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Holiday fun at the Library

Looking for something fun and free to do this holiday break? Why not come to the library? There's so much to do for people of all ages. In particular, there are several events scheduled for teen and children (see page 4 for movies, pages 6 and 7 for younger children's events, and pages 8 and 9 for teen events.)

An exciting offering to the public this holiday season includes performances by Pueblo musician and artist Kay Singleton. She will lead a song fest called Singing in the Holidays for children and their families. Please join the award-winning Pueblo City-County Library District staff to Sing in the Holidays at one of the following fun and free events in December!

Monday, December 18

4 p.m. Lamb Branch Library 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Tuesday, December 19 4 p.m. White Branch Library 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Pueblo West

Wednesday, December 20

4 p.m. Rawlings Public Library Ryals Room, 4th floor 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Saturday, December 23 3:30 p.m. Barkman Branch Library 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.





Puebloans gather to watch election returns on election day at the InfoZone Theatre of the Rawlings Public Library. The party was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Events Calendar **December** 2006



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

2 Saturday

- Matinee Movie **Over the Hedge (PG)** Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4thFloor
- Kids Korner Holiday Ornaments White 2 p.m. For grades K - 3. Call 562-5660 for more information.

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Rawlings Library is Open 1 - 5 p.m.

4 Monday

- Mother Goose Time Rawlings 10 a.m.
- Rawlings 2 p.m. Tales for Twos
- Rawlings 10:30 a.m. Barkman Literary Discussion - Christmas Medley & Literary Potluck Barkman 6 p.m.

5 Tuesdav

- Time for Tots White 10 & 10:30 a.m. **Rawlings Book** Discussion
- Devil in the White City by Erik Larson Rawlings 7 p.m. Underage Veteran
- Program Rawlings 7 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

6 Wednesdav

- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Time for Tots**
- Barkman 10 a.m. Preschool Story Time Barkman 10:30 a.m. Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Mother Goose Time Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Silver Screams **The Ghost Ship** Rawlings 7 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

7 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Mother Goose** Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Teen Stories** House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer Barkman 7:30 p.m.



Serving You by Jon Walker

A proud moment at the Library recently occurred.

The Library District was rated number one in a poll of Pueblo County residents. In September, Denver-based Ciruli Associates conducted a scientific public opinion-poll among the members of the community. The Pueblo City-County Library District received the top rating when compared with the Board of Water Works, Pueblo County and other public organizations. The library's rating was 80% favorable. Number two on the list was Water Works with a rating of 68%, in third place was Pueblo County at 64%.

Ciruli Associates has provided public opinion, market and policy research planning and data analysis for the public and private sectors since 1975. The study cited

in this article was a telephone survey of 504 local residents conducted September 13-21, 2006. Respondents were randomly selected. Interviews were conducted by a professional, supervised interviewing service and took on average 16 minutes to complete. The margin of error in the survey is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points, meaning that 95% of the time the findings would differ from survey results by no more than 4.4 percentage points.

Why is this high rating so important? Simply put, it is because service is the lifeblood of the Library. This ranking is a point of pride. We are number one, and we will work hard to remain there.

Jon Walker is executive director of the Pueblo City-County Library District and may be reached by calling (719) 562-5633.



The library district finished in second place overall in this year's YMCA Corporate Cup challenge. Proudly displaying their awards are (back row, left to right) Marilyn Baillargeon, Sara Erickson, Jane Carlsen, Jon Walker, (front row, left to right) Midori Clark and Mary Wagner, the library team's manager.



Volunteer assistant Holly Jo Butt shows off the library district and recruits at a job fair held on Pueblo Community College's campus in November.

Library book-discussion groups

Barkman Literary Discussion Christmas Medley & Literary Potluck Monday, December 4 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 an ethnic potluck dish.

We will be selecting books for the 2007 year.

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

Rawlings Discussion Group Devil in the White City by Erik Larson Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Rawlings Public Library Thurston Room - 1st Floor 100 E. Abriendo Ave. Rawlings Discussion Group *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century* by Thomas L. Friedman Tuesday, January 2 at 7 p.m. Rawlings Public Library Thurston Room - 1st Floor 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

The World Is Flat is Thomas L. Friedman's account of the great changes taking place in our time, as lightning-swift advances in technology and communications put people all over the globe in touch as never before—creating an explosion of wealth in India and China, and challenging the rest of us to run even faster just to stay in place. This updated and expanded edition features more than a hundred pages of fresh reporting and commentary, drawn from Friedman's travels around the world and across the American heartland—from anyplace where the flattening of the world is being felt.

