

News & Events

Of the Pueblo City-County Library District

April 2009 - Pueblo West Edition

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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.
Rawlings Public Library
562-5600
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Pueblo West Public Library
562-5660
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

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. 18th 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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Pueblo West Library is growing & going green!

Grand Opening Celebration
Wednesday, April 8 at 11 a.m.
Pueblo West Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.



The highly anticipated grand opening of the Pueblo West Library is here! Please be our guest at this truly joyous occasion.

The expansion of Pueblo City-County Library District's Pueblo West Library is creating even more opportunities to better serve its customers.

The new library is now 28,000 square feet, an increase of 23,000 square feet! The new building cost \$6.6 million and will be certified at the Silver level of the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system. The library district is committed to building sustainable and environmentally friendly facilities.

Tours of the new building will be available all afternoon. Refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public.

Highlights of the library expansion:

-  4,000 square foot children's area with outdoor reading space, boys and girls rest rooms, computer stations and story-time space
-  Teen area
-  Mahlon Thatcher White Conference Center
-  R. M. Watts Business Center
-  48 computers
-  Outdoor reading spaces
-  Quiet reading room
-  Art gallery
-  Cyber Cafe
-  5 individual study nooks
-  4 group study rooms



Donors pose during a tour of the new library.



PCCLD Executive Director Jon Walker gives donors a sneak peek at the Pueblo West Library in March.

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Events Calendar April 2009

1 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday Night Movies**
Changeling (R)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

2 Thursday

- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.

3 Friday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Rawlings 11 a.m.

4 Saturday

- **Matinee Movie**
Open Season II (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

5 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is Open** 1 - 5 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Open Season II (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

6 Monday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Barkman book-discussion group**
Touch and Go: A Memoir by Studs Terkel
Barkman 7 p.m.

7 Tuesday

- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Scene: Moon and Stars Viewing Party**
Barkman 7 p.m.

8 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.



Libraries in times of economic uncertainty

by Jon Walker

It is a troubling time our country is experiencing. The economy seems to lose momentum almost daily.

One phenomenon of economic downturns is that this is precisely a time when library use typically goes up. Of course, this is nothing new for our library district. Our use has been increasing in recent years. In fact, the number of library checkouts has grown nearly 25 percent since 2005.

Plus, we know that as family budgets become tighter, the services of the free public library become even more appealing. New-book prices are averaging \$25 or more. When disposable income is less, checking out a book is more appealing.

But the library is not only about books. We also offer DVDs and audiobooks, public access computers, cultural events and comfortable places for people to come together to meet, study, learn and exchange ideas. All this and more is free to the public at the library.

Across the country, libraries are making a difference. A 2003 study by OCLC showed that U.S. libraries spend \$14 billion annually. This compared with \$12.3 billion in annual

video sales and \$13.6 billion in athletic footwear sales. At the same time, U.S. libraries had five times more cardholders than Amazon.com has customers, and each day U.S. libraries checked out nearly four times more items than Amazon handles. In fact, U.S. libraries checked out more items than FedEx handles, and five times more people visit U.S. libraries than attend all professional and college football, basketball, baseball and hockey games combined. For more comparative information on the use of libraries, see www.oclc.org/reports/2003libsstackup.htm.

We are confident that your return on investment for the public library is strong. A study conducted in 2002 showed public libraries returned up to \$10 for every \$1 invested (Glen Holt and Donald Eliot, "Cost Benefit Analysis: A Summary of Methodology," *The Bottom Line: Managing Library Finances* 2002, pp. 154-158).

Clearly, your public library is a value and as we navigate the current uncertain economic times, rest assured we will continue to do all we can to serve our community.

Jon Walker is Pueblo City-County Library District's Executive Director.



PCCLD's Cate Mugasis gets ready to load books in the new Books a la Cart van recently at the Rawlings Library.

Books & Beyond @ your library

Home of Heroes Essay Contest winners



2009 Home of Heroes Celebration Essay Contest winner pose with members of the Medal of Honor Foundation in March at the Rawlings Library. This writing contest was one of several events held in partnership with the library district and Medal of Honor Foundation during March.

The outstanding women of Pueblo!



2009 Outstanding Women's Award winners and Pueblo Girl pose for a picture in March at Rawlings Library.

REFORMA - Colorado Chapter in Pueblo



The Colorado Chapter of REFORMA held their March membership meeting at the Rawlings Library. REFORMA is a national association that promotes library and information services to Latinos and Spanish speakers.

