

News & Events

DECEMBER 2005

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Hours & Locations

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

Internet: www.pueblolibrary.org

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

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

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

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

Beulah School - 485-3127
8734 Schoolhouse Lane

Colorado City - 676-3162
4705 Santa Fe Drive

Hyde Park - 586-9199
2500 W. 18th Street

North Mesa Elementary
948-2551
28881 Gale Road

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

Rye Elementary - 489-2275
8120 Highway 165 W

South Mesa Elementary
543-0738
23701 E. Preston Road

Vineland Elementary - 948-2633
35777 Iris Road

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

Jon Walker, Executive Director

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Satellite Libraries Reach Out by Barbara Brown

Family nights are starting at a satellite library near you. For a list of satellite library locations and contact information, please see the blue bar to the left.

Once a month, starting in January, your local satellite library will have a special activity like a movie (based on a book of course), popcorn, a story time, an author party, a grandparent night, or a craft (based on a book).

This is the time we encourage patrons of all ages to visit their local satellite library to see all the great resources available for preschoolers, teens and adults.



Clifford (Anna Vigil) visits Cathy Fox and Summer Sandoval at North Mesa Elementary's Satellite Library.

New adult books:

Toxic Bachelors by Danielle Steel
Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan
Mary Mary by James Patterson
Christ the Lord by Anne Rice

New children's books:

Jungle Bells, Batman Smells! by Barbara Park
If You Give A Pig A Party by Laura Numeroff
Amelia Bedelia, Rocket Scientist by Herman Parish
Penultimate Peril by Lemony Snicket
A Time for Freedom by Lynne Cheney

There are small collections for all ages at each satellite library, but we also have courier service so books can be delivered from the main branches to the satellite of your choice for your convenient pick-up.

All library books, regardless of where you checked them out, may be returned at any satellite location. The courier will deliver them back to the proper library for you.

Barbara Brown is the Satellite and Outreach Coordinator for the Pueblo City-County Library District and can be reached at 562- 5631.

Satellite Library Family nights in January:

Avondale - 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Wolfe at 947-3047 for more information.

Beulah - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:15 p.m. Contact Amy Nelson at 485-3129 for more information.

Hyde Park at Cesar Chavez Academy - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Contact Valarie Sanchez at 586-9199 for more information.

North Mesa - 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Call Cathy Fox at 948-2551 for more information.

Risley - 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Call Ben Brunson or Debbie Walters at 549-7449 for more information.

Rye - 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call Julie Canterbury at 489-2272 or 489-3879 for more information.

South Mesa - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Contact Irene Moore at 543-0738 for more information.

Vineland - 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Contact Sherry Mraovich at 948-2633 for more information.

Contact your local satellite library for more details or call (719) 562-5631.

Events Calendar

December 2005

1 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Stories for Teens and Tweens: Warriors: Into the Wind** Written by Erin Hunter
Barkman 7:30 p.m.
- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Fl.
Infozone 10:00 a.m.

2 Friday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10:00, 10:30, and 11:00 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.

3 Saturday

- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 1:00 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Pinocchio
Rated G
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **White Library closes at 5:00 p.m. for the Pueblo West Parade of Lights.**

4 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is Open**
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

5 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10:00 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 7:00 p.m.
- **Literary Book Discussion Group: Christmas Medley**
Barkman 6:00 p.m.

6 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Fl.
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.
- **Really Basic Computer Class**
Rawlings 3:00 p.m.
Third Floor Training Room
- **Book Discussion Group**
Reading Lolita in Tehran
by Azir Nafisi
Rawlings 7:00 p.m.
Thurston Room - 1st Floor

7 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:00, 10:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Time for Tots/Preschool Story Time Combined**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.



Roadmap to the Future

By Jon Walker

The opening of the grand new Rawlings Library in the heart of Pueblo in late 2003 marked a significant turning point for the Pueblo City-County Library District.

This new facility, along with strong branch and satellite locations, provides a solid foundation of services.

It is time now to look ahead and determine how to build on our success to provide great library services throughout Pueblo County in coming years.

To map our future, we undertook a strategic planning process. We sought input from community members and library employees. County demographics were analyzed and compared with PCCLD's peer libraries. We forecast district revenues and expenditures. From this study we are able to make several observations about choices for future services.

The full report of the library's future plans is entitled "Roadmap to the Future."

