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news & events

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

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562-5680
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

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

Library @ the Y
553-0102 (call for hours)
3200 Spaulding

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

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

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.

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Read OUT LOUD! A Celebration of Reading

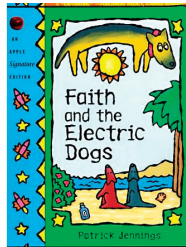
Read OUT LOUD! Kickoff

Saturday, Feb. 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. ~ Rawlings Library

Author visit & book signing, *Faith and the Electric Dogs* by Patrick Jennings
Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. ~ Rawlings Library, Ryals Room

Help us kick off the library's second annual Read OUT LOUD! celebration. This year's program features *Faith and the Electric Dogs* by Patrick Jennings. Kickoff activities include rocket building, reading dogs, dog-themed storytime, dog adoptions by VIVA, dog-agility demonstrations from 10:30 a.m. to noon, dog-training demonstrations from noon to 2 p.m. and Hotel for Dogs at 2 p.m. in the InfoZone Theatre. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, please call Youth Services at 562-5603.

About this year's book:



Edison is a Mexican street dog, but he's far from ordinary. He speaks Bowwow and understands English, Spanish and French. When a girl named Faith rescues him, he begins a fantastic journey. Jennings focuses on language use and story telling to plumb

the mysteries of the universe, and to express imagination. His goal is to inspire students to take up their "magic wands" (writing instruments), to value their own curiosity and creativity, to see writing and reading as means toward greater understanding.

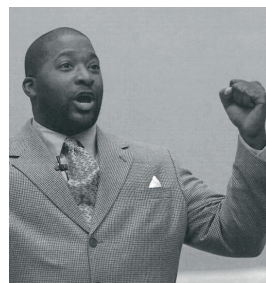
Meet another author!

Author visit & book signing with author/artist Stephen T. Johnson
Saturday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m.
Rawlings Library, Youth Services

Stephen T. Johnson is the creator of such well-known children's books as *My Little Red Toolbox*, *My Little Yellow Taxi*, *Alphabet City*, and *A is for Art: An Abstract Alphabet*. Johnson will be signing books, which will be available for sale at the event, and will give a presentation about his books. For more information, please call 562-5605. This event is a partnership with the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center.

Black History Month Chautauqua

Chautauqua performance featuring Joe Louis, portrayed by Hasan Davis
Thursday, Feb. 17 ~ 6:30 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres, 7 p.m. - Performance
Rawlings Library, Ryals Room



Hasan Davis as Joe Louis.

Joe Louis, aka the "Brown Bomber" started his professional boxing career in 1934 with 27 consecutive wins. He dominated the profession during his time and is one of the most successful boxers ever. Come and experience Hasan Davis' portrayal of this legend. Davis has performed at PCCLD before, most recently as August Angus Burleigh during last year's Black History Month celebration. Don't miss this performance! This event is held in partnership with Colorado Humanities' Black History Live program and is free and open to the public. Please call 562-5605 for more information.

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Events Calendar Feb. 2011

1 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.

2 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Storytimes**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **After School Book Break**
Rawlings 4:30 p.m.
- **Black History Month movies**
Ruby Bridges (PG)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

3 Thursday

- **Preschool Storytime**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Anime afternoons**
Barkman 3:30 p.m.
- **Anime Club**
Lamb 4 p.m.
- **After school tutor**
Pueblo West 4:20-6:20 p.m.
- **Anime Club**
Pueblo West 6 p.m.
- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.

4 Friday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

5 Saturday

- **Matinee Movie:**
Shrek Forever After
(PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

6 Sunday

- **Matinee Movie:**
Shrek Forever After
(PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

7 Monday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Pueblo Storytellers**
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Thurston Room - 1st fl.
- **Barkman book-discussion group**
Read any poem
Barkman 7 p.m.

8 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Fun with Clay**
Pueblo West 2:30 p.m.
King Conference Room
- **Teen Scene: Valentine's Celebration**
Barkman 3:30 p.m.
- **Teen Scene: Join the Masquerade!**
Lamb 6 p.m.



