

Library

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY

news & events

May 2009

Hours:

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

Public library locations:

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

Satellite library locations:

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

Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Ryals Room - 4th floor

Tickets are \$5. To purchase, call the Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society at 543-3741, Southeastern Colorado Heritage Center at 295-1517 or Pueblo Zoo at 561-9664 ext. 100.



What is a dog, anyway? Where did dogs come from? How did the early peoples living in the southwest get their dogs and how did dogs fit in these early cultures?

All of these questions will be examined and some interesting facts will be presented in this lecture by Dody Fugate, curator at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology in Santa Fe. She has been studying the origins of the domestic dog since the mid 1990s and the cultural interaction between dogs and humans, especially in the Southwest, for the last 20 years. All proceeds benefit the Pueblo chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society. This event is cosponsored by Pueblo City-County Library District.

Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee exhibition

Friday, June 5 to Sunday, Aug. 30
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave., 4th floor



The InfoZone News Museum is proud to announce the opening of a national exhibit developed by Lied Discovery Children's Museum in Las Vegas. This inspiring, hands-on journey shows visitors the extraordinary lives of refugees who are forced to flee their homes and seek safety in a new land. There are 10 million refugee children in the world, and even refugees living in Pueblo. This nationally renowned travelling exhibit will only visit 13 U.S. cities this year, Pueblo is the third stop on the tour. Visitors of all ages can explore what it means to be a refugee and better understand the hardships and hope for a brighter future.

Several community events will be planned around this exhibition, so look for event updates all summer long. This learning experience is free and open to the public. For more information or to schedule group tours, call 553-0205.

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Events Calendar May 2009

1 Friday

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

2 Saturday

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

3 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is open** 1 - 5 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Shrek the Third (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

4 Monday

- **Barkman book-discussion group**
Dewey: the Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World
by Vicki Myron
Barkman 7 p.m.

5 Tuesday

- **Time for Tots**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Movie Night:**
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
(PG-13)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

6 Wednesday

- **Wednesday Night Movies**
Doubt (PG-13)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

7 Thursday

- **Preschool Story Time**
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- **Dogs of the Southwest**
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

8 Friday

- **Really Basic Computer Class**
Rawlings 9:30 a.m.
Training room - 3rd floor

9 Saturday

- **Vegetable gardening with a twist**
Lamb 1:30 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Surf's Up (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

10 Sunday

- **Rawlings Library is open** 1 - 5 p.m.
- **Matinee Movie**
Surf's Up (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor



Customer feedback by Jon Walker

It always is important to listen carefully to your customers. In this respect, libraries are no different than other service-oriented enterprises.

Along this line, we recently conducted a series of focus groups with a cross-section of community members to talk about libraries. Our goal was to gather qualitative information concerning library services to see how libraries are perceived and to guide Pueblo City-County Library District in the future. During the course of several meetings, a good deal of useful information emerged.

Among the important trends included general pleasure with library technology improvements such as more and faster public access computers, and the online catalog (www.pueblolibrary.org). People especially like the ability to go online to the catalog from home, office or school to reserve library materials. We also learned there is desire for the library catalog to support improved searching techniques.

We received very positive feedback about library public programs. The library clearly is valued for its cultural and educational event offerings in our community.

Library facilities are seen as a major asset, including our collection of books and other materials, modern and well-maintained buildings, public meeting rooms, and quality spaces for teens and children. People recognize the advantages of convenient availability of food and drink in the library. There is a perceived need to increase the size of the Barkman Library or provide another library on the eastside of the city of Pueblo.

Focus-group participants expressed appreciation for several of the newer targeted services introduced in recent years, such as enhanced teen services, Nuestra Biblioteca Hispanic Resource Center, Accessible Avenues: Paving the Way for Customers with Special Needs, outreach programs such as Books in the Park, and the Rawlings Library's Special Collections and Genealogy services. Generally speaking, library users would like to see these services not only continued but expanded.

We learned useful information for possible future services, too. Customers are interested in methods for improving the availability of highly popular and best-selling materials. They want audiobooks that can be downloaded to computers, portable MP3 or iPod players. Customers want an updated and redesigned library website and wireless computer access in all libraries. Finally, we heard some enthusiasm for delivering books via a van to centers in poorer neighborhoods, a possible library-sponsored adult literacy program, and improved library support for business and vocational services.

These are only some of the highlights of what we learned from the community focus groups. A full report is available to the public. Please contact me to learn more.

We believe it is not only important to listen to our customers, but to follow up on what we hear. So, look for plans and activities from us in response to what we learned, and for continued great things from your public library.

Jon Walker is Pueblo City-County Library District's Executive Director and may be reached at (719) 562-5633 or at jon.walker@pueblolibrary.org.



Tell us how we're doing!

Fill out a short survey from now until May 31 at any library location or by logging on to www.pueblolibrary.org and clicking on the survey link. All data gathered will help us plan for the future.

Books & Beyond @ your library: Pueblo West Library grand opening!

May 2009



Pueblo City-County Library District staff and trustees cut the "green" ribbon to officially open the new library's doors.

