

News & Events

Of the Pueblo City-County Library District

February 2009

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PCCLD celebrates Black History Month

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

Satellite library locations:

Avondale Elementary
947-3047
213 Hwy. 50 E.
Beulah School
485-3129
8734 Schoolhouse Ln.
Craver Middle School
676-3850
4850 Crow Cut Off
Cesar Chavez Academy
586-9199
2500 W. 18th St.
North Mesa Elementary
948-2551
28881 Gale Road
Risley Middle School
549-7449
625 N. Monument Ave.
Rye Elementary
489-2272
8120 Hwy. 165 W.
South Mesa Elementary
543-0738
23701 E. Preston Rd.
Vineland Elementary
948-2633
35777 Iris Rd.

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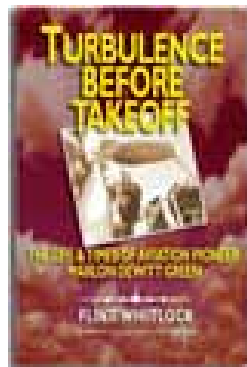
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**"I'm Not Getting On Until
Jim Crow Gets Off"
Colorado Humanities
Performance by Awele Makeba
Monday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.
Pueblo Community College
900 W. Orman Ave.
Fortino Ballroom**

This is an interactive performance and dialogue on a watershed moment in U.S. history -- the Montgomery Bus Boycott and its significance in advancing democracy in the United States. The oral histories of the women in the Montgomery movement are presented through a talking timeline that lets the audience reclaim their story in collective memory.

Different historical players' voices and stories weave the historical narrative. By interacting with the audience, Makeba deconstructs the complexities of this layered history and together they link it to contemporary themes and issues.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 553-0205.



Book Talk

***Turbulence Before Takeoff: The Life and Times of Aviation Pioneer Marlon DeWitt Green* by Flint Whitlock**
Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Ryals room - 4th floor

Come meet and greet the author of *Turbulence Before Takeoff*, the story of aviation pioneer Marlon DeWitt Green's long and courageous struggle, set within the larger context of the battle for civil rights and equality that nearly tore America apart in the 20th century. It is an inspirational story of perseverance that won't soon be forgotten. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 553-0205.

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Events Calendar Feb. 2009

1 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is Open 1 - 5 p.m.
- Matinee Movie *Kitt Kittredge: An American Girl (G)* Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

2 Monday

- Mother Goose Stories Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Barkman book-discussion group *"It's A Mystery To Me"* Barkman 7 p.m.

3 Tuesday

- Preschool Story Time Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

4 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.
- Black History Month Film Festival *African American Lives 2 Part 1* Rawlings 6:30 p.m. InfoZone - 4th floor

5 Thursday

- Pajama Mother Goose Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday Night Movies *The Civil War: Ken Burns Parts 1 & 2* Rawlings 6:30 p.m. InfoZone - 4th floor

6 Friday

- Mother Goose Stories Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10:30 a.m. Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time Rawlings 10:30 a.m. Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Story Time Rawlings 11 a.m.
- Really Basic Computer Class Rawlings 2:30 p.m. Training room - 3rd floor

7 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Akeelah and the Bee* (PG) Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

8 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is Open 1 - 5 p.m.
- Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration *Looking for Lincoln* Rawlings 1 p.m. InfoZone - 4th floor



2008 in Review by Jon Walker

As we move into 2009, it can be instructive to review the year just ended to see what was accomplished. 2008 was a busy year at the library.

2008 started briskly with construction commencing on a fresh new and much larger library in Pueblo West. This new building should open for business in the first quarter of 2009. At 28,000 square feet in size and featuring the latest in library design, new furniture and equipment, multiple public meeting rooms, and a larger collection of books and other library materials, this facility should serve the community well for many years to come. It also is gratifying to point out that the new Pueblo West Library will be LEED-certified by the U.S. Building Council as a "green" building. We are grateful for our partners on this project which include H.W. Houston Construction Company and Humphries Poli Architects.

