

News & Events

Of the Pueblo City-County Library District

MARCH 2007

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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.

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100 E. Abriendo Ave.

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1300 Jerry Murphy Road

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2525 South Pueblo Boulevard

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562-5660
298 South Joe Martinez Blvd.

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213 Hwy. 50 East

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8734 Schoolhouse Lane

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4850 Crow Cut Off

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28881 Gale Road

Risley Middle School - 549-7449
625 N. Monument Avenue

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18th Annual Outstanding Women's Awards

The Pueblo City-County Library District is pleased to pay tribute to women in the Pueblo community for Women's History Month in March.

The Outstanding Women's Award program recognizes these women by establishing a historical record of their contributions and achievements.

The library does not select these superstars. They are nominated by a community group who wants them to be publicly recognized. Each woman receives a plaque and is treated to a luncheon at the library in honor of all the women.

Nearly 400 women have been honored through this special recognition. This is a great way to say thank you to that special woman who has done so much for you and your organization. This year's nominees have already been selected, but don't forget to submit your outstanding women for next year's celebration.

The 2007 honorees are:

Suzanne Anton
Margaret Benz
Angela DeSalvo Biondi
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Mary Copeland
Esther Zinno Donegan
Katherine R. Frazier
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The Pueblo City-County Library District salutes these outstanding women!



2006 recipient Joyce Vigil (left) honored by the Friends of the Library.



2006 recipient Patty Van Zandt (right).



Attendees at the 2006 Outstanding Women's Awards.

Events Calendar March 2007

1 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Teen Stories**
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

2 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.

3 Saturday

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

4 Sunday

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

5 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10 a.m.
Rawlings 2 p.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Literary Discussion**
Barkman 6 p.m.

6 Tuesday

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

7 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Mother Goose Time**
Lamb 10:30 a.m.
- **Discussion Group**
Rawlings 1:30 p.m.
- **Silver Screams Movie**
Isle of the Dead
Rawlings 7 p.m.
- **Basic Drawing Class**
White 7 p.m.

8 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Teen Stories**
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

9 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 looks forward to 2007

by Jon Walker

It is shaping up to be an exciting year at the library. We have set high goals and implemented solid strategies to enable success. Our goals for the year are:

- Build on our winning workplace
- Increase check outs
- Improve services for targeted groups such as Hispanics, Teens, Seniors, Families and those seeking to improve their economic standing
- Upgrade library services in outlying county areas.

For each goal we have established specific objectives. Here are some activities you can look for from the library this year:

Top-notch service to our community

We believe this happens when employees are achievement-oriented, motivated and mission-focused. In 2007, we will update our mission statement, improve employee training and development opportunities, and continue enhancing our workplace to attract and retain the best and brightest employees.

Record-breaking numbers of books and other materials checked out

We will spend nearly \$1 million this year on new books and other library materials. Books on shelves are not nearly as valuable as books in the hands of people, and we are implementing strategies to make certain we have the books and other materials people want when they want them.

More great programs and services

During 2006 we were pleased to provide an award-winning summer reading

program for youth under the direction of librarian Jane Palmer, and to grow our All Pueblo Reads project coordinated by Midori Clark.

We ended 2006 with the newly established Hispanic Resources Center under librarian Rebekah Sanchez, and we started 2007 by opening the new Teen Central under the care of librarian Michael Cox. We will continue to nurture these services and focus additional resources on others. Later this year we hope to announce a new initiative to assist with business and economic development.

More library services in outlying areas

We will break ground this year on a significant expansion of Pueblo West's library, with Jerry King coordinating the effort. The library there will grow to more than five times its current size and feature the latest in library design with plenty of space for children, teens and families plus a much-needed multi-room community-meeting center.

These are only some of the forward-looking activities you will see at the library in 2007. For more details, check on our website at www.pueblolibrary.org/pld_about/2007_APPROVED-BUDGET.pdf.

We understand a community's quality of life is tied to several factors, including convenient access to great public libraries. This should be another banner year as we continue to raise the bar of library service.