April 2009

8 Wednesday

- Pueblo West Library is growing!
Pueblo West
11 a.m. - Grand Opening Ceremony
Noon - Ribbon cutting, library opening and performances by Prairie Winds and Desert Sage elementary school choirs.
- Wednesday Night Movies *Milk* (R)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

9 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Pajama Mother Goose
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.

10 Friday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Story Time
Rawlings 11 a.m.
- Beginning Internet
Rawlings 2:30 p.m.
Training room - 3rd floor

11 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Bolt* (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

12 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is closed for Easter.

13 Monday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- "Hot Topics" discussion group
The 11th Hour (PG)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

14 Tuesday

- Time for Tots
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

15 Wednesday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Story Time
Barkman 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Book to a Movie Club
Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

April 2009

16 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.

17 Friday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Rawlings 11 a.m.

18 Saturday

- **Really Basic Computer Class**
Rawlings 9:30 a.m.
Training room - 3rd floor
- **First Year Celebration**
Rawlings 10 a.m.
Bret Kelly room
1st floor
- **Cuentos y Cantos/
Bilingual story time**
Barkman 11 a.m.
- **Matinee Movie
Bedtime Stories (PG)**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Independent Film
Ben X**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Friends of the Library
Annual Meeting &
Dinner**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor
Tickets available at
Books Again, 622 S.
Union or by calling
543-4688.

19 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is
open. 1 - 5 p.m.**
- **Matinee Movie
Bedtime Stories (PG)**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

20 Monday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

21 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Scene: Vampires
Through the Ages**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor

22 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.



Create a colorful bookmark!

It's that time of year again to enter the annual Up With Reading Bookmark Contest. One winner will be selected from each of the following grades: Kindergarten, First grade, Second grade, Third grade, Fourth grade, Fifth grade, Sixth grade, Seventh grade, Eighth grade, and High School.

Entry forms are available at all library locations. Deadline for entries is Friday, May 15, 2009. Winning entries will be recognized at a special ceremony in September.

Contest Rules:

1. Bookmarks must measure 1-7/8 inches by 5-3/4 inches. Include the following with each entry: Your Name, Age, Home Phone Number, Grade, Teacher's Name, and School's name.
2. Only one entry per person may be accepted.
3. Participants must be Pueblo County residents.
4. Bring entries to any Library location, mail to Greg Sinn at Pueblo School District No. 60, Velma Dilka at Pueblo School District No. 70, or the Community Relations Department at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004 or e-mail entries to contests@pueblolibrary.org.

Please call 562-5606 for more information.

Experimental Watercolor Exhibit presented by Southern Colorado Watercolor Society

Opening Reception

Saturday, April 26

2 - 4 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Ryals room - 4th floor

Saturday, April 18 - Sunday, May 17

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

4th floor gallery

The public is invited to the opening reception on Saturday, April 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. Southern Colorado Watercolor Society invites you to come, enjoy, appreciate, and shop at this exciting watercolor show. Entry into the show is free.

The exhibition is free and open to the public and will be in the 4th floor gallery. Hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 553-0205.



The Rawlings Public Library will be closed Sunday, April 12 for Easter.

Playing this month @ your library

Matinee movies @ the InfoZone

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are. The InfoZone Theatre is located on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. All movies shown are free!

Open Season II (G)

Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5
2 p.m.

Bolt (PG)

Saturday, April 11
2 p.m.

Bedtime Stories (PG)

Saturday, April 18 & Sunday, April 19
2 p.m.

Tale of Despereaux (G)

Saturday, April 25 & Sunday, April 26
2 p.m.

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

Ben X

Directed by Matthew Saville
Drama - Belgium, English subtitles
Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor



Ben is different. His life is a universe unto itself, where he avidly plays his favorite online computer game in an attempt to train for and block out reality. Ben has Asperger's Syndrome, a mild form of autism that prevents normal communication and makes him ideal fodder for school bullies.

As the bullies' relentless attacks push him over the edge and out of control, his online dream girl, Scarlite, appears to him and helps him devise a perfect plan to confront the

bullies and make them pay for their torment.

Director Nic Balthazar's dazzling debut blends fantasy and harsh social realism, based on a true story, to bring us an utterly original and important film.

The film is free, and public seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the Independent Films, call 562-5604 or send an e-mail to InfoZone@pueblolibrary.org.