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

December 2006

8 Friday

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

9 Saturdav

- Matinee Movie Cars (G) Rawlings 2 p.m.
- InfoZone 4th Floor • Teen Scene - Holiday Decorations Lamb 2:30 p.m.

10 Sunday

• Rawlings Library is Open 1 - 5 p.m.

11 Monday

- Mother Goose Time Rawlings 10 a.m. Rawlings 2 p.m.
- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

12 Tuesday

- Time for Tots White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
 Teen Scene - Make a Book
- Safe Rawlings 7 p.m. Ryals Room - 4th Floor

13 Wednesday

- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m.
- Time for Tots Barkman 10 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time Barkman 10:30 a.m. Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Mother Goose Time Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Teen Scene Holiday Ornaments White 7 p.m.

14 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Pajama Mother Goose Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- Teen Stories House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer Barkman 7:30 p.m.

15 Friday

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

16 Saturday • Matinee Movie

- *The Prince of Egypt* (PG) Rawlings 10 a.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Game Fest Rawlings 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Call Mr. Mike at 562-5603
- for more information. • **Charlotte's Web Party** Whte 2 p.m. For grades 2 - 4

December 2006

16 Saturday

(cont) • Independent Film Aaltra Rawlings 7 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

17 Sunday

• Rawlings Library is Open 1 - 5 p.m.

18 Monday

- Storytellers are on vacation.
 Holiday Break Shows Spongebob
- Spongebob Squarepants: The Movie (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Singing in the Holidays Lamb 4 p.m.

19 Tuesday

- Holiday Break Shows Madagascar (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
 Teen Scene - Bell
- Wreaths Barkman 3:30 p.m.
- Singing in the Holidays White 4 p.m.

20 Wednesday

- Holiday Break Shows Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Singing in the Holidays Rawlings 4 p.m. Ryals Room - 4th Floor

21 Thursday

- Holiday Break Shows Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year (G) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Teen Stories House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer Barkman 7:30 p.m.

22 Friday

- Bonfils Blood Drive White 10 a.m. - noon
- Holiday Break Shows 12 Dogs of Christmas (G) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

23 Saturday

- Bonfils Blood Drive
- Rawlings 9 a.m. noon • Matinee Movie *The Grinch* (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Singing in the Holidays Barkman 3:30 p.m.

24 Sunday

• Rawlings Library is closed.

25 Monday

 All Libraries are closed for Christmas Day.

Dlaying this month @ your library

Silver Screams movie night



Wednesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. *The Ghost Ship* Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Avenue InfoZone Theatre - 4th Floor

This 1943 film by the famed producer Val Lewton is a tale of madness and horror on the high seas. Shortly after *The Ghost Ship* was released, it was pulled from theatres because of a lawsuit filed against the producer, and only recently has the film become available again for viewing. Now, 63 years later, *The Ghost Ship* returns to the big screen. A discussion of this 70-minute film will follow its viewing. The film and its discussion are free and open to the public. For additional information, please call Geof at (719) 562-5601.

Saturday matinee movies at the InfoZone

Come to the InfoZone this December for some Matinee Movie fun. We'll have our regular Saturday series, but will also be showing movies almost daily during the holiday break. All the matinees will be held at 2:00 p.m., with the exception of Saturday, Dec. 16. That day the movie will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Teen Scene: Game Fest from 12:30- 4:30 p.m. Remember drinks are allowed, but food is not, in the InfoZone Theatre. We are located on the 4th floor of theRawlings Public Library.

Saturday Shows:

Over the Hedge (PG) – Saturday, Dec. 2

Cars (G) - Saturday, Dec. 9

The Prince of Egypt (PG) – Saturday, Dec. 16

*10:00 a.m. (Followed by Teen Scene: Game Fest from 12:30- 4:30 p.m.)

The Grinch (PG) - Saturday, Dec. 23

Snoopy Come Home (G) – Saturday, Dec. 30

Holiday Break Shows:

Spongebob Squarepants: The Movie (PG) - Monday, Dec. 18

Madagascar (PG) - Tuesday, Dec. 19

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) - Wednesday, Dec. 20

Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year (G) - Thursday, Dec. 21

12 Dogs of Christmas (G) – Friday, Dec. 22

Apple Dumpling Gang (G) – Tuesday, Dec. 26

Barnyard (PG) – Wednesday, Dec. 27

High School Musical (PG) – Thursday, Dec. 28

Nanny McPhee (PG) – Friday, Dec. 29

Come see a movie during the holiday break!