Jon Walker is the library district's Executive Director. He may be reached by calling (719) 562-5633.



Teen Advisory Board members cut the duct-tape ribbon to officially open Teen Central in January 2007.



A large crowd gathers to hear Scotty Barnhart, jazz trumpeter and author.

All that jazz!

Black History Month (in February) meant great musical performances at the library. Jazz music's Scotty Barnhart gave a talk about his book, *The World of Jazz Trumpet: A Comprehensive History and Practical Philosophy*. Mr. Barnhart is currently on tour with the famed Count Basie Orchestra and treated listeners to a concert with local musicians. He told many personal stories of interviewing many of the musical genre's greatest talents including Dizzie Gillespie.

More than 60 jazz lovers showed up for the event, which provided a history of the jazz trumpet and its legends.

Another treat was the Heaton Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Josh Muller.

The band played in the lobby of the Rawlings Public Library and helped create a festive atmosphere for library visitors.



Scotty Barnhart autographs his book for a fan.



The Heaton Middle School Jazz Bands plays a concert in the lobby of the Rawlings Public Library.

March 2007

10 Saturday

- Plain Women Lamb 1 p.m.
- Matinee Movie *My Favorite Martian (PG)* Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Teen Scene Build a Bot Lamb 2:30 p.m.
- Independent Film *Men at Work* Rawlings 7 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor

11 Sunday

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

12 Monday

- All Libraries will be closed until 12 noon for a staff inservice.

13 Tuesday

- Microsoft Word Class White 8 a.m.
- Time for Tots White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Teen Scene Build-a-Bot Rawlings 7 p.m.

14 Wednesday

- Tales for Twos Rawlings 10, 10:30 & 11 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 March Madness White 7 p.m.

15 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Pajama Mother Goose Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- Teen Stories Barkman 7:30 p.m.

16 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.

17 Saturday

- Matinee Movie *Home on the Range (PG)* Rawlings 2 p.m. InfoZone - 4th Floor
- Kids Corner White 2 p.m.

18 Sunday

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

19 Monday

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

20 Tuesday

- Time for Tots White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Teen Scene Mythbusters Barkman 3:30 p.m.

Library book-discussion groups

March 2007

21 Wednesday

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

22 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Teen Stories**
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

23 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.

24 Saturday

- **Matinee Movie**
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

25 Sunday

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

26 Monday

- **Mother Goose Time**
Rawlings 10 a.m.
Rawlings 2 p.m.
- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Spring Break Movie**
Chicken Little (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

27 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Spring Break Movie**
How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

28 Wednesday

- **Tales for Twos**
Rawlings 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool Story Time**
Barkman 10:30 a.m.
Rawlings 10:30 a.m.
- **Spring Break Movie**
Lilo & Stitch (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Lovecraft at the Library**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Thurston Room

29 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
White 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Spring Break Movie**
Hoot (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor
- **Pajama Mother Goose**
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
- **Teen Stories**
Title by Author
Barkman 7:30 p.m.

Barkman Literary Discussion
1984 by George Orwell
March 5 at 7 p.m.
Movie: March 19 - 6 p.m.
Barkman Branch Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

1984 by George Orwell, published in 1949 as a warning about the menaces of totalitarianism, is set in an imaginary future world that is dominated by three perpetually warring totalitarian police states.

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

Rawlings Discussion Group
The Devil in the White City
by Erik Larson
March 7 at 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room - 1st Floor
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Rawlings Discussion Group
The Meaning of Everything
by Simon Winchester
Wednesday, April 4, 2007
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room - 1st Floor
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

The Meaning of Everything is a readily accessible historical account of the making of the remarkable Oxford English Dictionary, leading up to the appointment of the first editor, James Murray, in 1879 through to its triumphant publication in 1928 and beyond. Brought to life by Simon Winchester's characteristic talent for story-telling, the achievement of making the dictionary is an unforgettable story, and is further enlivened by portraits of the myriad characters involved in its creation.

