

News & Events

Of the Pueblo City-County Library District

DECEMBER 2007

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Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday (Rawlings only)
1 - 5 p.m.

Public library locations:

Barkman Public Library
562-5680
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Lamb Public Library
562-5670
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

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

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

Satellite library locations:

Avondale Elementary
947-3047
213 Hwy. 50 E.

Beulah School
485-3127
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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Library expansion in Pueblo West begins!



Library supporters gather for the groundbreaking ceremony in Pueblo West in November. The project features a 23,000 sq. ft. expansion.

The Pueblo City-County Library District thanks the more than 150 library supporters who gathered for the groundbreaking of the expansion project in Pueblo West and the countless other donors, volunteers and staff who have worked so hard to make this project a reality.

Construction on the 23,000 sq. ft. addition of the White Public Library is officially underway. The \$6.6 million dollar project is expected to be complete in late 2008.



Library, education and government officials dig in the dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony in Pueblo West in November.



The Pueblo West Women's League presents the library with a \$5,000 check.

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Events Calendar Dec. 2007

1 Saturday

- Matinee Movie
Pocahontas (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

2 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is
Open 1 - 5 p.m.

3 Monday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytime
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
- Book Discussion Group
Holiday Share - Potlock
& Sharing of Favorite
Holiday Reads
Barkman 6 p.m.

4 Tuesday

- Time for Tots
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Health Care Crisis Film
Sicko
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

5 Wednesday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Barkman 10:30 a.m.

6 Thursday

- Preschool Storytime
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Pajama Mother Goose
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- Health Care Crisis Film
Sicko
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

7 Friday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytime
Rawlings 11 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 11:30 a.m.

8 Saturday

- Matinee Movie
Shrek the Third (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

9 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is
Open 1 - 5 p.m.

10 Monday

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Rawlings 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytime
Barkman 10:30 a.m.



Getting Ready for 2008

by Jon Walker

It is hard to believe, but it is December now and another year is quickly coming to a close. This year continues to be an awesome one at the Pueblo City-County Library District.

The community we serve is using library services in record numbers. Through October, checkouts have soared nearly 6 percent ahead of last year's all-time record pace. The use of online subscription databases is up almost 14 percent. Public-access computer popularity continues to grow with 5 percent more logons recorded so far in 2007 compared with 2006. Perhaps most impressive is that library event attendance has skyrocketed a whopping 42 percent so far in 2007. Our award-winning summer reading program, new teen areas, All Pueblo Reads, Nuestra Biblioteca and many other initiatives keep the Pueblo City-County Library District the Number 1 service organization.

We now are unveiling the 2008 Annual Plan and Budget. Work on this plan has been underway for some time now. The goals and objectives for 2008 are designed to continue moving the library forward in line with the District's strategic plan, *Roadmap to the Future*, which was adopted in June 2005 (http://www.pueblolibrary.org/pld_about/SPI.pdf).

Here are a few of the highlights for the coming year:

- The new, expanded library in Pueblo West will open in late 2008 (http://www.pueblolibrary.org/pld_about/news/news.asp).
- Staff at public service desks will increase to improve the personal touch provided by library employees.

• The capacity to get more books and other materials quickly will grow, and it is noteworthy that in 2008 expenditures for new books and other materials will exceed \$1 million for the first time ever, including a special infusion of \$100,000 to help fill the newly expanded Pueblo West library with plenty of new books and materials.

• Wonderful public programming events attract audiences to the library, and in 2008 we will especially focus on both our award-winning summer reading club and the fourth annual All Pueblo Reads program.

• Computer technologies will take a front seat in 2008, as we begin implementing a comprehensive upgrade to library technologies to ensure faster and more sophisticated computers. The public computer space on the 2nd floor of the Rawlings Library will be remodeled to create a better environment, including implementing assistive technologies to improve access to public-use computers for customers with special needs.

• Finally, as we look to the future, 2008 will be our year to plan for the opening of a new branch library in 2009 at the YMCA campus under construction now, a new library on the Mesa in 2010, an updated program for the InfoZone News Museum and much more.

These are only some of the highlights for the coming year. I invite you to review the complete plan for 2008 at http://www.pueblolibrary.org/pld_pdf/2008_annualplan.pdf.

You may reach Jon Walker, Pueblo City-County Library District Executive Director, by calling (719) 562-5633.



“Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.”

~Hal Borland, American author and journalist

Library receives state-wide recognition

Pueblo-native Joyce A. Vigil is Colorado's Outstanding Library Board Member for 2007. This is the Colorado Association of Libraries' top honor for board service. Vigil, a local attorney, has served as a member of the Pueblo City-County Library District Board of Trustees since 2003 and is the current president of the library board.

