

# Library

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY

news & events

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## Pueblo libraries get technological makeover

Pueblo City-County Library District (PCCLD) is excited to be undergoing major changes that will greatly enhance our ability to provide customer service. Library locations at Rawlings, Pueblo West, Barkman, Lamb, and the Library @ the Y will soon be using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system-enabled check in and check out. The use of Automated Material Handling (AMH) will also be implemented at the Rawlings, Pueblo West, Barkman, and Lamb libraries. These changes require that we temporarily close Lamb and Barkman libraries sometime in early January for about a month.

The goal of implementing RFID and AMH is to enhance customer service by allowing customers to check in and check out materials almost immediately, greatly improving the accuracy of our returns, and making returned materials available more quickly. Security of library materials will also be increased by new RFID tags and new efficient gates at all library locations.

One of the future benefits of RFID is that it will equip us to perform a future inventory, which will lead to a more accurate library catalog.

Throughout the next couple of months, we will be affixing RFID tags to all of our books, movies, CDs and video games. These tags are RFID antennae and are programmed with the item number only. Lamb and Barkman Library materials have been tagged and tagging has already begun at the Pueblo West Library. When the project is done, approximately 430,000 items will receive new tags.

AMH is a machine that works with RFID to provide almost instant self-check in and automated sorting via a conveyor belt. The conveyor belt deposits materials into sorting bins reducing the time it takes to return materials to the shelves. The use of RFID and AMH will give staff more time and opportunity to work directly with customers.

New payment stations will make it possible for customers to use cash, credit and debit cards to pay fines independently or with assistance from staff.



A worker at the Barkman Library tags a book with an RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) chip. All library locations will catalog their inventory with RFID chips to enhance customer service and aid with library expansions.

To accommodate the use of RFID and AMH, significant physical changes will take place in the circulation and greeting areas at the Rawlings, Lamb, and Barkman Libraries. Staff at our information and help desks will be available to help customers use the new self-check ins and payment stations.

In addition to the new RFID and AMH equipment, the Barkman and Lamb Libraries will be receiving a makeover including new carpet and paint. The Barkman and Lamb Libraries will be closed starting around the beginning of January and reopening toward the end of January or early February. Construction work done at Rawlings and Pueblo West will be done at night so that customers will be able to access these libraries during this time of transition.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as these enhancements are made to the Rawlings, Pueblo West, Barkman, Lamb, and Library @ the Y libraries. For updates on the enhancements, please access Library Enhancement Project under News and Events on the Library's website at [www.pueblolibrary.org](http://www.pueblolibrary.org).

### Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday (Rawlings only)  
1 – 5 p.m.

### Public library locations:

Barkman Public Library  
562-5680  
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Lamb Public Library  
562-5670  
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Library @ the Y  
553-0102 (call for hours)  
3200 Spaulding

Pueblo West Public Library  
562-5660  
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Rawlings Public Library  
562-5600  
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

### Satellite library locations:

Avondale Elementary  
947-3047  
213 Hwy. 50 E.

Beulah School  
485-3129  
8734 Schoolhouse Ln.

Craver Middle School  
676-3850  
4850 Crow Cut Off

Cesar Chavez Academy  
586-9199  
2500 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

North Mesa Elementary  
948-2551  
28881 Gale Road

Risley Middle School  
549-7449  
625 N. Monument Ave.

Rye Elementary  
489-2272  
8120 Hwy. 165 W.

South Mesa Elementary  
543-0738  
23701 E. Preston Rd.

Vineland Elementary  
948-2633  
35777 Iris Rd.

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## Events Calendar

Dec. 2012

### 1 Saturday

- Saturday storytime (all ages)  
11 a.m. at Rawlings
- Gift Ideas for book lovers  
1-2 p.m. at Pueblo West
- AIDS quilt exhibit opening and candlelight vigil  
4-6 p.m. at Rawlings Library - 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (PG) 2 p.m. at Rawlings InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 2 Sunday

- ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (PG) 2 p.m. at Rawlings InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 3 Monday

- Time for tots storytime (15 mos.-3 yrs.)  
10 a.m. at Rawlings

### 4 Tuesday

- Time for Tots (15 mos.-3 yrs.)  
10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Pueblo West
- Storytime  
11 a.m. at Library @ the Y