It can be found online at our web site, www.pueblolibrary.org, under the "About Us" menu. Hard copies are also available at all PCCLD outlets.

Many initiatives will be focused on as the library moves forward, but here is a list of the top five priorities:

- Creating a positive workplace for employees.

- Meeting the *Colorado Public Library Standards 2005* for being an "Enhanced Library" and aspire to be in the 20% of *Hennen's American Public Library Ratings*.

- Improving outreach services at Satellites and for targeted populations such as Hispanics, teens, seniors, families and those seeking to improve their economic standing.

- Enhance advertisement and providing for the capital needs of expanded branch offerings in the outlying county areas.

This is an ambitious list of objectives. Financially, PCCLD will have to stretch to attain them. We can make it happen, but it will take resourcefulness, creativity, and reallocating some resources.

PCCLD has a proud history of providing quality services to our community. We are fortunate to enjoy citizen support, top-notch employees and sufficient resources to continue building on this strong tradition into the future. The roadmap outlined here should keep the District moving ahead positively into a bright future.

Jon Walker is Pueblo City-County Library District's Executive Director and may be reached by calling (719) 562-5633.



The Rawlings Public Library. Photo by Steve Bigley.

Free Computer Classes at the Rawlings Public Library

Really Basic Computer Class

- Tuesday, December 6, 3 p.m.

Internet for Beginners

- Tuesday, December 13, 3 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

- Saturday, December 17, 10 a.m.

All computer classes take place in the training room on the third floor of the Rawlings Library.

Personal computer tutors are available by appointment on Mondays from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. Call (719) 562-5601.

Holiday Teen Scene at a Library Near You

Ornament Crafting at the Lamb Library

2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Saturday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Limited spaces. Call 562-5670 for reservations.

Make Your Own Box of Chocolates at Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Ryals Room - 4th floor

Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Call Mike at 562-5603 for details.

Jingles and Jangles at the White Library

298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., Pueblo West

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Come join the fun and create a holiday ornament as we play "Name That Holiday Tune" for fun and prizes. Call 562-5660 for more info.

Ninth Annual Poetry Contest

Poets, grades three to adult, are invited to write a poem about any topic, in any style. Winners will be chosen from various age groups.

Contest Rules

1. Poems are to be no longer than one page.
2. Contestants are limited to three entries.
3. Poets from grade three to adult may enter.
4. Entries will not be returned. Please make a copy for yourself.
5. Participants must be residents of Pueblo County.
6. The deadline for entries is Friday, January 20, 2006. Entries may be

brought to the Rawlings Public Library, Barkman, Lamb or White Branches or mailed to:

Pueblo City-County Library District
Atten: Community Relations Dept.
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81004.

Entries may also be e-mailed to: contests@pueblolibrary.org.

Writers of the winning entries will be invited to read their poems at a program sponsored by the Friends of the Library on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Prizes courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Entry forms are available at all library locations.

December 2005

8 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Colorado City Community Meeting**
Colorado City Community Center 12:30 p.m.
- **The Chronicles of Narnia Party**
White 7:00 p.m.
- **Stories for Teens and Tweens: Warriors Into the Wind**
Written by Erin Hunter
Barkman 7:30 p.m.
- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Floor
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.

9 Friday

- **Pre-Holiday "New" Children's Book Sale**
Rawlings 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10:00, 10:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.

10 Saturday

- **Pre-Holiday "New" Children's Book Sale**
Rawlings 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 1:00 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
The Iron Giant
Rated PG
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Kids Korner: Polar Express at the White Branch**
White 2:00 p.m.
- **Teen Scene: Ornament Crafting**
Lamb 2:30 p.m.
Call 562-5670 for reservations

11 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is Open**
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

12 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10:00 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 7:00 p.m.

13 Tuesday

- **Holiday Music**
Rawlings 10:00 a.m.
St. John Neumann Band
- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Fl.
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.
- **Colorado City Community Meeting**
Colo. City Comm. Ctr.
12:30 p.m.
- **Internet for Beginners**
Rawlings 3:00 p.m.
Third Floor Training Room
- **Teen Scene: Candy Making**
Rawlings 7:00 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th Floor

14 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:00, 10:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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14 Wednesday (cont)

- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Time for Tots/Preschool Story Time Combined**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
- **Bill of Rights Movie Screening**
Rawlings 7:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Teen Scene: Jingles & Jangles**
Make Your Own Ornament
White 7:00 p.m.

