

News & Events

JANUARY 2007

of the Pueblo City-County Library District

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Hours & Locations

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday (Rawlings Library Only)

1 - 5 p.m.

Internet: www.pueblolibrary.org

Robert Hoag Rawlings

Public Library

562-5600

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Barkman Branch - 562-5680

1300 Jerry Murphy Road

Lamb Branch - 562-5670

2525 South Pueblo Boulevard

White Branch (Pueblo West)

562-5660

298 South Joe Martinez Blvd.

Satellite Libraries:

Avondale Elementary - 947-3047

213 Hwy. 50 East

Beulah School - 485-3127

8734 Schoolhouse Lane

Craver Middle School - 676-3850

4850 Crow Cut Off

Cesar Chavez Academy Satellite

586-9199

2500 W. 18th Street

North Mesa Elementary

948-2551

28881 Gale Road

Risley Middle School - 549-7449

625 N. Monument Avenue

Rye Elementary - 489-2275

8120 Highway 165 W

South Mesa Elementary

543-0738

23701 E. Preston Road

Vineland Elementary - 948-2633

35777 Iris Road

If special assistance is
needed, please call 562-5600.

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New year brings new space for teens by Michael Cox

Teen Central Grand Opening Rawlings Library 2nd Floor Teen Central Saturday, January 20 12 noon - 3 p.m.

Teachers, parents, teens - all are welcome to visit the newest addition to the Rawlings Library, Teen Central. The Pueblo City-County Library District has been working hard to expand services for younger patrons and now thanks to a generous grant, this vision has become a reality.

Teen Central is a place for teens to enjoy reading, find educational resources, and use computer equipment for projects such as word processing, database research and video production.

From elevated stools to floor-level rockers, Teen Central offers multiple environments that encourage learning. The teen clerks who monitor the service desk are familiar

with the use of the nearly 30 subscription online databases and are ready to offer research advice.

Another draw of Teen Central is the Teen Art Wall. Rotating exhibits provided by schools and other local organizations will be displayed on the wall behind the Teen Central Service Desk. Any teacher or organization interested in displaying the work of teens is encouraged to contact the library district teen librarian, Michael Cox at (719) 562-5603.



Teens at Rawlings Public Library listen to teen librarian Michael Cox talk about the plans for Teen Central.

Genealogy Day

Saturday, January 27
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Free & Registration is Required

Programs: (Ryals Room - 4th Floor)
Beginning Genealogy
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tombstone Inscriptions - Their Meanings & Clues to Other Sources
1 - 2 p.m.

Using Newspapers in New Mexico Genealogy
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Demonstrations: (InfoZone - 4th Floor)
Registration for these events is required by Wednesday, January 17.

Internet Genealogy, an Overview
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

HeritageQuest
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Godfrey Library Resources
1 - 2 p.m.

Family Search
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

The Training Room on the third floor will be available for practice for a limit of one hour per person. Also, representatives of several genealogical organizations will be on hand to answer your questions.

Please call special collections supervising librarian Noreen at (719) 562-5626 for more information and to register.

Events Calendar January 2007

1 Monday

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

2 Tuesday

- **Book Discussion Group**
The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century
by Thomas L. Friedman
Rawlings 7 p.m.

3 Wednesday

- **Silver Screams**
The Curse of the Cat People
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

4 Thursday

- **Literary Book Discussion**
Barkman 7 p.m.
Teacher Man: A Memoir
by Frank McCourt
- **Teen Stories**
House of the Scorpion
by Nancy Farmer
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

5 Friday

- Storytellers are on vacation until January 8.

6 Saturday

- **Matinee Movie**
Superman Returns
(PG-13)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Teen Scene - Make Duct Tape Items**
Lamb 2:30 p.m.

7 Sunday

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

8 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10 a.m.
Rawlings 2 p.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Literary Discussion Group**
Pride & Prejudice
by Jane Austen
Barkman 7 p.m.

9 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Scene - Gocks: Goth Sock Puppets**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Ryals Room - 4th Floor

10 Wednesday

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



Meet the Board of Trustees by Jon Walker

There are so many great people who contribute to the success of our award-winning Library District.

