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Human Origins exhibit tours and workshop offered

Pueblo, Colo. — Pueblo City-County Library District has been selected as one of 19 libraries to host *Exploring Human Origins: What Does it Mean to Be Human?*, a national traveling exhibition. Based on the Smithsonian's *What Does It Mean to Be Human?* permanent exhibition hall at the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), *Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?* seeks to shed light on what we know about human origins and how we know it. The exhibition welcomes different cultural perspectives on evolution and seeks to foster positive dialogue and a respectful exploration of the science.

Through panels, interactive kiosks, hands-on displays and videos, *Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?* invites audiences to explore milestones in the evolutionary journey of becoming human — from walking upright, creating technology and eating new foods, to brain enlargement and the development of symbolic language and complex societies — advancements that define the unique position of humans in the history of life.

The exhibit will be at the library from Monday, March 28 through Saturday, April 23, on the 4th floor at the InfoZone News Museum at Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. and is free and open to the public during library hours.

School tours are available and a teacher workshop is scheduled:

- **School Tour Information**

Times available: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., Rawlings Library, InfoZone-4th floor

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes; age level: 4th grade or higher

Pueblo City-County Library District and El Pueblo History Museum are offering school tours where students can explore the exhibit and learn about the history of human culture in a fun and interactive way. The tour includes standards based educational programming designed for grades 4 through 12. Tours are hosted by education staff from El Pueblo History Museum and the InfoZone News Museum.



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Barkman Library
Giodone Library
Greenhorn Valley Library
Lamb Library
Lucero Library
Library @ the Y
Pueblo West Library
Rawlings Library

Satellite libraries:

Avondale Elementary
Beulah School

Cost for this educational tour provided by the Pueblo City-County Library District. Funding for busing may be available. This tour can be scheduled in conjunction with El Pueblo History Museum's "Dig to Discover" tour. To make reservations call Jeremy Morton at 719-583-0453 or email jeremy.morton@state.co.us. All reservations must be made two weeks in advance.

- **Educators Workshop on Teaching Human Evolution**

Friday, April 8, 2016, 1 to 4 p.m., Rawlings Library, Ryals Room-4th floor

To make a reservation for the workshop, call Maria Tucker at 553-0205 or visit

www.pueblolibrary.org/infozoneevents

Dr. Briana Pobiner, who leads the Human Origins Program's education and outreach efforts, and Dr. Connie Bertka, an independent scholar and consultant with Science and Society Resources, LLC, will present a three hour workshop on human evolution for science educators in each community hosting the exhibition. The workshop is for classroom teachers; science, nature center and museum educators; homeschoolers; and other local educators. It will feature exploration and hands-on practice in presenting the Human Origins Program resources provided for each community. These resources include a set of five early human skull casts; classroom-tested, high-school Biology teaching supplements on "What Does It Mean to Be Human?", and a teacher resource on cultural and religious sensitivity strategies.

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