Wednesday night movies

Visit the InfoZone Theater on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Library to watch one of these films each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in March. The films are free, and public seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Changeling (R)

Wednesday, April 1

Milk (R)

Wednesday, April 8

Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13)

Wednesday, April 15

W (PG-13)

Wednesday, April 22

Seven Pounds (PG-13)

Wednesday, April 29



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22 Wednesday

- Wednesday Movie Night W (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

23 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Pajama Mother Goose Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- CSU-Pueblo Ludlow Labor Fest Movie *Our Daily Bread* Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

24 Friday

- Mother Goose Stories Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Story Time Rawlings 11 a.m.
- Beginning Internet Class Rawlings 2:30 p.m.
Training room - 3rd floor

25 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Tale of Despereaux* (G) Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

26 Sunday

- Matinee Movie *Tale of Despereaux* (G) Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

27 Monday

- Mother Goose Stories Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

28 Tuesday

- Time for Tots Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Teen Movie Night *Twilight* (PG-13) Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

29 Wednesday

- Mother Goose Stories Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Story Time Barkman 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Movie Night *Seven Pounds* (PG-13) Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

30 Thursday

- Pajama Mother Goose Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- Dia de los Ninos (Day of the Child) Rawlings 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“Hot Topics” discussion group

***The 11th Hour* (PG)**

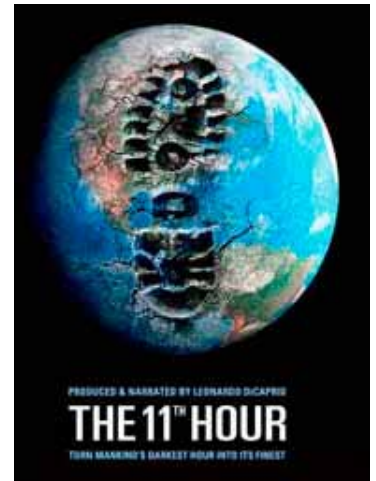
Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

This documentary from well known activist and actor Leonardo DiCaprio examines the state of the global environment with renewed energy in the wake of recent natural disasters. Included are interviews with more than 50 leading scientists, thinkers and leaders who discuss their solutions for restoring the planet’s ecosystems. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are allowed. For more information, please call 553-0205.



Barkman book-discussion group

***Touch and Go: A Memoir* by Studs Terkel**

Monday, April 6 at 7 p.m.

Barkman Library

1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Terkel takes us through his childhood and into his early experiences—as a law student during the Depression, as a young theatergoer, and eventually as an actor himself on both radio and the stage—offering a brilliant and often hilarious portrait of Chicago in the 1920s and ‘30s.

Describing his beginnings as a disc jockey after World War II, his involvement with progressive politics during the McCarthy era, and later his career as an interviewer and oral historian, *Touch and Go* is a testament to Terkel’s “generosity of spirit, sense of social justice and commitment to capture on his ever present tape recorder the voices of those who otherwise would not be heard” (The New York Times Book Review). It is a brilliant lifetime achievement from the man the Washington Post has called “the most distinguished oral historian of our time.” Born in 1912, Studs Terkel is the bestselling author of twelve books of oral history, including *Working*, *Hard Times*, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning “The Good War”.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 562-5680.

**Plan ahead!
Next Discussion:**

**Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m.
*Dewey: The Small Town
Library Cat Who Touched
the World* by Vicki Myron**

Book to a Movie Club

***Nights in Rodanthe* (PG-13)**

Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

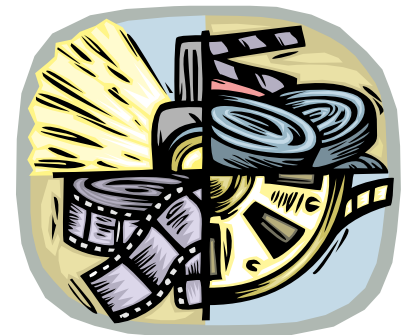
Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Join us for a movie based on a book. The selection for April is *Nights in Rodanthe*. Based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks, the film is unapologetically sentimental, and enjoyable completely on its own terms--a small gem of an escape, complete with storm-tossed coastline. Diane Lane plays Adrienne, a wronged wife whose husband (Christopher Meloni) was a heel, but begs for another

chance. She goes to clear her head at a remote North Carolina inn, where the sole occupant is Paul, a doctor, played by Richard Gere, who is battling his own demons. If the writing is on the wall about what will become of our two leading actors, it’s to Lane’s and Gere’s deep credit that they make their tentative connection, wariness, and growing feelings human and quite believable. Love is messy, and grown-up love, even more so. As they get to know each other, Adrienne shows Paul a small wooden box that holds her keepsakes: “I made it to keep special things safe.” Paul turns to



her, looking her squarely but gently in the eye, and says, “What keeps you safe?”