Certainly, this list includes the many excellent employees, fabulous Friends of the Library, and outstanding volunteers who provide their time, skills and efforts to make this a top-notch institution. Each of these groups does so much it is difficult to sufficiently recognize their contributions.

Another group in this category is the Library District Board of Trustees. The Pueblo City-County Library District Board of Trustees deserve the respect of every citizen of our county for their dedication, professionalism, and willingness to help the library succeed - thereby making our community a better place to live and raise our families.

The Board of Trustees consists of seven individuals who act as the governing body for the library district. Trustees receive no salary or other compensation for the services they provide the library. Members of the board are chosen from the residents of the City and County of Pueblo, and are appointed and ratified by a joint commission of the Pueblo County Commissioners and the Pueblo City Council.

Today, the seven members of the Board

are Ms. Joyce Vigil (President), Ms. Marlene Bregar, Dr. Phillip Mancha, Mr. Fredrick Quintana, Mr. Jim Stuart, Ms. Frances Terrazas-Alexander and Mr. Gil Trujillo.

Each of these individuals contributes to our community and library by serving as board members. But they are also productive professionals. Ms. Vigil is an attorney, Mr. Quintana and Ms. Bregar are educators, Dr. Mancha a retired college administrator, Ms. Terrazas-Alexander a human resource manager, Mr. Trujillo a postal worker and union president, and Mr. Stuart a retired businessman. Each brings their valuable advice, wisdom and lessons learned to assist in governing the library district.

Together these citizen trustees donate hundreds of hours each year to help make our library one of the premier institutions in our community and in Colorado. If we were to pay them for their services, it would cost tens of thousands of dollars each year. But they provide their time for no compensation. They truly are citizens serving the community.

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



Outgoing board member Sean Tapia is recognized for his service on the board at the December 2006 meeting. He is pictured here with board president Joyce Vigil.



Free stamp exchange



The Pueblo Stamp Club, affiliated with the American Philatelic Society (APS), has contributed a variety of U.S. and foreign postage stamps to the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library. The donated stamps are being made available as a “free” stamp exchange.

Children are especially encouraged to bring their duplicate stamps to the Youth Services department where they can exchange their duplicate stamps for stamps that they would like to collect for their own stamp collection.

The next meeting of the Pueblo Stamp Club will be held in the Thurston Meeting Room at the Rawlings Public Library

on Wednesday, January 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. At this meeting, stamps donated by club members and by the public will be added as new material to the “free” stamp exchange. Afterwards, an APS slide show entitled “Stamp Technology Basics” will be presented. Anyone interested in learning more about the hobby of stamp collecting are encouraged to attend.

Pueblo Stamp club meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to beginning as well as advanced stamp collectors. For more information, please contact Richard Tucey at (719) 553-0202 or at rtucey@pueblolibrary.org.

Library honored by U.S. Forest Service



Left to right: Barbara Timock, U. S. Forest Service; Jon Walker, Executive Director; Smokey Bear; Marlene Bregar, Board Member; Philip Mancha, Board Member; Sean Tapia, outgoing Board Member; Frances Terrazas-Alexander, Board Member; Gil Trujillo, Board Vice President; Tracey Mattoon, InfoZone News Museum; Joyce Vigil, Board President; Fredrick Quintana, Board Member.



U.S. Forest Service representative Barbara Timock recognizes the InfoZone’s Tracey Mattoon at the December 2006 library board meeting for helping promote fire safety in the community.

January 2007

11 Thursday

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

12 Friday

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

13 Saturday

- **Matinee Movie**
Aladdin (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Teen Scene: Book Safe**
Lamb 2:30 p.m.

14 Sunday

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

15 Monday

- **All Libraries are closed**
for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

16 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Scene - Urban Legends**
Barkman 3:30 p.m.
- **Resume Wizard & Job Searching Websites**
White 8 - 9 a.m.
Please register by calling (719) 562-5660.

