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## **Traveling Smithsonian Institution Exhibit coming to Pueblo**

**Pueblo, Colo.** — *Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to be Human?*, a national traveling exhibition exploring the complex field of human evolution research will be displayed March 28-April 23 at Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., InfoZone News Museum-4<sup>th</sup> floor. The exhibition is free and open to the public during library hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For information and a schedule of events, visit [www.pueblolibrary.org](http://www.pueblolibrary.org) or contact Maria Tucker at 553-0205.

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.

Based on the Smithsonian's *What Does It Mean to Be Human?* permanent exhibition hall at the National Museum of Natural History, *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.

"Pueblo City-County Library District is honored to have been selected as one of 19 public libraries across the country to host the national traveling exhibition: *Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?* The exhibit will provide science education content and help encourage a constructive, informative discussion on the subject of human evolution," said Maria Tucker, manager of special collections and museum services. "We encourage people of all beliefs to explore the exhibition, as it delves into human origins in a way that is understandable, fulfilling, captivating and relevant."

The exhibition will be accompanied by a series of free library programs, including presentations by Smithsonian scientists.

*Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?* is organized by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in collaboration with the American Library Association. This project was made possible through the support of a grant from the John Templeton Foundation and support from the Peter Buck Human Origins Fund.\*

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