### 5 Wednesday

- Baby time storytime (birth-15 mos.)  
10 a.m. at Rawlings
- Baby Bumblebees (birth-15 mos.)  
10 a.m. at Pueblo West
- Bilingual preschool storytime  
10 a.m. at Barkman
- English preschool storytime  
10:30 a.m. at Barkman
- Regular storytime (3-7 yrs.)  
10:30 a.m. at Rawlings
- Mother Goose storytime  
10:30 a.m. at Lamb
- The Avengers (PG-13)  
6:30 p.m. at Rawlings InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 6 Thursday

- Books Again book sale  
622 S. Union  
50% off all books  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Preschool storytime (3-5 yrs.)  
10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Pueblo West
- Library volunteer quarterly lunch meeting  
Noon at Rawlings Ryals Room - 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- Anime Club  
6-7:30 p.m. Pueblo West King Room B
- Plainsong the play  
7 p.m. at Centennial High School

### 7 Friday

- Time for tots storytime (15 mos.-3 yrs.)  
10 a.m. at Rawlings
- Books Again book sale  
622 S. Union  
50% off all books  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Regular storytime (3-7 yrs.)  
10:30 a.m. at Rawlings



# Library Enhancement Project

by Jon Walker

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

— Sir Richard Steele

The Pueblo City-County Library District has a special focus on reading. This comes as no surprise. Other aspects of library service are important. These include providing free and open access to materials in audio and video formats plus public programming and events. But reading remains central to the library.

This is why it is noteworthy when library efforts to promote reading are successful. Certainly, the number of books and other library materials checked-out is one important indicator. This number continues to climb at a healthy rate. The library will approach two million items checked-out in 2012. This is a

record-setting pace and some 6.8% ahead of last year.

Two other services to watch in this regard are the library's summer reading program and All Pueblo Reads. Each project aims to promote increased reading in our community. In 2012, both of these signature library reading projects demonstrated growing popularity with members of the community. Total participation in this past summer's young people's reading program was over 27,000. All Pueblo Reads in 2012 also hit a new all-time high mark with more than 32,000 participants in the project.

It is the intent of the Pueblo City-County Library District to spotlight reading as a central part of our community's culture. The results in 2012 demonstrate good progress toward this goal.

## For those who volunteer, we salute you

On behalf of all staff members and patrons, Pueblo City-County Library District would like to express its deepest gratitude to the volunteers who helped make 2012 so special. To date, more than 18,806 hours of service have been contributed to PCCLD. The continued service is much appreciated!

PCCLD congratulates the Volunteers of the Month for their ongoing service and dedication to the library:

•Karen Frank — September's nominee — volunteers her time in circulation at Rawlings Library.

•Vaughan Mavir — October's nominee — volunteers his time in special collections at Rawlings Library.

The quarterly lunch meeting for volunteers will be:

Thursday, Dec. 6 at Noon  
Rawlings Library  
Ryals Room - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

This quarter, executive director Jon Walker presents information on plans for three new public libraries. The meetings create a time and space for PCCLD volunteers to give feedback to the library district, discuss ways to improve the volunteer experience and provide input regarding the programs and events for volunteers. It also allows the volunteers to get to know one another and be appreciated.



Karen Frank was nominated as Pueblo City-County Library District Volunteer of the Month in September.



Vaughan Mavir was nominated as Pueblo City-County Library District Volunteer of the Month in October.

Volunteers, please RSVP for the holiday lunch, which will be provided by the library. For more information, call Joe'l DeYoung at 562-5653 or Sara Rose at 562-5632.

## Dia de los Muertos



The Rawlings Library was a "spooktacular" place to be on Friday, Nov. 2 for Dia de los Muertos — The Day of the Dead celebration. Children honored their ancestors by partaking in face painting, mask making, cookies, hot chocolate and a whole lot of fun!

## 24 Hour Film Festival



LEFT: Nick Johnston took the Best of Festival Award for the young filmmakers screening in the Pueblo 24 Hour Film Festival for the movie he co-created with Joey Gavato titled *Signs of the End of the World*. RIGHT: A group photo of this year's youth filmmaker contestants. To see a full list of the entrants, visit the library website at [www.pueblolibrary.org](http://www.pueblolibrary.org).



LEFT: Directors Adam Gazzola and Charley McMullen display the three P-Tee awards they took home after the main screening of the Pueblo 24 Hour Film Festival for their movie *Furious George*. *Furious George* won awards for Most Creative, Best Cinematography and Audiences Choice categories. RIGHT: Jim Butcher's movie *The Art Project* was awarded two P-Tee trophies for Best of Festival and Best Performance categories.

