

News & Events

APRIL 2006

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

SAM is Coming to a Library Near You

Hours & Locations

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday (Rawlings Library Only)
1 - 5 p.m.

Internet: www.pueblolibrary.org

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

Barkman Branch - 562-5680
1300 Jerry Murphy Road
Lamb Branch - 562-5670
2525 South Pueblo Boulevard

White Branch (Pueblo West)
562-5660
298 South Joe Martinez Blvd.

Satellite Libraries:
Avondale Elementary - 947-3047
213 Hwy. 50 East

Beulah School - 485-3127
8734 Schoolhouse Lane

Craver Middle School - 676-3850
4850 Crow Cut Off

Cesar Chavez at Hyde Park
586-9199
2500 W. 18th Street

North Mesa Elementary
948-2551
28881 Gale Road

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

Rye Elementary - 489-2275
8120 Highway 165 W

South Mesa Elementary
543-0738
23701 E. Preston Road

Vineland Elementary - 948-2633
35777 Iris Road

If special assistance is
needed, please call 562-5600.

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The Pueblo City-County Library District will be installing SAM Access Management software to offer new conveniences to patrons who use library computers.

SAM (the name stands for Smart Access Manager) is an application specially designed to make it easy for patrons to reserve and use computers located in the library. SAM will reduce congestion and free up staff to help patrons with other needs.

SAM is a management application that can recognize library patrons who will be required to enter their library card and PIN numbers to gain access to one of the library's computers. Once on the computer, SAM keeps track of the patron's time, limiting usage to one hour per day.

Each of the library district's locations will have a different schedule for the installation of SAM. This process will

make computers unavailable for use on the following days:

White - Tuesday, April 18
Rawlings - Wednesday, April 19
Barkman - Thursday, April 20
Lamb - Thursday, April 20

All library locations will be up and running with the new system by Friday, April 21. The Library District thanks you for your patience during this process. Starting April 3, you can head to www.pueblolibrary.org and click on the SAM icon for more information.



Events Calendar

April 2006



What's New at the Library

by Jon Walker and Jane Carlsen

1 Saturday

- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 1 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Sesame Street: Happy Healthy Monsters
Rated G
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

2 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is Open**
1 - 5 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
American Graffiti
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

3 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
- **Literary Book Discussion**
Poetry and Poets
In Honor of National Poetry Month
Barkman 7 p.m.

4 Tuesday

- **Introduction to Microsoft Word**
Rawlings 9:30 a.m.
*Basic computer skills are required.
- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Travel Tuesdays: Frontier Pathways: Scenic and Historic Byways**
Rawlings 6 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Book Discussion Group**
Red Tent by Anita Diamant
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Thurston Room

5 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10, 10:30, & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Time for Tots/Preschool Story Time Combined**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
- **Panel Discussion on The Future of Iraq**
Southeastern Colorado Heritage Center
201 W. B St.
Dinner \$12 per person
7:15 p.m.
For reservations, call Micki Markowski at (719) 549-2156.

6 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Stories**
Dark Pond
by Joseph Bruchac
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

7 Friday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10, 10:30, & 11 a.m.

Part of the challenge in running a library is choosing the books people want, and having those books when people want them. The library is more than a big book warehouse, it is a place to find out about whatever it is that interests you. To accomplish that, the books chosen for the library must appeal to a broad spectrum of interests because what interests you may not interest your neighbor, or even your son or daughter. The library uses a number of tools to purchase the books that will be in demand.

Recently, the library took a major step in making it easier for library users to get in line to read popular materials.

As soon as you read or hear about a book of interest to you, you may check the Library's online catalog. If the book has been ordered for the library's collection, the book will be listed as "on order." From there, you place the book on hold using your Pueblo City-County Library District library card number, and you will be notified as soon as the book becomes available. This improvement in Library service eliminates the need for anxious readers to keep checking back to find out whether a book is available.