15 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Stories for Teens and Tweens: *Warriors in the Wind*** Written by Erin Hunter
Barkman 7:30 p.m.
- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Fl.
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.

16 Friday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10:00, 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.

17 Saturday

- **Family Story Time**
Rawlings 1:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to MS Word**
Rawlings 10:00 a.m.
Third Floor Training Room
- **Matinee Movie**
Lady and the Tramp
Rated G
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Independent Film**
Wolves in the Snow
Rawlings 7:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

18 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is closed.

19 Monday

- **Storytellers on vacation until January 9.**
- **Matinee Movie**
Wizard of Oz
Rated G
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

20 Tuesday

- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Fl.
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.

21 Wednesday

- **Preschool Story Movie Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Matinee Movie**
A Christmas Story
Rated PG
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

Bill of Rights Day Movie Screening

December 14, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone News Museum
4th Floor

In celebration of Bill of Rights Day, go back in time to the summer of 1787 to watch the founders create our United States Constitution.

The movie, *A More Perfect Union: America Becomes A Nation*, will show you the purpose of our Constitution, who made it and who it applies to.

The 1990 film was shown nationally on PBS and has received numerous awards.

Local Constitutional expert Randy Hartman will be the host for the evening.

Questions will follow the movie screening. Students, educators and families are encouraged to join us for this fun and educational evening.

This free event will include games, prizes and handouts. For more information, please call the InfoZone News Museum at (719) 562-5604.

Library Book Discussion Groups

Barkman Literary Discussion
Christmas Medley and Literary Potluck
Monday, December 5 at 6 p.m.
Barkman Branch Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

From O'Henry to Grisham, choose your favorite author or title with the "Theme of the Season." Also bring a sample of your favorite holiday goodie.

January's discussion group features the title, *Shut Up, Stop Whining, and Get a Life: A Kick-Butt Approach to a Better Life* by Larry Winget.

For more information about the Barkman Literary Discussion, please call Renee (719) 296-8018 or Carol at (719) 562-5680.

Rawlings Discussion Group
Angels & Demons by Dan Brown
Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library, Thurston Rm.
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

This prequel to *The Da Vinci Code* is an explosive international thriller that careens from enlightening epiphanies to dark truths as the battle between science and religion turns to war.

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

Lovecraft at the Library
At the Mountains of Madness
Wednesday, December 28 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library, Thurston Rm.
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

This new reading group is devoted to the writings of H.P. Lovecraft and his literary disciples. We are discussing Lovecraft's masterpiece *At the Mountains of Madness*.

For more information on this discussion group, please call Geof at (719) 562-5601.



Matinee Movies at the InfoZone

This December, the InfoZone News Museum will hold not only their regularly scheduled Saturday Matinees but special movie screenings during the holiday break.

Movies start at 2:00 p.m. in our state-of-the-art theatre. All movies shown in the InfoZone are free. Covered drinks are allowed, but food is not. For more information, please call (719) 562-5604.

Saturday, December 3
Pinocchio
Rated G

Saturday, December 10
The Iron Giant
Rated PG

Saturday, December 17
Lady and the Tramp
Rated G

Wednesday, December 21
A Christmas Story
Rated PG

Thursday, December 22
The Nightmare Before Christmas
Rated PG. Crafts begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue after the movie.

Friday, December 23
Miracle on 34th Street
Rated G

Monday, December 26
Beauty and the Beast
Rated G

Wednesday, December 28
Space Camp
Rated PG

Friday, December 30
The Indian in the Cupboard
Rated PG

Saturday, December 31
101 Dalmatians, Animated
Rated G

Pre-Holiday "New" Children's Book Sale

Friday, December 9 & Saturday, December 10
Rawlings Public Library
Meeting Room B



Children's Book Warehouse will be selling paperbacks for \$1.50 each, hardbacks for \$5.00 or less, coloring books for \$1.00, and games and craft kits at 75% off. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library.

InfoZone Movie Night

Wolves in the Snow

Directed by Michael Welterlin
French Drama

Saturday, December 17 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library, InfoZone Theater
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

The plot starts out simply enough. Antoine admits to his wife, Lucie, that he has been cheating on her with a woman from his office. A violent marital argument ensues resulting in Antoine's death. After lying about Antoine's whereabouts, Lucie discovers his secret life of gangsters, money laundering and violence.

