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news & events

December 2009

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

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562-5680
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.
Lamb Public Library
562-5670
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
Pueblo West Public Library
562-5660
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Rawlings Public Library
562-5600
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

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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.
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Sit means sit!

**Saturday, Dec. 12
at 1 p.m.
Pueblo West
Public Library
298 S. Joe
Martinez Blvd.**

If you've got an unruly dog, or just want to learn how to handle your canine companion better, come to our dog training demonstration and meet

some of the best-behaving rottweilers around. This introductory demonstration 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.

Please call Cindy Shimizu at 562-5667 for more information. This program is free and open to the public.

Move over American Idol..Nashville music producer coming to Pueblo!

**Presented by Gabriel Farago
Saturday, Dec. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Ryals Room - 4th floor**



Want to break in to the music business? Singer, songwriter and Nashville music producer Gabriel Farago will tell you how to do it in a free, two-hour seminar. Gabriel speaks from experience. He has worked in almost every aspect of the music business since he began releasing his own songs in the 1980s. He established his own recording label (NSD Records) in 1972 and helped launch the careers of Alabama and Aaron Tippin. Five of his own songs have made the Bill Board charts. He also produces records, promotes artists and their work, and even offers them such services as image consultation and musical "make-overs."

So, if you've always wondered if you have the talent and drive to make it in the music business, join us for an informative afternoon. While the event is free and open to the public, seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Rebecca at (719) 562-5624.

Coming in January

The first Latino author read and book discussion will be held in January. The first two books that have been selected are *Loving Pedro Infante* by Denise Chavez and *Alburquerque* by Rudolfo Anaya.

Further details will be available in the January newsletter.

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Events Calendar Dec. 2009

1 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Anime Club**
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.

2 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

3 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday night movies**
Midnight Clear (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

4 Friday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Rawlings 11 a.m.

5 Saturday

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

6 Sunday

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

7 Monday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Barkman book discussion group**
Read a book of your choosing.
Barkman 6 p.m.

8 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Scene: Christmas Ornaments**
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.
- **Anime Club**
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.
Lamb 7 p.m.
- **Teen Advisory Board**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor
- **Watts up @ Pueblo West Library**
Grow your local business online
Pueblo West 6 p.m.



Library @ the Y by Jon Walker

November marked the grand opening of another PCCLD library location. The new library is located on the recently constructed YMCA campus on the northwest side of the City of Pueblo at 3200 Spaulding Avenue. The new Library @ the Y is not very large at a little more than 1,000 square feet in size. Despite its small proportions, the Library @ the Y is an important initiative for PCCLD. First and foremost, it represents a significant expansion of public library service into the growing north side of Pueblo. In addition, it serves as a true partnership with the YMCA of Pueblo.

The vision for the Library @ the Y has been longstanding. In the year 2000, Chuck Bates, PCCLD's Executive Director from 1981 until 2002, first agreed to locate a library at the then-proposed YMCA. This arrangement was reaffirmed in 2003 by Anthony Nuñez, who was president of the PCCLD Board of Trustees at the time. Finally, the goal of locating a public library at the new YMCA was acknowledged in 2005 when the PCCLD Board of Trustees adopted a strategic plan entitled "Roadmap to the Future." (http://www.pueblolibrary.org/pld_about/SPI.pdf).

We are pleased the YMCA is providing the library space free-of-charge to PCCLD. The YMCA has determined the library area cost \$150,000 to build. With current funding limitations, PCCLD would not have been able to provide this library without the YMCA's generous commitment of space for no fee. As part of its commitment to the Library @ the Y, PCCLD is providing staff, furnishings and shelving, and books and other library materials.

One question I am regularly asked is "Do I need to be a member of the YMCA to use this library?" The answer to this question is no. The Library @ the Y is a public library, free and open to all members of the community. You do not need to belong to the YMCA in order to use the Library @ the Y. The new Library @ the Y is open Monday through Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. You can reach the Library @ the Y by telephone at (719)553-0102.

We invite everyone to visit the new Library @ the Y.

Jon Walker is Pueblo City-County Library District's Executive Director and may be reached at 562-5633 or at jon.walker@pueblolibrary.org.



A photo of the interior of the new Library @ the Y which opened in November.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Barkman, Lamb, Pueblo West, Rawlings & Library @ the Y libraries will be closed Sunday, Dec. 20, Thursday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. All libraries will be closed Sunday, Dec. 27. Additionally, all libraries will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 and will be closed Friday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Books & Beyond @ your Library

Scenes from All Pueblo Reads 2009: Dia de Los Muertos Celebration



A horse-drawn carriage was part of the Dia de los Muertos festivities held at Pueblo Community College in October.