## Dec. 2012

- Preschool storytime  
10:30 a.m. at Lamb
- Resumes 411  
2-4 p.m. at Rawlings  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Training Room
- Gingerbread Madness  
6:30 p.m. Library @ the Y
- Plainsong the play  
7 p.m. at Centennial High School

### 8 Saturday

- Books Again book sale  
622 S. Union  
50% off all books  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday storytime (all ages)  
11 a.m. at Rawlings
- Shrinky Dinks ornaments (all ages)  
2 p.m. at Pueblo West King Room A
- 8 Crazy Nights (PG)  
2 p.m. at Rawlings InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- Gingerbread Madness  
2 p.m. at Barkman and  
2 p.m. at Rawlings  
Teen Central - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Plainsong the play  
7 p.m. at Centennial High School

### 9 Sunday

- 8 Crazy Nights (PG)  
2 p.m. at Rawlings InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 10 Monday

- Time for tots storytime (15 mos.-3 yrs.)  
10 a.m. at Rawlings

### 11 Tuesday

- Time for Tots (15 mos.-3 yrs.)  
10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Pueblo West
- Storytime  
11 a.m. at Library @ the Y
- Holidays after the death of a loved one  
2 p.m. at Pueblo West King Room B
- Gingerbread Madness  
6 p.m. at Lamb

### 12 Wednesday

- Baby time storytime (birth-15 mos.)  
10 a.m. at Rawlings
- Baby Bumblebees (birth-15 mos.)  
10 a.m. at Pueblo West
- Bilingual preschool storytime  
10 a.m. at Barkman
- English preschool storytime  
10:30 a.m. at Barkman
- Regular storytime (3-7 yrs.)  
10:30 a.m. at Rawlings
- Mother Goose storytime  
10:30 a.m. at Lamb
- Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)  
6:30 p.m. Rawlings, InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 13 Thursday

- Preschool storytime (3-5 yrs.)  
10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Pueblo West

## Dec. 2012

- Resume review  
11 a.m. - Noon  
Rawlings  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Training Room
- Cookie decorating  
3:30 p.m. at Pueblo West  
King Room A
- Gingerbread Madness  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Pueblo West
- The Hobbit (NR)  
6:30 p.m. at Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

## 14 Friday

- Time for tots storytime (15 mos.-3 yrs.)  
10 a.m. at Rawlings
- Regular storytime (3-7 yrs.)  
10:30 a.m. at Rawlings
- Preschool storytime  
10:30 a.m. at Lamb
- Resume review  
11 a.m. - Noon  
Rawlings  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Training Room
- Teen Photo Essay  
Contest entry deadline

## 15 Saturday

- Saturday storytime (all ages)  
11 a.m. at Rawlings
- Beauty is Embarrassing (NR) Noon at Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- Santa Paws 2 (G)  
2 p.m. at Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- King of Devil's Island (NR) 7 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

## 16 Sunday

- Santa Paws 2 (G)  
2 p.m. at Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

## 17 Monday

- It's a crafty affair  
All-day event at Lamb

## 18 Tuesday

- It's a crafty affair  
All-day event at Lamb

## 19 Wednesday

- It's a crafty affair  
All-day event at Lamb
- The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.  
Rawlings, InfoZone  
4<sup>th</sup> floor

## 20 Thursday

- It's a crafty affair  
All-day event at Lamb
- Anime Club  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Pueblo West  
King Room B

## 21 Friday

- It's a crafty affair  
All-day event at Lamb
- Gingerbread Madness  
Grand Prize Winner  
announced today
- Teen winter dance  
6:15 p.m.  
Library @ the Y

## 22 Saturday

- Arthur Christmas (PG)  
2 p.m. at Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor



## Scary story winners

Writers from grade 2 to adult were invited to write a mystery, suspenseful thriller or a humorous scary tale of a non-violent nature for the Pueblo City-County Library Districts 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Scary Story Contest. The winners were recognized Nov. 1 at the Rawlings Library. To see a full list of the creative entrants, visit the library website at [www.pueblolibrary.org](http://www.pueblolibrary.org).