This is a wonderful improvement for

readers who want to read their favorite author's latest book, for talk show enthusiasts who learn of new books, and for people who read about new books in publications such as Book Page (distributed at the Library).

Readers who are just interested in finding out what is new at the library may go to the library's online catalog and browse the Pueblo Library New Material to see what's new at the library or what's coming soon.

This is just one more tool to help the Library provide our customers what they want, when they want it.

Jon Walker is the executive director of the Pueblo City-County Library District. He welcomes your comments and can be reached at (719) 562-5633.



Mikah Pacheco
2006 Pueblo Girl Winner



Mikah Pacheco accepting the Pueblo Girl Award from Midori Clark & Doris Kester.



Kathryn Beisner
Presenter, "Say, I Can" Program

Colorado City Satellite Library Gets New Home

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Colorado City's satellite library is moving to a new location. It will be moved from the Colorado City Community Center to Craver Middle School. The decision was sealed with a unanimous yes-vote by the library district's board of trustees during their February meeting. An open house is scheduled for April 22.

The idea for the move came after the community approached the library district, saying the library would get more use if it was moved to the middle school. There were also questions about whether or not the library could remain at its present location due to recent damage to the building.

Both David Valdez, Director of Parks and Recreation for Colorado City and District 70 School Board, and Chuck Scott, Craver's principal said at the board meeting they were in favor of the move.



Craver Middle School Principal Chuck Scott and Colleen Mansfield, Craver Middle School Satellite Clerk.

The move will garner more benefits for patrons, including internet and computer access. They will also be able to access their library accounts via the internet, which will allow them to request materials from any library location and have them delivered to Craver. The community center did not have computers.

Additionally, the new location is a District 70 school and is part of the district's courier system, which the library uses to transport materials to all satellite libraries. The library will also be open more hours, which includes school hours plus an additional eight evening hours. The previous library was open 10 hours per week.

The library district also released a survey to the public. Nearly two thirds of the non-user recipients said they would use the library if it moved to Craver.

There are nine satellite library locations throughout Pueblo County. They were established in 1988 as a way to provide library collections in areas of the county that had more limited access to branch libraries. The other locations include Avondale Elementary, Beulah School, Hyde Park at Cesar Chavez Academy, North Mesa Elementary, Risley Middle School, Rye Elementary, South Mesa Elementary and Vineland Elementary.

Panel Discussion on The Future of Iraq

Wednesday, April 5
Southeastern Colorado
Heritage Center
201 W. B Street
Reception at 6:45 p.m.
Dinner at 7:15 p.m.
Discussion at 8 p.m.
Admission \$12 and \$5

Join the Pueblo City-County Library District, the Southeastern Colorado Heritage Center and Colorado State University-Pueblo for a discussion about the future of Iraq.

This forum will focus on Iraqi policies

enacted by the United States at the war's beginning. This event is a fund raiser for CSU-Pueblo's Political Science Club.

Panelists include Dr. Mark Gose, Dir. of Global Studies, CSU-Pueblo; Major Thomas Mowle, USAF, Ph.D., Professor, Political Science USAF; Dr. Brent Talbot, Professor of Military Strategic Studies USAF Academy; and Jeff Chostner, moderator of the event and Pueblo City Councilman.

Admission is \$12 per person for dinner and discussion. Admittance to the discussion only is \$5.

For reservations, please contact Micki Markowski at (719) 549-2156.

7 Friday (cont)

- **Preschool Story Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.

8 Saturday

- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 1 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Time Bandits
Rated PG
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Internet for Beginners**
Rawlings 2:30 p.m.
*Basic keyboard skills are necessary.

9 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is Open**
1 - 5 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
The Love Bug
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

10 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 7 p.m.

11 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Travel Tuesdays: Frontier Pathways**
Rawlings 6 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

12 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Time for Tots/Preschool Story Time Combined**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.

13 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Really Basic Computer Class**
Rawlings 2:30 p.m.
- **Teen Stories**
Dark Pond
by Joseph Bruchac
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

14 Friday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10, 10:30, & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.