Pueblo County Commissioner Anthony Nunez wrote in his nomination letter, "Under Ms. Vigil's direction the library not only developed a new strategic plan but it also introduced an annual all-community reading program, updated and revised all board and employee policies and developed a new program with emphasis on teen services and Hispanic resources."

Under Vigil's leadership, the library's summer reading program was voted best in Colorado in 2005, 2006, and 2007 by the Colorado Association of Libraries. Additionally, the district was selected by community members in 2006 as the best public-service agency according to a Denver-based Ciruli Associates poll, and it moved into the top 25% of libraries nationally in rankings by the Hennen American Public Library Ratings.

According to the Colorado Association of Libraries' website, the purpose of the Outstanding Library Board Member Award is "To recognize a board member, current or past by no more than two years, who serves or has served on a library board in Colorado and has provided exemplary service to the specific library or library district and their library community during their term on the board."



Library Executive Director Jon Walker with (left to right) Anthony Martinez, Joyce Vigil and Bill Martinez at a Colorado Association of Libraries banquet where Vigil received the Outstanding Library Board Member of the Year Award.



Lovely library ladies (left to right) Sara Erickson, Kathy Knox, Kay Loeber, Rebecca Atkinson and Paulette Stuart at the Colorado Association of Libraries awards banquet in Denver in November.

Dec. 2007

11 Tuesday

- Time for Tots
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Making Holiday Ornaments
White 4 p.m.

12 Wednesday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
- Teen Stories
The Mist by Stephen King
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

13 Thursday

- Preschool Storytime
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Pajama Mother Goose
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.

14 Friday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytime
Rawlings 11 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytime
Rawlings 11 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 11:30 a.m.

15 Saturday

- Hispanic Christmas Customs
Rawlings 10 a.m.
Meeting Room B - 1st floor
- Matinee Movie
Spiderman 3 (PG-13)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Independent Film
Madeinusa
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

16 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is Open 1 - 5 p.m.

17 Monday

- Storytellers are on vacation. Storytimes will resume on Monday Jan. 7.
- Bilingual Stories
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
- Movie Night
The Christmas Box
Barkman 6 p.m.

18 Tuesday

- Teen Scene: Decorate Christmas ornaments
Barkman 3:30 p.m.
- Teen Scene: Candy Making
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th Floor

19 Wednesday

- Preschool Storytime
Barkman 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 2007

20 Thursday

- Matinee Movie *Santa Clause III: The Escape Clause* (G) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Teen Scene: Flipbook Greeting Cards Rawlings 2 p.m. Training Room - 3rd floor

21 Friday

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

22 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Unaccompanied Minors* (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

23 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is closed.

24 Monday

- All Libraries are closed for Christmas Eve.

25 Tuesday

- All Libraries are closed for Christmas Day.

26 Wednesday

- Storytellers are on vacation. Storytimes will resume on Monday Jan. 7.
- Matinee Movie *Pirates of the Caribbean* (PG-13) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Teen Stories *The Mist* by Stephen King Barkman 7:30 p.m.

27 Thursday

- Matinee Movie *Meet the Robinsons* (G) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

28 Friday

- Matinee Movie *The Little Mermaid* (G) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

29 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (PG-13) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

30 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is closed.

31 Monday

- All Libraries close at 6 p.m.

Barkman book-discussion group

Monday, Dec 3 at 6 p.m.
Holiday Share - Potluck and Sharing of Favorite Holiday Reads
Barkman Public Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Movie Night
Monday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.
The Christmas Box
Barkman Public Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Richard Thomas plays Richard, a ski-shop owner consumed with work and

unhappy about his family's insistence on sharing a lonely mansion with Mary, an icy, humorless widow (Maureen O'Hara).

While Richard's wife and child develop loving ties with Mary, he suffers recurring dreams and grows convinced the house is haunted by a tragedy from the old woman's past. For more information, call 562-5680.



Health care film comes to the InfoZone

Sicko, directed by Michael Moore
Tuesday, Dec. 4 & Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Director Michael Moore examines health care in America in his latest film, *Sicko*. This is your chance to see the film on the InfoZone News Museum's big screen. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters-Pueblo and Health Care for All Colorado. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

After the movie, join the discussion with Donna and Larry Smith (*Sicko* patient stars), Dr. Rocky White (author of Colorado's single payer health plan) and Dr. Elinor Christiansen (co-Founder, Health Care of All Colorado). Seating is first-come, first-served.



