

Library

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY

news & events

August 2010

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Fourth Anniversary Celebration of Nuestra Biblioteca & Sweet Dreams Car Show

Sunday, Aug. 15
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

- 11 a.m. Car Show
- 1-5 p.m. José Mares art exhibit
- 1:30 p.m. Grupo Folklorico del Pueblo dancers
- 2:30 p.m. Fiesta Queen & Court performances
- 3 p.m. Poetry Slam
- 4 p.m. Fourth Anniversary Ceremony & Car Show Awards



Art by José Mares.

Join Pueblo City-County Library District for the fourth anniversary celebration of Nuestra Biblioteca Hispanic Resource Center at Rawlings Library. This special celebration of Hispanic culture includes 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.



Grupo Folklorico del Pueblo dancers at the 2009 celebration. 2010 Fiesta Queen and Court.



Cool cars filled the Rawlings Library parking lot at the 2009 Sweet Dreams 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.

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

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

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

Satellite library locations:

Avondale Elementary
947-3047
213 Hwy. 50 E.

Beulah School
485-3129
8734 Schoolhouse Ln.

Craver Middle School
676-3850
4850 Crow Cut Off

Cesar Chavez Academy
586-9199
2500 W. 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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Events Calendar Aug. 2010

1 Sunday

- **Matinee Movie: *Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs*** (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

2 Monday

- **Pueblo Storytellers**
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th floor
- **Barkman book discussion group**
Three Cups of Tea
by Greg Mortenson
Barkman 7 p.m.

3 Tuesday

- **Anime Club**
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.

4 Wednesday

- **Phonics Fantasy Tree House**
Pueblo West 10 a.m.
Rawlings 2 p.m.
- **Make a Splash afternoon movies**
The Princess and the Frog (PG)
Rawlings 3 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Storytellers are on vacation until Aug. 30. See you then!**

5 Thursday

- **Phonics Fantasy Tree House**
Lamb 11 a.m.
Barkman 2 p.m.
- **Anime Club**
Lamb 6 p.m.
- **Thursday night movie: *State of Play* (PG-13)**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Write Stuff writers group**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th floor

6 Friday

- **Family movie Fridays**
Alice in Wonderland (PG)
Pueblo West 2 p.m.
King Room A

7 Saturday

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

8 Sunday

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

9 Monday

- **Pueblo Storytellers**
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th floor
- **Smokey Bear's birthday celebration**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

10 Tuesday

- **Anime Club**
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.



Planning for 2011 is a challenge by Jon Walker

This year is turning out to be different at the library. What I mean by this has nothing to do with how much our libraries are being used.

Libraries are busier than ever. Our libraries are bustling places. Indeed, use of our libraries this year is greater than it ever has been. In every major measurable category we are at all-time record levels. Checkouts of books and other library materials is up 22 percent. The number of people visiting our libraries is up 20 percent. Attendance at library-sponsored programs and events is +41%. The number of people logging-on library public-access computers is up 34 percent. We are seeing double-digit increases across the board.

In fact, it is turning out to be the busiest year ever at the Pueblo City-County Library. This isn't any different, either. In each of the past five years, we continuously have set new records for use of libraries. It speaks well for our goal of insuring ours is a community of readers.

If so much is the same, what is different? What is different is how we are planning for next year. Normally, at this time of year, we would be preparing to gather groups of library employees and members of the Board of Trustees to develop goals and objectives to formulate a balanced budget for 2011. Until recently, we were planning for flat or somewhat reduced revenues in 2011. This, by itself, is not unexpected. After all, most people are cutting back due to the poor economy. We had some confidence this could be accomplished by "tightening our belts," just like almost everyone else right now.

But this year is turning out to be different. This year we also are making contingency plans to reduce or eliminate most library services. How can this be? The library is being used more than ever in its entire history, yet we are making plans to possibly curtail and do away with services. Clearly, something is wrong. What has changed is this. There will be three referenda for voters statewide on November 2. If passed by the voters, each of the three will impact our library revenues dramatically and negatively. It has been determined Douglas Bruce from El Paso County is behind the three measures (http://www.denverpost.com/ci_15281356?source=rss_viewed).