15 Saturday

- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 1 p.m.

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15 Saturday(cont)

- **Come Ride the Hippiity Hop Express and Visit the Easter Bunny**
Pueblo Railway Museum
by the Pueblo Union Depot
132 West 'B' Street
1 - 6 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Newsies
Rated PG
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Independent Film**
Agata and the Storm
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

16 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is Closed for Easter Sunday.**

17 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 7 p.m.

18 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Travel Tuesdays:**
Frontier Pathways
Rawlings 6 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

19 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Time for Tots/Preschool Story Time Combined**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.

20 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **SRDA Book Discussion**
The Piano Tuner
by Daniel Mason
1 p.m.
230 N. Union Ave.,
Room 202
- **Teen Stories**
Dark Pond
by Joseph Bruchac
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

21 Friday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10, 10:30, & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Ludlow Memorial Labor Festival**
The Fight in the Fields:
Cesar Chavez and the Farmworkers' Struggle
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

"The Cooking Inn" Recipe Exchange

April 24, 2006 from 2 - 3 p.m.
White Branch Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

The White Branch Library invites you to join us for a recipe exchange hosted by "The Cooking Inn."

The Cooking Inn is an Internet web site dedicated to educating its viewers about the world of cooking.

Please bring your favorite dish and its recipe. Also, please bring any needed serving utensils. Seating is limited. Please call (719)562-5660 for reservations.

Call to Teachers: Most Improved Reader Awards

The Pueblo City-County Library District is again awarding certificates of merit to children whose reading skills are the most improved.

This award is not for the best reader, but for the children who have improved their reading skills greatly through their own effort.

Please select the child from your

classroom who you feel should receive this recognition. If you feel that two children deserve awards, just enter both names on the entry form. Forms are available at all library locations. Please return the completed form to:

Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004

Deadline is Friday, May 5.

Library Book Discussion Groups

**Barkman Literary Discussion
Poetry & Poets
In honor of National Poetry Month
April 3 at 7 p.m.
Barkman Branch Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.**

Please bring in your favorite poems to share. For more information about the Barkman Literary Discussion, please call Renee at (719) 296-8018 or Carol at (719) 562-5680.

**Rawlings Discussion Group
The Kite Runner
by Khaled Hosseini
May 9 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room
100 E. Abriendo Ave.**

The Kite Runner tells a story of friendship between two boys growing up in Kabul from the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy to the present. Friendship leads to betrayal and redeeming lessons about the price of loyalty. The story is about the bonds between fathers and sons, and the power of fathers over sons.

For more information about the Rawlings Discussion Group, please call Rich at (719) 553-0228.

**SRDA Book Discussion Program
The Piano Tuner
by Daniel Mason
April 20 at 1 p.m.
SRDA, 230 N. Union Ave., Room 202**

In 1886 a shy, middle-aged piano tuner named Edgar Drake receives an unusual commission from the British War Office: to travel to the remote jungles of northeast Burma and there repair a rare piano belonging to an eccentric army surgeon who has proven mysteriously indispensable to the imperial design.

Call Rich at (719) 553-0228 for more information about this book discussion group just for seniors.

**Lovecraft at the Library
The Case of Charles Dexter Ward
April 26 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room
100 E. Abriendo Ave.**

Come and discuss H.P. Lovecraft's novella, *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*. Please call Geof at (719) 562-5601 for help finding a copy of the book or for additional information about Lovecraft at the Library.

2006 Ludlow Memorial Labor Festival

April 2006

The InfoZone News Museum joins Colorado State University-Pueblo in presenting the 2006 Ludlow Memorial Labor Festival, which highlights the United Farm Worker movement and its impact on labor concerns and issues in America.

Seating for the free movie screenings is on a first-come, first served basis. All movies are in the InfoZone Theatre on the fourth floor of the Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Friday, April 21 - 7 p.m.