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are. For more information, please call 553-0205.

Free computer classes @ your library

Really Basic Computer Class
Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Training room - 3rd floor

This class is designed for new computer users who have little or no previous experience using computers, Windows, a mouse, and little or no knowledge of basic computer terms.

Beginning Internet
Friday, April 24 at 2:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Training room - 3rd floor

This class is designed for people with little or no experience in using the Internet. You will learn

to navigate the World Wide Web using Internet Explorer and basic search engines. *Need basic keyboard and mouse skills.

Registration is required. Please call 562-5601 to reserve your spot.

Computer Tutor: A computer tutor will be available to assist with special projects and individual computer instruction on Saturday, April 4, 11, and 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rawlings Library in the 3rd floor training room and Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. Please sign up at the reference desk on the 2nd floor. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available after those who have registered are seated. Please call (719) 562-5601 for more information.

National Car Care Month

April is National Car Care month and to help you take good care of your car, the Pueblo City-County Library District offers an online resource called Auto Repair Reference Center. All of the content in ARRC has been created or reviewed by ASE certified technicians. A key part of caring for your car is to keep up with its scheduled maintenance, and the ARRC includes maintenance schedules specific for each car. One of the additional features included in ARRC is "AutoIQ" which features full-motion video and animated technical diagrams to demonstrate the purpose, functionality and service requirements of any vehicle system.

If you have problems with your car, the Auto Repair Reference Center includes repair information on more than 33,100 vehicles from 1945 to present. The repair procedures include step-by-step instructions, complete with diagrams & images, and new repair procedures/updates are added continuously. Also included are

more than 144,600 enhanced wiring diagrams that contain complete schematics on the electrical system of a vehicle. Technical Service Bulletins (TSB) are issued by manufacturers to identify issues/problems found in automobiles and are added to ARRC on a quarterly basis. Many times, TSBs identify issues pertaining to new vehicles that are still covered under warranty, so for newer vehicles, TSBs can be more important than a repair manual. Even the most skilled do-it-yourselfer would prefer to use a new vehicle's warranty and have the dealership address the problem.

To access the Auto Repair Reference Center and our other do-it-yourself resources, go to www.pueblolibrary.org, click on "Online Resources," click on "Do-It-Yourself," and then click on Auto Repair Reference Center. If using this resource from outside of the library, you will need to enter your library card number when prompted.

Summer Reading Club volunteers wanted

Volunteer Applications are now being accepted for this year's Summer Reading Club! Be part of the library's eight week, annual Summer Reading Club by helping with tasks such as: registering participants, helping prepare crafts and materials for children's programs, and assisting staff with various tasks on program days.

We will also have a very exciting travelling exhibit in the InfoZone News Museum that we will need extra volunteers to help staff and to interact with visitors. Applications for these fantastic summer volunteer opportunities will be accepted until May 1.

Applications are available on the library's web site: www.pueblolibrary.org. For more information, contact the volunteer coordinator at 562-5656.



Kids' Page

12th Annual Poetry Contest

Calling all poets, third grade to adult. Everyone is invited to write a poem and enter it in the library's annual Poetry Contest. Poems may be about any topic ranging from snakes to the sunrise, happy or sad, rhyming or free form.

Winners will be chosen from various age groups. Entry forms are available at all library locations. **The deadline for entries is Friday, April 10, 2009.**

Entries may be brought to any public library, mailed to: Pueblo City-County Library District, Attn: Community Relations Dept., 100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO. 81004, or e-mailed to contests@pueblolibrary.org.

The winning poets will be invited to read their poems at a program sponsored by the Friends of the Library on Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Please call 562-5606 for more information.

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 1.



First-Year Celebration

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Bret Kelly room - 1st floor

Colorado Bright Beginnings and Pueblo City-County Library District are offering a special celebration for 12-month to 24-month old babies to draw attention to the importance of reading to babies. Library staff will provide songs and finger-play activities. Staff members from Bright Beginnings will provide free materials on child development, a community resource guide and a child's board-book.