The Bruce proposals are commonly known as Amendment 60, Amendment 61,

and Proposition 101. If passed by the voters, the Bruce ballot issues will amend the state constitution and set law to severely cut taxes and slash revenues for nearly all public entities in Colorado, including our libraries in Pueblo County. If the Bruce referenda pass, taxes for libraries will be chopped by as much as nearly one-third in 2011 with deeper cuts in the years to come. This will result in striking reductions to library services. For example, if these referenda pass, we can balance the library budget in 2011 by doing all these things:

- Permanently close the Barkman Library
- Permanently close the Lamb Library
- Permanently close the Pueblo West Library
- Permanently close the Library @ the Y
- Permanently close all Library Satellites and Outreach Services
- Permanently close the InfoZone Museum
- Reduce hours and services at the Rawlings Library

I want to be clear. No decision has been made on how we will balance the budget in 2011 if the referenda pass. The example above is only illustrative to demonstrate the gravity of the situation. Passing the Bruce referenda will cut taxes. For example, the average automobile owner currently pays \$4.06 annually in Pueblo County to support libraries. If Bruce's Proposition 101 passes, this will be reduced to an average of six cents per year (<http://www.thebell.org/sites/default/files/Pueblo1page.pdf>). Another example, if Bruce's Amendment 60 passes the average homeowner's property tax paid for libraries will be rolled back to what the dollar amount meant more than fifteen years ago.

In conclusion, I should point out that I am neither advocating for nor recommending against Bruce's Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101. However, as the Executive Director of the library it is my job to work to provide facts about the state of the library and to guarantee the best possible library services with the revenues provided. It is a fact that voter approval of Bruce's proposed Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101 on November 2 will both reduce taxes and cripple library funding. For more on both sides of the referenda, see <http://www.donthurtcolorado.com> and <http://www.cotaxreforms.com>.

Please remember to vote on Nov. 2.

Books & beyond @ your library: Books in the Park Juneteenth Celebration



The Juneteenth celebration was a tremendous success with many events held the week of June 14. Sharon Wade and her daughter Myracle (above) entertained the crowd with gospel music and freedom songs. Children wrote stories about someone who encouraged them and received a free book from the library (below).



A mother and child enjoy a fun day of activities at Books in the Park.



Georgiann Lymberopoulos signs autographs for children at Books in the Park.

Aug. 2010

- Watts Up @ Pueblo West Library
- Access to Capital for Small Business
- Pueblo West 6 p.m.
- Teen Flick Fest
- Lamb 6 p.m.

11 Wednesday

- Make a Splash afternoon movies
- *The Pebble and the Penguin* (PG)
- Rawlings 3 p.m.
- InfoZone - 4th floor
- Storytellers are on vacation in August. See you in September!

12 Thursday

- Anime Club
- Lamb 4 p.m.
- Thursday night movie: *The Men Who Stare at Goats* (R)
- Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- InfoZone - 4th floor

13 Friday

- Family movie Fridays
- *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* (PG)
- Pueblo West 2 p.m.
- King Room A

14 Saturday

- Writing and Publishing Workshop
- Rawlings 9 a.m.
- Ryals Room - 4th floor
- Matinee Movie: *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* (PG)
- Rawlings 2 p.m.
- InfoZone - 4th floor

15 Sunday

- Sweet Dreams Car Show
- Rawlings 11 a.m.
- Library parking lot
- Jose Mares art exhibit
- Rawlings 1-5 p.m.
- Grupo Folklorico del Pueblo dancers
- Rawlings 1:30 p.m.
- Matinee Movie: *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* (PG)
- Rawlings 2 p.m.
- Fiesta Queen & Court performances
- Rawlings 2:30 p.m.
- Poetry Slam
- Rawlings 3 p.m.
- Fourth Anniversary Nuestra Biblioteca ceremony & car show awards
- Rawlings 4 p.m.