## Employee recognition

Library employees were honored for their years of service by the Board of Directors (from top left):  
Jacque Collins, Jane Carlsen, Dawn Reitz, Sherri Baca (board member), Diann Logie, Jim Stuart (board member), Marlene Bregar (board member), LeRoy Miltner (board member), David Martin, Fredrick Quintana (board member), Mark Koch, Philip Mancha (board member), Deanna Herrera, Steve Antonuccio, Janina Goodwin, Chris Brogan, Susan Wolf, Maria Kramer, Jan Herrera, Marlene Sanchez, Rick Lucero and Al Roman.



## New employees

New library employees were welcomed aboard by the Board of Directors (from left): Sherri Baca (board member), Michelle Vigil, Michelle Stitt, Justin Morenz, Marlene Bregar (board member), Jim Stuart (board member), Todd Smith, Fredrick Quintana (board member), Philip Mancha (board member), LeRoy Miltner (board member) and Amber Pepin.

## Movies @ the InfoZone

Seating at the InfoZone is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theater, but covered drinks are permitted. The InfoZone Theater is located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. All movies are free!

## Cult movie film series

The Hobbit (NR)  
Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Hobbit Bilbo Baggins's quiet life changes forever when wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves employ him on a quest for treasure. Throughout a long journey, Bilbo battles goblins, trolls, a dragon and the brooding Gollum — and holds the fate of Middle Earth in his hands. Orson Bean voices Bilbo and John Huston voices Gandalf.

## Community cinema

Beauty is Embarrassing (NR)  
Saturday, Dec. 15 at Noon

Artist Wayne White found early success as one of the creators of Pee-wee's Playhouse and now his "word" paintings, which feature pithy and often sarcastic text statements crafted onto vintage landscape paintings, have made him a darling of the fine art world. This is a funny, irreverent story of the highs and lows of a commercial artist struggling to find peace and balance between his work and his art.

## Independent movie

King of Devil's Island (NR)  
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

This true story of the infamous Bastøy Boys Home correctional facility in Norway, begins with the arrival of seventeen-year-old Erling, a rumored murderer. He immediately clashes with the island facility's governor (Stellan Skarsgård), who believes manual labor, rigid discipline, and harsh punishment are the only methods that can turn the boys into honorable members of society. Refusing to accept the constant abuse, Erling slowly rouses the rest of the boys out of their resigned existence, and encourages them to fight to lift up their spirits. When tragedy finally falls at the hand of the sadistic dorm master, Erling leads his comrades in a courageous and vicious rebellion that will bring them head to head with no less than the Norwegian Army.

In Norwegian with English subtitles.

## Kids Movies

Movies start at 2 p.m.

ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (PG)

Saturday, Dec. 1  
Sunday, Dec. 2

8 Crazy Nights (PG)

Saturday, Dec. 8  
Sunday, Dec. 9

Santa Paws 2 (G)

Saturday, Dec. 15  
Sunday, Dec. 16

Arthur Christmas (PG)

Saturday, Dec. 22

Up (PG)

Saturday, Dec. 29

## Wednesday Night Movies

Movies start at 6:30 p.m.

The Avengers (PG-13)  
Dec. 5

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)  
Dec. 12

The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)  
Dec. 19

The Campaign (R)  
Dec. 26

## Winter break films

Movies start at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A Christmas Story 2 (PG)  
Wednesday, Dec. 26

Cars 2 (G)  
Thursday, Dec. 27

The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)  
Friday, Dec. 28

The Lorax (PG)  
Monday, Dec. 31

Paranorman (PG)  
Wednesday, Jan. 2

Animals United (NR)  
Thursday, Jan. 3

The Princess and the Frog (G)  
Friday, Jan. 4

## Dec. 2012

### 23 Sunday

- Library is closed

### 24 Monday

- Closed for Christmas Eve

### 25 Tuesday

- Closed for Christmas

### 26 Wednesday

- Craft time  
All-day event  
Rawlings  
Youth Services - 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Drop in craft  
All-day event  
Library @ the Y
- A Christmas Story 2 (PG)  
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- The Campaign (R)  
6:30 p.m. at Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 27 Thursday

- Craft time  
All-day event  
Rawlings  
Youth Services - 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Drop in craft  
All-day event  
Library @ the Y
- Cars 2 (G)  
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 28 Friday

- Craft time  
All-day event  
Rawlings  
Youth Services - 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Drop in craft  
All-day event  
Library @ the Y
- The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)  
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 29 Saturday