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

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Directed by Benoit Delepine and Gustave de Kervern Comedy – Belgium, English Subtitles Saturday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. Rawlings Public Library InfoZone Theater - 4th floor

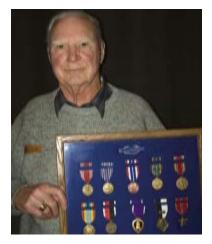
Rural neighbors who hate each other come to blows one day on a farm and get tangled up in an agricultural tractor, leaving them both paralyzed, wheelchair-bound and simmering with spite. But rather than feel sorry for themselves, the embittered paraplegics decide to seek revenge against the tractor's manufacturer. So begins a road trip like no other.

This largely wordless wheelchair



odyssey is shot in sharp black-andwhite Cinemascope and undermines conventional attitudes toward the disabled with its dry wit and sight gags.

The Independent Film Series screenings are on the third Saturday of each month and are free to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 719-562-5604 or e-mail us at infozone@pueblolibrary.org.



Underage Veteran's Program

Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. *by Glenn Magner* Rawlings Public Library InfoZone News Museum Theatre - 4th Floor 100 E. Abriendo Avenue

On Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. the InfoZone News Museum will host a special evening with Glenn Magner. He will talk about how he joined the U.S. Army when he was only 16 years old so he could fight in World War II.

Magner is a member of The Veterans of Underage Military Service, a group that was formed in 1978 to advocate for the estimated 25,000 veterans who lied about or hid their young age when enlisting in the service. The organization was instrumental in passing legislation that ensured underage veterans received their benefits without being penalized for lying, and recognizing the heroic efforts of the young soldiers. The group has identified three Medal of Honor recipients who enlisted before the age of 17, the legal age -- with parental permission -- to join the military.

Some men as young as 12 managed to make it into the military, especially during World War II. One member of Veterans of Underage Military Service was 13 when he enlisted and had taken part in six WWII deployments to the Pacific theater, had endured five major campaigns and had attained the Navy rate of Engineman First Class by the time he was 16 years old.

Because of a mixture of pride and patriotism, Magner says he lied on his enlistment forms, claiming he was 17 years old. His three older brothers had enlisted as soon as WWII broke out, and he wanted to be included. After joining the Civilian Conservation Corps at the age of 14, he went on to enlist in the army at 16 in 1943. His commanding officer looked the other way, as many often did, and Magner fought in France. He attained the rank of sergeant and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and four campaign stars on his European Theater campaign ribbon. He later joined the Civil Aeronautics Administration/Federal Aviation Administration and retired as an air-traffic controller after 31 years of government service. So come to the InfoZone and hear about his experiences as an Underage Soldier.

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26 Tuesday

• Holiday Break Shows Apple Dumpling Gang (G) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

27 Wednesday

- Holiday Break Shows Barnyard (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Lovecraft at the Library *The Rats in the Walls & The Temple* Rawlings 7 p.m. Thurston Room - 1st floor

28 Thursday

• Holiday Break Shows High School Musical (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

29 Friday

- Storytellers are on vacation.
- Holiday Break Shows Nanny McPhee (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

30 Saturday

Matinee Movie Snoopy Come Home (G) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

31 Sunday

 Rawlings Library is closed.

January 2007 1 Mondav

 All Libraries are closed for New Year's Day.

LIBRARY CLOSURES

The Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library and the Barkman, Lamb, and White branches will be closed:

- Sunday, December 24
- Monday, December 25
- Sunday,
- December 31 Monday,
- January 1



Kids' Pages

Kids Korner Holiday Ornaments

Saturday, December 2 2 to 3 p.m. White Branch Library 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd. Pueblo West

Come to the White Branch Library and make fabulous holiday ornaments to decorate your home. All supplies are provided. Please call (719) 562-5660 for more information. This program is free and open to kids in grades kindergarten through third.





Charlotte's Web Party

Saturday, December 16 2 to 3 p.m. White Branch Library 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Come to a terrific, radiant party in honor of our favorite animals, Wilbur and Charlotte. Play spiderific games, make words on a spider web and create your very own spider! The event is free and open to kids in grades second through fourth. Please call (719) 562-5660 for more information.



Barkman Holiday Festival

Wednesday, December 20 All Day (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) Barkman Branch Library 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

A day of fun and movies and special surprises for all ages. Come and celebrate the holidays at your local library! This event is free and open to all children. Please call (719) 562-5680 for more information on this festive affair.



Youth Writing Contest

For students in grades 3rd - 12th

Enter to win!

The opening paragraph of the story must contain this exact phrase: "Suddenly, everything became very

quiet"

Each story must contain the following words anywhere in the story exactly as given (for example "wrinkle" but not "wrinkled"):

dilemma

gateway

postcard visible

internet guide

Any entry not containing the above phrase and all six words, underlined or bolded for easy identification, will be disqualified.