The colorful wood of artist Tom Frink.

Wood of Color exhibit featuring artist Tom Frink

Show through Sunday, Dec. 21
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
4th floor gallery

Using a natural coloring process, artist Tom Frink creates one-of-a-kind handmade Native American style flutes, pens and other pieces from colored Aspen, Pine, Cherry, Maple and Walnut.

These beautiful items are carefully made from trees that are infused with colored non-toxic dye while they are still growing. The trees are logged, milled, kiln dried, and then the wood, with color swirling through the grain, is ready to begin its journey to become a work of art.

Playing this month @ your library

Holiday movie fun at the InfoZone

Looking for something fun to do during the Holiday Break? Come to the InfoZone News Museum and enjoy a matinee movie almost daily during the break from school. Don't forget our regular Saturday matinees as well. All screenings are at 2 p.m., and 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. Remember all our movie screenings are free!

Pocahontas (G)
Saturday, Dec. 1

Shrek the Third (PG)
Saturday, Dec. 8

Spiderman 3 (PG-13)
Saturday, Dec. 15

Unaccompanied Minors (PG)
Saturday, Dec. 22

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
Saturday, Dec. 29

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

Madeinusa, directed by Claudia Llosa
Drama - Spain-Peru, English subtitles
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Madeinusa is a girl aged 14 with a sweet Indian face who lives in an isolated village in the Cordillera Blanca Mountain range of Peru. This strange place is characterized by its religious fervor.

Year after year, Madeinusa and her sister Chale, and her father Don Cayo, the Mayor and local big shot, maintain their traditions without questioning them. However,

Holiday Break Movies:

Santa Clause III: The Escape Clause (G)
Thursday, Dec. 20

Elf (PG)
Friday, Dec. 21

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)
Wednesday, Dec. 26

Meet the Robinsons (G)
Thursday, Dec. 27

The Little Mermaid (G)
Friday, Dec. 28

Hairspray (PG)
Wednesday, Jan. 2

Jungle Book (G)
Thursday, Jan. 3

Evan Almighty (PG)
Friday, Jan. 4



everything changes with the arrival in the village of Salvador, a young geologist from Lima, who will unknowingly change the destiny of Madeinusa.

The film is free, and public seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the Independent Films call 719-562-5604 or send an e-mail to InfoZone @pueblolibrary.org.

Jan. 2008

1 Tuesday

• All Libraries are closed for New Year's Day.

2 Wednesday

• Matinee Movie
Hairspray (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

3 Thursday

• Matinee Movie
Jungle Book (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

4 Friday

• Matinee Movie
Evan Almighty (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Barkman, Lamb, Rawlings & White Public Libraries will be closed Sunday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas.

All public libraries will be closed Sunday, Dec. 30.

All public libraries will close at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 and will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.



Kids' Page

Making Holiday Ornaments



Tuesday, Dec. 11
4 p.m.
White Public Library
298 S. Joe Martinez
Bldv. Pueblo West

Kids can make Christmas ornaments while enjoying hot coca and other winter treats. All in grades K-5 are invited to attend this free event. Call 562-5660 for more information.

New storytime starting in January!

Preschool Storytime
Every Tuesday Starting Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

This storytime will be based on guidelines established by Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library curriculum for three, four and five year old children. Call 562-5603 for more information.

A celebration of satellite libraries

All events at 10 a.m. in the 4th floor Ryals Room of the Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Saturday, Jan. 12: Cesar Chavez Academy & Risley Middle

Saturday, Jan. 19: Avondale, North Mesa, South Mesa, Vineland Elementary

Saturday, Jan. 26: Beulah, Craver Middle, Rye Elementary

Students, parents, teachers, principals and community members: Join in a celebration of satellite libraries! This is a unique partnership between the library district, Pueblo School District 70 and Pueblo City Schools. The two school districts house public library collections (satellite libraries) in various schools throughout the county.

This celebration will include entertainment by school bands, choral groups, dancers, displays of creative writing, art work, poetry and much more. The satellite staff will give away free books, teen activities and provide story times. If 20 students attend from any one school, principals will be asked to kiss Wilbur, a live 300-pound pot-bellied pig! For more information, contact your local satellite library or Barbara Brown, Outreach Services, at 562-5631.



Library staff, Pueblo West High School students and two winners of the Big Fish Story contest pose for a picture at the Big Fish Storytelling Jubilee in the InfoZone in November. The Pueblo West students read each of the winning entries.