Face painting at the Rawlings Library.



The procession starts from the Rawlings Library.



Mariachi music creates a festive Dia de los Muertos atmosphere.



A woman celebrates Dia de los Muertos.



The festivities continue at El Pueblo Museum.



Girls get into the spirit of Dia de los Muertos.

Dec. 2009

9 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

10 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday night movies**
Four Christmases (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

11 Friday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Rawlings 11 a.m.

12 Saturday

- **Sit means sit!**
Dog training demonstration
Pueblo West 1 p.m.
- **Move over American Idol...Nashville music producer coming to Pueblo!**
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor
- **Matinee Movie**
Santa Buddies (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

13 Sunday

- **Matinee Movie**
Santa Buddies (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **The Full Sheet Show Reception presented by Southern Colorado Watercolor Society**
Rawlings 2-4 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor

14 Monday

- **Storytellers are on vacation until Monday, Jan. 4**
- **Hot Topics discussion group**
2012: Science or Superstition (NR)
Rawlings 2-4 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor

15 Tuesday

- **Teen Scene: Santa Mannequins**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Anime Club**
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 2009

16 Wednesday

- **Bilingual Story Time**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
- **Book to a movie club**
My Sister's Keeper
(PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

17 Thursday

- **Storytellers are on vacation until Monday, Jan. 4.**
- **Teen Scene: Let it Snow (ice cream)**
Pueblo West 4:30 p.m.
- **Thursday night movies**
Nothing Like the Holidays (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

18 Friday

19 Saturday

- **Matinee Movie**
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Christmas Craft**
Lamb 2 p.m.
- **Independent Film**
Eldorado (NR)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

20 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is closed.

21 Monday

- **Storytellers are on vacation until Monday, Jan. 4.**
- **Christmas Break Movie**
The Tale of Despereaux (G)
Rawlings 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

22 Tuesday

- **Christmas Break Movie**
The 12 Dogs of Christmas (G)
Rawlings 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Teen Scene: A little sweet decoration**
Lamb 6 p.m.
- **Teen Movie Night**
Star Trek (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

23 Wednesday

- **Storytellers are on vacation until Monday, Jan. 4.**
- **Christmas Break Movie**
Barbie: A Christmas Carol (NR)
Rawlings 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

24 Thursday

- All libraries are closed for Christmas Eve.

The Spellbinders are coming!

Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Thurston room - 1st floor

People come to the library for stories, true or imagined, every day. Now you can learn to be a better storyteller yourself - or just come to listen.

Two members of Spellbinders, a national nonprofit group, are teaming up with your library to promote intergenerational storytelling. The Pueblo chapter needs you. Coaches Jane Milne and Nina Dockery will be with us every Monday from 1 - 2:30 p.m., starting January 4. Adults should come with a story they would like to bring to life: family legends, folktales, tall tales, spooky stories, funny incidents, travelogues, etc.

What a fun, informative way to learn how to tell a good story and get feedback so you can cast a spell of your own. Help us keep the fine art of this oral tradition alive. For more information, please call 562-5624.



The Full Sheet Show presented by Southern Colorado Watercolor Society

Opening Reception:
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2 to 4 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Ryals room - 4th floor

Tuesday, Dec. 8 - Friday, Jan. 15
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
4th floor gallery

The public is invited to the opening reception on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. Southern Colorado Watercolor Society invites you to come, enjoy, appreciate, and shop at this exciting art show. Entry into the show is free.

The exhibition is free and open to the public and will be in the 4th floor gallery. Hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 553-0205.

“Hot Topics” discussion group

2012: Science or Superstition? (NR)

Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

December 21, 2012: the end date of the sophisticated Long Count Calendar created by the ancient Maya in central America. Countless books and websites, magazine articles and newspaper headlines debate its meaning, with enthusiasts in two camps: those forecasting apocalypse, the end of time, and those who see a coming renewal, a rebirth of consciousness. Adding fuel to the debate, some scientists see the increasing number of natural disasters in recent years as evidence of a catastrophic climax of events in 2012. How much of what we are hearing is science and how much is superstition? In this film the leading researchers, writers and scientists in the field tell us exactly what this date means to them, why it's important, and what we should expect.

A discussion will follow the movie. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information please call 553-0205.