2010 Revisited by Jon Walker

Last year was a great year @ your library. In fact, 2010 was Pueblo City-County Library District's best year ever. There were several landmark accomplishments. In

2010, we checked out **1,680,484 books and other library materials to members** of our community. This is a new all-time record for checkouts, representing a healthy 16.5 percent increase compared with the year before, and nearly doubling the number from not too many years ago. The total number of library visitors in 2010 was 1,096,484. **This is the first time we have had more than one million visitors to our libraries**, and, of course, it is another record number. Attendance at library programs and events was 97,604 in 2010. This is yet another all-time best, representing a huge 28.3 percent increase compared with the prior year. The numbers clearly show people are engaged with the library and 2010 was special.

Last year was important for other reasons.

- We continued to venture further into digital formats by adding language learning on USB drives and video games to our collections.
- The library participated in a statewide advocacy campaign for libraries. The year-long effort concluded in September with a presentation at the Rawlings Library by Dr. Camila Alire, immediate past president of the American Library Association. This program was presented in collaboration with El Pueblo Adolescent Community.
- The Adult Literacy Program pilot was successful, and is now a regular part of library services. This program is a partnership between PCCLD, Project Literacy and AmeriCorps.
- The Friends of the Library announced they will endow an annual children's author program for our community. The first annual celebration of children's literature, Read OUT LOUD! featured *Zorgamazo* by Robert Paul Weston, who visited Pueblo in February and touched the lives of 2,913 children in our community.
- Pueblo West Library was awarded a Gold LEED certification in 2010 by the U.S. Green Building Council for its environmentally-friendly design and operation.

- A collaboration with the Senior Resource Development Agency resulted in a database of services for 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado.

- In July, the first Voices of the Valley Chautauqua Festival was held in collaboration with CSU-Pueblo and Colorado Humanities.

- The Pueblo West History Collection at the Pueblo West Library was established in collaboration with the Pueblo West History Association.

- In April, the library celebrated the opening of a new branch on the YMCA campus on the west side of Pueblo. The new Library @ the Y branch is a partnership between the Pueblo City-County Library District and the YMCA of Pueblo.

- Our Hispanic Resources Center leveraged a grant from Colorado Humanities to sponsor the writing of a 102-page monograph entitled *History of Hispanics in Pueblo County, Colorado* by Dr. David Sandoval. This is a landmark history of the influence and key role Hispanics have played in our community. The history is set to published for sale to the public in 2011.

- The library was nominated as a finalist for the El Pomar's Awards for Excellence, and received a \$7,500 award as a result.

- Our Summer Reading Program continued to be a hit, with a record number of 17,015 young people impacted.

- All Pueblo Reads continued its record-breaking ways with 28,337 participants who celebrated Sherman Alexie's book, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. The highlight of the month-long series of programs and events was the Booklovers' Blacktie Ball, featuring special public presentations by Alexie.

This only touches on some of the library's services and programs available in 2010. The list is long, and also includes the InfoZone News Museum, Western History and special collections, Doris D. Kester/Southern Colorado Community Foundation Nonprofit Resource Center, Books a la Cart, Books in the Park, Homebound Delivery, Nuestra Biblioteca: The Hispanic Resource Center, the R.M. Watts Business and Vocation Center, and more. Last year was an exceptional year for your library. Our best year ever!

Books & beyond @ your library

Feb. 2011



A retirement party was held in January for PCCLD retirees. From left to right they are: Richard Tucey, Kathy Knox, Noreen Riffe, Shirley Cline, Isobel Drysdale and Darla Diaz.



Good food was enjoyed by all at PCCLD's retirement party held in January for seven retiring employees.



Retiree Shirley Cline poses with current librarians Michael Cox and Abby Koehler at PCCLD's retirement celebration in January. Also in the photo Cox and Koehler's daughter, Olimpia.