The Prairie Winds Elementary School Choir entertains the crowd gathered at the groundbreaking ceremony and 10th anniversary of the White Library.

Hispanic Christmas customs

Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 10 a.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Meeting Room B - 1st floor

Alfie Salazar, local author, and Virginia Santistevan will perform two skits about Hispanic Christmas customs of Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado such as Mis Crismas and the lighting of farolitos (bag lights). Please call 553-0234 for more information.



Teen Scene

Decorate Christmas Ornaments
Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 3:30 p.m.
Barkman Public Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Decorate Christmas ornaments to hang on your tree. This program is free and open to students in grades 6 - 12. For more information, please call 562-5680.



Flipbook Greeting Cards
Thursday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Training Room, 3rd floor



At this program, teens will be able to make a short video then turn that video into a flipbook.

Make one for all of your friends and family for the holidays. This program is free and open to those in grades 6-12. For more information, please contact Mr. Mike at 553-0207.

Big Fish Story writing contest winners

Middle School

- Lauren Howe-Kerr
Connect School
- Taylor Leyva
Skyview Middle School
- Hannah Pannunzio
Connect School

High School

- Rachel Bunn
Pueblo County
- Carlee Easton
Pueblo West
- Julie Lederhos
Pueblo West

Candy Making
Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Ryals Room, 4th floor



Make candy. Eat candy. Mmmmm, candy! For more information, please call Michael Cox at 553-0207.

Teen stories @ Barkman Public Library



The Mist by Stephen King
Thursday, Dec. 12 & Dec. 26
7:30 p.m.
Barkman Public Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

The storm rolled across Long Lake in Maine with a fury, leaving David Drayton and his family with fallen trees, downed power lines, and no electricity.

At his wife's request, David heads to the local supermarket to stock up on supplies,

taking his young son and neighbor along for the ride.

But the strange white mist that lingered on the lake has followed them to town, stranding them all in the store because something in the fog is taking people -- and you can hear their screams.

This event is free and open to teens in grades 5-8. For more info, please call the Barkman Library at 562-5680.





Youth Writing Contest

For students in
grades 3rd - 12th

The theme for 2008.....Write an adventure story!

It can be an ...

- adventure of the natural world
- historical fiction adventure
- humorous adventure
- romantic adventure
- adventure with a puzzle to be solved.
- ??????

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 Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008. 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 Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004

The Friends of the Pueblo City-County Library District invite students in grades 3 - 12 to enter an adventure short-story writing contest. Entries will be judged in the following categories.

3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade
6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade
9th - 10th grade
11th - 12th grade

Entry forms
available at all
library locations.

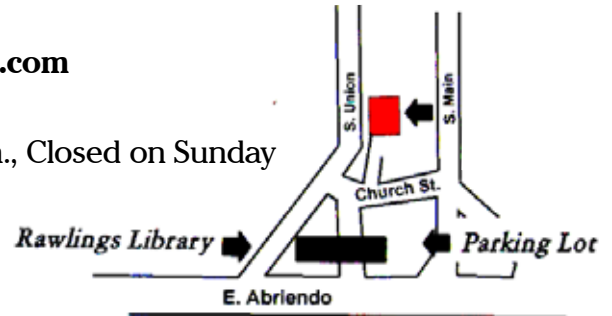


Shop at Books Again used bookstore
(719) 543-4688 * booksagain@msn.com

622 S. Union Ave.

Hours: Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Closed on Sunday

Wracking your brain for a Christmas gift? Why not give a membership to Friends of the Library and a gift certificate for Books Again? There are many special books concerning the holidays on the shelf: recipes, decorations, gifts to make, etc. Come and browse and see for yourself! We receive new donations every day - check it out!



Small Engine Repair Reference Center

The Small Engine Repair Reference Center is located at www.pueblolibrary.org. Click on the "Search" tab, then click on the "Search Electronic Resource" link. The Small Engine Repair Reference Center is the last link under the Automotive category.

It is the definitive online tool for small engine repair assistance, including maintenance and repair information for: ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, snowblowers, boats, personal watercraft/jet skis, commercial mowers, farm tractors, generators, outdoor power equipment, tillers, and other small engines. It offers assistance in providing routine maintenance, such as tune-ups and brake service, as well as extensive repairs involving engine and transmission disassembly.

Get thousands of accurate and concise step-by-step maintenance and repair instructions for hundreds of small engine machines and their supporting components. The database typically contains information for more than 25 years of each engine model. Additionally, the database allows users to select a type of product, specific brand, specific model/engine type, and specific area of that model/engine type, as well as to search by model numbers. Many instructions include photos and detailed illustrations to visually support step-by-step procedures.

