

Library

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY

news & events

August 2009

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Nuestra Biblioteca Celebration & Car Show

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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Sunday, Aug. 9
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

- 11 a.m.** Car Show
- 1-5 p.m.** Maria Lopez art exhibit
- 1:30 p.m.** Grupo Folklorico del Pueblo dancers
- 2:30 p.m.** Fiesta Queen & Court performances
- 4 p.m.** Third Anniversary Ceremony & Car Show Awards



Painting by Maria Lopez.

Join Pueblo City-County Library District for the third anniversary celebration of Nuestra Biblioteca Hispanic Resource Center at Rawlings Library.

This special celebration of Hispanic culture will include a performance by

Grupo Folklorico del Pueblo dancers, Sweet Dreams Car Show, art exhibit and much more for the whole family.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (719) 553-0234.



Photography by Lisa Marie



Cool cars filled the Rawlings Library parking lot during the 2008 Sweet Dreams Car Show.

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Events Calendar Aug. 2009

1 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Labour* (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

2 Sunday

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

3 Monday

- Barkman book-discussion group *White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga
Barkman 7 p.m.

4 Tuesday

- Storytellers are on vacation until Aug. 31.

5 Wednesday

- Wednesday Night Movies
War Dance (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

6 Thursday

- Anime Club
Lamb 4 p.m.

7 Friday

- Bo the R.E.A.D. Dog
Pueblo West
10 a.m. to noon

8 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Mr. Troop Man* (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

9 Sunday

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Library parking lot
- Maria Lopez Art Exhibit
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- Grupo Folklórico del Pueblo dancers
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2nd floor
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Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
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Rawlings 2:30 p.m.
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10 Monday

- Hot Topics Discussion Group
Darfur Now (PG)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
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11 Tuesday

- Anime Club
Pueblo West 4 p.m.

12 Wednesday

- Wednesday Night Movie *A Mighty Heart* (R)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor



A New Strategic Plan for the Library

by Jon Walker

During the past five years, a lot has been happening at the Library District.

The number of books and other materials checked out from the Pueblo City-County Library has increased 31%. Attendance at Library programs and events has grown by 227%. The Library's summer reading program has been honored multiple times as unexcelled in Colorado. A Circuli Associates poll finds Pueblo County residents believe the Library provides the best public service in our community.

We have remodeled the Barkman Library, replaced the Colorado City Satellite Library, expanded the Pueblo West Library, and updated all of our computer technology. We also are fortunate to have increased staff levels to help keep up with the growing demands.

In the past few years, we have created a number of new services to be more responsive to the community. We established Accessible Avenues to better serve the disabled, All Pueblo Reads, AskColorado—24x7 online reference service, Books a la Cart, the Friends of the Library "Books Again" used book store, Books in the Park, the Doris D. Kester/Southern Colorado Community Foundation Nonprofit Resource Center, Homebound Book Delivery, Nuestra Biblioteca—Hispanic Resource Center, R.M. Watts Vocation & Business Center, and Teen Central.

We are pleased with our progress, and the community's response. The guide for the Library District for the past five years has been the strategic plan Roadmap to the Future (http://www.pueblolibrary.org/pld_about/SPI.pdf). Now, we are updating the strategic plan to provide direction for the Library District's future.

With a new plan, we will build on the success of the past and move ahead to a responsive and productive future for library services for Pueblo County. In developing the new plan, we are seeking input from members of the community, comparing the Pueblo City-County Library District with peer libraries around Colorado, examining Pueblo County demographics for trends impacting library service, and forecasting future Library District financial resources. This data will be used in the new strategic plan to formulate recommendations for future library services.

Look forward to the new strategic plan entitled Moving Ahead. It will be unveiled during the second half of 2009. If you have comments or would like to provide input to the new strategic plan, now is the time. To do so, please contact me directly.

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The Library Board getting a tour of the Lone Tree Library in Douglas County.

Be Creative @ your library: Summer Reading Club 2009



Judge Dennis Maes reads to the kids at Books in the Park during the 2009 Summer Reading Club.



Indiana Bones and Draco performs for the kids at the Rawlings Library.