Current librarian Cindy Shimizu shares a smile with retiring librarian Kathy Knox.



Retiring librarian Noreen Riffe has a big smile on her face during her retirement party.

9 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Storytimes**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **After School Book Break**
Rawlings 4:30 p.m.
- **Black History Month movies**
In the Heat of the Night
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

10 Thursday

- **Preschool Storytime**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **After school tutor**
Pueblo West 4:20-6:20 p.m.
- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Butterflies: How to know and attract them**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Teen Scene: Honey, if you love me, won't you please, please smile!**
Pueblo West 6 p.m.

11 Friday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

12 Saturday

- **Stephen T. Johnson: Author visit**
Rawlings 11 a.m.
Ryals Room - 4th floor
- **Matinee Movie: Wall-E (G)**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **My Valentine**
Lamb 2 p.m.

13 Sunday

- **Matinee Movie: Wall-E (G)**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

14 Monday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Pueblo Storytellers**
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Thurston Room - 1st fl.
- **Community Cinema**
Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

15 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Storytime: Be My Valentine**
Pueblo West 7 p.m.
- **Teen Scene: Candy Making**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th floor

Feb. 2011

16 Wednesday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Bilingual Storytimes**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **After School Book Break**
Rawlings 4:30 p.m.
- **Black History Month movies**
To Kill a Mockingbird (NR)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

17 Thursday

- **Preschool Storytime**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Anime afternoons**
Barkman 3:30 p.m.
- **Anime Club**
Lamb 4 p.m.
- **After school tutor**
Pueblo West 4:20-6:20 p.m.
- **Anime Club**
Pueblo West 6 p.m.
- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Celebrate Black History Month**
Chautauqua event featuring Joe Louis portrayed by Hasan Davis
Rawlings Library 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres 7 p.m. Performance Ryals Room - 4th floor

18 Friday

- **Mother Goose**
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

19 Saturday

- **Double Your Discount day sale for Friends of the Library members**
Books Again 622 S. Union 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Read Out Loud: A Celebration of Reading Kickoff Event**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Natural healing, essential oils, and massage therapy**
Lamb 1:30 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie: *Hotel for Dogs* (PG)**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- **Independent Film *Troubled Water* (NR)**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

20 Sunday

- **Matinee Movie: *Hotel for Dogs* (PG)**
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

Barkman book-discussion group

Read any poem

Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

Barkman Library

Read a poem 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.

Next Discussion:

A Theory of All Things

by Peggy Leon

Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Latino book discussion

Trade on the Taos Mountain Trail by Deborah Martinez-Martinez

Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.

Rawlings Library, InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

This month's book discussion is a historical book about barter and trade in Colonial times and the Old West written by local author, Dr. Deborah Martinez-Martinez. This book may be picked up on the second floor. For more information, please call Charlene Garcia Simms at 553-0234.

Black History Month movies

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Library, InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Visit the InfoZone on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Library to watch these films. For more information, please call 562-5604.

Ruby Bridges (PG) - Feb. 2

In the Heat of the Night (NR) - Feb. 9

To Kill a Mockingbird (NR) - Feb. 16

No movie - Feb. 23

Book to a Movie

To Kill a Mockingbird (NR)

based on the book by Harper Lee

Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Library, InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

"Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird." A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel—a black man charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with rich humor and unswerving honesty the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence, and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina and quiet heroism of one man's struggle for justice—but the weight of history will only tolerate so much. This event is free and open to the public. Covered drinks are allowed, but food is not. For more information, call 562-5604.



Playing this month @ your library

Matinee movies @ the InfoZone

February is a perfect month to come and watch a movie at the InfoZone! 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 at the Rawlings Library. All movies are free!

Shrek Forever After (PG)

Saturday, Feb. 5 &

Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

Wall-E (G)

Saturday, Feb. 12 &

Sunday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m.

Hotel for Dogs (PG)

Saturday, Feb. 19 &

Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m.

Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back (PG)

Saturday, Feb. 26 &

Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

Independent film

Troubled Water (NR)

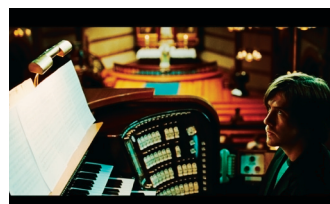
Thriller-Drama - Norway and Sweden, in Norwegian with English subtitles

Saturday, Feb. 19

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Film starts at 7 p.m.

Rawlings Library, InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Jan, recently released from prison after serving time for the murder of a child, has always maintained his innocence and is ready to put the past behind him. A gifted organist, he takes a job at an Oslo church under his middle name, Thomas. His talent and gentle manner quickly earn him the respect of his superiors, as well as the love of the pastor, Anna. Thomas even overcomes his initial panic to return the affection of Anna's young son, Jens. But his past catches up with him when Agnes, a local teacher, comes to the church on a school visit and recognizes the organist as Jan, the young man who was convicted for the murder of her son. The film is free, and seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, call 562-5604.



Community Cinema

Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story (NR)

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

Rawlings Library, InfoZone Theatre

Cyntoia Brown was an average teenager in an American town. But a series of bad decisions led the 16-year-old into a situation that ended with her killing a man who had picked her up for sex. She was sentenced to Life in a Tennessee prison, meaning she will serve a minimum of 51 years. This film challenges our assumptions about violence and explores how factors such as biology and family history can doom some young people from the start.

This movie is sponsored by Rocky Mountain PBS-KTSC-TV. The movie is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 562-5604.

Cine Mexicano

The Golden Age of Mexican Cinema
Su Excelencia (NR)

Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Library, InfoZone Theatre

Diminutive Mexican film legend Cantinflas was a hilarious cross between Italian funnyman Roberto Benigni and silent film star Buster Keaton. Here, Cantinflas plays an employee of the embassy of the country of Los Cocos, where he distributes visas in a world where all countries are designated as either "red" or "green." When he becomes an ambassador and Los Cocos must cast the deciding vote, both the red and green sides try to woo him.

Feb. 2011

21 Monday

- All libraries closed for Presidents' Day

22 Tuesday

- Time for Tots
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Read Out Loud: Author visit and book signing
Faith & the Electric Dogs by Patrick Jennings
Rawlings 6 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th floor

23 Wednesday

- Mother Goose
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytimes
Barkman 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- After School Book Break
Rawlings 4:30 p.m.
- Latino Book Discussion
Trade on the Taos Mountain Trail by Deborah Martinez-Martinez
Rawlings 6 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

24 Thursday

- Preschool Storytime
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- After school tutor
Pueblo West 4:20-6:20 p.m.
- Teen Craft Corner: Games on the Go
Pueblo West 6 p.m.
- Teen movie night
Michael Jackson's This is It
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

25 Friday

- Mother Goose
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.

26 Saturday

- Dr. Seuss Birthday Party
Pueblo West 10 a.m.
- Matinee Movie:
Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

27 Sunday

- Matinee Movie:
Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

28 Monday

- Mother Goose
Rawlings 9:30 & 10 a.m.
- Tales for Twos
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- Pueblo Storytellers
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Thurston Room - 1st fl.

Natural healing, essential oils, and massage therapy

Saturday, Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m.
Lamb Library

Phyllis McCarthy, PTA LMT will educate us on how to take better care of ourselves - naturally. Please call 562-5670 by Feb. 17 to reserve a space or for more information. Refreshments will be provided.

Do you have a tale to tell? Join Pueblo Storytellers

Mondays, Feb. 7, 14 & 28 at 1 p.m.
Rawlings Library, Thurston Room - 1st floor

It's not too late to join our Storytellers group. Perfect your storytelling skills or just come to listen. Everyone is welcome at the free, public event.