17 Wednesday

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

18 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **SRDA Book Discussion**
Marley & Me
by John Grogan
1 p.m.
230 N. Union Avenue
Room 202
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Teen Stories**
House of the Scorpion
by Nancy Farmer
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

January 2007

19 Friday

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

20 Saturday

- **Teen Central Grand Opening**
Rawlings
12 noon - 3 p.m.
2nd Floor
- **Matinee Movie**
The Ant Bully (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Winter Wonderland Kids Korner**
White 2 p.m.
- **Independent Film**
Le Grand Voyage
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

21 Sunday

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

22 Monday

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

23 Tuesday

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

24 Wednesday

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

25 Thursday

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

26 Friday

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

Library book-discussion groups

Barkman Literary Discussion
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m.
Barkman Branch Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Excitement fizzes through the Bennet household at Longbourn in Hertfordshire when young, eligible Mr. Charles Bingley rents the fine house nearby. He may have sisters, but he also has male friends, and one of these -- the haughty, and even wealthier, Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy -- irks the vivacious Elizabeth Bennet, the second of the Bennet girls. She annoys him. Which is how we know they must one day marry.

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

Rawlings Discussion Group
The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century
by Thomas L. Friedman
Tuesday, January 2 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room - 1st Floor
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Rawlings Discussion Group
Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything
by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner
Tuesday, February 6 at 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room - 1st Floor
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Levitt focuses his attention on more intimate real-world issues, like whether reading to your baby will make her a better student. Instead, Dubner and Levitt deconstruct everything from the organizational structure of drug-dealing gangs to baby-naming patterns. While some chapters might seem frivolous, others touch on more serious issues, including a detailed look at Levitt's controversial linkage between the legalization of abortion and a reduced crime rate two decades later. Underlying all these research subjects is a belief that complex phenomena can be understood if we find the right perspective. Levitt has a knack for making that principle relevant to our daily lives.

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

Lovecraft at the Library

Wednesday, January 31 at 7 p.m.
The Whisperer in Darkness
by H.P. Lovecraft
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room - 1st Floor
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

The Whisperer in Darkness is one of H.P. Lovecraft's masterpieces of horror. It is a gripping tale of encounters with weird crustacean extraterrestrials in the hills of Vermont.

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



Playing this month @ your library

Silver Screams movie night



Silver Screams is a cinema group that meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Rawlings Library. Silver Screams is devoted to the viewing and discussion of older horror, monster, science fiction, and fantasy films.

The Curse of the Cat People, a 1944 film, produced by the famed Val Lewton, is a surprisingly gentle and elegant fantasy of childhood loneliness and dreams, starring Simone Simon, Kent Smith, Jane Randolph, and Ann Carter. The film will be shown on Wednesday, January 3 at 7 p.m. in the InfoZone Theatre on the 4th floor.

A discussion of this 70-minute film will follow its viewing. The film and its discussion are free and open to the public. For additional information please call Geof at (719) 562-5601.

Saturday matinee movies at the InfoZone

Bring the whole family to the InfoZone News Museum for Saturday Movie Fun. We've got a great line-up, from animated features to classic adventure tales, there's sure to be a film that pleases your family. Remember, the movies are shown every Saturday at 2 p.m., and are free to the public. We are located on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Public Library. Drinks are allowed, but food is not, in the theatre. We look forward to seeing you!

Superman Returns (PG-13)
Saturday, Jan. 6 - 2 p.m.

Aladdin (G)
Saturday, January 13 - 2 p.m.

The Ant Bully (PG)
Saturday, January 20 - 2 p.m.

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

Le Grand Voyage
Directed by Ismael Ferroukhi
Drama - France/Morocco,
English Subtitles
Saturday, January 20, 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone Theater - 4th floor



A few weeks before his college entrance exams, Réda, a young man who lives in the south of France, finds himself obligated to drive his father to Mecca. From the start, the journey looks to be difficult: Réda and his father have nothing in common.

The wide cultural and generational gap between the two is worsened by their lack of communication. From France, through

Italy, Serbia, Turkey, Syria, Jordan to Saudi Arabia- the two will embark on a road trip to Mecca that will change their lives.

The free Independent Film Series screenings are on the third Saturday of each month. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (719) 562-5604 or e-mail InfoZone@publolibrary.org.