We strive to provide outstanding service to our community at all library locations. Our outstanding record of service in 2008 was validated by ever increasing use of libraries. The 888,200 visitors to Pueblo City-County Libraries in 2008 was a 2.7% increase over the year before. We also seek to provide a large and varied selection of books and other library materials from which our customers may choose. It is rewarding that our efforts are paying off as in 2008 we circulated 1,278,881 items. This is the most check outs ever in the history of the Library District.

We believe part of the reason for our growing success is our efforts to reach out more to targeted audiences. Several initiatives come to mind, including the Books in the Parks summer program at Mitchell Park on Pueblo's east side and Minnequa Park in Bessemer, Teen Central areas at the Barkman, Lamb, Pueblo West and Rawlings Libraries; and the Nuestra Biblioteca—Hispanic Resource Center, InfoZone Museum, Nonprofit Resource Center, and Genealogy and Western History services at the Rawlings Library. It is important to note that in 2008 we received a special grant to fund special technology

to improve access to library resources for customers with special needs. This grant resulted in a successful project at the Rawlings Library called Accessible Avenues: Paving the Way for Customers with Special Needs. In addition in 2008 the Special Collections department at the Rawlings Library received a generous gift from The Pueblo Chieftain of more than 1,000 bound newspaper volumes dating from 1869. Now, this unique historic resource serves as a significant research tool for the entire community.

The Pueblo City-County Library District also is as a center of cultural programming and lifelong learning for our community. In this respect, it is important to note that 70,745 people attended library-sponsored events in 2008. This is the largest number of people ever. We are proud of all of our programming efforts, such as our signature 2008 All Pueblo Reads series which attracted 7,165 attendees and the awarding-winning library summer reading program which enrolled nearly 10,000 young people in reading and learning activities last summer.

The Library District also serves an important role as a place where public access computing and Internet services are available. In 2008, more than 20,000 people logged onto library computers in a typical month. To better support this service, the library adopted a plan to invest more than \$600,000 over two years to improve library computing technology. 2008 brought new public computers to the Barkman, Lamb and Rawlings Libraries plus much faster Internet speeds for these new computers. More new computers and other technology improvements are planned for the current year.

With all these indications of a strong foundation established in 2008 for responsive service to our community, it is no wonder we are so much looking forward to 2009 at the Pueblo City-County Library District.

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

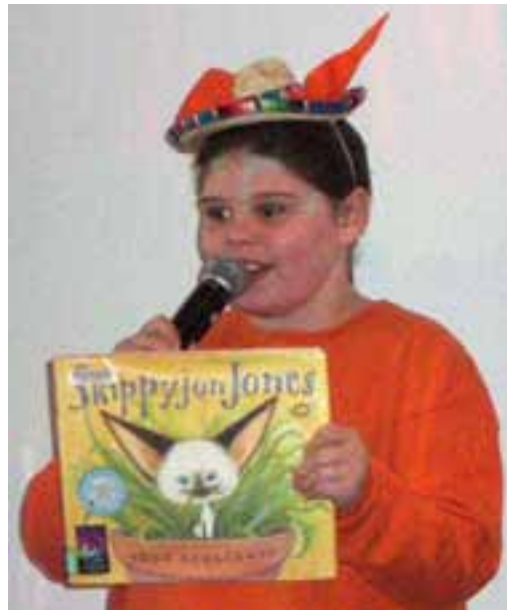
Books & Beyond @ your library Satellite Saturday



Members of the Risley Middle School band performed at the 20th anniversary of the Library's satellites and the kickoff to the Books a la Cart program on Jan. 24.



Wilbur the pot-bellied pig greets children at the Rawlings Library during Satellite Saturday.



Miguel Hernandez, a student from North Mesa Elem. performs a Skippyjon Jones skit at the Rawlings Library.