"Increasing the frequency of reading to young children brings big benefits later in life, including a larger vocabulary and better preparedness for entering kindergarten. Parents really do have the power to shape their child's future," said Nina Casteel, Bright Beginnings Bilingual Health Education Coordinator.

PCCLD offers more than 20 story times a week, including two in Spanish. They are held at various library locations for infants through preschoolers. Story time is more than just reading from a book, it incorporates techniques that teach early literacy. For more information about this free event, call 562-5603.

Dia de los Ninos

Thursday, April 30
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ~ Various activities
Thurston Room - 1st floor

5 to 7 p.m. ~ Storytelling with Felicia Sanchez
Bret Kelly Room - 1st floor

Mark your calendars for this fun event that celebrates children and families. Dia de los Ninos (Day of the Child) activities will be happening nearly all day in the Thurston Room, with Books in the Park! Felicia Sanchez will teach you how to tell stories like a professional in the evening. Bring your children for storytelling, books, bookmarks and more surprises. This event is free and open to the public.

Teen Scene

Teen Movie Night

Twilight (PG-13)
Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone - 4th floor



Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) doesn't expect much when she moves to the small town of Forks, Washington, until she meets the mysterious and handsome Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson)—a boy who's hiding a dark secret: he's a vampire. As their worlds and hearts collide, Edward must battle the blood lust raging inside him as well as a coterie of undead that would make Bella their prey.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are. For more information, call 562-5603.

Vampires Through the Ages

Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Ryals room - 4th floor



Test your knowledge of vampire lore through different challenges and activities. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 562-5603.

Moon and Stars Viewing Party

Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m.
Barkman Public Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.



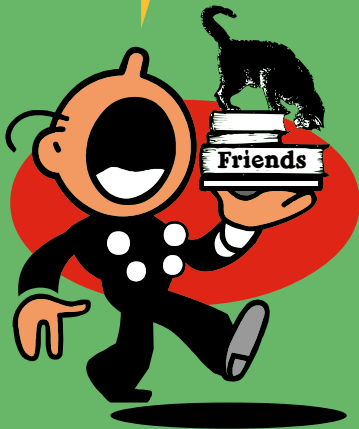
Come celebrate the International Year of Astronomy with the Southern Colorado Astronomical Society. Telescopes will be set up outside the library to view the moon and stars up close.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 562-5680.



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Bag sale.



Trustee Talk by Fran Terrazas-Alexander

I am often asked why I wanted to be on the library board. This is a story I love to tell. I have always enjoyed libraries and all they have to offer, especially as a student when I was growing up with their volumes of research materials, libraries are a one-stop-shop for most students. As a professional in human resources, I came to realize libraries had much more to offer...access to technology. In today's environment, most employers will only accept online applications and use computer software to screen applicants for specific qualifications. I found myself working for such an organization in Pueblo faced with a plethora of job applicants but a lack of access to technology that would allow the qualified applicants to apply. My searches for resources led me to the Pueblo City-County Library District, but now I was faced with wait times, availability, and lack of training.

About this time there was an opening on the library board. I knew this was my calling. Technology in libraries, in my view, levels the playing field for applicants and students alike in our community where there is not a computer in every household.

Under the direction of Desmond Grant, the library's information technology manager, my dreams of community access to technology are being realized. The state-of-the-art infrastructure will increase speed and access for both employees and patrons, while protecting the confidentiality of employees and patrons. Where did the district come up with the money? Grant's pursuit of E-Rate funding that provided a \$500,000 savings to the library district and his education to the board on how we could phase in technology to be current and still manage our fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Pueblo was nothing short of a win-win for our community.

The next time you are at one of Pueblo's premiere libraries, look beyond the books to the new state-of-the-art technology as we continue to phase in this invaluable resource. What's next for me...improved community training on technology.

Be part of a fabulous evening... One with Pueblo's favorite authors

Saturday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Ryals room - 4th floor

Tickets: \$20, all funds raised go to the Friends of the Library.
Tickets available at Books Again, 622 S. Union, or by calling 543-4688.
You may charge your tickets with Visa or MasterCard.

It is with great honor and pleasure that Pueblo Friends of the Library present at their Annual Dinner & Meeting:

Joanne and Ed Dodds: This couple has written and photo edited Pueblo's best known histories.

Victor Moss: Mr. Moss' book "Beware the Wolves" is a history of his family in Poland during World War II and how they overcame the many obstacles of this extremely trying time.

Betty Alt and Sandra Wells: Alt & Wells have coauthored four books, including "Mountain Mafia: Organized Crime in the Rockies".