January 2007

27 Saturday

- **Genealogy Day**
Rawlings
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Ryals Room & InfoZone
4th Floor
Call Noreen at 562-5626
for more information and
to register.

28 Sunday

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

29 Monday

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

30 Tuesday

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

31 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10, 10:30 &
11 a.m.
- **Time for Tots**
Barkman 10 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Lovecraft at the Library**
The Whisperer in Darkness
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Thurston Room - 1st Floor

LIBRARY CLOSURES IN JANUARY

**The Robert Hoag
Rawlings Public
Library and
the Barkman,
Lamb, and
White branches
will close on
Monday, January
15 for Martin
Luther King, Jr.
Day**



LIBRARY TIDBITS

Back Issues of Magazines Now Available for Checkout



Magazines check out just like books, for three weeks, and are located on the shelf beneath the current issue of each title. A new wall of periodical shelving on the 2nd floor displays our current holdings. The shelves were purchased thanks to a generous grant from the Friends of the Library.

Also, for customer convenience and comfort, a new periodical reading area will make for a cozy place to read the current issues of magazines or journals as well as newspapers, state and government newsletters and other serial publications that cannot be checked out.

So next time you visit the library, come up and check out our new periodical reading room - and take some of your favorite magazines home with you to enjoy at your leisure.

Resume wizard and job-searching web sites

Tuesday, January 16
8 to 9 a.m.
White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Pueblo West

Learn how to use Microsoft Word's resume wizard feature to your advantage. We will also preview job search websites. This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please register by calling (719) 562-5660.



Shop at Books Again Used Bookstore

Sales for the Month of January

January 2 - January 16

All exercise books 90% off original retail price. \$1 minimum price per book. Exercise video tapes are \$1 each. No additional discounts allowed.

Books Again

Location and phone number:

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

(719) 543-4688

Homebound Program

The Homebound Program is a free library service for residents of Pueblo County who are temporarily or permanently confined to their home because of illness, age or physical disability. The Pueblo City-County Library District and its volunteers are proud to make this service available for all age groups, including children, teens, adults and seniors. Large print, talking and audio books are also available.

To receive the service, please call the library at (719) 562-5601. We'll find out what you like to read and sign you up. You can request specific titles or ask a friendly member of our staff to select books for you. Materials are delivered to your home by volunteers. The service is also available monthly at all S.E.T. locations.



Gladys McNey, one of the newest library Homebound patrons, enjoys receiving her books from volunteers Diana & Hannah Hall.



Volunteers are needed!

Do you have an hour or two per month to take books to a homebound customer in your community? Please contact the Homebound office at (719) 553-0233 for more information on how you can make an important contribution to the quality of another person's life.

Satellite news and electronic resources by Barbara Brown

Did you know you can find a wiring diagram and repair suggestions for many makes/years of cars at your library? It's one of several electronic resources available to library patrons - Chilton's Auto Repair.

Help for students can be found through Culturegrams, Kidsearch, and Learning Express. Exciting opportunities to learn with these electronic resources includes practice tests for ACT, SAT and GED among others.

We offer American History Online, an Encyclopedia of Animals, Science Online and many more through our Pueblo City-County Library District web site (www.pueblolibrary.org).

Starting in January, your satellite libraries would like to offer you the opportunity to have a personal introduction to these (any many more) electronic resources.

At your local satellite library, there are Internet computers, and our personnel will show you how to find these resources, get you started and be available to answer basic questions during after school hours.

Satellite library contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter under "Hours &

Locations" or call (719) 562-5631.

Remember, at our satellite libraries you can also return books checked out from the main locations, learn how to put items on "hold" and have materials sent out from the main locations, check out all levels of reading materials, use a word processor, set up an email account - most of the things you can do at the main locations - but saving you the time and expense of driving into town!

Try a Satellite library near you!



Kids' Pages

Winter Wonderland Kids Korner

Saturday, January 20
2 to 3 p.m.
White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Pueblo West

This event is free and open to kids in grades kindergarten through third. This event is free and open to younger children, but space is limited, so please call (719) 562-5660 to reserve your child's spot.

Make snowballs and snowflakes and play snowy winter games without getting cold or wet. All activities will be held indoors. Come join the fun.