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

10th Annual Poetry Contest

Poets, grades three to adult, are invited to write a poem about any topic, in any style. Winners will be chosen from various age groups. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded. **The deadline for entries is Friday, April 13, 2007.**

Entries may be brought to the Rawlings Public Library, Barkman, Lamb or White Branches or mailed to:

Pueblo City-County Library District
Attn: Community Relations
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81004
Entries may also be e-mailed to
contests@pueblolibrary.org

Winners will be invited to a reception on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. Prizes courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Entry forms are available at all library locations.

Lovecraft at the Library

Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.
The Whisperer in Darkness
by H.P. Lovecraft
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room
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.



Celebrate Women's History Month

Saturday, March 10
1 p.m.
Lamb Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

Come celebrate Women's History Month as you learn about Plain Women: The Forgotten Founders of the Colorado Prairies presented by Rebecca Atkinson. Seating is limited. Please call (719) 562-5670 by March 8 to make a reservation. This program is free and open to the public.

Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, March 13
8 to 9 a.m.
White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez
Blvd.
Pueblo West

Learn how to use Microsoft Word to write newsletters and reports. The class will cover how to open and close the program, how to save to a diskette, and how to format your text. The class is free, but experience using the mouse is required. Space is limited. Please call (719) 562-5660 to register.



March 2007

30 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.
- **Spring Break Movie**
Jimmy Neutron Boy genius (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

31 Saturday

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

All
libraries
will be
closed
on March
12th from
9 a.m.
until
noon for
a staff
in service.

National Federation of the Blind Gift to Library



Librarians Rebecca Atkinson and Jane Palmer accepting the books donated by Alyce Bouy from the National Federation of the Blind.

"The Pueblo Chapter wants to give blind and sighted patrons of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library the opportunity to read these materials on the accomplishments and triumphs of blind people, so they can learn about blindness from the blind person's perspective and learn how these blind people improved their own lives," says Alyce Bouy.

So, today the Pueblo National Federation of the Blind Chapter presents to Pueblo's public library two gifts. The first is the book "Walking Alone and Marching Together: A History of the Organized Blind Movement in the United States, 1940 - 1990," by Floyd Matson, a complete history with descriptions of educational, employment, legislative and advocacy accomplishments of the blind themselves during that fifty-year period.

The second gift is a set of thirty kernel books, each with stories written by blind people depicting their struggles and accomplishments as blind people.

Getting Lost @ the Library

Patrons had fun getting lost in all the numbers, symbolism and philosophy of *Lost*, one of television's most popular shows. Local author Christian Piatt gave a talk about his book, *Lost: A Search for Meaning*, and enlightened many fans to some of the show's secrets and "Easter eggs."

After the author's talk and book signing, the InfoZone Theatre sponsored trivia and tested viewers on their knowledge of the show. Since this event was held on the evening of the show's seasonal debut, everyone stayed to catch the new episode. Don't miss our other author visits coming up throughout the year!



Author Christian Piatt talked about his newly published book, *Lost, a Search for Meaning*.



Fans of *Lost* listen to author Christian Piatt talk about the numbers and symbols of the television show.



The InfoZone Theatre was decorated in a jungle theme to reflect the island surroundings of one of television's most popular shows, *Lost*.

Basic Drawing Class

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

Pueblo West artist Joan Shadinger will teach a class on drawing basics at the White Branch Library. The class will cover how to see different shapes, how shading is done, and how to put it all together.

The class is free, but space is limited. Please call (719) 562-5660 to register and for a list of supplies the participants will need to purchase.



Playing this month @ your library



Silver Screams movie night



Silver Screams is a new 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.

Silver Screams' next presentation will be the classic, *Isle of the Dead*, on March 7 at 7 p.m. in the InfoZone theatre on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Library.

A discussion of this 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.

Independent film series

Men at Work

Directed by Mani Haghighi
Comedy - Iran, English Subtitles
March 10 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
InfoZone Theater - 4th floor



Winking at the audience, this comedy of the absurd revolves around the mysterious obsession four buddies returning from a ski trip develop toward a phallic-looking rock sticking out of the roadside.