The Friends of the Pueblo City-County Library District invite students in grades 3^{rd} through 12^{th} to enter a mystery short-story writing contest. Entries will be judged in the following grade categories: 3^{rd} grade 4^{th} grade 5^{th} grade Middle school $9^{th} - 10^{th}$ grade $11^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade

Prizes:

First place: Gift certificate to Books Again, the Friends of the Library used book store, Certificate of Merit, and story printed for the Friends Annual Meeting

Second place: Gift certificate to Books Again and a Certificate of Merit. **Third Place:** Gift certificate to Books Again and a Certificate of Merit. **All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be honored at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.**

Entry Due Date:

Entries are due on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Winners will be notified by March and invited as Guests of Honor to attend the Friends Annual Meeting at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.

Mail or deliver entries to:

c/o Friends of the Library Youth Writing Contest 100 E. Abriendo Ave. Pueblo, CO 81004 It can be a ...

- mystery of the natural world
- historical fiction mystery
- who-done-it mystery
- humorous mystery
- romantic mystery

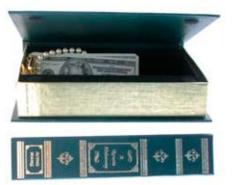
Entry forms available at all library locations.



Make A Book Safe

Tuesday, December 12 7 to 8 p.m. Rawlings Library 100 E. Abriendo Avenue Rvals Room - 4th Floor

Store your valuables in on a one-of-a-kind safe. This event is free and open to teens. Call Mr. Mike at (719) 562-5603 for more information.



Bell Wreaths

Tuesday, December 19 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Barkman Library 1300 Jerry Murphy

Come to the Barkman Branch and make a bell wreath to add a little sparkly jingle-jangle to your room or your home. This event is free and open to teens. Call (719) 562-5680 for more information.

Holiday Decorations

Saturday, December 9 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Lamb Library 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd. Teens 6th - 12th grades

Tis the season to be jolly and make decorations! Get into the holiday spirit and come to the Lamb Branch. Make holiday decorations to decorate your home. This event is free and open to teens in grades six through twelve. Call (719) 562-5670 for more information.



Holiday Ornaments

Wednesday, December 13 7 to 8 p.m. White Library 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd. Pueblo West

Come to the White Branch Library and make holiday ornaments to decorate your home. All supplies are provided for

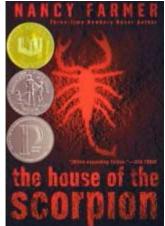
this free craft project that's sure to get you in the holiday mood. This program is free and open to teens. Please call (719) 562-5660 for more information.

Teen stories at Barkman Library

December 7, 14 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. Barkman Library 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd. *House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

Matteo Alacrán was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patrón, lord of a country called Opium -- a strip of poppy fields lying between the United States and what was once called Mexico. Matt's first cell split and divided inside a petri dish. Then he was placed in the womb of a cow, where he continued the miraculous journey from embryo to fetus to baby. He is a boy now, but most consider him a monster -- except for El Patrón. El Patrón loves Matt as he loves himself, because Matt is himself.

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



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GameFest

Saturday, December 16 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. **Rawlings Library 100 E. Abriendo Avenue** For grades 6th - 12th



Come to the library for an afternoon of games taking place on all levels of the library. Compete to win computer games, board games, and puzzles. Plus, watch speed runs in the InfoZone Theater and play video games on the big screen! Prizes for the luckiest and most skillful players. Call Mr. Mike at (719) 562-5603 for more information.





Teens make Hemp jewelry at the November Teen Scene jewelry-making event at Rawlings Public Library. For more information on upcoming Teen Scene events, see page 8 or check out our web www.pueblolibrary.org.



Teens enjoy a recent event entitled "Blacklight Karaoke". Prizes were given for the most lively performances.







Shop at Books Again Used Bookstore

Weekly Sales for the Month of December

November 27 - December 2

All self-help books 90% off original retail price. \$1 minimum price per book. No additional discounts allowed.

December 4 - 9

Christmas & Holiday decorations and Holiday craft books. Buy one, get one, of equal or lesser value, free. No additional discounts allowed.

December 11 - 16

All books about Santa Claus 90% off original retail price. \$1 minimum price per book. No additional discounts allowed.

December 18 - 23

All remaining Christmas books. Buy One Get One Free. No additional discounts allowed.

December 26 - 30

All exercise, yoga and pilates 90% off original retail price. \$1 minimum price per book. No additional discounts allowed. Exercise video tapes are \$1 each. Thank you for your continued support. Happy holidays from your Friends!