Playing this month @ your library

Matinee movies @ the InfoZone

December 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!

Shorts (PG)

Saturday, Dec. 5 &
Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

Santa Buddies (G)

Saturday, Dec. 12 &
Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince (PG)

Saturday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.

G-Force (PG)

Saturday, Dec. 26 at 2 p.m.

Christmas Break movies

The Tale of Despereaux (G)

Monday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

The 12 Dogs of Christmas (G)

Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Barbie: A Christmas Carol (NR)

Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Kung Fu Panda (G)

Monday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Chill Out Scooby Doo (NR)

Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Home on the Range (PG)

Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Thursday night movies

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

Midnight Clear (PG-13)

Thursday, Dec. 3

Four Christmases (PG-13)

Thursday, Dec. 10

Nothing Like the Holidays (PG-13)

Thursday, Dec. 17

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

Eldorado (NR)

Drama - Belgium, French with English subtitles

Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Yvan and Elie are two loners wandering aimlessly through their lives. Yvan is a quick-tempered 40-year-old vintage car dealer while Elie is a young burglar and ex-junkie. One day Yvan catches Elie trying to rob him. Instead of beating him up, he becomes strangely attached to him and agrees to drive him home to his

parents in his old Chevrolet.

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



Dec. 2009

25 Friday

- All libraries closed for Christmas Day.

26 Saturday

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

27 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is closed.

28 Monday

- Christmas Break Movie *Kung Fu Panda* (G)
Rawlings 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- Anime Club
Lamb 7 p.m.

29 Tuesday

- Christmas Break Movie *Chill Out Scooby Doo* (NR)
Rawlings 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

30 Wednesday

- Storytellers are on vacation until Jan. 4.
- Christmas Break Movie *Home on the Range* (PG)
Rawlings 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

31 Thursday

- All libraries close at 6 p.m. for New Years Eve.

Jan. 1 Friday

- All libraries closed for New Years Day.

Watt's Up @ Pueblo West Library

Grow your local business online
Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.
Pueblo West Public Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Growing your business has been challenging in recent years, especially with the economy being hit so hard. Gone are the days of easy leads from yellow page ads, newspaper ads and even magazine ads. Today, if your business can't be found on the Internet, you are missing a lot of potential and profitable customers. It can be overwhelming to try to figure out how to get online and do it all yourself. You can pick up books, buy online courses, attend seminars to try to learn how to do it, but there is a steep learning curve and

an overabundance of information. You are busy running a business, likely a lean shop, often working many more hours now than ever in the past.

That's where Mel Hirsch comes in. She will teach you some of the inside secrets to getting found online, what you can do without spending a fortune or taking a month of your time on the computer and how to totally dominate your competition. Mel has a lifetime of business experience, being born into a fourth generation grocery family in Pueblo, and she has been self-employed most of her adult life.

Please call or email to reserve a spot: Cindy Shimizu 562-5667 or Cindy.Shimizu@pueblolibrary.org. This session is free and open to the public.

Barkman book-discussion group

A Christmas book of your choosing
Monday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.
Barkman Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Read a Christmas book of your choosing and come discuss it with the group. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 562-5680.

Plan ahead! Next Discussion:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Monday, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Book to a Movie Club

My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) based on the book by Jodi Picoult
Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor



Join us for a movie based on a book. The December selection is *My Sister's Keeper*. When parents Sara and Brian Fitzgerald find out that their daughter Kate has leukemia, they make the difficult choice to utilize the advancements of modern medicine and impregnate Sara with a child genetically ensured to be a donor match for Kate. Throughout the many years of dealing with Kate's illness, the needs of individual family members are largely ignored in light of Kate's more serious needs. Recently, however, Anna has had a change of heart and has decided to stand up for her right to have a say in medical procedures involving herself: she's enlisted a lawyer, to help her sue her parents for medical emancipation.



This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are. For more information, please call 553-0205.

Start the New Year "Write"

First group: January 2, 2010 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Library ~ Thurston room, 1st floor

The Rawlings Library is proud to announce the formation of a writer's group. Anyone who is currently

working on fiction or creative nonfiction is cordially invited to become part of our writer's interest group. Members will gather to share tips on writing, publishing, and marketing their work. If you are a writer, join us for creative support and inspiration.

More scenes from All Pueblo Reads 2009: Sandra Cisneros @ the library!



Sandra Cisneros entertains a crowd of more than 400 in November.



Students from Risley Middle School meet with Sandra Cisneros.



Sandra Cisneros signed hundreds of books for fans.