Kids enjoying craft day at the Pueblo West Library during a Summer Reading Club program.

Aug. 2009

12 Wednesday

- Religions of the World
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

13 Thursday

- Summer Sweet Treat
Lamb 2 p.m.
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Rawlings 7 p.m.
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14 Friday

15 Saturday

- Wanna be an Actor?
Lamb 2 p.m.
- Matinee Movie
Race to Witch Mountain
(PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- Independent Film
The Country Teacher
(NR)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

16 Sunday

- Matinee Movie
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(PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
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18 Tuesday

- Watt's Up @ Pueblo West
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20 Thursday

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Lamb 4 p.m.

21 Friday

22 Saturday

- World Culture Day
*Tours of Rawlings
Library in Spanish*
Rawlings 9-11 a.m.
- Movie Screening :
El Norte (R)
Rawlings 11 a.m.
Infozone - 4th floor
- Matinee Movie
Duma (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

23 Sunday

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

24 Monday

- Life on Hold
presentation by Sally
Lincoln
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

Aug. 2009

25 Tuesday

- Anime Club
Pueblo West 4 p.m.

26 Wednesday

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

27 Thursday

28 Friday

29 Saturday

- Matinee Movie
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

30 Sunday

- Matinee Movie
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

31 Monday

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

Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee

Life on Hold Presentation by Sally Lincoln
Monday Aug. 24 ~ 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone - 4th floor

Join Pueblo portrait artist Sally Lincoln as she presents about her two month experience at the Kakuma Refugee Camp. Learn about the art program that she implemented and the portraits of the refugees that she painted and how she taught those living in the camp to sketch and paint so that they could record and share their own lives and histories. For more information, please call 553-0205.

National Exhibition
Friday, June 5 to Sunday, Aug. 30
Rawlings Public Library,
100 E. Abriendo Ave., InfoZone - 4th floor

The InfoZone News Museum is proud to present this national exhibit developed by Lied Discovery Children's Museum in Las Vegas. This inspiring, hands-on journey shows visitors the extraordinary lives of refugees who are forced to flee their homes and seek safety in a new land. Visitors of all ages can explore what it means to be a refugee and better understand the hardships and hope for a brighter future. This exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information or to schedule group tours, call 553-0205.



World Culture Day

Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m.
Tours of Rawlings Library in Spanish

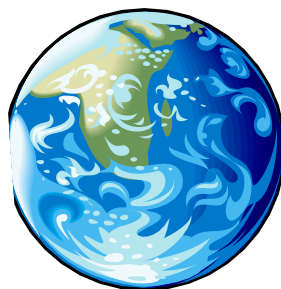
Free Spanish-speaking tours will be offered for groups and individuals upon request.

Movie Screening: *El Norte* (R)
Saturday, Aug. 22 at 11 a.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone - 4th floor

When the army ransacks their Guatemalan village, impoverished teenage siblings Enrique and Rosa travel north through Mexico, hoping for a better life in America as undocumented immigrants. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles. A discussion will follow the movie.

Matinee Movie: *Duma* (PG)
Saturday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone - 4th floor

Set in the exotic country of South Africa, *Duma* tells the powerful adventure tale of an unbreakable bond of friendship between a cheetah named Duma and an intrepid young boy named Xan.



Religions of the World

Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone - 4th floor

Join Shawn Kelly, McClelland School's new Headmaster, as he leads a thought provoking discussion about the evolution of civilization and religion. Where did we come from? Where are we going? How will we get there? Weaving in science, philosophy, religion and basic human behavior, we will explore questions that humans have been pondering for thousands of years. This presentation is not about generating answers, but rather recognizing the importance of asking the questions.

This event is free and open to the public and is a partnership between the McClelland School and InfoZone. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call 553-0205.

Playing this month @ your library



Matinee movies @ the InfoZone

August is a perfect month to come and watch a movie in the state-of-the-art InfoZone Movie Theatre. 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!

Labou (G)

Saturday, Aug. 1 &
Sunday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Troop Man (PG)

Saturday, Aug. 8 &
Sunday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m.