Books Again

Location and phone number:

Books Again is located one block east of the Rawlings Public Library at 622 S. Union Ave.

(719) 543-4688

Hours:

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Lovecraft at the Library

Wednesday, December 27 at 7 p.m. *The Rats in the Walls* and *The Temple* by H.P. Lovecraft Rawlings Public Library Thurston Room - 1st Floor 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

These are two early stories by the twentieth century's master of horror, H.P. Lovecraft. *The Rats in the Wall* is a tale of cannibalism, madness, and the doomhaunted family of Delapore. *The Temple* is a World War I German submarine commander's narration of the horrors he encounters in the ocean depths.

Please call Geof at (719) 562-5601 for additional information about Lovecraft at the Library.





Friends of the Library President's Corner by Jeanne Gardner

The winter season officially begins this month. The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce that December represents another beginning -- a new contest. Third grade through 12th grade writing buffs can warm up computers and sharpen pencils in preparation for the Youth Writing Contest. The theme for the contest is "Write a Mystery." Submissions are due January 31. Many thanks to Sandra Cunningham and other Friends Board members for doing the work needed to bring this project to fruition.

For those readers who were looking forward to the Poetry Contest, don't despair. The Poetry Contest has not been discontinued, just moved to a spring slot. The contest information will go out in March. Submissions will be due April 13, 2007.

The Friends of the Library Board members wish you holiday greetings and best wishes for the new year as 2006 winds to a close.

And the Exchange Goes On... by Edna Shoaf

Patience, thy name is Rose Marie! Can you believe it has been two years since this lovely lady (introduced to you in an earlier newsletter) volunteered to continue a magazine exchange project begun by Tom Pennington ten years ago! Every Board meeting, or so it seemed, dear Rose Marie had to confess that nothing had been done with this worthy project because other important events were more of a priority, such as getting Books Again up and running.

But now she has our undivided attention! The object of this project is to put those magazines, which have been gathering dust in every corner of the house, to good use in our school systems. Rose Marie's group of volunteers will collect those magazines, that are appropriate for school age children, no more than two years old and in good, clean condition, and then distribute them to various schools for use in the classroom.

Once they are at the school, they may be used at the discretion of the teachers to be cut up for art projects, taken home to their families, or for whatever the teacher deems necessary. Only those magazines requested by the schools will be delivered.

Clever Rose Marie has devised a form for teachers to use to order those items in which they have an interest. Some of the magazines mentioned are *Newsweek*, *Popular Science*, *National Geographic*, *Outdoor Life*, *Smithsonian*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, and others too numerous to name. Several teachers enjoy having magazines in their classrooms for students to look through when they have finished their regular assignments. Any materials which will create an interest in reading is welcomed by most teachers.

So here is the deal: You, a member of Friends of the Library, sort though your magazines and find the ones you wish to donate, bring them to the check-out desk on the first floor of Rawlings Public Library during the first week of each month starting in November (last month already!), and Rose Marie's volunteers will deliver them to the schools which have turned in a request.

Attached to each stack of magazines taken to a school will be an order form which can be used to ask for specific magazines for future deliveries. Teachers may mail forms to either of the following addresses:

Friends of the Library Rawlings Public Library Attn: Magazine Exchange 100 E. Abriendo Ave. Pueblo, CO 81004 Books Again Attn: Magazine Exchange 622. S. Union Ave. Pueblo, CO 81004

If you have specific questions about the program, call Books Again at (719) 543-4688 and leave a message asking our Miss Rose Marie to return your call, and she will be able to answer those questions which are cluttering up your mind! That is as good as it gets - to question the Supreme Commander Herself! Bravo, Rose Marie - way to go - finally!

Give the gift that keeps on giving this holiday season - a Friends membership!

Pueblo City-County Library District 100 E. Abriendo Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81004 Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage PAID Pueblo, Colorado Permit No. 89

Friends of the Library Membership Form		
Name or Organizatio	n	
Address		
City/State/Zip		
Phone Number		
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	Memberships: \$10 Individual \$25 Gold Card \$100 Benefactor	 □ \$20 Family □ \$25 Business □ \$500 Patron

Blood Drive

Give a different kind of gift this holiday season. Your donation is needed to help the community's blood supply. The Bonfils Blood Mobile will be at the library on the following days:

Friday, December 22 10 a.m. to 12 noon White Branch Library 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., Pueblo West

Saturday, December 23 9 a.m. to 12 noon Rawlings Public Library 100 E. Abriendo Ave.