Followed, threatened, and badgered by gangsters, Lucie becomes trapped by her deceit - and in the end will she get out alive? *Wolves in the Snow* is an

intense drama set against the backdrop of Montreal.

The Independent Film Series offerings are not rated and not recommended for those younger than 17 without parental permission. All movies shown in the InfoZone are free to the public and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the Independent Film Series or to join our e-mail movie reminder list, call (719) 562-5604 or e-mail us at InfoZone@pueblolibrary.org.



December 2005

22 Thursday

- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Fl.
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.
- **Nightmare Before Christmas**
Matinee Movie & Crafts for Teens
Rawlings - 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

23 Friday

- **Preschool Story Movie Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
InfoZone - 4th Fl.
- **Matinee Movie**
Miracle on 34th Street
Rated G
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

24 Saturday

- All Library locations are closed for Christmas Eve.

25 Sunday

- All Library locations are closed for Christmas Day.

26 Monday

- Storytellers on vacation until January 9.
- **Matinee Movie**
Beauty and the Beast
Rated G
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

27 Tuesday

- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Floor
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.

28 Wednesday

- **Planetarium Stories (Preschool - 3rd grade)**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Matinee Movie**
Space Camp
Rated PG
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Constellation Myths (4th grade and up)**
Rawlings 3:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Lovecraft at the Library Book Discussion**
Rawlings 7:00 p.m.

29 Thursday

- **Linotype Lessons**
Rawlings Library - 4th Fl.
InfoZone 10:00 a.m.
- **Shorts in December: Teen Short Story Book Club**
Rawlings 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Space Craft (all ages)**
Rawlings 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

30 Friday

- **Planetarium Stories (Preschool - 3rd grade)**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Matinee Movie**
The Indian in the Cupboard
Rated PG
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

30 Friday (cont)

- Constellation Myths (4th grade and up)
Rawlings 3:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

31 Saturday

- Matinee Movie: *101 Dalmatians*, Animated
Rated G
Rawlings 2:00 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

Holiday Music

Come visit the library and enjoy the music of the holidays by the St. John Neumann band.

Tuesday,
December 13
10:00 a.m.
Rawlings
Library



Colorado City Community Meeting

Come join us Thursday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Colorado City Community Center.

The meeting will discuss future possibilities the Colorado City Satellite Library.

Kids Korner: The Polar Express

White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Pueblo West
Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.

Share in the delightful tale of *The Polar Express*. Eat chocolate nougats, drink hot chocolate and make your very own silver jingle bell.

Our goal is to build friendships, develop talents, share interests and explore new ideas. We will provide your family with the opportunity to share quality time and discover more about your library.

There will be music, games and crafts, with programming focused on children grades K-3 (although all ages are welcomed).

Please call 562-5660 or visit the White Library to reserve a space for your child.



The Chronicles of Narnia Party

White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Pueblo West
Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m.
For grades 3 and up.

One of the hottest movies this year will no doubt be *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Now

you can experience it for yourself at this special party hosted by the White Library in Pueblo West.

Events will include, games, treats, crafts, Beaver, Peter with knight gear, and you can even make your very own paper bag puppet of Aslan.

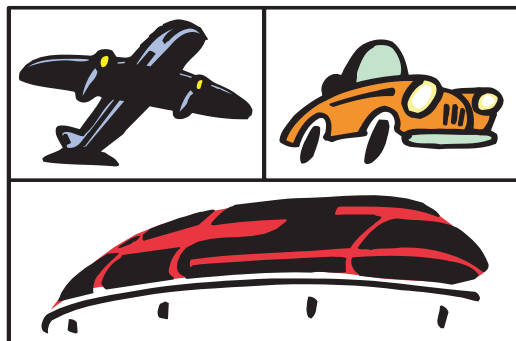
While you are at the library, be sure to check out one or more of C.S. Lewis' other great books in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series and beyond.

For more information call 562-5660.

Transportation: All Roads Lead to Pueblo

Come take a spin at the wheel in the *InfoZone Transportation Game*! The InfoZone News Museum is proud to announce the upcoming debut of our latest set of films and exhibit, *Transportation: All Roads Lead to Pueblo*, which celebrates and educates Puebloans about all the

TRANSPORTATION



All roads lead to Pueblo

wonderful things that make their community so unique.