The men's frivolous attempt to dislodge the rock gradually disintegrates into a tale of betrayal, defeat and renewed hope. The heroes of the film are doctors, engineers and businessmen in the throes of mid-life

crises. Their middle class problems and the absurd phallic rock venture give rise to great humor.

The Film Movement screenings are not rated and ordinarily portray adult situations and are not recommended for those younger than 17 without parental permission.

For information, call (719) 562-5604 or join our e-mail newsgroup at infozone@publolib.org.

March Matinee Madness at the InfoZone

It is Matinee Movie Madness at the InfoZone News Museum this month. We're doubling our offerings; not only bringing you a movie every Saturday, but daily, as well, during Spring Break (March 26 - 30). All screenings will be held at 2 p.m. and are always free! Covered beverages are allowed, but food is not, in the InfoZone. Remember we're located on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Public Library.

Open Season (Rated PG)
Saturday, March 3

My Favorite Martian (Rated PG)
Saturday, March 10

Home on the Range (Rated PG)
Saturday, March 17

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (Rated PG-13)
Saturday, March 24

Hercules (Rated G)
Saturday, March 31

Spring Break Movies:

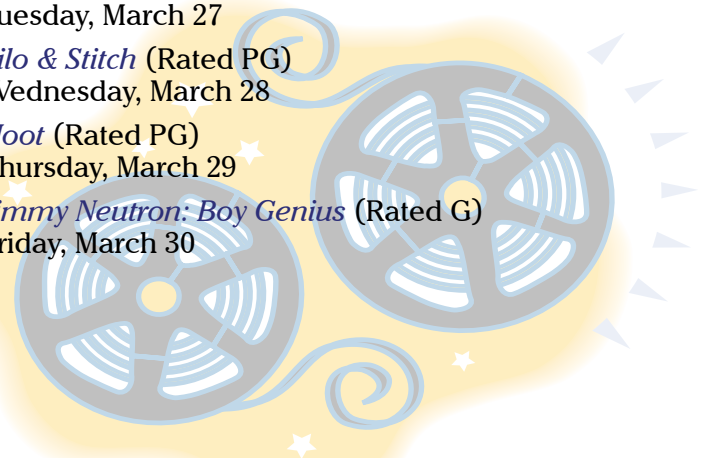
Chicken Little (Rated G)
Monday, March 26

How to Eat Fried Worms (Rated PG)
Tuesday, March 27

Lilo & Stitch (Rated PG)
Wednesday, March 28

Hoot (Rated PG)
Thursday, March 29

Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (Rated G)
Friday, March 30



Kids' Page

Kids Korner

Saturday, March 17
2 to 3 p.m.
White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., Pueblo West



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with sneaky leprechaun games, shamrock crafts, and a special holiday treat.

All in grades kindergarten through 3rd are welcome; just remember to wear green.

Create Your Own Dr. Seuss Character

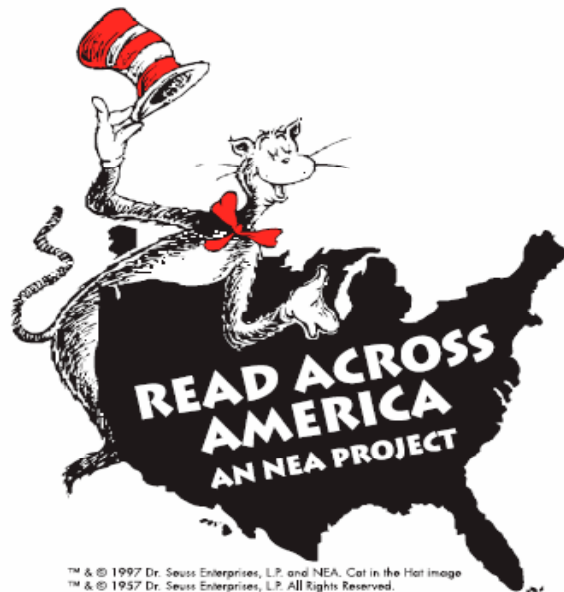
Contest Rules

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 2.
4. Winning entries will be displayed during an art show from March 26 - April 8, 2007

Entry forms are available at all library locations.