16 Monday

- Pueblo Storytellers
- Rawlings 1 p.m.
- Ryals Room - 4th floor

17 Tuesday

- Anime Club
- Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.
- Book to a movie
- *Dear John* (PG-13)
- based on the book by Nicholas Sparks
- Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- InfoZone - 4th floor

18 Wednesday

- Make a Splash afternoon movies
- *Mickey's Big Splash* (G)
- Rawlings 3 p.m.
- InfoZone - 4th floor

Aug. 2010

19 Thursday

- Anime Club
Lamb 4 p.m.
- Thursday night movie:
My Life in Ruins
(PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

20 Friday

- Family movie
Fridays
G-Force (PG)
Pueblo West 2 p.m.
King Room A

21 Saturday

- Matinee Movie: *Finn on the Fly* (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- Sit Means Sit!
Pueblo West 2 p.m.
- Independent Film
Crude(NR)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

22 Sunday

- Matinee Movie: *Finn on the Fly* (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

23 Monday

- Pueblo Storytellers
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th floor

24 Tuesday

- Anime Club
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.
- Latino-author read
& book discussion
Rain of Gold
by Victor Villasenor
Rawlings 5 p.m.

25 Wednesday

- Make a Splash
afternoon movies
Impy's Island (G)
Rawlings 3 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- Storytellers are on
vacation in August.
See you in
September!

26 Thursday

- Anime Club
Lamb 6 p.m.
- Thursday night movie:
Clash of the Titans
(PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

27 Friday

- Family movie
Fridays
WALL-E (G)
Pueblo West 2 p.m.
King Room A

28 Saturday

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

29 Sunday

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

Save the Date: Book signing & author talk

Spirit Movers: Attributes for Transforming Leadership

by Dr. Cile Chavez

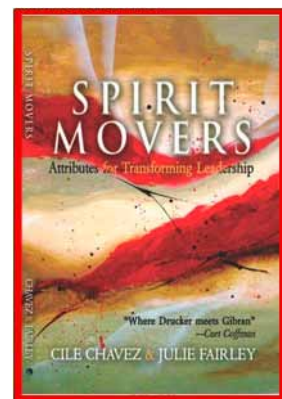
Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

Rawlings Library

Ryals Room - 4th floor



What fuels the spirit of an effective leader? How does one sustain commitment, energy, vision and passion during challenging times? Cile Chavez believes that the answers can be found in the way leaders frame their realities, how they seek the higher ground in their feelings, thoughts and actions, and holding steadfast to their visions of greatness in leadership. Join the Pueblo City-County Library District and the Women's Foundation of Colorado: Pueblo Steering Committee for this inspiring talk about leadership and human development. Free and open to the public. For more information, please call Maria Kennedy at 553-0205.



Wild Weather! Exhibit

June 5 to Aug. 29

Rawlings Library

InfoZone News Museum - 4th floor

See this exhibit before it leaves Aug. 29!



How wild is your weather? Visit the InfoZone News Museum to experience 11 interactive exhibits based on the physics and mathematics of air, heat, light and sound.

This free exhibit is an exciting hands-on way to understand the science behind everyday weather. Using devices such as a working weather station, a simulated tornado and a Doppler radar, visitors can explore scientific and meteorological concepts including the water cycle, lightning and heat. Wild Weather! is a traveling exhibit from the Evansville Museum of Art, Science and History in Evansville, Ind.

For more information about this exhibit, please call the InfoZone Museum at 562-5604.

Water Your Mind - Read! 2010 Adult Summer Reading Program

Get your entries in at any library location by Aug. 14 to increase your chances of winning a bag full of goodies.

There is still time to enter this year's adult summer reading program for a chance to win a bag full of goodies. Entry forms are available at all library locations. Every time you read or listen to a book, fill out an entry form with your name and telephone number plus the name, author and brief review of the book.

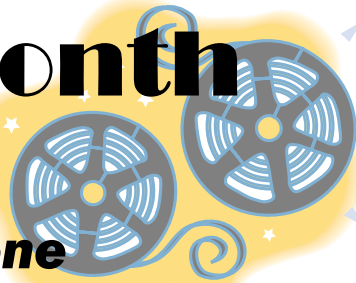
Prize bag includes, but is not limited to:
Gift Certificate to *Books Again* book store
Pueblo: A Pictorial History by Joanne Dodds
Antoine Predock Houses edited by Brad Collins

One lucky reader from Barkman, Lamb, Pueblo West and Rawlings libraries will win. Drawings will be held on Monday, Aug. 16. Please call 562-5606 for more information.



Playing this month @ your library

Aug. 2010



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!

Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG)
Sunday, Aug. 1 at 2 p.m.