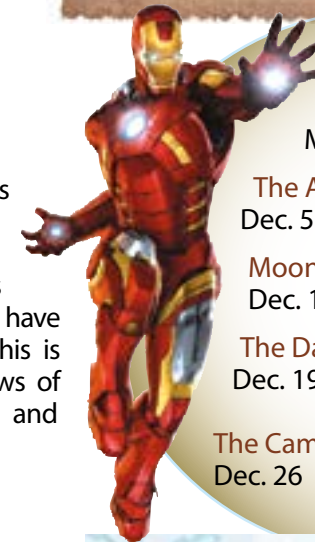
- Drop in craft  
All-day event  
Library @ the Y
- Up (PG)  
2 p.m.  
Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

### 30 Sunday

- Library is closed

### 31 Monday

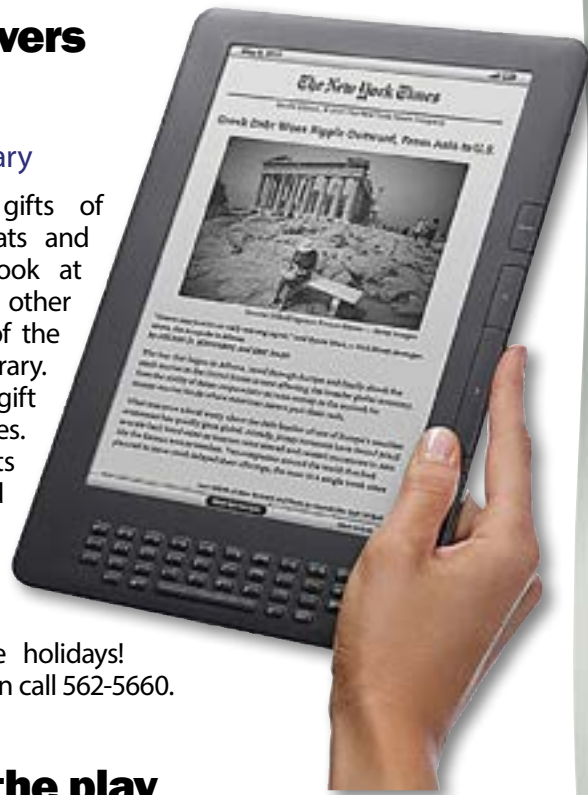
- The Lorax (PG)  
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Rawlings  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- Cookie Decorating  
2 p.m. at Rawlings  
Youth Services -  
1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Libraries close early  
at 6 p.m.



## Gift ideas for book lovers

Saturday, Dec. 1  
1-2 p.m.  
Pueblo West Library

Get ideas for gifts of books in all formats and get a hands-on look at e-readers and other devices with staff of the Pueblo West Library. This will include gift ideas for all ages. Light refreshments will be served and some devices will be available for a hands-on look. Please join us in preparation for the holidays! For more information call 562-5660.



## Plainsong the play

Thursday, Dec. 6 through Saturday, Dec. 8  
7 p.m. at Centennial High School

Centennial High School drama students will perform the stage version of the All Pueblo Reads novel *Plainsong*, by Kent Haruf, which chronicles life on the Eastern Plains of Colorado. For more information call 569-0003.

## Holidays after the death of a loved one

Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.  
Pueblo West - King Room B

Mourning the death of someone you love can be especially difficult during the holiday season. Grieving is a deeply personal and a gradual experience. Noelle Fiorenzi, bereavement counselor for Sangre de Cristo Hospice Center, helps individuals recognize where they are in the grieving process, identifies their strengths and assists them in developing ways to cope with loss. For more information call 562-5668.

**Barkman, Lamb, Library @ the Y, Pueblo West and Rawlings public libraries will be closed:**

**Sunday, Dec. 23**

**Monday, Dec. 24 for Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas**

**Sunday, Dec. 30**

**Monday, Dec. 31 — Early closure at 6 p.m. for New Year's Eve**

**Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day**



## Resumes 411

Friday, Dec. 7 from 2-4 p.m.  
Rawlings Library  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Training Room

Do you submit your resume but not get called for an interview? Is your resume tailored for each job? Find out what employers want! Learn the basic skills for creating an amazing resume.

You will learn:

- How to tailor your job objective
- How to highlight your pertinent skills
- How to add value through training, degree programs or certificates
- How to put your resume online

Join career coach Kathy Johnson, Potential Energy, LLC, to energize and recharge your resume! For more information call 562-5667.