Charlie, a R.E.A.D. dog, listens to children read during the Satellite Saturday event on Jan. 24.

Feb. 2009

8 Sunday

- **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration Q & A by Paul Schmelzer**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration A Special Visit from Abraham Lincoln portrayed by John Voehl**
Rawlings 3 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

9 Monday

- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **"Hot Topics" Discussion Group**
Skid Row (R)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

10 Tuesday

- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Scene Games Galore**
Barkman 3:30 p.m.

11 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.
- **Black History Month Film Festival**
African American Lives 2 Part 2
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

12 Thursday

- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday Night Movies**
The Civil War: Ken Burns Part 3
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

13 Friday

- **Beginning Internet**
Rawlings 9:30 a.m.
Training room - 3rd floor
- **Mother Goose Stories**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Story Time**
Rawlings 11 a.m.

14 Saturday

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

15 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is open.**
- **Matinee Movie**
Igor (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

Feb. 2009

16 Monday

- All libraries are closed for President's Day.

17 Tuesday

- Preschool Story Time
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

18 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.
- Book to a Movie Club
Their Eyes Were Watching God (NR)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

19 Thursday

- Pajama Mother Goose
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday Night Movies
The Civil War: Ken Burns Part 4
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

20 Friday

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

21 Saturday

- Murder Mysteries with a Tasty Twist by Jackie Chinn
Lamb 10 a.m.
Call 562-5670 by Feb. 19 for reservations.
- Matinee Movie
Little Mermaid Ariel's Beginning (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Independent Film
Choking Man
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

22 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is open.
- Matinee Movie
Little Mermaid Ariel's Beginning (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Book Talk: *Turbulence Before Takeoff: The Life and Times of Aviation Pioneer Marlon DeWitt Green* by Flint Whitlock
Rawlings 3:30 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor

23 Monday

- Mother Goose Stories
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration @ the library

Sunday, Feb. 8
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone - 4th floor

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday at the InfoZone News Museum on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Public Library.

1 p.m.
Special preview screening of the PBS program "*Looking for Lincoln*"

2 p.m.
Discussion on questions raised by "*Looking for Lincoln*" by Civil War historian Paul Schmelzer.

2:30 p.m.
Birthday cake and punch.

3 p.m.
A special visit from Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by John Voehl. The person and character of the 16th President comes alive with a presentation about the evolving history of Lincoln's involvement with slavery and emancipation.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information about this program, please call 553-0205.

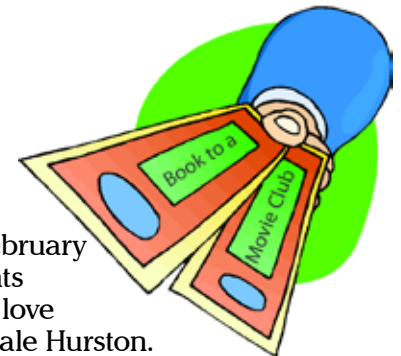


John Voehl performing as Abraham Lincoln.

Book to a Movie Club

***Their Eyes Were Watching God* (NR)**
Wednesday, Feb. 18 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 selection for February is *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Oprah Winfrey presents the story of a remarkable and resilient woman's quest for love and fulfillment based on the best-selling book by Zora Neale Hurston. Academy Award winner Halle Berry stars as the beautiful Janie Crawford, who embarks on an emotional and dramatic journey of self-discovery. Refusing to compromise in spite of society's expectations, Janie endures two stifling marriages until finally finding love in a passionate romance with a much younger man. In one of the greatest, most lyrical love stories ever written, Janie experiences all that life has to offer, from unbelievable triumph to unspeakable heartbreak. Be inspired again and again by this timeless story of passion, romance, and the spirit of true love. 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.



Playing this month @ your library

Matinee movies @ the InfoZone

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. All movies shown are free!