Bolt (PG)
Saturday, Aug. 7 &
Sunday, Aug. 8 at 2 p.m.

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG)
Saturday, Aug. 14 &
Sunday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m.

Finn on the Fly (PG)
Saturday, Aug. 21 &
Sunday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m.

Dog Gone (PG)
Saturday, Aug. 28 &
Sunday, Aug. 29 at 2 p.m.

- 30 Monday**
- Pueblo Storytellers Rawlings 1 p.m. Ryals Room - 4th floor
- 31 Tuesday**
- Anime Club Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.
 - Cine Mexicano **Gabino Barrera** (NR) Rawlings 6:30 p.m. InfoZone - 4th floor

Independent film series

Crude (NR)
Documentary - America in English
Saturday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Library ~ InfoZone Theatre, 4th floor

The inside story of the infamous “Amazon Chernobyl” case, *Crude* is a real-life high stakes legal drama, set against a backdrop of the environmental movement, global politics, celebrity activism, human rights advocacy, the media, multinational corporate power, and rapidly-disappearing indigenous cultures. Presenting a complex situation from multiple viewpoints, the film subverts the conventions of advocacy filmmaking, exploring a complicated situation from all angles while bringing an important story of environmental peril and human suffering into focus. The film is free, and public seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 562-5604.



Thursday night movies

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Library ~ InfoZone Theatre

Visit the InfoZone on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Library to watch these films. For more information, please call 562-5604.

State of Play (PG-13) **My Life in Ruins** (PG-13)
Thursday, Aug. 5 Thursday, Aug. 19

The Men Who Stare at Goats (R) **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13)
Thursday, Aug. 12 Thursday, Aug. 26



Family Movie Fridays

Fridays at 2 p.m.
Pueblo West Library ~ King Room A

Enjoy free movies and popcorn at the Pueblo West Library. Call 562-5660 for more information.

Alice in Wonderland (PG) **G-Force** (PG)
Friday, Aug. 6 Friday, Aug. 20

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) **WALL-E** (G)
Friday, Aug. 13 Friday, Aug. 27

Cine Mexicano

Gabino Barrera (1964) (NR)
Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Library ~ InfoZone

Famed Mexican action star Antonio Aguilar brings blazing charisma to the title role of Gabino Barrera, a 19th-century reformer and fighter for the people.

Barkman book-discussion group

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
Monday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.
Barkman Library



Anyone who despairs of the individual's power to change lives has to read the story of Greg Mortenson, a homeless mountaineer who, following a 1993 climb of Pakistan's treacherous K2, was inspired by a chance encounter with impoverished mountain villagers and promised to build them a school. Over the next decade he built fifty-five schools—especially for girls—that offer a balanced education in one of the most isolated and dangerous regions on earth. As it chronicles Mortenson's quest, which has brought him into conflict with both enraged Islamists and uncomprehending Americans, *Three Cups of Tea* combines adventure with a celebration of the humanitarian spirit. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 562-5680.

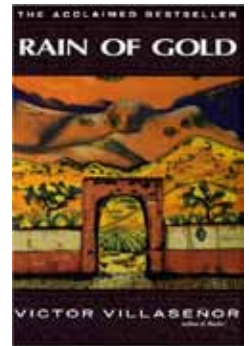
Plan ahead! Next Discussion & author visit:

Any book by John McPhee
Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

Latino-author read & book discussion

Rain of Gold by Victor Villasenor
Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m.
Rawlings Library

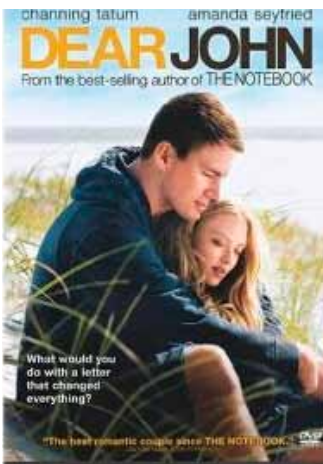
A writer of Mexican-American heritage tells the engrossing saga of his family's immigration to, and subsequent life in, California in the wake of the Mexican revolution. A sort of Hispanic Roots, the book focuses on three generations as they struggle with poverty and prejudice, love and life. Anyone who read this book or has interest in reading it is welcome to join us. Contact Charlene Garcia Simms at 553-0234 if you have any questions.