## Work it out!

### Resume review

Thursday, Dec. 13  
and Friday, Dec. 14  
11 a.m. to Noon  
Rawlings Library  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Training Room

Bring in your resume for free review by career coach Kathy Johnson of Potential Energy, LLC. For more information call 562-5667.



## All Pueblo Reads Winning Mini-Sagas

### Middle School Winners

First Place — Selena Valles

As I gazed at the Rocky Mountains, snow had lain upon them. A beautiful sight it was, while the church bells rang that frosty Sunday morning. The sun was buried behind the clouds and our skin stood warm underneath the thick clothing. Although it can be chilly, Colorado is astonishing.

Second Place — Sam Murray

We named her Bella Blue Murray. She was the best thing that ever happened to me in a long time. We were so happy together. We went down to see them and found the perfect one. I was a little boy at the age of five, with a retriever puppy!

Third Place — Daisie Torres

In the end, I always toss my dog in them. In the fall, I always end up having to rake them. I do not like to do that chore everyday. I wonder why Colorado has so many trees? I like them and all, but the leaves are falling like crazy!

### High School Winners

First Place — Nathan D. Weiss

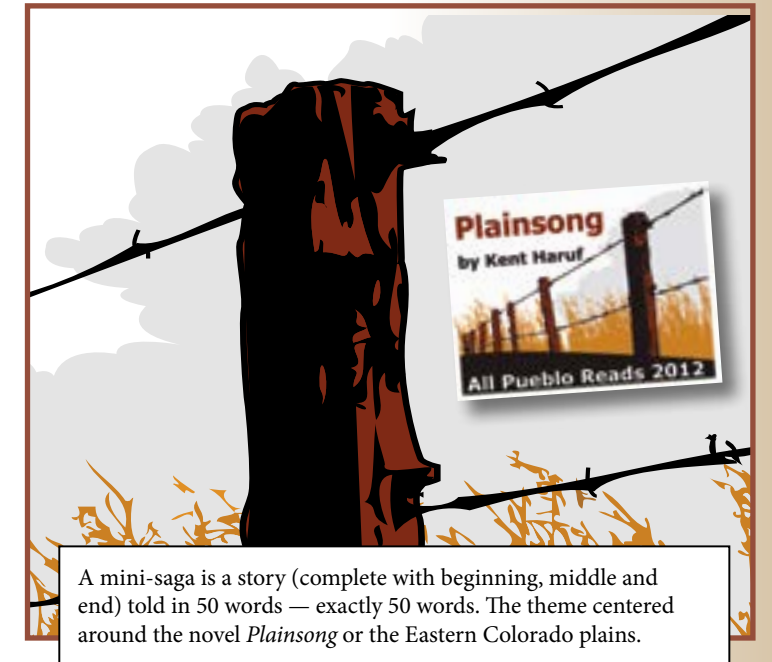
To live in the country, the hills above... Being away from town, with lights in the distant sea of activity. To others just like me... An ocean of grass, with the Rockies in the horizon. The high plains, you see as far as the eye can see; it is a lonely emptiness.

Second Place — Joshua David Leyba

At the top of the tree my view is unobstructed but I still saw no sign of other people. I had been searching for months. I sat back wondering if anyone else survived. Gazing up I found hope in the sky. There was a pillar of smoke in the distance.

Third Place — Shantel Martin

From the beautiful, peaceful Rocky Mountain, to the noisy, crowded wonders of the Mile High City, the state of Colorado is a beautiful place! Season's changing, smiling faces; Colorado is filled with lots of joy. I've had the most fun here in Colorado, here in Pueblo, here in my home.



A mini-saga is a story (complete with beginning, middle and end) told in 50 words — exactly 50 words. The theme centered around the novel *Plainsong* or the Eastern Colorado plains.

### Adult Winners

First Place — Damiana Morales

Just as our ancestors were, we of the plains are fighters, survivors. They crossed borders of soil or oceans to get here. I wouldn't live anywhere else. Thunderheads above, wildlife and humans looking to quench thirst and high heat. Scarred landscape, our beloved land is still colorful through the bleak.

Second Place — Dara Merrifield

Monte.

Too little to mount a horse didn't stop him from riding the range. In hand-me-down cowboy gear and grape juice smile, he mounted the porch rail, scanned the darkening horizon and sniffed the stillness. Giddyup!!! The creek has risen, a calf is bawling and funnels are forming! Giddyup!