Winter/spring reading program

Winter/Spring Reading Clubs for children will be held at all library locations from January 15 - April 13, so here's your chance to read and earn a free book. The theme for the children clubs is "Be A Bookworm."

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.

There are more fun activities planned to go along with the clubs, so be sure to check out the details at your local library. Reading clubs at the library are always free and open to children of all ages.



Happy
New Year!

Resolve to read more to and with your kids in 2007. Kids who read, succeed!



Youth Writing Contest

For students in grades 3rd - 12th

Enter to win!

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

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

postcard	dilemma	internet
visible	gateway	guide

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

The Friends of the Pueblo City-County Library District invite students in grades 3rd through 12th to enter a mystery short-story writing contest. Entries will be judged in the following grade categories:

3rd grade
4th grade
5th grade
Middle school
9th - 10th grade
11th - 12th grade

Prizes:

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

Second place: Gift certificate to Books Again and a Certificate of Merit.

Third Place: Gift certificate to Books Again and a Certificate of Merit.

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be honored at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.

Entry Due Date:

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

Mail or deliver entries to:

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

It can be a ...

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

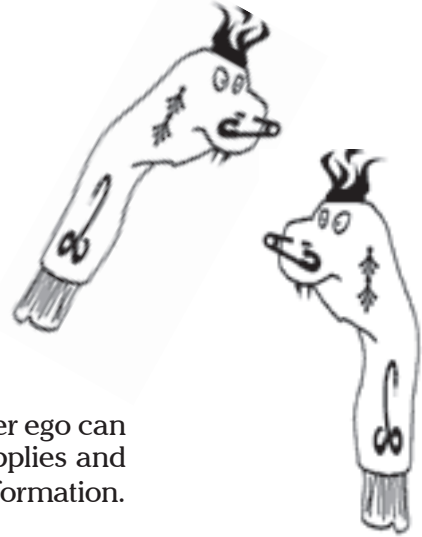
Entry forms available at all library locations.

Teen Scene

Gocks: Goth sock puppets

Tuesday, January 9
7 to 8 p.m.
Rawlings Library
100 E. Abriendo Avenue
Ryals Room - 4th Floor

Mohawks, tongue studs, goatees, third eyes and all other fashions an alter ego can handle will turn an ordinary sock into a Gock, Goth Sock Puppet. All supplies and snacks provided free of charge. Call Mr. Mike at (719) 562-5603 for more information.



Make a book safe

Saturday, January 13
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Lamb Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
Teens 6th - 12th grades

Store your valuables in a one-of-a-kind safe. This event is free and open to teens in grades six through twelve. Call (719) 562-5670 for more information.

Test your personality

Wednesday, January 17
7 to 8 p.m.
White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Pueblo West

Are you the life of the party or quiet and shy? Take a personality test to find out! This program is free and open to teens. Please call (719) 562-5660 for more information.

Explore urban legends

Tuesday, January 16
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Barkman Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Hear some urban legends and decide whether they are true or not. Also bring a favorite legend to share with the group. This event is free and open to teens. Call (719) 562-5680 for more information.



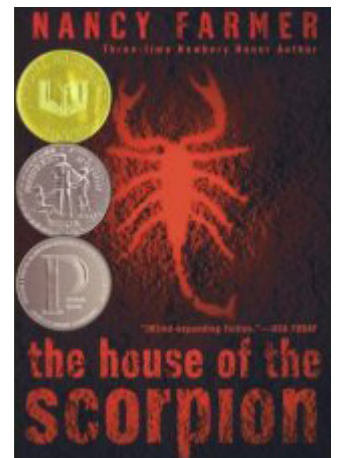
Teen stories at Barkman Library

January 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Barkman Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.
House of the Scorpion
by Nancy Farmer

Matteo Alacrán was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patrón, lord of a country called Opium -- a strip of poppy fields lying between the United States and what was once called Mexico.

Matt's first cell split and divided inside a petri dish. Then he was placed in the womb of a cow, where he continued the miraculous journey from embryo to fetus to baby. He is a boy now, but most consider him a monster -- except for El Patrón. El Patrón loves Matt as he loves himself, because Matt is himself.