Kitt Kittredge: An American Girl (G)
Sunday, Feb. 1

Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
Saturday, Feb. 7

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

Choking Man
Directed by Steve Barron
Drama - United States in English
Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

The social anxiety of a morbidly shy Ecuadorian dishwasher working in a Queens diner provides the psychological engine that powers this intense blend of drama and magical realism from famed music video director Steve Barron. Newcomer Octavio Gomez Berrios gives a

Igor (PG)
Saturday, Feb. 14 & Sunday, Feb. 15

Little Mermaid Ariel's Beginning (G)
Saturday, Feb. 21 & Sunday, Feb. 22

Horton Hears a Who (G)
Saturday, Feb. 28 & Sunday, March 1



quietly effective performance in the "title" role. Also starring Mandy Patinkin.

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.

Thursday night movies @ the InfoZone

Hailed as a film masterpiece and landmark in historical storytelling, Ken Burns's epic documentary brings to life America's most destructive -- and defining conflict. With digitally enhanced images and new stereo sound, here is the saga of celebrated generals and ordinary soldiers, a heroic and transcendent president and a country that had to divide itself in two in order to become one.

All screenings are at 6:30 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. All movies shown are free!

For more information, call 562-5604.

The Civil War: Ken Burns
Thursday, Feb. 5 - Parts 1 & 2
Thursday, Feb. 12 - Part 3
Thursday, Feb. 19 - Part 4
Thursday, Feb. 26 - Part 5

Feb. 2009

24 Tuesday

- **Preschool Story Time**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Movie Night**
The Dark Knight
(PG-13)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

25 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.
- **Black History Month Film Festival**
Pride
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

26 Thursday

- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday Night Movies**
The Civil War: Ken Burns Part 5
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

27 Friday

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

28 Saturday

- **Matinee Movie**
Horton Hears a Who
(G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

March 1 Sunday

- **Matinee Movie**
Horton Hears a Who
(G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

All libraries
will be closed
on Monday,
Feb. 16
for
President's
Day.



Barkman book-discussion group

Monday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

"It's a Mystery to Me"

Barkman Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Pick your favorite mystery book or author. This event is free and open to the public. For more information about the Barkman book-discussion group, please call (719) 562-5680.

Plan ahead!

Next Discussion:

Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Shakespeare's Wife by
Germaine Greer

Murder Mysteries with a Tasty Twist

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.

Lamb Public Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Presenter Jackie Chinn will investigate favorite mystery stories with a food theme. Readers guides and recipes will be available. Refreshments will be provided.

This event is free and open to the public. Call 562-5670 by Feb. 19 to reserve your space or for more information.



"Hot Topics" discussion group

Skid Row (R)

Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Watch the Movie *Skid Row* (R) and then join us for a discussion about the plight of the homeless in Pueblo.

Ever wondered what it would be like to live on Skid Row, where about 11,000 homeless live, in downtown Los Angeles? Pras Michel (of hip-hop group the Fugees) went undercover as a homeless person for nine days. His eye-opening social experiment was captured on film as he was given a dollar a day to live and had to find ways to beg for more. Pras's worldview is shattered as he sees firsthand the violence, drugs and fight for survival on the streets.

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 allowed. For more information, please call 553-0205.



Outstanding Women's Awards: Accepting nominations now!

Pueblo City-County Library District is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Women's Awards. All community groups are welcome to participate. The purpose of the program is to record and promote the role women have played in Pueblo's history.

The nomination criteria is simple. The woman must be a resident of Pueblo County currently or during the time the award honors. The person does not have to be living to be honored. Nomination forms are available at all public libraries. The awards will be presented during

Women's History Week, at the Outstanding Women's Awards luncheon on Friday, March 6 at noon.

Nominations must be received by Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 at 5 p.m. Nominations may be mailed or delivered to the Community Relations Department at the PCCLD's Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004.

Nominations may also be e-mailed to contests@pueblolibrary.org. If you have questions, please call (719) 562-5606.