The Fight in the Fields: Cesar Chavez and the Farmworkers' Struggle

CSU-Pueblo Professor of Sociology Tim McGettigan will moderate the film,

which aired across the nation on PBS from 1997 through 2000.

Saturday, April 22 - 2 p.m.

Salt of the Earth

CSU-Pueblo Instructor Scott Whited will lead a viewing and discussion of this 1953 film.

Sunday, April 23 - 2 p.m.

Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey

Representatives from the Catholic Diocese will moderate the screening of this film.

Saturday Matinee Movies at the InfoZone

Bring the whole family to the InfoZone News Museum for the Saturday Matinee Series in April. Films shown in the InfoZone are always free. Beverages are allowed, but food is not because it could damage the special floor. To recommend your favorite family film, contact the InfoZone at (719) 553-0205 or email us at InfoZone@peublolibrary.org.

Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m.

Sesame Street: Happy Healthy Monsters

Rated G

Shown in conjunction with the Pueblo City-County Health Department Health Fair

Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m.

Time Bandits

Rated PG

Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m.

Newsies

Rated PG

Saturday, April 22 at 10 a.m.

***Please note special time.**

Bedknobs and Broomsticks

Rated G

Saturday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

*** Please note special time**

Snow White

Rated G

InfoZone Movie Night

Agata and the Storm

Directed by Silvino Soldini

Italian Comedy/Romance

Saturday, April 15

7 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

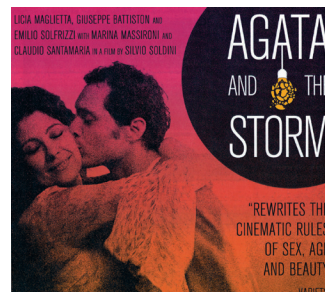
InfoZone Theater

When Agata, the popular bookshop proprietor and dispenser of sunny wisdom in the form of books is suddenly wooed by a man almost half her age, her electricity hits high-voltage. Yet it is Agata's joy and magnetism in the face of life in all its irony that eventually offers the eye of the storm.

The Independent Film Series offers

are not rated and ordinarily portray adult situations. The films are not recommended for those younger than 17 without parental permission.

All movie screenings in the InfoZone are free and public seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call (719) 562-5604.



22 Saturday

• **Matinee Movie**

Bedknobs and Broomsticks
Rated G

Rawlings 10 a.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

• **Family Story Time**

Rawlings 1 p.m.

• **Ludlow Memorial Labor Festival**

Salt of the Earth

Rawlings 2 p.m.

InfoZone - 4th Floor

23 Sunday

• **Rawlings Library is Open**

1 - 5 p.m.

• **Ludlow Memorial Labor Festival**

Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey

Rawlings 2 p.m.

InfoZone - 4th Floor

24 Monday

• **Mother Goose Time**

Rawlings 10 a.m.

• **Tales for Twos**

Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

• **"The Cooking Inn" Recipe Exchange**

White 2 p.m.

Seating is limited. Call 562-5660 for reservations.

• **Family Story Time**

Rawlings 7 p.m.

25 Tuesday

• **Time for Tots**

White 10 & 10:30 a.m.

26 Wednesday

• **Tales for Twos**

Rawlings 10, 10:30, & 11 a.m.

• **Preschool Story Time**

Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

• **Mother Goose Time**

Lamb 10:30 a.m.

• **Time for Tots/Preschool Story Time Combined**

Barkman 10:30 a.m.

• **Lovecraft at the Library**

Rawlings 7 p.m.

Thurston Room

27 Thursday

• **Preschool Story Time**

White 10 & 10:30 a.m.

• **Teen Stories**

Dark Pond

by Joseph Bruchac

Barkman 7:30 p.m.

28 Friday

• **Mother Goose Time**

Rawlings 10, 10:30, & 11 a.m.

• **Preschool Story Time**

Lamb 10:30 a.m.

Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

• **Tales for Twos**

Lamb 10:30 a.m.

29 Saturday

• **Matinee Movie**

Snow White

Rated G

Rawlings 10 a.m.