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





Friends of the Library President's Corner by Jeanne Gardner

A new year can be a time for new beginnings, a stimulus for making change, or a chance to renew opportunities. You can do any or all of these as a Friend's of the Library member or a book store visitor.

We hope that Pueblo city and county 3rd -12th grade writers have learned about our new writing contest and are industriously working on their submissions. Flyers were sent to each school. Information may also be obtained by calling (719) 562-5606.

Melanie Tappen, the Books Again manager, has established a new service. She contacted Pueblo's four High Schools and obtained lists of their required

English reading materials. Titles from the lists that are in the bookstore inventory are now available in a special location. Most of the selections are paperback books, and they are priced right at 75% off the retail price. It is never too early to employ thrift, so come in and check out the offerings before you spend full price on a book you plan to read only once.

The Friends of the Library memberships, while available year round, are frequently renewed from September through December. Thank you for renewing your membership, becoming a new member, or giving a gift membership to someone. Proceeds support the Pueblo City-County Library District Programs.

Books Again: The Best Kept Secret in Pueblo by Edna Shoaf

I sincerely hope that, by this time, all of you who are reading this have visited the used book store of the Friends of the Library, Books Again. Most of you will have met Bud Benz, who with his energetic wife, Margaret, was instrumental in getting our store up and running. The store, under the management of Bud, was extremely successful this past year. Margaret was always right there decorating and sorting and shelving, along with many other volunteers. Recently, Bud decided that he was moving on to different challenges, and he suggested that perhaps Melanie Tappen would accept the position of manager. After much soul searching, and discussions with husband John, she agreed to take over this strenuous task. So - much luck, Bud, and welcome, Melanie!

If you visit Books Again these days you will note quite a few changes in the front showroom. And if you should happen to glance up to see a tall, slender, elegant lady with a gorgeous smile and beautiful white hair (which looks as if it had been combed with an egg beater) that will be our Miss Melanie! The first time that I met this lovely lady was when she came on the Friends Board this last April. Husband John is also on the Board, making two husband and wife couples on the Board. (I introduced Rose Marie and Doug Knight quite some time ago.) I could tell right away from her demeanor that this was one take charge lady who liked to get things done, and I was certainly right!

Melanie is originally from Illinois, and she obtained her Masters in Library Science from BYU. Melanie married John in Yuma, Arizona, where she was Children's Librarian of the Yuma City-County Library. They moved to Pueblo in 1979 when John accepted a position at the Test Track east of Pueblo. Melanie stayed at home for a while to raise their four children.

During the course of her career in the business world, Melanie has worked for a newspaper library, at

USC Library, and she set up an Engineering Library for an Aerospace Company. Her face really lit up when she discussed the Engineering Library saying, "... that was really fun and a huge challenge."

Melanie has been a volunteer at the Assistance League of Pueblo, at Rosemount, and with her church. She presently works one day a week as a Weight Watchers Leader. And now that she has accepted the position of manager of Books Again, this is one busy lady who just rolls up her sleeves and plunges right in.

When asked about the future of Books Again, Melanie's face once again became animated as she spoke of internet sales and weekly special sales in the store of different categories of books, such as self-help one week and maybe cook books the next. The Library Newsletter will list what specials are coming for each month. Also, new and larger signs are going up on the front of the store, and a large yellow banner will be near the corner of Union and Church Streets. This sign will contain movable letters which will be changed regularly to announce sales or other items of interest.

Melanie stated that volunteers are always needed, and the next orientation will be in January when volunteers will receive packets of materials explaining their duties, along with a map of the store describing each section. Also, books suitable for resale are always in demand. Eighty per cent of the store's sales are from donations from the residents of Pueblo, with the other twenty percent coming from the library itself.

So, take a few minutes of your time, drop by Books Again and give a big Pueblo "Howdy" to Melanie, won't you please? She might even share a cup of coffee and a cookie or two! We will miss you at the Friends Board Meetings, Melanie, but we are certainly glad that Books Again will be in such capable hands. So, Tally Ho, sweet lady, herd 'em up and move 'em out!

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