Rosetta Stone Language Program Update

Rosetta Stone has recently discontinued online access to their product for public libraries. Because of this, we regret to announce that we will no longer be able to provide this service after Jan. 14. Other options are available for language instruction including books, audio books and books on CD that can be located using the library catalog. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Staff was recognized for meritorious job performance at the library-board meeting in October. (Back row, left to right) Fredrick Quintana, Joyce Vigil, Karen McMahon, Jane Carlsen, Philip Mancha, Jim Stuart and Gil Trujillo. (Front row, left to right) Connie Wilbar, Deanna Herrera, Rick Lucero, Richard Tucey and Fran Alexander.

Friends of the Library president's corner **by Jim Stuart**



I have a great gift idea for you. Nothing beats a book to entertain, enlighten, elicit a tear, bring a smile, or if you are like me, sometimes put you to sleep. And, all this can last over a number of wonderful days as you make your way through the pages. So, get a gift certificate to Books Again, perhaps the finest most complete used bookstore in Colorado. Your aunt, mother, son, daughter, dad, uncle, friend or maybe even your boss, can browse through over 25,000 like new volumes of fiction, non-fiction, audio books, videos, large print and coffee table books. One of the terrific things about our gift certificates is that a \$20 certificate will buy books worth up to \$80 at the original retail price. Of course you can get them in any face value you prefer. Now I ask you, just where else can you make your gift dollars stretch so far? And, remember all the profits made at Books Again goes to fund projects at the Library District.

I guess I should let you know that we have changed our store hours so that we are closing at 4 p.m. winter and summer. So come visit us anytime Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are located just off Church Street right behind the Rawlings Library. Our address is 622 S. Union and you can call us at 543-4688.

A “typical” day at the bookstore **by Edna Shoaf**

Many of you who are reading this are probably fairly regular shoppers at the used bookstore of the Friends of the Library, Books Again. You probably also know the store is run entirely by volunteers. But have you ever considered just exactly what must happen each morning so that you can open the door and search for that “special” book which just might happen to be on the shelf?

First of all, a day manager is needed to be in charge of the store for each day the store is open. This is a person who has volunteered to be on hand every week on a particular day. If they must miss one of their days, then they must find someone else who knows how to manage the store and who is willing to trade days. This is not always an easy task. Many volunteers, such as my sister, come only now and then to work, and these individuals do not have a key to the store nor do they know how to operate the cash register.

So let us imagine, if you please, that early Monday morning Dick Moran drives up to begin his day as manager. As he is parking his car, he notices that sitting by the door are several bags of books which have been dropped off on Sunday as a donation. As he is moving the books out of his way, he hears the phone begin ringing inside. In his haste he drops his keys, and by the time he gets the door open the ringing has stopped. Oh, dear, someone may think that the store is closed today because the phone was not answered.

As Dick is turning on the lights and hanging up his coat, the first customer of the day drives up and enters the store. Hurry, hurry now to put change in the cash register and get ready to ring up the first sale. This customer appears to be doing some browsing, so there is time to turn the closed sign to open, bring in the books from outside and get water for the plants.

The customer is ready now, so put the pitcher of water aside and quickly answer the phone which has begun to ring. The person on the phone wants to know if a particular book by Lisa Jackson is on the shelf. Tell the person you will call them back and take a number. The customer, patiently waiting, pays with a rather large bill; keep in mind that more change may be needed later on. Then quickly check the J shelf for Lisa Jackson. No luck there, so call the number and relay the message then finish watering the plants.

Now there is time to make a pot of coffee for other early morning customers, and catch one's breath. There is a cart of books waiting to be looked up on the internet and priced, so Dick turns on the computer and gets busy. This appears to be a busy day, and Dick is so rushed he can't find time for a rest room break because he is the only volunteer in the store so far. Perhaps the regular Monday volunteer is ill or has company or just doesn't feel like coming in. After all, it isn't like this is a paid position.

So the day progresses. Dick told me that some Mondays are so busy that he hardly has time to eat lunch. Other days may find only three or four customers coming in to shop. What is a “typical” day at Books Again? There really isn't one, but each and every day is unique, and each and every customer is unique. We of the Friends are grateful for each day and each customer and each volunteer as we go about the business of serving the community of Pueblo.

I hope that each of you have a Merry Christmas and a lovely holiday season. Here is my wish for things for you to find in your stocking: May you have enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear, enough rain to appreciate the

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Friends of the Library Membership Form

Name or Organization _____

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