After four years of planning, preparation and hard work, Pueblo West Library officially opened its doors on April 8, 2009. The \$6.6 million library is 28,000 square feet and was designed by Denver-based Humphries Poli Architects.

Pueblo West Library will be the first public building in the county to be certified as a "green" building.

The very joyous occasion was attended by more than 300 people and featured performances by Prairie Wind and Desert Sage elementary schools.



Prairie Winds and Desert Sage elementary schools perform at the Pueblo West Library grand opening on April 8.

11 Monday

- "Hot Topics" discussion group
I.O.U.S.A. (PG)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

12 Tuesday

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

13 Wednesday

- Kids Korner: Ocean Animals
Pueblo West 4 p.m.
- Wednesday night movies
Frost Nixon (R)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

14 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Puppet Show by Lisa Surette
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
Youth Services Dept.
Vesper Shinn Memorial
Puppet Theater - 1st floor

15 Friday

- Storytellers are on vacation. Story times will resume in June.
- Wild Wild West Fest Movie
Brokeback Mountain (R)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

16 Saturday

- Beginning Internet
Rawlings 2:30 p.m.
Training room - 3rd floor
- Meet Children's Book author Cecilia Sanders & illustrator Mary Westy Bush
Rawlings 1 p.m.
Lobby area - 1st floor
- Matinee Movie
Sleeping Beauty (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- Independent Film
The Grocer's Son
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

17 Sunday

- Rawlings Library is open. 1 - 5 p.m.
- Matinee Movie
Sleeping Beauty (G)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

18 Monday

- Storytellers are on vacation. Story times will resume in June.

19 Tuesday

- Time for Tots
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Teen Movie Night:
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13)
Rawlings 7 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor
- Teen Scene: Bringing Back the Diskette
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Bret Kelly room - 1st floor

May 2009

20 Wednesday

- Book to a Movie club
Slumdog Millionaire (R)
Rawlings 6:30 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th floor

21 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.
- Join us for a 'Walk Around the Blocks' by Susan Adamich & Laurel Campbell
Rawlings 7 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor

22 Friday

- How to Approach a Foundation and an Overview of Recent Changes to the Foundation Center's Online Database Workshop
Rawlings 9:30 p.m.
Ryals room - 4th floor

23 Saturday

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

24 Sunday

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

25 Monday

- All Libraries are closed today for Memorial Day.

26 Tuesday

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

27 Wednesday

- Game Time
Pueblo West 4 p.m.
King room A

28 Thursday

- Preschool Story Time
Pueblo West 10 & 10:30 a.m.

29 Friday

- Storytellers are on vacation. Story times will resume in June.

30 Saturday

- Matinee Movie
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

31 Sunday

- Matinee Movie
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG)
Rawlings 2 p.m.
InfoZone - 4th Floor

Vegetable gardening with a twist

Saturday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m.
(reservations by May 7)
Lamb Public Library
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.

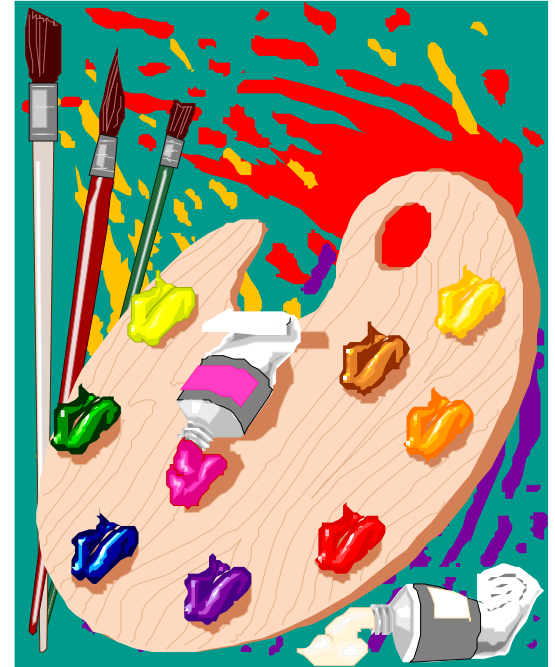


Kata Schmidt, master gardener from the CSU Extension office will provide tips on how to grow a productive crop of vegetables this year. Please call 562-5670 by May 7 for reservations or for more information. Refreshments will be provided. A door prize will be given away. This event is free and open to the public.

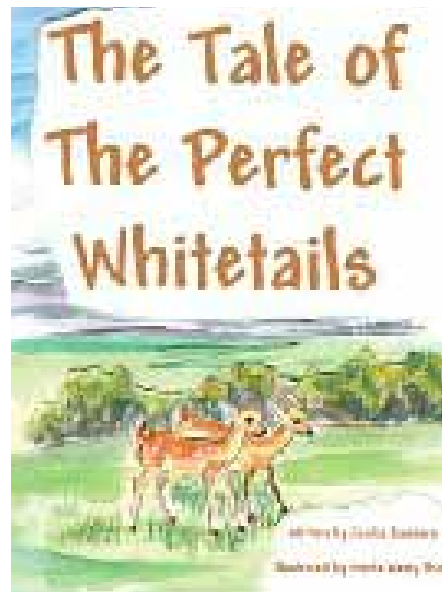
Experimental Watercolor Exhibit presented by Southern Colorado Watercolor Society

Friday, May 1 - Saturday, May 16
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
4th floor gallery

Come and experience watercolors in ways you might not have ever seen them before! The exhibition is free and open to the public. This show is a collaboration between Pueblo City-County Library District and the Southern Colorado Watercolor Society. For more information, please call 553-0205.