Race to Witch Mountain (PG)

Saturday, Aug. 15 &
Sunday, Aug. 16 at 2 p.m.

Duma (PG)

Saturday, Aug. 22 &
Sunday, Aug. 23 at 2 p.m.

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G)

Saturday, Aug. 29 &
Sunday, Aug. 30 at 2 p.m.

Wednesday night movies

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

War Dance (PG-13)

Wednesday, Aug. 5

A Mighty Heart (R)

Wednesday, Aug. 12

The Soloist (PG-13)

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Iron Jawed Angels (PG-13) Women's Equality Day

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

The Country Teacher (NR)

Drama - Czech Republic, Germany, France

Czech with English subtitles

Saturday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor



A gifted and well-qualified young teacher takes a job teaching natural sciences at a grammar school in the country. Here he makes the acquaintance of a woman and her troubled 17-year-old son. The teacher has no romantic interest in the woman but they quickly form a strong friendship, each recognizing the other's uncertainties, hopes and longing for love. When the teacher's ex-boyfriend comes to visit from the city, he quickly realizes that nobody in the village knows that the teacher is gay and harbors a secret affection for the teenage boy. His jealous actions set in motion a series of

events that will test the inner strength and compassion of the teacher, the woman and her son to a breaking point. A beautifully shot, powerfully acted, profoundly moving story of desire, responsibility, forgiveness and the need to belong, from the internationally-acclaimed director of *Something Like Happiness* and *Wild Bees*.

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.

“Hot Topics” discussion group

Darfur Now (PG)

Monday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

A gripping insight into the tragic genocide in Darfur, this documentary highlights the work of six individuals who have taken a role in trying to stop the killings and help the millions of suffering residents of the region. Filmmaker Ted Braun spotlights actor Don Cheadle, a politically active UCLA student, a refugee camp leader, an international prosecutor, an Ecuadorian working to feed starving victims and a young female armed rebel. A discussion will follow the movie. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information please call 553-0205.



Barkman book-discussion group

White Tiger by Aravind Adiga

Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m.

Barkman Library

1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Balam Halwai is a complicated man. Servant. Philosopher. Entrepreneur. Murderer. Over the course of seven nights, by the scattered light of a preposterous chandelier, Balam tells us the terrible and transfixing story of how he came to be a success in life -- having nothing but his own wits to help him along.

Born in the dark heart of India, Balam gets a break when he is hired as a driver for his village's wealthiest man, two house Pomeranians (Puddles and Cuddles), and the rich man's (very unlucky) son. From behind the wheel of their Honda City car, Balam's new world is a revelation. While his peers flip through the pages of Murder Weekly ("Love -- Rape -- Revenge!"), barter for girls, drink liquor (Thunderbolt), and perpetuate the Great Rooster Coop of Indian society, Balam watches

his employers bribe foreign ministers for tax breaks, barter for girls, drink liquor (single-malt whiskey), and play their own role in the Rooster Coop. Balam learns how to siphon gas, deal with corrupt mechanics, and refill and resell Johnnie Walker Black Label bottles (all but one). He also finds a way out of the Coop that no one else inside it can perceive.

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

Plan ahead! Next Discussion:

Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.

***In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam* by Robert S. McNamara**

Book to a Movie Club

The Soloist (PG-13)

Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

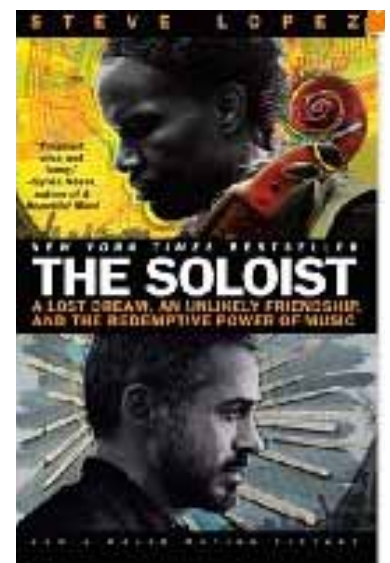
Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Join us for a movie based on a book. The August selection is *The Soloist*, a true-life drama about Los Angeles newspaper reporter Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.), who discovers brilliant street musician Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), and the unique friendship that transforms both their lives. In helping his new friend deal with his demons, Steve ends up battling with his own. Joe Wright directs this inspiring drama based on the bestselling book by the real Lopez.