InfoZone - 4th Floor

• **Family Story Time**

Rawlings 1 p.m.

30 Sunday

• **Rawlings Library is Open**

1 - 5 p.m.

The Robert Hoag
Rawlings
Public Library
will be closed
Sunday,
April 16
for
Easter Sunday.



**Come Ride the
Hippity-Hop
Express
and
Visit the
Easter Bunny**

Saturday,
April 15, 2006
1 - 6 p.m.
at the

Pueblo Railway
Museum
by the Pueblo
Union Depot
132 West 'B'
Street

Story Time
provided by the
Library

Sponsored by the
Pueblo Railway
Foundation

Draw Your Own Dr. Seuss Character Contest Winners

The winners of the Draw Your Own Dr. Seuss Character are listed below.

Kindergarten

1st place - Christopher K. McCoy - Beulah Heights Elementary
2nd place - Athena Garcia - Minnequa Elementary
3rd place - Emiliano Santos - Minnequa Elementary

1st grade

1st place - Scarlet Vest-Gates - Sunset Park Elementary
2nd place - Sheyanne Bernal - Belmont Elementary
3rd place - Maxeen Bobian - Trinity Lutheran

2nd grade

1st place - Michael DeCesaro - Sunset Park Elementary
2nd place - Nick Johnston - Belmont Elementary
3rd place - Rose Martinez - Sunset Park Elementary

3rd grade

1st place - Michaela DelPriore - Belmont Elementary
2nd place - Maddie Colarelli - Haaff Elementary
3rd place - Miguel Trejo - Pueblo School for Arts & Sciences

4th grade

1st place - Gabrielle Potter - Goodnight School
2nd place - Jessie Day - North Mesa Elementary
3rd place - Isaiah Palacio - St. John Neumann Catholic

5th grade

1st place - Jerrica Terwilliger - Sunset Park Elementary
2nd place - Haley Ballard - Beulah School
3rd place - Amber Brusak - Cedar Ridge Elementary

6th grade

1st place - Alyssa Garcia - Risley Middle
2nd place - Jennifer Cernoia - Skyview Middle
3rd place - Brooke Trevithick - Roncalli Middle

7th grade

1st place - Candy Banuelos - Corwin Middle
2nd place - Christa Cordova - Corwin Middle
3rd place - Anthony Sanchez - Risley Middle

8th grade

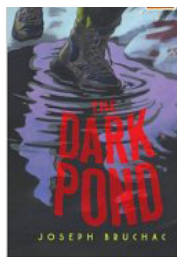
1st place - David Sanchez - Corwin Middle
2nd place - Jennifer Johnston - Heaton Middle
3rd place - Abigail Chavez - Corwin Middle

High School

1st place - Lori Dowiatt - East High
2nd place - Alex Pacheco - East High
3rd place - Alejandro Raygoza - East High

There will be a display of the winners and runners up from April 10 - April 23 on the 4th floor of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.

Teen Stories at Barkman Library



Thursdays
April 6, 13, 20, & 27
7:30 p.m.

We will continue reading *Dark Pond* by Joseph Bruchac, a book about Armie Katchatorian, who attends a private boarding school. Partly because of his half-Indian ancestry, he feels alienated from his fellow students.

Fortunately, he is able to escape to the woods and comes across a mysterious dark pond, which he senses hides something sinister and dangerous.

With the help of an Indian named Mitche, Armie discovers the secret of the pond - a giant carnivorous creature from which Armie must rescue Mitch and himself.

This event is free and open to teens in grades five through eight. For information, call the Barkman Library at (719) 562-5680.