Cisneros' silhouette.



Three generations of fans read along with Cisneros.



The very animated speaker and author, Sandra Cisneros.



The fantastic crowd!



Members of the audience smile while listening to Cisneros.



Cisneros signs a book for a teenage fan.



Two young fans check out Mango Street.



Cisneros reads from Mango Street.

Kids' Page



Christmas craft

Saturday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.
Lamb Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Join us at Lamb and make a Christmas craft. This program is free and open to the public and is for grades Kindergarten-5. Please call 562-5670 for more information.

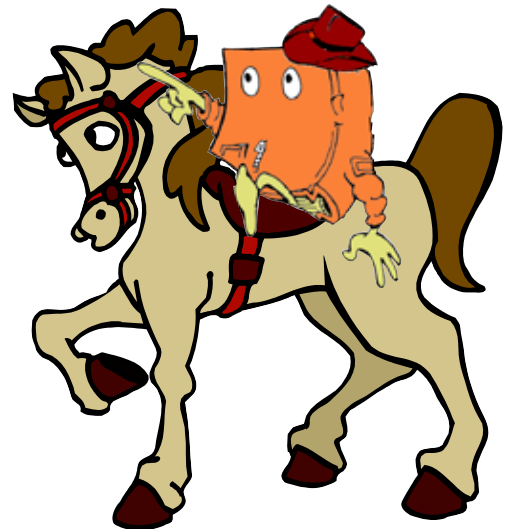
Saddle Up & Read Fall Reading Club Sept. 8 - Dec. 12

The Fall Reading Clubs for children will be held at all library locations from Sept. 8 through Dec. 12 so here's your chance to read and earn a free book.

Children in preschool through second grade will need to read six hours to get their free book, and kids in third through fifth grades need to read 12 hours to earn their prize. Ask a staff member for your reading log and start reading!

*There is still time to turn in your
reading sheets and get a free book!*

*Watch for the next reading program to
start in January!*



Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Stories

**Cada miércoles a los 10 de la
manana**
Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Barkman Public Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Cada viernes a las 11 de la manana
Every Friday at 11 a.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston room, 1st floor

Come join us for bilingual stories and songs at two library locations. For more information, call Youth Services at Rawlings at 562-5603 or Barkman at 562-5680.

*Storytellers are on vacation Dec. 14 - Jan. 4
See you next year!*

Teen Scene

SPEAK with teen author Laurie Halse Anderson

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone - 4th floor



Meet popular teen author, Laurie Halse Anderson! She is the author of *Speak*, *Wintergirls*, *Prom*, *Fever 1793* and more. Join us for a Skype virtual chat with the author, who will talk briefly about her books and writing. A question/answer period will follow.

Halse Anderson's first novel, *Speak*, was a National Book

Award Finalist, a Michael L. Printz Honor book, a *New York Times* bestseller and an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults. In 2005, the movie version was released. In addition to novels, Halse Anderson writes chapter and picture books. She received the Margaret A. Edwards Award, given by the American Library Association for significant and lasting achievement in young adult literature, in 2009.

Bring your friends, have fun, meet an author and enter a drawing to win autographed books! This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call Sarah Wethem at 553-0207.

Teen Movie Night

Star Trek (PG-13)
Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone - 4th floor

On a journey filled with action, comedy and cosmic peril, the new recruits must find a way to stop an evil being. The fate of the galaxy rests in the hands of bitter rivals. One, James Kirk (Chris Pine), is a delinquent, thrill-seeking Iowa farm boy. The other, Spock (Zachary Quinto), was raised in a logic-based society that rejects all emotion. This event is free and open to the public.

Santa mannequins

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone - 4th floor

Go wild this holiday season and give the gift that will make someone laugh. Teens will have the chance to create life-size mannequins in December. Will your mannequin be Santa, a surfer or a hippie? Teens can work in groups or individually to make body shapes, arms, legs, and heads for their mannequins. There will be a prize for the most creative mannequin. Please call 553-0207 for more information.

A little sweet decoration

Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.
Lamb Public Library

Sweeten your holiday and come join us at Lamb to decorate your own sugar cookie. Please call 562-5670 for more information.

Christmas ornaments

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Pueblo West Public Library

Paint a ceramic ornament to hang on your Christmas tree. This event is free and open to teens. Please call 562-5660 for more information.