Book to a Movie

Dear John (PG-13) based on the book by Nicholas Sparks
Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Library
InfoZone Theatre ~ 4th floor

While on leave, U.S. soldier John Tyree (Channing Tatum) falls for Southern college student Savannah (Amanda Seyfried), whose ideals and heartfelt principles are at once attractive and unfamiliar. But their love is put on hold when terrorist attacks prompt John to reenlist. Now, handwritten letters hold the lovers together.



Lasse Hallstrom directs this modern romance based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks

This event is free and open to the public. Covered drinks are allowed in the theatre, but food is not. For more information, call 553-0205.



Starting Sept. 1, you'll be required to have a library card or a picture ID to check out materials. If you need a library card, see a library staff member to obtain one.

We hope you'll carry and use your library card with confidence! Having a card at the time of checkout will benefit you in a number of ways including:

- Identity theft prevention
- Increased security and confidentiality for your account
- Shorter lines at checkout

Public computer use will not be affected by this policy change.

Watt's Up @ Pueblo West Library

Access to Capital for Small Businesses

Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m.

Pueblo West Public Library

298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.



Presenters: Bill Keathley, Community Business Resource and Caroline Parra, Southern CO SBDC

Funding small businesses in today's economy is challenging. Come to this presentation to learn more about your business' financial readiness, requirements for loan requests and the Pueblo County loan programs as a source for access to capital. Bill and Caroline have between them many years of experience helping small business start-ups in Pueblo County, both from the finance side and the planning side. Bring your business ideas and your questions and learn about different funding options. For more information or to sign up for this free class, contact Cindy Shimizu at 562-5667.

Free computer tutoring

Computer Tutor: A computer tutor is available at Rawlings Library. Schedule a free help-session with Mike at the 2nd floor service desk Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pueblo West Library is now offering computer assistance: A computer tutor will be available on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon.

Write Stuff writers group

Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Library

Ryals Room, 4th floor

The Write Stuff Writer's Group is accepting new members. If you are a writer, beginning or experienced, but seriously working towards publication, join us. At the next meeting we will be viewing a webinar on proposal writing and sharing our works in progress. For more information, call Rebecca at 562-5624.

Do you have a tale to tell? Join Pueblo Storytellers

Mondays, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Rawlings Library

Ryals Room ~ 4th floor

It's not too late to join our Storytellers group. Perfect your storytelling skills or just come to listen. Everyone is welcome at the free, public event. To join us or for more information, please call Rebecca at 562-5624.

The Barkman, Lamb, Library @ the Y, Pueblo West, & Rawlings libraries will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.



Writing and publishing workshop with Maria Melendez

Saturday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon

Rawlings Library

Ryals Room - 4th floor

All aspiring writers are invited to attend a writing and publishing workshop with Maria Melendez, published author and editor of *Pilgrimage*, a literary magazine, which is presently housed at the Nature and Raptor Center. Maria also serves as the acquiring editor of *Momotombo Pers* and contributing editor to *Latino Poetry Review*. The emphasis of the workshop will be on getting published with a focus on U. S. authors who write in English or bilingually with Latino themes. Self publishing and starting your own press will also be a topic. All aspiring writers are welcome. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call Charlene at 553-0234.

Kids' Page

Phonics Fantasy Tree House

Pueblo West Library
Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m.

Rawlings Library
Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m.

Lamb Library
Thursday, Aug. 5 at 11 a.m.

Barkman Library
Thursday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m.

Come and join us for a musical theatrical program which includes songs, dances and interactive role play targeting a letter and the sounds of letters. This event is free to the public and everyone is invited! This program is appropriate for ages two to eight years old.



Smokey Bear's birthday celebration



Monday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone - 4th floor

Smokey Bear is having a birthday party and you are invited. Join the InfoZone News Museum and the U.S. Forest service for a birthday celebration for Smokey Bear.

Be one of the first to see the new Smokey Bear movie, take a picture with Smokey and have a piece of birthday cake. Kids will get the chance to hear from one of Smokey Bear's U.S. Forest Service friends and learn all about the importance of fire safety.

