dream: A Memoir – Ani DiFranco*
2. Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide – Tony Horwitz*
3. After Life: My Journey from Incarceration to Freedom – Alice Marie Johnson*
4. How to Forget: A Daughter's Memoir – Kate Mulgrew*
5. Nanaville: Adventures in Grandparenting – Anna Quindlin*
6. Every Tool's a Hammer: Life is What You Make It – Adam Savage

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