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**Library launches new book and mural**

**PUEBLO, Colo.** – The Pueblo City-County Library District is celebrating Latino heritage! PCCLD is hosting a series of events to celebrate the publishing of a new book, *Spanish/Mexican Legacy of Latinos in Pueblo County* by CSU-Pueblo professor David A. Sandoval, and the unveiling of a mural based on the book, *Corazón del Pueblo* by Denver-based artist David “Oceoltl” Garcia. A reception, book signing and mural unveiling will be held Friday, March 23 at 10 a.m. at the Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. A host of other events are planned on Friday and Saturday to continue the celebration.

Sandoval’s *Spanish/Mexican Legacy of Latinos in Pueblo County* was written to document Latino history in Pueblo County. This novel ties together historical events and characters that have shaped Pueblo and its culture. Garcia’s *Corazón del Pueblo* is a visual representation of the events and individuals documented in the book. The mural is painted in three panels and uses the Mexican muralista-style of art. *Corazón del Pueblo* will be housed on the second floor of the Rawlings Library in the Hispanic Resource Center.

Both the mural and the novel were joint efforts of PCCLD’s special collections and museum services department and the Hispanic Resources Center.

The writing of the book was funded through Colorado Humanities. The mural was funded by a donation from the Ralph Leidigh Trust. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at each event for \$25.

For more information about *Corazón del Pueblo*, *Spanish/Mexican Legacy of Latinos in Pueblo County* or the celebration events, please call 562-5626.

The complete list of events is as follows:

**Friday, March 23, Rawlings Library – Hispanic Resources**

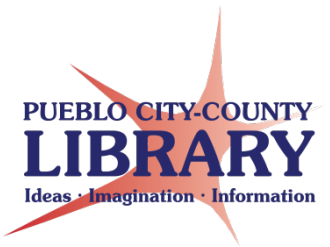
10 a.m. – Grand unveiling and ribbon cutting of *Corazón del Pueblo*

7 p.m. – Art show and reception featuring the art of John Mendoza

**Saturday, March 24, Rawlings Library – Hispanic Resources**

10 a.m. – Defending the Empire presentation by Dr. David A. Sandoval

1 p.m. – Presentation by artist David “Ocelotl” Garcia



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Beulah School

Craver Middle School

Hyde Park at Cesar Chavez

North Mesa Elementary

Risley Middle School

Rye Elementary

South Mesa Elementary

Vineland Elementary