Third Place — Michelle D. Ramos

The plains sing a song of redemption. After the fire's woe, the field lay in exhaustion from its labor. Burnt grass revives, sky clears with sweet relief, and a single sprout struggles to the surface. It breaks through with a blinding blinding flash, and gazes onto the plains. "I'm not alone."

## TECH TIDBITS

Computer Classes will be taking a break in December. Please watch for classes to resume in January, 2013.



## Rawlings storytimes

Baby time (birth - 15 months)  
Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 10 a.m.

Time for tots  
(15 months - 3 years old)  
Mondays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.  
and Fridays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.

Regular storytime (ages 3-7)  
Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m.  
and Fridays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday storytime (all ages)  
Saturdays, Dec. 1, 8 and 15 at 11 a.m.

## Barkman storytimes

Bilingual preschool storytime  
Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 10 a.m.

English preschool storytime  
Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

## Lamb storytimes

Mother Goose  
Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool storytime  
Fridays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

## Pueblo West storytimes

Time for tots  
(15 months-3 years old)  
Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11  
10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Baby Bumblebees (birth-15 mos.)  
Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12  
10 a.m.

Preschool storytime  
(3-5 years old)  
Thursdays, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13  
10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## Library @ the Y storytimes

Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11  
11 a.m.



## Craft time

All-day event  
Wednesday, Dec. 26  
through Friday, Dec. 28  
Rawlings Library, Youth Services - 1<sup>st</sup> floor



## Cookie decorating

Monday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m.  
Rawlings Library  
Youth Services - 1<sup>st</sup> floor

A special cookie storytime  
followed by cookie decorating  
for the whole family.

# Teen Scene . . . . .

## Anime Club

Grades 6-12  
Thursday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 20  
from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Pueblo West Library - King Room B

## Gingerbread Madness

Make a creative  
gingerbread house at  
the library and win  
candy. The Best in  
Show will win an even  
bigger prize!

Friday, Dec. 7  
at 6:30 p.m. —  
Library @ the Y

Saturday, Dec. 8 at  
2 p.m. — Barkman  
Library

Saturday, Dec. 8  
from 2-4 p.m.  
Rawlings Library  
Teen Central - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. — Lamb Library

Thursday, Dec. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Pueblo  
West Library

Friday, Dec. 21 — Grand Prize  
Winner announced!



## Teen winter dance

Friday, Dec. 21 at 6:15 p.m.  
Library @ the Y

Show off your moves to the  
latest beats as you dance your  
way into winter break. The  
Library @ the Y has a killer  
sound system, dazzling lights  
and a whole lot of door prizes  
to give away. If you've got the  
moves we've got the grooves —  
come join the fun! For  
more information call 553-  
0102.



## Teen Photo Essay Contest

Friday, Dec. 14 is entry deadline

Artists in grades 6-12 are invited to submit photo essays to be included in the Teen Photo Essay Show in the InfoZone at the Rawlings Library. Photo essays should include up to five photos and winners will be awarded for first, second and third places. Entries must be emailed to Maria.Kramer@pueblolibrary.org no later than Friday, Dec. 14. Your email with your photos must include: First and last name, photo essay title, school, grade, teacher's name, home address and phone number.

An opening reception and awards presentation will take place on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 7-8 p.m. at the InfoZone, Rawlings Library - 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The show will be on display throughout the month of January.

# FAMILY EVENTS...

## Shrinky Dinks ornaments

Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.  
Pueblo West Library  
King Room A

Kids of all ages can create  
ornaments from Shrinky Dinks  
and then take them home to  
bake.

## Cookie decorating

Thursday, Dec. 13  
at 3:30 p.m.  
Pueblo West Library  
King Room A

Listen to the story The Duckling gets a  
Cookie!? by Mo Willems then decorate your  
own cookie!



## It's a crafty affair

All-Day event  
Monday through Friday  
Dec. 17 - 21 at the Lamb Library

Just passing through? The Lamb Library is providing a variety of crafts for the whole family to enjoy as an all day event starting Monday, Dec. 17 and ending Friday, Dec. 21. This event is free and open to the public and all crafts are provided. For more information, please call the Lamb Library at 562-5670.

## Drop in craft

All-Day event for the whole family  
Monday through Thursday  
Dec. 26 - 29 at the Library @ the Y

Stop by the Library@the Y for a different craft each day.  
For more information call 553-0102.