Entries may be brought to the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library, Barkman, Lamb or White Branches or mailed to:

Pueblo City-County Library District
Attn: Community Relations Dept.
100 E. Abriendo Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004



Bilingual Story Times

Mondays, Starting March 19
11 to 11:20 a.m.
Rawlings Public Library
Thurston Room
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

As part of an ongoing celebration of children, books and languages, a new bilingual English and Spanish story time will be offered starting Monday, March 19.

Storytellers will be Francie Hurtado, Youth Services Library Assistant, and Rebekah Sanchez, Librarian of Hispanic Resources.

Interactive stories and songs will be presented in both languages during this 20-minute program. Although all ages are welcome, this free program is created and best suited for children from birth to three.



Story time is fun time!

Teen Scene

Build-a-Bot Olympics

Tuesday, March 13
7 to 8 p.m.
Rawlings Library
100 E. Abriendo Avenue
Ryals Room - 4th Floor

Saturday, March 10
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Lamb Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
Teens 6th - 12th grades

Create your own wacky robot, then race it through an obstacle course. All supplies and snacks provided free of charge. Call Mr. Mike at (719) 562-5603 or the Lamb Library at (719) 562-5670 for more information.



Mythbusters

Tuesday, March 20
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.

March Madness Party

Wednesday, March 14
7 to 8 p.m.
White Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
Pueblo West

Celebrate the end of winter with us by playing games, winning prizes, and filling up on snacks. Bring your friends.

This program is free and open to those in grades 6 - 12. Please call (719) 562-5660 for more information.

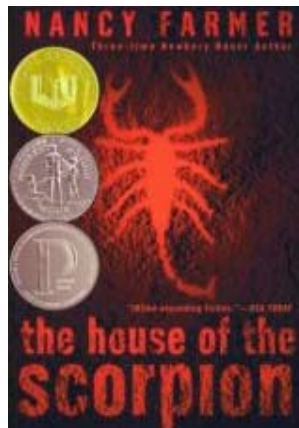
Teen stories at Barkman Library

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
7:30 p.m.
Barkman Library
1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.
The House of the Scorpion
by Nancy Farmer

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.

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.



Teen Tech Week

March 4 - 10
7 - 8 p.m.
Rawlings Library
Infozone News Museum - 4th Floor
100 East Abriendo Ave.

Podcast Academy

Learn all about how to search for podcasts (like online radio shows), how to load them onto an MP3 player, and finally how to record and edit your own shows using freely available software.

Computers in Teen Central at the Rawlings Library are set-up to allow users to listen to and edit podcasts.

Shop at Books Again Used Bookstore

Weekly Sales for the Month of March

March 5 - March 10

Celebrate Buzzard Day in Hinckley, Ohio. All books about birds 90% off retail price. \$1 Minimum. No other discounts apply.

March 12 - 17

Here's to your health. Any book about health, medicine, doctors, and nurses 90% off retail price. \$1 Minimum. No other discounts apply.

March 19 - 24

All gardening books. Buy One Get One Free. No other discounts apply.

March 26 - 31

Craft books. Buy One Get One Free. No other discounts apply.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS!

Thanks to new volunteer, Leilani Aguero

Reminder: All Friends of the Library receive a 10% discount when they shop! A Books Again Club Membership may be purchased for five dollars a year to receive an additional 10% off.

News Flash On January 26, 2007, Books Again celebrated gross sales of \$100,000 since our opening date.



Location and phone number:

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

(719) 543-4688

Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed on Sunday



Friends of the Library Board cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Books Again used bookstore in 2006.

Friends of the Library present: Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, April 28

6:30 p.m.