Kids' Page

Create Your Own Dr. Seuss Character Contest

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes include an art reception and special award.
- Prize Categories: Kindergarten, First grade, Second grade, Third grade, Fourth grade, Fifth grade, middle school, and high school

Contest Rules

1. Draw your own Dr. Seuss character and write a brief description of your character.
2. All participants must be residents of Pueblo County.
3. Entries are due Friday, March 6, 2009.
4. Winning entries will be displayed during an art show at Rawlings Public Library.

Entries may be brought to the Barkman, Lamb, or Rawlings public libraries or mailed to: Pueblo City-County Library District, Atten: Community Relations Department, 100 E. Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004. Please call 562-5606 for more information.

Please include the following attached to each entry: Name, grade level, teacher's name, school, home address, zip code and home phone number.



Pueblo Girl Essay Contest

Young ladies of Pueblo, this is your chance to write an essay about the woman you want to be and what you will do to become that woman! Tell us about your future and you could win an American Girl Doll.

Girls in grades 4 and 5 are asked to write an essay on the above-mentioned topic in 700 words or less.
Entries are due Friday, Feb. 6.

The winner and her family will be invited to collect her prize and be honored on March 6 at a luncheon at the Rawlings Public Library.

Grand Prize: An American Girl Doll

10 Runner-up Prizes: American Girl Books

Please submit entries to:
Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81004

Entry forms are available at all library locations.
Please call (719) 562-5606 for more information.



2008 Pueblo Girl Essay Contest winner, Haley Ingram, shows off her American Girl Doll, grand prize at the awards luncheon held at the Rawlings Library.



Teen Scene

Teen Movie Night

The Dark Knight (PG-13)
Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone - 4th floor



With the help of Lt. Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent, Batman sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham for good. The triumvirate proves effective, but soon find themselves prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as The Joker, who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces Batman closer to crossing the fine line between hero and vigilante.

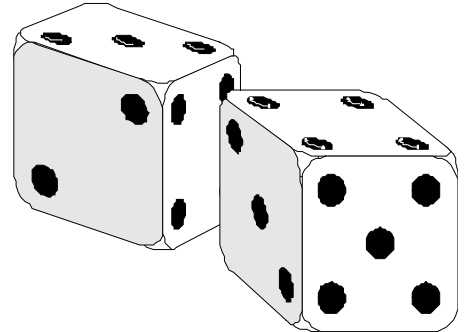
This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are. For more information, call (719) 562-5603.

Games Galore

Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 3:30 p.m.
Barkman Public Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Want some fun after a hard day at school? Grab a friend and have an afternoon of games and food. Bring a favorite game if you like.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (719) 562-5680.



What Freedom Means to Me Pueblo Medal of Honor Foundation Essay Contest for students in grades 4 - 12

Entry Due Date:

Entries are due on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009. Winners will be notified in March.

Each entry must comply with these guidelines:

- Subject: "What Freedom Means to Me."
- Length: 500 word minimum, 700 word maximum for grades 4 - 5.
- 1,000 word minimum, 1,200 word maximum for grades 6 - 8.
- 1,000 word minimum, 1,200 word maximum for grades 9 - 12.
- Provide 1 copy of entry with entry form stapled on top.
- All entries must be typed.

Judging:

Entries will be submitted to the Pueblo City-County Library District. Final judging will be done by the Pueblo Medal of Honor Foundation Judging Committee. First, second, and third places will be awarded in each category.

Prizes (in each category):

First place: \$100 and a certificate.
Second place: \$75 and a certificate.
Third Place: \$50 and a certificate.

Mail or deliver entries to:

Pueblo City-County Library District
c/o Medal of Honor Essay Contest
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81004

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact: Paulette Stuart at (719) 404-2776 or e-mail: pstuart@chieftain.com.



Free computer classes @ your library

Really Basic Computer Class

Friday, Feb. 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Training room - 3rd floor

This class is designed for new computer users who have little or no previous experience using computers, Windows, a mouse, and little or no knowledge of basic computer terms.