Butterflies: How to know and attract them

Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Library, InfoZone - 4th floor

If you have ever wondered about those flittering jewels found in your yard this beautiful and informative program will answer your questions. Mark Yaeger and Clif Smith will share their comprehensive collection of photographs of Southern Colorado butterflies. You will find it much easier to pick out distinguishing characteristics when the butterflies are both still and several times their normal size. Mark and Cliff have participated in annual butterfly counts that have helped to increase our understanding of how these fragile insects are doing in Pueblo County. Learn how you can help preserve our local butterflies and attract them to your yard. The program is free and open to everyone thanks to our Nature Series partners including the Pueblo Library, The Pueblo Zoo, The Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo and your local Arkansas Valley Audubon Society. See you there!



What makes you proud to live in the United States? Pueblo Medal of Honor Foundation Essay Contest for students in grades 4 - 12

Entry Due Date:

Entries are due on Friday, Feb. 25, 2011. The awards ceremony will be held March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Ryals Room of the Rawlings Library.

Each entry must comply with these guidelines:

- Subject: "What makes you proud to live in the United States?"
- Length: 300 word minimum, 700 word maximum for grades 4 - 5.
- 500 word minimum, 1,000 word maximum for grades 6 - 8.
- 800 word minimum, 1,000 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: Jim Stuart at (719) 544-2435 or e-mail: jhmpstuart@comcast.net



Computer tutor available

Computer Tutor: A computer tutor is available at Rawlings Library for help on Saturday, Feb. 12, Saturday, Feb. 26, Saturday, March 12, and Saturday, March 26 at the information desk on the 2nd floor.

Clases de la Computadora: Cada jueves a las 6:00 en el tercer piso

Computer classes for Spanish Speakers: These class will be held Thursday nights from 6 - 8 p.m.

Computación Básica/Computer Basics
3 de Febrero/Feb. 3

Microsoft Word
10 de Febrero/Feb. 10

Introducción a Internet/Introduction to the Internet
17 de Febrero/Feb. 17

Mas con el Internet/More with the Internet
24 de Febrero/Feb. 24

Pueblo West Library now offers computer assistance: A computer tutor will be available on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.



VITA tax preparation

Wednesdays Feb. 2 through April 13 from 1-5 p.m.
Rawlings Library, Training room - 3rd floor

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers will be present to prepare and E-file both federal and state taxes for 2010, free of charge for low-income individuals and families. The income cap this year is \$49,000 or below. The tax site is located on the third floor of the library and taxpayers are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers will be at the library each Wednesday afternoon throughout the tax season.

Taxpayers should bring Social Security cards for themselves and each family member, a photo identification, correct birthdates, correct spelling of each dependent's name as it appears on their SSN card; all wage and earning statements including 1099s for contract work, the Tax Identification Number of the daycare provider (if daycare was used), the bank account number and routing number if they choose to have their refund direct deposited, and a copy of last year's return if possible. If married, filing jointly, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms before the return can be E-filed. A 14-day turnaround is expected from the time of filing, to receiving the refund.

The VITA program was established in the late 1960s by the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) as a way to assist low-income taxpayers in preparation and filing, and eliminating the cost involved with a private tax preparer. Low-income taxpayers are encouraged to use this free service, saving sometimes hundreds of dollars in preparation fees. VITA will not prepare tax forms that include rental properties, inheritances, small businesses or partnerships. For additional information, contact Judith Boudreaux, director of the Pueblo VITA program, at 296-8768.

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 4 at noon.

Nominations must be received by Friday, Feb. 4, 2011 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 midori.clark@pueblolibrary.org. If you have questions, please call 562-5605.



*All libraries will be closed on
Monday, Feb. 21 for Presidents' Day.*

Kids' Page

Fun with Clay

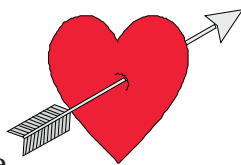
An event for homeschoolers and their parents
Tuesday, Feb. 8
2:30 to 4 p.m.
Pueblo West Library, King Conference Room



Students will learn how to make clay and will have time for play and creating. Please call 562-5660 for more information.