Let It Snow (ice cream) Teens' Holiday Party

Thursday, Dec. 17 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Pueblo West Public Library

If weather permits, we'll make ice cream out of fresh snow, or we'll just make regular sundaes if Mother Nature doesn't help us out. If you want to participate in the re-gifting swap game, bring a gently used, wrapped gift item to re-gift. Good ideas for a re-gifts are small things like a book you've already read, a small and cheap toy you would like to pass on, etc. Be creative! Don't bring anything expensive, to keep things fair. For more information, please call 562-5660.

Anime Clubs

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 8, & 15 at 4:30 p.m.
Pueblo West Public Library

Come hang with Pueblo West's coolest otaku teens! For more information, please call 562-5660.

Monday, Dec. 8 & 28 at 7 p.m.
Lamb Public Library

Come for snacks, fun, and great anime! For more information, please call 562-5670.



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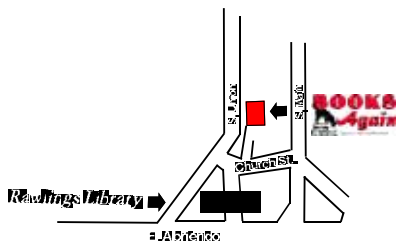
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622 S. Union Ave

Open Mon-Sat

10am-4pm 543-4688



Trustee Talk by Sherri Baca

2009...You can already say it's been a good year for PCCLD. The library district has had successful programs and checkouts are at an all-time high. The Big Read/All Pueblo Reads 2009: A Celebration of Latino Literature was a success by every measure. Exhibits in the InfoZone Museum brought the public to the 4th floor of the Rawlings Library. The warm community reception of the Pueblo West Library continues. Accomplishments in 2009 were the fruits of much time and planning.

Along that vein, much consideration has been put forth for 2010 and beyond. There are a number of important documents in their formulation stage; these include the library district's multi-year strategic plan and the 2010 budget.

The PCCLD Strategic Plan incorporates goals for the Library District as well as financial plans for the future. The current draft of the 2010 budget—the budget will be approved by the Board of Trustees in December—forecasts a 6.3 percent increase in total PCCLD revenues as compared with 2009. Library materials purchases and library program spending will increase to 15 percent of total expenditures, bringing PCCLD in line with industry standards. Operating costs are expected to decrease 3 percent. Meanwhile salary increases are planned for PCCLD staff. With all of these carefully laid-out plans, the library district has done its homework. I've said it before, the Pueblo City-County Library District, Colorado's Library of the Year, is one remarkable organization. 2010...The new year is promising to be a great one!

More scenes from All Pueblo Reads 2009: Oh what a night! Booklovers Blacktie Ball



The crowd mingles before dinner.



Jim Stuart, Sandra Cisneros and Paulette Stuart.



Guests listen to Sandra Cisneros read new stories from an upcoming book. Author Sandra Cisneros.



Friends of the Library president's corner

by Jim Stuart

Just how much is a volunteer worth? Well the national average figure in terms of dollars per hour is \$20.84. Now a number of years ago we used to figure that because of the lower cost of living etc. in Pueblo that wages were 20 percent lower than the national average, which if you used this criteria would make the local figure for volunteers \$16.64. That seems pretty close to right when you add the cost of fringe benefits to the average hourly wage. By the way the word “fringe” no longer seems appropriate for the added benefits most employees receive over their hourly wage. I suspect that those “extra” benefits must add at least half again more to the hourly wage cost of an employee these days. That hardly constitutes a “fringe” benefit. They should now be called “major” benefits. But I digress. The volunteers at the Friends of the Library Books Again Bookstore will put in well over 7,000 hours at the

store this year, so using the above figure the value of those hours is \$116,480. Pretty impressive! But, those volunteers have a real value much greater than dollars can measure. You can't put a dollar figure on the value of dedication, loyalty, caring and the love of books. We have the best volunteers in the world!

On another subject and in closing I would like to give a big “thank you” and “congratulations” to Midori Clark and her great team on the All Pueblo Reads Committee for an extremely successful program this fall. I am sure that all the records for this annual event will be surpassed. What a wonderful job you all did in making this a truly special event for our community. We are so proud of you and our library district.



Customers look for treasures at the Books Again/Friends of the Library sale in October.



Customers carry out books by the boxful!



The beautiful space kept up by the volunteers: Books Again Bookstore.



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Ryals room - 4th floor

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is still recruiting new members! If you are a teen in grades 6-12 and are interested in helping plan future library programs, being involved in decisions regarding teen books and movies, or if you need volunteer hours, please come to the next TAB meeting or call Sarah Wethern at 553-0207 for more information.