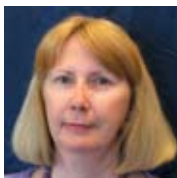
Rawlings Public Library

Ryals Room - 4th Floor

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Don't miss what's sure to be a great evening of friends, food and mystery! The Friends of the Library invite you to experience a one-of-a-kind event for book lovers. This year's annual meeting will feature the Impossible Players and create an interactive atmosphere for attendees. Help solve the library-themed mystery and support a wonderful organization that gives so much back to the community through their support of the library.

Tickets are \$20 and will be ready for sale soon. Mark your calendars now for this exciting and fun night out. For more information, please call (719) 562-5605.



Friends of the Library President's Corner by Jeanne Gardner

Welcome to March. This is a month holding many significant dates. Literature lovers recall March 15, which marks the Roman Ides of March, made famous in the Shakespeare play, Julius Caesar. On a more positive note, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, and the 21st is the first day of spring.

There is still time to enter the Poetry Contest. The deadline is April 13th. The Youth Writing Contest received 143 submissions. This year's theme was Write a Mystery. Friends' Board members are busy reading the entries. Thank you to the many young area authors who took the time to write and submit an entry.

The Program Committee members are busy preparing for the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.

Committee members tell me that they are concocting "a fun and exciting evening." Please mark your calendar for April 28. The evening will begin with social time at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner will commence at 7:00 p.m. There will be a short business meeting and members will elect the 2007-08 officers. The winners of the Youth Writing Contest will be revealed. The program will be a murder mystery. Will it have anything to do with libraries? Does Pueblo play a role in the mystery? Please join us on April 28 and find out. The venue will be the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library, Ryals Rooms, so seating will be limited. Invitations will be sent to Friends members. Others may call (719) 562-5606 for reservations and more information.

A Special Gift for Books Again Patrons! by Edna Shoaf

She walks down the hall, blonde hair swinging forward to gently tickle a determined chin. Head held high, eyes meeting the world head on, every ounce of her tall, slender body silently screams: This is a LADY. Ladies and gentlemen, meet Jeanne Gardner, President of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library and soon to be an ex-member. Actually hers is a French name, and her family pronounces it like Jean Claude, the famous skier.

Jeanne comes to us from a northern Arizona town which was once a water stop for the railroad and later became a rest stop for Route 66 traffic. She earned a Bachelors degree in literature at the University of Missouri in Columbia. During her senior year, her advisor told her that graduates in literature wound up as cab drivers, so she continued her education there in Columbia and received a Masters in Library Science. She said, "I have never been sorry that I changed my major because I love my work."

For a while she managed the media lab at the University School of Nursing there in Columbia. Later she moved to Lamar Community College as librarian, and in 1984 she moved to Pueblo Community College where she is still employed. She has been eligible for retirement for the past three years, but she said nothing has come along that gives her a reason to want to retire. When asked what she had in mind for retirement, she smiled charmingly and replied, "I don't have any plans yet, so who knows." I have a feeling that she will fling herself wholeheartedly into whatever happens to "come along" in the future.

Jeanne shares her home with three cats and two dogs. Her oldest cat, Abby, belonged to her mother and is about twenty-two years of age. She rescued Misty from the parking lot when it was raining. Misty was a wild child for a while, but Jeanne has managed to tame her quite satisfactorily. She purchased a new home this year, and Skye presented himself at her door as a house warming gift, quickly making himself at home. The two dogs are rescue dogs from the pound - medium sized American Eskimo which are not as big as the Alaskan Husky. These two little girls are named Lolly and Bree.

Reading, obviously, is a huge hobby of hers, and right now she is into nonfiction and reading about the history of the southwestern part of the United States. She also skis cross country because she is "a basic chicken" to face the downhill slopes.

Jeanne has spent six years on the Board, and she was Treasurer for three years before becoming President this year. She stated that she felt the objective of the Friends is to act as liaison between the public and the library, and to also provide funding for many "neat" programs for the Pueblo area.

This, then, my dear friend Jeanne, is my wish for you as you leave our midst after our annual meeting in April: May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy! So, happy trails, comrade!

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



**Be sure to check out all your
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