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New library site selected in Greenhorn Valley

PUEBLO, Colo. – At their regular meeting last night, Pueblo City-County Library District’s Board of Trustees voted unanimously to accept property donated by the Colorado City Metropolitan District for the proposed Greenhorn Valley public library. The site is 4.1 acres at the corner of Highway 165 and Cibola Drive in Colorado City. It is adjacent to a 24-acre park.

“This is a significant donation to the library district and will result in a wonderful public amenity dedicated to literacy and lifelong learning for the greater Greenhorn Valley for years to come,” said Jon Walker, executive director of the library district.

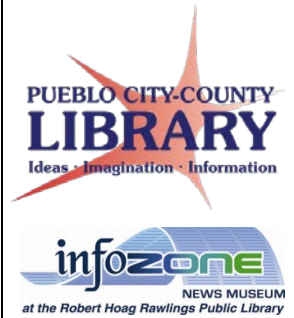
The site will be used to build a 7,500 square foot public library designed by Denver-based OZ Architecture, breaking ground in early-to-mid 2013. The library is projected to open during the summer of 2014. A fundraising campaign in support of the project will commence this year.

The Colorado City Metropolitan District Board voted to give the site to the library district at its meeting on June 12.

The metro district’s manager, Dave Valdez said, “Speaking on behalf of the Colorado City Metro District, this is a tremendous opportunity for not only Colorado City, but the entire Greenhorn Valley.”

The new library is part of the library district’s plan to build three new libraries in Pueblo County. Other areas where new libraries are proposed include Pueblo’s East Side and the St. Charles Mesa. Exact sites for those two libraries have not yet been selected.

The three new library projects are part of the library’s strategic plan, which identified the need for the new locations in 2005, and again in 2010 when the plan was updated. Use of PCCLD services has skyrocketed in recent years. Last year alone, nearly 1.8 million items were checked out and more people visited area libraries than ever before.



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- North Mesa Elementary
- Risley Middle School
- Rye Elementary
- South Mesa Elementary
- Vineland Elementary