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.



Watt's Up @ Pueblo West Library

So You Want to Run a Small Business?

Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

Pueblo West Public Library

298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

If you are currently a small business owner or want to become one, this event is a great opportunity to discover the excellent small business resources available in Pueblo County. Speakers include Alfonso Garcia, Small Business Consultant for Mi Casa Resource Center; Caroline Parra, Director of the Small Business Development Center; Bill Keathley, Loan Officer for the Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD); Cindy Shimizu, Business Librarian at PCCLD; and Ernestine Thomas, a Small Business Counselor for SCORE. This will be a great chance to hear about what is available for current and new small business owners. Got questions? Get answers! Dealing with difficult issues? Find solutions! For more information or to sign up for this free class, contact Cindy Shimizu at 562-5667.

Back to School online resources

It's time to get ready for "Back to School" and while you are busy gathering pencils and paper, don't forget about the valuable resources available at the public library for your student. With a library card and the internet, students have access to all of the library's great online resources from home as well as from inside the library. Students can find information on a variety of subjects simply by visiting the library's website (www.pueblolibrary.org) and clicking on "Online Resources."



Culturegrams is an online resource which helps students explore cultures of more than 200 different countries, as well as all 50 United States in a fun and interesting way. American History Online presents information about America's history through a variety of formats including biographies, timelines, videos, images and maps. If you need a science fair project, check out Science Online, which includes more than 1,000 science experiments. There are many, many more online resources available, so check them out.

If you have questions, AskColorado's got answers. You can connect live with a librarian for homework help. The librarians are happy to locate resources to help answer your questions in an online chat format available 24 x 7.



Children read to Chard'nay, a R.E.A.D. dog, at Bessemer Park during the Books in the Park program.

Kids' Page

Bo, the R.E.A.D. dog comes to the Pueblo West Library

Friday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon
Pueblo West Public Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Bo, the R.E.A.D. dog is going to be at the Pueblo West Library to listen to kids read. This event is open to any child who is learning to read or wishes to read to Bo with his/her parents' permission.

Parents who want their kids to participate can call or visit the Pueblo West Library to reserve a 15-minute block of time to read to Bo. Kids can bring their own books or select one at the library.

Please call 562-5660 to reserve a spot or for more information.



Talent show for kids

Whether you sing karaoke or play kazoo, we want to see your talent. Tell jokes, impersonate a pig or gargle the national anthem in groups or solo for your chance to win the top prize of \$50.

Who is eligible:

Grades K-5 (this is the grade the student will be entering during the 2009-2010 year).

Prizes per category*:

1st place: Trophy and \$50
2nd place: Trophy and \$30
3rd place: Trophy and \$20

*Categories for individuals include grades K-1, 2-3 and 4-5. Groups are also welcome and will all compete in the same categories.

Talent Show Date: Saturday, Aug. 1 @ 2 p.m.



Summer Sweet Treat

Thursday, Aug. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Lamb Public Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Come down for our Back to School ice-cream party. Make your own homemade ice-cream, and take part in fun stories and games. This event is free. Children ages preschool and older are welcome. Please call 562-5670 for more information.



The Barkman, Lamb, Pueblo West, & Rawlings libraries will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

Teen Scene

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

All teens are invited to help the library plan future events. Some exciting events in the works include a chance to talk with THREE authors, a video-making contest and getting a video- game rental program off and running.

Interested teens can pick up an application at any library location or attend the September meeting.

Sept. Teen Scene: Bring your friends to the program on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. for fun.



Teens show off some of the crafts they made at a recent Teen Summer Reading Club event at the Barkman Library.

Teen Movie Night

Coraline (PG)
Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone - 4th floor

Coraline is a teenager who has just moved to an old house in the middle of nowhere. Her only companions are an annoyingly talkative boy Wybie (short for Why Born), some eccentric neighbors, and a strange, button-eyed doll with a resemblance to Coraline. When Coraline finds an old door hidden behind an armoire, she convinces her mother to unlock it, only to find a wall of bricks. When Coraline revisits the door later that night, the bricks magically disappear, and she discovers a strange pathway to another world where everything is just what she wishes for. Eventually, Coraline discovers some dark secrets about a seemingly perfect world but it may be too late for her to escape back to the real world.