The Transportation Game stages a hilarious quiz show that highlights Pueblo's relationship with transportation and the transportation industry, and you can play along with the colorful contestants who appear in the films.

You'll laugh, you'll learn, you'll look at Pueblo in a whole new light. *Transportation: All Roads Lead to Pueblo* officially premieres in January and leads off several months of activities, panel discussions and videos all relating to transportation in the InfoZone and throughout the Pueblo City-County Library District.

The InfoZone is located on the fourth floor of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library. Admission is free. For more information, call 719-562-5604 or go to www.InfoZoneNewsMuseum.com.



Friends of the Library President's Corner By Jane Milne

"I expect to pass through this life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." William Penn

Perhaps a good thing you can do as you pass this way is give a Friends Membership to a family member or friend as a gift during the upcoming holiday season. This membership entitles you to a 10% discount at the Books Again used book store. You may also purchase Gift Certificates at Books Again for any dollar amount. What a wonderful way to do your Christmas Shopping.

If you have a half day a week or more that you would like to volunteer at the store, stop in and talk to Bud Benz the manager.

WATCH FOR - a special adult program in January about Diabetic Cooking. More details in the next issue.

May your holidays be filled with joy and kindness.

Words, Words, Everywhere By Edna Shoaf

Halloween is long gone, the Thanksgiving turkey was stuffed and eaten and eaten and eaten! The pumpkin pie was covered with that stuff from the store called whipped topping. (If you lived, or live, on a farm with cows you had the real thing - yummy!)

So now it is time to think of the perfect gift for that precious someone on your list who deserves the very best. Do I have a deal for you! Give a book! And it doesn't have to be brand new. Some of my favorite books are ones that have been read and reread with the pages slightly mussed and the covers worn smooth by loving hands that appreciate the effort required by those authors who amuse and surprise and make us think. Hie yourself over to Books Again and look around - perhaps you will find just what you need. I did, and I did, and I'm ever so glad!

Why do I read and not watch TV?
Because of the words, the words, don't you see.
There are words that can thrill you or chill you,
Words that are false but others are true.

Words that are warm and sweet and kind,
Cinnamon and sugar, apple pie, never mind
All the calories, just take a long walk
Then sit and rest, let us have a nice talk.

We can speak of the sunset or the sunrise,
Guess who is here, what a surprise!
Presents for your birthday, or maybe mine,
Words that soothe, words that rhyme.

Ho, ho, ho, Christmas is near,
Children's faces so bright and so dear.
A giggle, a smile, or a hearty laugh,
Wooly cute lambs and a wobbly calf.

Open the cover, take a peek inside.
Between the pages where characters reside.
Loving or hating, emotions laid bare.
All written so neatly and printed with care.

Who can resist all those shivery plots,
There is murder, mayhem and sometimes lots
Of twists and turns that can have you screaming.
Or sweet smiles, kisses and lovers dreaming.

There are babies all warm and smelling of powder,
Corn bread and muffins or spicy clam chowder.
Mistletoe, words of woe make you shed a tear.
Welcome home, come on in, glad you're here.

Lovely words like kitten and mitten and snow.
Glittery words that shimmer and shine and glow.
All this and more, so come on now, take a look,
Turn off that TV and open a book!

Edna Shoaf

LIBRARY CLOSURES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

**The Robert
Hoag
Rawlings
Public Library
and the
Barkman,
Lamb,
and White
branches will
close:**

**Sunday,
December 18
(Rawlings
only);
Saturday,
December 24
and Sunday,
December 25
for the
Christmas
holiday.**



**Sunday,
January 1
for
New Years
Day**



Pueblo City-County Library District
100 E. Abriendo Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

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Organization
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Pueblo, Colorado
Permit No. 89

Friends of the Library Membership Form

Name or Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____



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

Memberships:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Gold Card | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Benefactor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Patron |

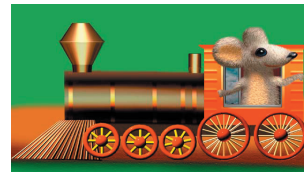
The White Branch Library closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday December 3 for the Pueblo West Parade of Lights.

The streets will be blocked off for the celebration.

Spring Reading Program

The Spring Reading Program will start on January 9, 2006 and will end on May 13.

The children's reading program theme will be "Ride the Reading Railroad."



The teen reading program theme will be "Gear Up for Reading."