Beginning Internet

Friday, Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Training room - 3rd floor

This class is designed for people with little or no experience in using the Internet. You will learn to navigate the World Wide Web using Internet Explorer and basic search engines. *Need basic keyboard and mouse skills.

Registration is required. Please call 562-5601 to reserve your spot.

Computer Tutor: A computer tutor will be available to assist with special projects and individual computer instruction on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rawlings Library in the 3rd floor training room and Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. Please sign up at the reference desk on the 2nd floor. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available after those who have registered are seated. Please call (719) 562-5601 for more information.



African American History Online

Celebrate Black History Month! Try African-American History Online, a comprehensive reference database, that covers more than 500 years of African-American history—from the slave trade to the Civil Rights movement to the present day. This comprehensive database also offers many exciting features, including more than 70 historical videos that bring history to life, primary sources, images & videos, general & topic-specific timelines, biographies, maps & charts, and more.

To access African American History and our other online historical resources, go to www.pueblolibrary.org, click on “Online Resources,” then click on “History.” If using this resource from outside of the library, you will need to enter your library card number when prompted.

VITA Income Tax Assistance

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally, \$40,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country.

Wednesdays only - Feb. 4 - Apr. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Avenue, 3rd floor training room

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Trustee Talk by Gil Trujillo

I have been a board member going on five years. Talking with other people who work and are associated with the Pueblo Library District, there have been more changes and challenging times during this period than in other years previous. Soon we will be able to enjoy a bigger and better library in Pueblo West. As a board member I try my best to promote our library district whenever I can. On one such occasion I was asked why is it so important during these tough economic times to be building new buildings and spending tax dollars on libraries. At a Christmas party, one comment was how is this going to better our community? The new meat store opening in Pueblo West will have a bigger impact hiring people, paying taxes, and bringing choice meats to all. Now I just happen to be a meat lover, I am glad to see it open, and use the new meat store. However my answer to this was baloney! A few people chuckled and that was that.

What I really wanted to say is when you go to the meat store ask about baloney. They will show you what is available, maybe two or three different varieties that you can choose from, probably how much it costs. Try striking up a conversation and ask if they knew who invented baloney, where did it originate? How do you spell baloney or is it bologna? They may look at you a little funny. If you decide to get some baloney they wrap it up for you, charge you and you're on your way.

Okay now walk into the library and ask about baloney. I guarantee you this will be an adventure into a world of meat most of us never knew existed. Not only will you have the opportunity to learn about this fine American staple, there are cities and towns named Bologna, people who are artists and authors. You can get recipes on how to cook bologna. If they do not have what you are looking for they will help you find it, even it is at another library. What meat store would do that for you?

You could stay all day, even come back the next, and when you leave how much did they charge you? The meat store is a fine addition to the community, so is the library.

When you get a chance visit the library it is more than just a building with books. If you see what you like don't be ashamed or bashful and become an advocate for our library district. If you are not happy for some reason let us know why.

You don't have to be a meat lover to enjoy the new library, and that my friend is no baloney!

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Additional names will be printed in March.

Friends of the Library president's corner

by Jim Stuart

If you are a regular reader of this newsletter you are probably aware of the column that Edna Shoaf has been contributing to its pages since sometime in 2003. She has profiled many of the Friends of the Library board members and Books Again volunteers, as well as some of the library staff. She has done a wonderful job, perhaps not in small part due to the fact that she has a Doctorate in English Education. The one key person in our organization she had not done a bio on is, guess what, herself. So, I thought it was high time to correct that, and therefore she is the subject of my article this month.

Edna's grandparents, on her mother's side, lived in the somewhat optimistically named hamlet of Villigreen, on the wind swept prairies of Eastern Colorado near Kim. Edna's mother had come there from Texas to be with her parents when she had her baby, while her husband continued his job in Texas. She was delivered by her grandmother in the small stone house on the land her grandfather had homesteaded in the early 1900's.