Friends of the Library President's Corner by Jane Milne

"Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are." -Saint Gregory the Great

This month's newsletter is a closure for me as Friends of the Library president. I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve in this capacity for the past two years. During my six-year term I have seen the Friends and the library system evolve in many ways. The year 2005 had great impact on the Pueblo community as a whole as we opened "Books Again" used bookstore. It is becoming more and more successful as people discover and patronize it. Each quarter the "profits" will be forwarded to the Friends Board. The first quarter earnings were just under \$10,000! A special group with members from both the Friends Board and the Book Store Committee will consider how these profits will be spent within the library system and make recommendations to the Friends Board for its approval. What a joy to have such an assignment! We will keep you posted on how this money is being spent. The annual book sale in October 2005 took a modified turn as we began to focus more and more on the new store. We appreciate your understanding of this change in procedure. Without your support, none of these things would be possible - your donation of books - to your patronage at the store - your volunteer time to help in the store and much more.

It brings great joy to me to have been a part of this new effort. I now pass the leadership on to a new president and wish them much success in the future of this significant organization within the library system. You may look forward to Edna continuing to contribute to this column as she tries to please, tease, amuse and instruct.

And the Learning Continues by Edna Shoaf

When I first moved to Pueblo, the Rawlings Library was under construction. I remember driving by and watching, fascinated, while the older building was partially removed and the newer building rose step by step. I volunteered to be a tour guide when the building first opened, so I learned about the structure from top to bottom. But a building is just steel and glass and wood, and no matter how beautiful it is, the heart of the building is actually the people who work there. So I could tell the visitors in my tour groups about the design of the floors and where the restrooms are located and specific information contained on each floor. However, I knew very little about the individuals who call this place "home" for many hours each day.

On February 20, I was privileged to spend most of the day with the ladies and gentlemen who comprise the staff of this incredible edifice, and who work so diligently to make sure that the citizens of Pueblo are able to use this facility to its fullest extent. Was I impressed? I should hope to shout!



Staff Development Day - February 2006

From the moment I arrived at the Convention Center, through the lovely luncheon (courtesy of the Friends) and afternoon activities, until I finally stuffed my exhausted body back in my car to go home, I was surrounded by enthusiastic people working together to build harmonious relationships, and who were eager to learn new and different material in order to do their jobs more successfully.

The main speaker for the morning was Greg Giesen, of Greg Giesen Associates, who presented 8 Simple Rules... Resolving Conflict and Improving Communication. Then after a short break, Julian Apodaca, President of the Nesbitt employee association, handed out awards to a number of people. I was really impressed to see the excitement generated by this dynamic young man. There were cheers and hugs and clapping and pictures being taken during this presentation. It was easy to see the respect these people have for each other, and I sensed a comradeship and togetherness that gave me a good, warm feeling. Jane Carlsen, treasurer of Nesbitt, enlightened me concerning this staff association. She explained that it is the "social arm" for the staff, and they "boost morale and try to make people happy to work at the library." They raise funds through snacks which are offered in the break room, and sponsor a variety of activities. Their "big whoopdeedo" is the end-of-the-year party in December. Sounds like tons of fun to me!

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Friends of the Library Membership Form

Name or Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

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Everyone was free to select one of the four presentations for the afternoon breakout sessions. If they were interested in more computer knowledge, then SIRSI Power Users Training was their choice. Those who work with the youth selected Pavlov's Teens: Connecting with Teens. To help people feel comfortable in their work space, Ergonomics in the Workplace was presented. I personally attended Wardrobe to Wow. The presenter, Monica Blanchard, showed the ladies present how to build a working wardrobe for under \$500 that would go easily from the workplace to personal activities at the end of the work day. Somehow, I was not surprised that none of the gentlemen chose this session.

Congratulations to all those who won awards, and my special thanks to everyone for making me feel welcome. Now I can put names with faces, and I have a much better understanding of "behind the scenes" at our beautiful facility. Jon Walker and his staff are working hard to make sure your visit to the library is pleasant, personal and productive. They are to be commended, and I am sure each of them would enjoy a pat on the back, or even a hug, now and then. Kudos to all you hard-working people!



Make check payable to:
Friends of the Library,
100 E. Abriendo Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004

Memberships:
\$10 Individual \$20 Family
\$25 Gold Card \$25 Business
\$100 Benefactor \$500 Patron