So be sure to come to the InfoZone and say thanks to Smokey Bear for the crucial role he plays in teaching us all fire prevention and safety. It's always important to do what you can to preserve our beautiful forests. Remember what Smokey says, "Only you can prevent wildfires."



More than 100 kids and adults gathered at Barkman Library in July for Summer Reading Club fun!

Make a Splash afternoon movies

Come and watch a movie after the summer reading club program. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The InfoZone Theatre is located on the fourth floor of the Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. All movies shown are free!

The Princess and the Frog (PG)
Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 3 p.m.

The Pebble & the Penguin (PG)
Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 3 p.m.

Mickey's Big Splash (G)
Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 3 p.m.

Impy's Island (G)
Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m.



Turn
in your
reading
log by Aug.
14 to be
entered in
the grand-
prize
drawings!

Teen Scene



Anime Clubs

Tuesdays
Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 4:30 p.m.
Pueblo West Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Come hang with Pueblo West's coolest otaku teens for an hour of friends, fun and animation! For more information, please call 562-5660.

Thursdays
Aug. 12 & 19 at 4 p.m.
Lamb Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Join us for great anime at the Lamb Library: movies, fun, friends, popcorn, soda, latest titles and networking! All material rated for teen viewers. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 562-5670.



Teens show off their Henna tattoos at a teen summer reading club event in June.

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.



Teen Flick Fest

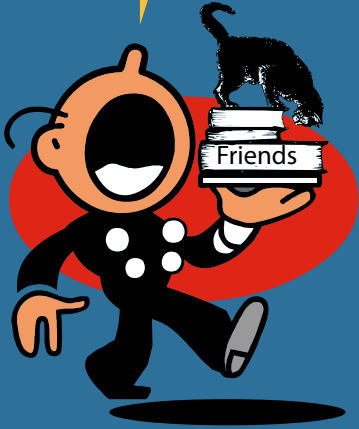
Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m.
Lamb Library

Round up your friends every month for a free movie, popcorn, soda and fun at the Lamb Library. This event is free and open to the public. All material rated PG-13 or under. For more information, please call 562-5670.



Teens work on their drawing techniques with artist Cynthia Ramu.

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your
purchases



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books at great prices!
& lots more!



622 S. Union
Pueblo, Colo. 81004
Monday - Saturday 10-4

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Friends of the Library



www.booksagain-pueblo.com

August
featured items:

Biographies,
memoirs and foreign
language books one
half off.



Let's not turn the clock back by Jim Stuart, Board of Trustees President

When you look back through the history of the Pueblo Library it is very evident that the citizens of Pueblo County value highly their library system and have shown their support again and again by voting for growing funding to make our system one of the finest for its size in the state, if not the nation.

Unfortunately, there are those in our state who don't value libraries, don't value education, don't value government services that keep us safe, they just value their own pocketbook. The referenda on the ballot in November; Amendments 60 & 61 and Proposition 101 (See Jon Walker's article on page 2) will put our library back financially by at least 20 years.

While cutting property tax, rolling back TABOR relief votes and cutting license fees to the levels of the early 1900's sounds very enticing to almost any voter, the truth of the matter is these changes would come at a very steep price, including the cutting the Pueblo Library District budget by over 30% next year and a total of over 40% when they are fully implemented in four years.

Newspapers across the state have stated that job losses statewide would exceed 70,000 if these referenda pass. And, Pueblo will get its fair share of these losses. In my opinion this will deepen our already weak state and local economy and add years to our recovery time.

I know personally that the taxes that go to support the Pueblo City-County Library District are used wisely and efficiently to provide much needed educational and entertainment services to our community that are not provided by any other means. I value our library system and feel the money that Pueblo voters have provided for its operation is an excellent investment in our community. I hope you feel the same way. Please, please, please vote on November 2 and save our library system. For more information on both sides of these issues check out these websites: www.cotaxreforms.com and <http://www.donthurtcolorado.com/>

Sit means sit!

Saturday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.
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The best-behaved Rottweilers are back!

If you missed their previous visit, here's another opportunity to learn how to handle your unruly dog, or just learn how to better control your canine companion. This introductory demonstration highlights the Sit Means Sit system for dog obedience and will show you the type of training you need to give your dog the training he (or she) needs!