My Valentine

Saturday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.
Lamb Library



Come to Lamb Library, pull out the glue and grab the glitter -- there are crafts to be made! Create your own craft or card for that special someone. All materials are provided. Everyone is welcome to come and go at any time. For more information, please call 562-5670.

Family Story Time: Be My Valentine!

Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.
Pueblo West Library

This is a great time to tell your loved ones how much you care! Come listen to stories, make Valentines and have fun at this all ages family story time. For more information, please call 562-5660.

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! 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. 4.** The winner will be invited to collect her prize and be honored on March 4 at the Rawlings Public Library.

Entry forms are available at all library locations. Please call 562-5605 for more information.

Dr. Seuss events

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party
Saturday, Feb. 26
10 to 11 a.m.
Pueblo West Library
King Conference Room

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with games, crafts, birthday cake, and door prizes. All ages are welcome at this free event. For more information, please call 562-5660.

Dr. Seuss Celebration
Tuesday, March 2
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Rawlings Library, Storytelling Room

Celebrate Dr. Seuss with us on his birthday! All are welcome to enjoy favorite Dr. Seuss stories, play games, eat cookies, and participate in silliness approved by the Cat in the Hat. For more information, please call 562-5603.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party
Saturday, March 5
2 to 3:30 p.m.
Barkman Library

Celebrate the birthday of one of our favorite authors! For more information, please call 562-5680.

It's a Seussabration!
Saturday, March 5 at 2 p.m.
Lamb Library

Join us for our Dr. Seuss party. There is fun for everyone including, games, crafts and cake. The whole family is invited to attend. Everyone is welcome to come and go at any time. For more information, please call 562-5670.

Create Your Own Dr. Seuss Character Contest

Draw your own Dr. Seuss character and write a brief description of your character. All participants must be residents of Pueblo County. Entries are due Friday, March 4, 2011. Entries may be brought to the Barkman, Lamb, Pueblo West, 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 562-5605 for more information.



Teen Scene

Valentine's Celebration

Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Barkman Library

Munch on chocolate while making an original valentine for a sweetheart, a parent, or a friend. For grades 6-12. Call 562-5680 for more information.

Join the Masquerade!

Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.
Lamb Library

Bring a friend and come celebrate the carnival! Looking to be mysterious, choose an identity by designing your own mask for the celebrations. Food, fun and games to be had by all. Everyone is welcome to come and go at anytime. For more information, please call 562-5670.

Candy Making

Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Library, Ryals Room - 4th floor

Make your sweetheart (or yourself) a sweet treat this month during a chocolate candy making event at the Rawlings Library. Call 562-5603 for more information.

Honey, if you love me, won't you please, please smile!

Thursday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.
Pueblo West Library

Come enjoy sweet treats and play old favorites like *Musical Chairs*, *Honey if You Love Me* and other crazy group games! Call 562-5660 for more information.

Teen Craft Corner: Games on the Go

Thursday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Pueblo West Library

Come and create a pocket-game you can take and play anywhere! Call 562-5660 for more information.

Anime Clubs

Anime afternoons
Thursdays, Feb. 3 & 17
3:30 p.m.
Barkman Library



Come enjoy film, fun and refreshments. All material is rated for teens. For more information, please call 562-5680.

Thursdays, Feb. 3 & 17 at 6 p.m.
Pueblo West Library

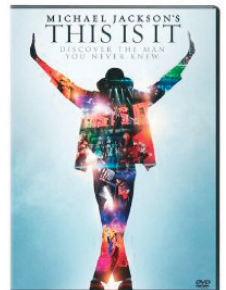
For anime fans, grades 6 and up. We'll have refreshments, friends and fun. Call 562-5660 to find out more.

Thursdays, Feb. 3 & 17 at 4 p.m.
Lamb Library

We have fun, friends and popcorn! Come and join us for an hour of great anime. Everyone is welcome to come and go at anytime. For more information, please call 562-5670.