Her schooling, which spanned somewhere around 40 years, began when she was accompanying her mother to her job as school cook, and she caused enough of a distraction that the teacher put her in her class to get her under control. The rest of her elementary and secondary schooling was fragmented into many communities as her family moved around to such places as Texas, Higby, Colorado, LaJunta and finally back to Kim for High School. She met and married her husband James while attending Otero Jr. College in La Junta. They eloped to Raton, which was a common occurrence in those days, as you could get married immediately in New Mexico while the process took several days in Colorado.

When their first son Will was only three months old her husband was recalled to the U.S. Navy to help out with the Korean War. He was a reservist meteorologist who had served during WWII. When he returned he finished his degree in Ft. Collins, and their second son Andy was born. They later moved to Wiley to begin James teaching career. After another recall to the Navy, to Panama this

time, where their third son Monte was born, they moved to Gunnison where James received his Masters Degree in Educational Administration.

As you can see Edna, and her family, were already vagabonds, but this was just the beginning as James was School District Superintendent in the rural communities of Strasburg, Primero, Manzanola and Holly. In 1975 they moved to Albuquerque so Edna could finish her Bachelors Degree in Communications, and James was District Superintendent in Quemado, NM, where Edna also started her teaching career. Next it was on to Norman, Oklahoma where she completed her education at the University of Oklahoma and received her Masters and finally in 1983 her PhD in English Education. Edna then taught for 14 years at the Norman Central Mid-High, which was 9th & 10th grades. Her real specialty was "teaching teachers how to teach" English, Social Studies and Spanish.

It was after her retirement in 1997 that she joined the "Friends of the Library" in Norman and served on their board. Due to her husband's failing health they moved to Pueblo in 2000 to be near one of their sons who lived here and a sister who lives in Colorado Springs. She became a member of the "Friends" in Pueblo and joined the Board in 2003. Since then her contributions to our organization have been many and varied. In addition to writing the column in the newsletter she has served on almost every committee in most cases as the Chair.

What all these biographically facts don't include is what a positive, zestful and wonderful person Edna is to be around. She can light up any room with her bountiful personality and gifted person she is. We will miss her very much when her term limit on the Board is up in April of this year. She is going to continue her column and volunteer hours at Books Again so she will still, thank goodness, be a major presence in the Friends of the Library. Thank you so much Edna for all you have done for us.



Moving Days - Again

by Edna Shoaf

Just when you thought that all was comfortably settled at Books Again, that all categories were in the right place, our intrepid leader, Melanie, and Connie, the sorting room guru, put their brilliant minds in gear and - lo and behold - more changes they are a-comin'!

To find Inspirational Fiction, go through the double doors and take the first aisle to the left. On the first section of shelves on the right, across from the A's in fiction and where home decoration books once resided, you will see exactly what you need. Where Inspirational Fiction used to be, you will find fiction by authors whose names are at the end of the alphabet.

Stroll over to the Children's Corner and you will discover that one large poster has been removed, and that wall space is now covered with shelves. All those fiction books which languished on the shelves in the sorting room will be finding their way to those new homes. More room will be available to display more books by the same author.

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Black History Month film festival

African American Lives 2 Part 1 (NR)
Wednesday, Feb. 4 @ 6:30 p.m.

African American Lives 2 Part 2 (NR)
Wednesday, Feb. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings, the InfoZone plans to screen *African American Lives 2*, a compelling combination of storytelling and science, that profiles some of the most accomplished African-Americans of our time, using genealogy and DNA to trace their roots down through American history and back to Africa.

Their Eyes Were Watching God (NR)
Wednesday, Feb. 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Their Eyes Were Watching God is based on a novel by Neale Huston.

Pride (PG)
Wednesday, Feb. 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pride explores personal experiences of racial abuse and intolerance against Black Americans.