Jori Pollard, owner of Sit Means Sit Pueblo, has been involved with a variety of animals throughout her life, including dogs, cats and horses. She is customer service and results-oriented.

These programs are free and open to the public! For more information, please call 562-5660.



Friends of the Library president's corner

by Annette Warfield



The year seems to be moving rapidly along; and Friends of the Library look forward to a busy fall. The October book sale at Books Again will be here before we know it, and the Pueblo community has an election forthcoming in November. The November ballot will contain three ballot issues that could, if passed, have a devastating effect on the library budget and other community entities. Friends ask everyone to familiarize themselves with these issues. Before November, I will be telling you more about these issues. Please take advantage of any opportunity you have to educate yourself on Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101. Late this summer, you will be seeing a campaign entitled: "Save Your Library" and it will be informational concerning these referenda. I ask you to familiarize yourself with the issues; donate money or time if possible; and "Vote for Libraries."

An interesting story from Books Again—we work with an internet vendor who visits the store after hours and scours the shelves for titles which then are listed online. Online sales for the months of April, May and

June were \$777. It's just proof of the hidden treasures on our shelves. Frequent the book store; you might find your own hidden treasure.

Earlier in the summer, the annual Friends of the Library financial report/audit became official. Treasurer, Mary Simmons, reported to the FOL Board a yearly increase of 37.5% in distributions from Books Again. We also are boasting an 18% increase in membership dues from last year. Friends of the Library will have approximately \$53,000 available for projects for the coming year. You can understand why the Friends is a proud group. FOL is a connecting link between PCCLD and the community. Remember, you can help! If you are a member of the Friends, recruit a new member or members. If you are not a member, join soon! Using our book store, Books Again, is another way to support Friends of the Library and all the great services we help provide. If you haven't helped the library this year, you're overdue.

Say hello to Judy! by Edna Shoaf

Enthusiastic! Passionate! Energetic! And all over a job! This, plus a beaming smile and dancing eyes, describes Judy Wodishek when she is discussing her years of teaching writing skills to students at Central High School. For 32 years she shared her expertise with the students who were lucky enough to be in her classes. She explained that even though she taught all four high school grades at different times, sophomores were her favorites. I am sure there are some among you who think that age group of students would be unbearably obnoxious. How nice that a teacher actually prefers those particular students. Judy also told me that Central is 128 years old. What a lot of students have gone to that school during those years!

Judy was born in Pueblo, as was her husband, and she has lived here all her life. I think that says a great deal about this unique town - that someone would actually prefer to live here for so many years. I totally agree with her, and I have only lived here since November of 2000. Judy told me that her background is Heinz 57, but husband, Tony, is Slovenian. They have one son, Mark, who is a Captain in the Air Force now stationed in the Middle East. Mark is the commander of a C-5 transport, which is large enough to hold six Greyhound buses. He always wanted to fly this particular plane, and since he was first in his class, he was able to choose his plane. She is also quite proud, as she should be, that there were four awards given to his class, and he received all four. Neat!

Since Judy retired in 1999, she has worked at schools

giving Professional Writing Workshops. She stated that good readers make good writers, and when they make a mistake in their writing, they should be able to correct their own mistakes. She said that when she was teaching, she would mark mistakes but she insisted that they do their own correcting. She laughed when she explained that since she had so many papers to read and grade that she would even grade papers at the tailgate parties for Bronco's games. Now, that is dedication! Her husband said that he would put on her tombstone, "She graded all her papers."

Judy joined the Friends Board to encourage reading and writing. She likes the writing contests, and particularly enjoyed the awards ceremonies. "Teaching is your life, and you never get away from it." I would agree with that. If you really enjoy teaching, then that is who you are forever. She enjoys the Friends' influence on kids by having the writing contests, and that encourages them also to read. Of course she reads a great deal herself and particularly enjoys non-fiction and also reads several magazines. Her Masters Degree, from CC in the Springs, is in Southwest Studies. She said that she had a wonderful college experience and was able to study the three cultures of the Spanish, Indian, and Anglo.

This lovely lady likes to garden, sew, and do crafts. She both knits and crochets and she makes many of her gifts for friends and family. She and her husband enjoy camping in the mountains, but roughing it today includes a trailer with a shower! I'm with you, Judy!

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In the Beginning by Valerie Cody.

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