Teen movie night

Michael Jackson's This is It (PG)
Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Library
InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor



Michael Jackson's *This Is It* will offer Jackson fans and music lovers worldwide a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the performer as he developed, created and rehearsed for his sold-out concerts that would have taken place beginning this summer in London's O2 Arena. Chronicling the months from April through June 2009, the film is produced with the full support of the Estate of Michael Jackson and drawn from more than one hundred hours of behind-the-scenes footage, featuring Jackson rehearsing a number of his songs for the show. In raw and candid detail, Michael Jackson's *This Is It* captures the singer, dancer, filmmaker, architect, creative genius and great artist at work as he creates and perfects his final show. Directed by Kenny Ortega, who was both Michael Jackson's creative partner and the director of the stage show.

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 562-5604.

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Trustee Talk by Phil Mancha

I recently had a conversation with Jon Walker, Executive Director of the Pueblo City-County Library District, about the library's plan to make e-readers and e-tablets available to the public by the end of 2011. I want to share part of that conversation with you.

I was reminded that our library is participating in a "wireless" revolution that will change how information is delivered to the public. Libraries are not considered to be "revolutionary," yet, libraries have a long history of change. Remember from your world history class the stone tablets of Babylon, the great Egyptian library of Alexandria that contained papyrus rolls, the highly decorated Bibles made of vellum carefully guarded by the Roman Church in the Middle Ages, and the numerous great libraries of books, an important consequence of the printing press. Great academic libraries in the important centers of Europe and America and more recently, the development of the public libraries in this country that were provided a great boost by the vision and money of Andrew Carnegie in the early 20th century. Even in the 20th century, public libraries were revolutionized by the appearance of the computer in the 1990s and followed rapidly by multiple connections to the Internet. In the 21st century, libraries are being revolutionized by digital and wireless technology.

Three conditions must exist, in Mr. Walker's view, for the wireless revolution to take place in public libraries. First, there must be a commercial commitment to wireless – a commitment that creates a large public interest in all things wireless. Cell phones were pushed and popularized by commercial interests; business sees wireless as a major profit center and continues to drive the market.

Second, the culture of much of the world sees value in wireless devices. Christmas sales of 2010 saw a public hunger for wireless e-readers, e-tablets and many similar devices. The public is increasingly demanding to receive information via wireless, and they are becoming increasingly sophisticated in how to use wireless devices .

Third, the technology is here to deliver information via a wireless format. Mr. Walker reminded me about Leonardo da Vinci's drawings of an airplane. A revolutionary concept for the 16th century, but technology did not exist to make da Vinci's vision a reality. Today, wireless technology exists and has been refined by cell phone developments. In addition, companies such as Google, Barnes & Noble and others, including a Web portal financed by the European Union, have been digitizing books, maps, photographs, film clips, paintings and music. For example, Google's mission is "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful." These efforts provide an enormous gathering of digital data and a large potential source of data to be downloaded to e-readers or e-tablets.

But, why should a public library care about wireless to the extent that it chooses to lend e-readers and e-tablets to the public? Quite simply, Mr. Walker said, a public library can continue to be viable only as long as the community sees the library as viable and if its willing to adopt new technology and ways to deliver information in formats that are convenient. The days when the library was all about papyrus has long since disappeared. Would the public support a library with their taxes if it had only Egyptian papyrus rolls? Probably not. Libraries must be relevant to their communities. Yes, our libraries today have books and not papyrus rolls, and books are not going to disappear because of wireless. But today books exist in our libraries along side PCs and connections to a worldwide Internet. The wireless revolution has, in PCCLD's view, reached a tipping point where our library must begin to offer a wireless service model that addresses changing information needs. A committee has been formed and PCCLD has received a \$115,000 grant to expand broadband technology to the underserved. An important goal is to provide public access to information regardless of the customer's economic status. The underserved cannot be allowed to fall behind better-served individuals in our society. Expect to see e-readers and e-tablets at PCCLD by the end of 2011.