Friends of the Library president's corner

by Jim Stuart

We have put together a real treat for you at this year's Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Dinner. We have arranged for three prominent Pueblo authors, well no that's not quite right, it's actually four authors and one photo editor, to tell you about their books and the background behind them.

The delightful couple Joanne and Ed Dodds have written and photo edited Pueblo's most popular and authoritative histories with such titles as: *Pueblo, A Pictorial History, They All Came to Pueblo, The Thatcher's: Hard Work Won the West, What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This, Pueblo at a Glance, Vincent Massari: The Italian Lion* and many others. Joanne has become Pueblo's best known historian and Ed an authority on Pueblo's historical photos.

Victor Moss has written a powerful and inspiring book about the history of his family in World War II during the Nazi invasion of Poland and how they overcame the many obstacles and hardships. *Beware of Wolves*, tells how a young couple in love can overcome the most difficult of times to be reunited.

Ah, Sweet April!

by Edna Shoaf

I know there are many different things about different months that make them special, but April is the time when my blood begins to flow and my heart to beat faster. I know that the daffodils bloom in March, but my heart is just not into my flower garden until April. In March there are still mornings below freezing, and even though the sun is bravely shining, the sharp winds just cut right to the bone.

There were some lovely events this year in March: the luncheon to celebrate all the outstanding women in Pueblo (the choices for the FOL Board were Connie Converse, a volunteer for Books Again, and Jayne Mazur, executive director at Catholic Charities), the Lamb Library feted the board with a lovely luncheon to thank us for their new audio/visual equipment, and the BOGO sale for Friend's members was held on the 13th and 14th. This was all very nice, but we still had to bundle up every time we stepped out the door.

Now, April is when the garden really comes alive. The lawn sprinkler system can finally be left on, and new plants can safely be planted. All of the gardening catalogs contain luscious-looking, exotic plants, and one of these years I might actually get up the courage to order something totally new and different.

This year Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter all come in April. I used to always have a lovely Easter bonnet to wear to church, but now heads are mostly bare. So times change, and we either bend or break. I

Betty Alt and Sandra Wells have coauthored four intriguing books, including *Mountain Mafia: Organized Crime in the Rockies*. Wells has a doctorate from CSU at Fort Collins and retired as chief investigator after 29 years with the Pueblo District Attorney's Office. Alt has a masters degree in history from Northeastern Missouri State University and currently is a lecturer in sociology at CSU-Pueblo. The pair are now working on a fifth book – *Mountain Murders*.



What a great deal we have for you this year, an opportunity to listen to and meet these terrific authors and a fabulous dinner for only \$20. Tickets can be purchased at Books Again, 622 S. Union or reservations can be made over the phone, 543-4688. We accept Visa and MasterCard. I hope to see you there.

prefer to bend.

April is the month when the FOL Board has the annual end of the year meeting. So, on the 18th of this month, I will be saying goodbye to the board after serving my six years. Someone else will be volunteering to serve on all those committees and attend all the various meetings. Since I am also on the board of Books Again, I will continue to write this column, unless someone else comes along and says that they would like to have a turn. Then I will pass the pen along and wish them as much enjoyment as I have had contributing to the newsletter for the library.

April is also when the Pueblo West Library officially opens. What a joy that will be! The anticipation will finally be over for all the good people out that way. Oh, I know, April is also income-tax month, but that is a small price to pay to live in a country where we are able to have such lovely libraries, and all the information is available at the touch of a button on our computers. If this were a country run by a dictator, I am not sure that would be allowed. And I have no idea what I would be doing rather than enjoying the wonderful people of Pueblo, and all the good friends on the FOL Board and at Books Again.

Oh, before I forget - Did you know that the roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference? He acquired his size from too much pi!

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CSU-Pueblo Ludlow Labor Fest Movie

Our Daily Bread
Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

On April 23, the InfoZone Theatre will present a showing of King Vidor's *Our Daily Bread*. The 1934 film, directed by King Vidor and starring Karen Morley, Tom Keene, and John Qualen, features John and Mary Sims, city-dwellers who are hit hard by the financial fist of the Depression. Driven by bravery they flee to the country and, with the help of other workers, set up a farming community - a socialist mini-society based upon the teachings of Edward Gullafent. The newborn community suffers many hardships - drought, vicious raccoons and the long arm of the law - but ultimately pull together to reach a bread-based utopia.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are allowed. For more information, please call 553-0205.