**There will be a storytime break at all library locations from Dec. 17 - Jan. 6.**

BOOK SALE!



All hardback fiction books with authors whose last name begin with the letters W, X, Y or Z are on sale for \$2 each.



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## Check out the library's new electronic resources

**America's Historical Newspapers** — For searching and browsing American newspapers published in three centuries, America's Historical Newspapers is the most comprehensive online database available. Continually expanding, it offers searchable digital facsimiles of thousands of titles from all 50 states. With eyewitness reporting, editorials, letters, advertisements, obituaries and much more, this acclaimed collection uniquely chronicles the evolution of American culture and daily life from 1690 to the recent past.

**Accedas Noticias** — Find current and archived articles from full-text Spanish-language newspapers published in the U.S., along with dozens of newspapers and other news sources from around the world. Choose an interface and navigation in either Spanish or English.

**Access Business News** — Find full-text articles from the current and archived editions of approximately 200 local, regional and national business and law publications from across North America. Offers extensive



coverage of industries, markets, companies, executives and products.

**America's News Magazines** — Full-text electronic editions of valuable national U.S. magazines — all in one easy-to-search database. Magazines include Newsweek, Foreign Affairs, Smithsonian, Field & Stream, Science Illustrated, Baby Talk and many others that offer unique coverage of news, business, politics, sports, entertainment, and cultural activities. Most magazines include shortcut hyperlinks that connect to the most current editions and present material under organized headings.

**Colorado Newspapers** — Find full-text articles from the current and archived editions of approximately 75 Colorado newspapers. Includes The Pueblo Chieftain.

We also now have links that are searchable to recent editions of The Denver Post and The Pueblo Chieftain!

## 50% Off All Books Sale

Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
Dec. 6-8 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The discount is off our already low discounted prices!



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Over 50,000 like-new books to chose from!

The average paperback book will sell for \$1.00 and the average hardback around \$3.25.



## Friends of the Library president's corner

by P. Michael Voute

This year's library series of events entitled All Pueblo Reads probably topped all previous versions of this month-long celebration. As a matter of fact, the children's author visit solicited such a huge response that it required splitting the group to provide two days of programming. The

Friends are proud to have been a major contributor to this all-important library program. Not only that, but the Friends were well represented at the Booklovers' Black Tie Ball fundraising event, benefiting the Library Foundation, which was a highlight of the program.

## GED Classes at the Rawlings Library

8-week session begins Jan. 14  
Monday-Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Rawlings Library

PCCLD's Adult Literacy Program has partnered with South Central BOCES to bring GED classes to the Rawlings Library. These classes will be taught by certified instructors and will help participants prepare for all sections of the GED test. There is a \$45 charge for registration. Space is limited, so register now by calling 553-0206.



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## Make a Difference! Teach someone to read!

The Pueblo City-County Library District is seeking volunteer tutors to help adult learners with limited literacy skills improve their reading and writing. Following orientation, volunteer tutors meet at a library with an adult learner once or twice a week for 1-2 hours and spend about two hours each week preparing. Tutoring schedules are flexible and are individually set by each tutor-learner pair. No previous teaching experience is required. Call 553-0206 to volunteer today.

## Learn to Read @ Your Library!

The Pueblo City-County Library District's Adult Literacy Program serves native English speakers and English language learners who want to improve their reading, spelling, writing and comprehension skills. We offer one-to-one tutoring, GED classes and a collection of books and instructional materials designed for adults of all skill levels.

Call 553-0206 for more information.

Book Connections will take a break for the month of December. Look for it to start again in January, 2013.

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## AIDS quilt exhibit

Dec. 1-Jan. 2  
Rawlings Library  
InfoZone - 4<sup>th</sup> floor

The Rawlings Library will host a display of AIDS quilts in recognition of World Aids Day. Supported by a number of local agencies, this project honors those who have lost the battle with HIV/AIDS. Sixteen



years ago, Lou Mercer, a volunteer with the Southern Colorado AIDS Project, attended a class on how to make panels for the National AIDS Quilt Campaign. From that class, Lou launched a project to honor local people by making smaller versions of the panels.

A total of 38 memorial panels currently exist, and at this year's World AIDS Day Celebration and Candlelight Vigil, the Southern Colorado AIDS Project will present four more panels to be added for those individuals that have passed in the last year. The vigil and ceremony will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-6 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Rawlings Library.