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.

Wanna be an Actor?

Saturday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m.
Lamb Public Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Interested in becoming an actor and want to know the real story? Come behind the scenes and talk with Cody Griebel, a local professional actor. He'll be discussing real life facts about being an actor, reveal the art of stage combat, and demonstrate basic sword play. This is a teen event, but all ages are welcome. For more information, call 562-5670.

Anime Clubs

Tuesday, Aug. 11 & 25 at 4 p.m.
Pueblo West Public Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Meet Light Yagami, a brilliant but bored high school student whose life is changed when he finds the Death Note, a notebook dropped by a rogue Shinigami, or god of death, named Ryuk. For more information, please call 562-5660.

Thursday, Aug. 6 & 20 at 4 p.m.
Lamb Public Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Come for snacks, fun, and great anime! We will be discussing a possible time change for the upcoming school year. For more information, please call 562-5670.

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Trustee Talk by Philip Mancha

I want to introduce you to TIF – tax increment financing. You may not have heard of TIF but its impact on the library budget is substantial and with a future impact that may be termed truly significant. TIF is the product of the same state legislation that set up Urban Renewal Authority in Colorado.

The Urban Renewal Authority of Pueblo (URAP) has some responsibility for development in the city and reports directly to Pueblo's City Council. Decisions to use TIF as a financing instrument for a development project are solely the responsibility of City Council. None of the organizations financially impacted by the decision for a TIF, except, of course, the City of Pueblo, are invited to the table to participate in decision making or even to offer advice. Occasionally, individual heads of organizations such as the Pueblo County, Pueblo City Schools, Pueblo School District 70 and the library, are contacted to answer a question or two, but more frequently they are called to be informed of a pending TIF.

Urban Renewal area revenues can be based totally on property tax (the majority of areas thus far), sales tax or a combination of the two. Nearly 85% of the library's budget comes from property tax.

Developers approach URAP or, with some frequency it seems, URAP approaches developers with a plan to develop what are called "green field" properties. We are not talking about developing traditional areas that what could be called dilapidated or run down. We are talking about high desert land that has never been developed. Thunder Village, located next to CSU-Pueblo, is a good example of green field development.

URAP and developers decide what it will cost to build a project on green field land. They have underdeveloped

land designated as "blighted" by the City Council although there may never have been a building ever constructed on the property. URAP decides on the size of the urban renewal area, and presents a proposal to City Council, who votes on the proposal and the decision to create an urban renewal area becomes official. Thus far almost all of the areas have been designated to collect revenues for 25 years - the maximum allowed by legislation.

Money is then diverted from the tax allocations of the county, both school districts and the library. This is done yearly for 25 years for a given area. Multiple TIF-collecting areas have already been approved. This money is used to reduce the cost liability of the project to the developers. Supporters of TIF argue that developers would not invest in Pueblo unless they were "helped" along the way with their investment.

How much taxpayers' money has been diverted from the library's budget to developers over the last three years?

2007 \$10,828

2008 \$30,182

2009 \$45,584 = equals the salary of at least one beginning professional librarian.

Does anybody know what the call on the library budget will be in 25 years especially when you consider URAP will likely continue to add new TIF areas virtually every year of the first 25 years?