Friends of the Library president's corner **by Annette Warfield**



February is here! This is one of my favorite months because of Valentine's Day. What could be nicer than a day set aside for sharing love and friendship! In a gesture of love and appreciation, Friends of the Library will thank all our wonderful volunteers at a luncheon on February 15. Departments who are recipients of FOL funded projects will also share their appreciation at this time. February is also the time FOL holds its Member Appreciation Sale at Books Again. The Members Only Sale is scheduled for February 19. FOL members will want to mark their calendars for this event. Below this article are the details of this exclusive sale. As usual, this will be a busy month for FOL.

This year has started well for our book store, Books Again. Sales are up from last year and January was a very good month for the book store. The year ended with total sales over \$100,000 which is an increase from 2009. Thank you all for shopping Books Again during the holiday season. Remember, the store is accepting donations, so do some de-cluttering and drop off any clean books no longer being used in your home.

In March, PCCLD will be hosting the Outstanding

Women's Awards luncheon. All community groups are invited to participate, and FOL has always accepted this invitation. If you have a suggestion for a nominee, pass it along to a Board member. Please mark your calendars for the FOL annual meeting which will be held April 9. This is traditionally a festive event which includes the reporting of the year's accomplishments.

The New Year will bring changes to PCCLD. One of these changes will have quite an effect on FOL. Tabitha Davis, FOL recording secretary for the Board and Community Relations Assistant, was transferred to Special Collections and Museum Services. If you remember reading Edna Shoaf's November newsletter article, you know just how indispensable Tabitha has been to FOL. We have been fortunate to have Tabitha on our team and shall miss her pleasant manner and efficient ways. If I may quote Edna: "Tabitha, thank you from all of us who benefited from your endeavors." FOL shall miss you.

*Mark your calendars for the Friends Annual Meeting
on Saturday, April 9.*

'Double Your Discount' Day Sale **For Friends of the Pueblo Library members only** **Saturday, Feb. 12** **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

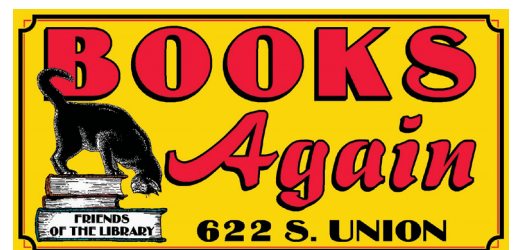
Double your Friends of the Library Membership discount on each of our 50,000 like-new books in the friendly atmosphere of the Books Again Book Store. Individual, Family, Business and Gold Members discounts double to 20% off for this day only. Patrons and Benefactors discounts double to 40% off.

Not a FOL Member? You can join that day for as little as \$15 for an individual membership.

Please call 543-4688 for more information. Books Again is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located one block east of the Rawlings Library.

Friends of the Library Membership dues make Pueblo's libraries even better. Funds raised through membership fees and your purchases at Books Again Used Bookstore are used for many extra special projects at the Rawlings library and its branches.

Over \$600,000 have been donated to the Pueblo City-County Library District by the Friends! Your membership makes a difference.



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Discover Space exhibit in the InfoZone

The InfoZone News Museum is hosting Discover Space, an exhibit designed by the Space Science Institute, providing

a fun, hands-on environment for individuals to learn about science and technology.

Discover Space includes two exhibit areas. Space Storms introduces audiences to space weather, covering topics such as sunspots, coronal mass ejections, and magnetic storms. This area includes a cut-away model of the Sun and several educational games. It also shows how space weather can harm astronauts, damage satellites, and disrupt power grids and communication systems on Earth. Star Quest explores how stars are born and how they die. Using a touch-screen computer, visitors can design interactive solar systems with planets, asteroid belts, and multiple suns. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information about the exhibit, please call 562-5604.

Patrick Ratliff art show

Feb. 1 through Feb. 28
Pueblo West Library
Vectra Art Gallery

Artist Patrick Ratliff creates interesting works of art on American Life. Come enjoy his art work at the Pueblo West Library in January and February. For more information, please call 562-5660.