One other note, Vestas, the Danish wind power company that is locating south of Pueblo, is an URAP project that most can support. Item 7.0 of the agreement between City Council and URAP regarding Vestas reads: "City Property Tax TIF, commencing on the date of this agreement and continuing during the Term of the Authority shall transfer to City quarterly, or as otherwise agreed in writing by the

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Friends of the Library president's corner

by Jim Stuart

We have a terrific gift idea for you for birthdays, Christmas or retirements, plus many other occasions. Think about this for a moment, a very nice heavy canvas tote bag, with two water bottle holders, which can be used to hold assorted other fun gifts, and it comes with a Gold Membership to the Friends of the Library for only \$30. That means your book-loving friends or relatives who receive this gift can then get 10% off on all books in our Books Again used bookstore (perhaps the finest such store in this part of the world) and get first crack at our Books-by-the-Bag sales and special 50% off Appreciation Day sale for members only, all for a full year. And, the bag makes a great grocery shopping bag of the type that is becoming so popular these days. Here is truly a "gift that keeps on giving". This is an especially thoughtful gift for those folks who already have "everything" and you just can't

think of a thing to get them. All you need to do is stop in Books Again, sign-up for the membership in the name of the recipient and let us know when you would like the membership card mailed to them.

We will give you the bag on the spot, and you can do the rest. Thanks to Virginia Madrill our Wednesday Store manager for coming up with this great idea.

The "Friends" had a booth at the Pueblo West 4th of July Celebration, and I would like to send out a special thank you to Jock Peters, Carol King, Cathy Hawthorne, Jay Johnson and Paulette Stuart for help with put-up, tear down and manning the booth. Thanks so much folks for stepping up to the plate on this one.



Meet the Manager by Edna Shoaf

One of the most enjoyable parts of writing this column is the delightful people that I am privileged to meet. We all know that everyone is unique and has their very own story to tell. Carol Rooney, Library Supervisor for the remodeled library in Pueblo West, is one such person. We visited for quite some time, and I was impressed with the round-about way that she traveled through life to finally arrive in her present position.

Carol was not born in Pueblo, but her family moved here when she was around five years old. She has lived the most part of her life here, but she spent time in St. Louis and also in the San Luis Valley. Her Bachelor Degree from USC was in Behavioral Science, through the Sociology Department, and Elementary Education. She had been a music major for a while, but that was not a permanent decision.

This lady's association with books actually began in high school. She worked as a Page (book shelper) in the first Belmont Library. She also worked during her Bachelor studies teaching in the media center. Carol managed a picture framing business in St. Louis, and when she moved to Alamosa she was director of the Art Center, and also worthier at the San Luis Valley Solar Energy Association. She said that was during the time when many people were experimenting with solar heating to combat the cold winters in the Valley.

After she received her Bachelor's she worked in the children's section at McClelland. She moved to Barkman as assistant director, and this was when she finally received her Master's in Library Science. She was at Barkman for three or four years, and then went back to McClelland to work in the Outreach program as a trainer with the satellite branches. When Ronda

Gettel left Barkman, Carol moved there for five years.

Last July she moved to the Pueblo West Library and then became the full-time Library Supervisor. Carol said that the people of Pueblo West have been very supportive of the old, smaller library and now they are extremely proud of the new, unique building. There is a feeling of openness with lots of color and light, and they now have lots of shelf space for their books. During the expansion process, she was able to meet two times a month with the architect, with Executive Director Mr. Walker, and others on the staff.

When I asked if this building was just about perfect, she said it was close, but there is always room for improvement in any project. We discussed why there are several spaces where one can see the pipes and wiring underneath the floor. She said that people are always curious about what is under a building, so now they can see. The floor is also unique in that the rug can be rolled out of the way and a section of the floor will fold back so maintenance can be performed whenever necessary.

There are many other different and unique programs and aspects of this building. They can put together two of their meeting rooms in order to accommodate 125 people for things such as the summer reading program. Also, Carol Pfeiffer brings her Portuguese water dog, Bo, about every other week so the children can sit and read to the dog. Both the dog and the children seem to love it.

If you have never visited this branch library, why not have a go? And be sure to tell the staff what a lovely job they are doing. Thank you, Carol - this was fun!

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Parties, all (underline mine) of the City Property Tax TIF received by the authority.” In other words, the entire TIF commitment by the City for the Vestas development is rebated back to the City by URAP. It appears that the other public entities are asked to carry the entire burden -- including the library.

As things stand now, the number of urban renewal areas collecting TIF and the amount of dollars that can be transferred from the library tax allocation to URAP are unlimited by any statute or intergovernmental agreement.

Therefore I encourage you to educate yourself on TIF and its impact on the library both now and well into the future.