Meet children's book author Cecilia Sanders & illustrator Mary Westy Bush



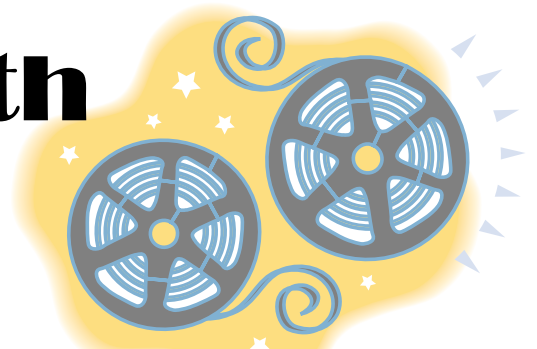
Saturday, May 16 from 1 - 3 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Lobby area - 1st floor

Do you have a great idea for a kids' book? Are you curious about what it takes write a book and get it published?

Now is your chance to learn more from authors who have been through it before. This local author/illustrator team will discuss the book publishing process from start to finish and help answer your questions. They are currently preparing a sequel to their first children's book, *The Tail of the Perfect Whitetails*.

This event is free and open to the public. Please call 562-5603 for more information.

Playing this month @ your library



Matinee movies @ the InfoZone

May is a perfect month to come and watch a movie in the state-of-the-art InfoZone Movie Theatre. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are. The InfoZone Theatre is located on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. All movies shown are free!

Shrek the Third (PG)

Saturday, May 2 & Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m.

Surf's Up (PG)

Saturday, May 9 & Sunday, May 10 at 2 p.m.

Sleeping Beauty (G)

Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m.

Hotel for Dogs (PG)

Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24 at 2 p.m.

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG)

Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m.

Independent film series @ the InfoZone

The Grocer's Son

Directed by Eric Guirado

Drama - France, English subtitles

Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor



It is summer, and thirty-year-old Antoine is forced to leave the city to return to his family in Provence. His father is sick, so he must assume the lifestyle he thought he had shed - driving the family grocery cart from hamlet to hamlet, delivering supplies to the few remaining inhabitants. Accompanied by Claire, a friend from Paris whom he has a secret crush on, Antoine gradually warms up to his experience in the

country and his encounters with the villagers, who initially seem stubborn and gruff, but ultimately prove to be funny and endearing.

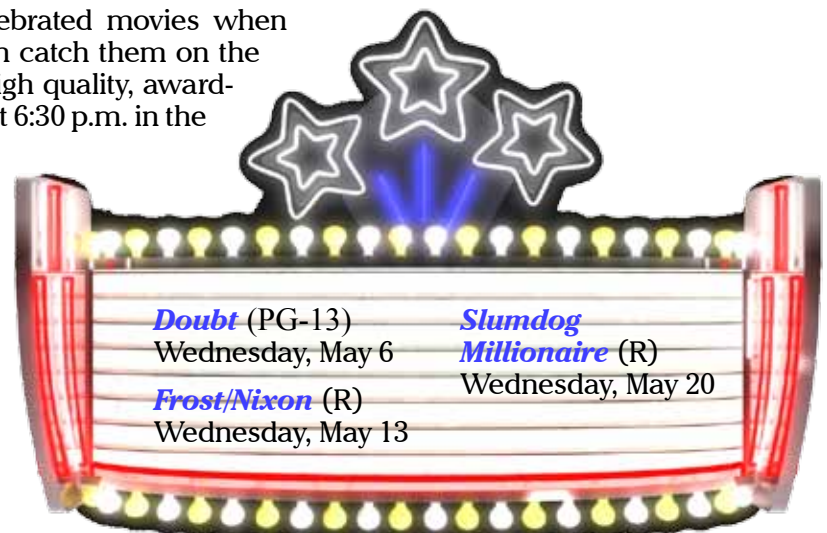
The film is free, and public seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the Independent Films, call 562-5604 or send an e-mail to InfoZone@pueblolibrary.org.

Wednesday night movies @ the InfoZone

Did you miss some of this year's most celebrated movies when they hit the theaters? No problem, now you can catch them on the InfoZone Theatre's big screen - and for free! High quality, award-winning films will be shown each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the theater, which is located on the 4th floor of the Rawlings Library.

All movies are free, and public seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theater, but covered drinks are.

No movie will be shown on Wednesday, May 27 because we'll be setting up for a very special Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee exhibition that is opening Friday, June 5.



“Hot Topics” discussion group

I.O.U.S.A. (PG)

Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

The InfoZone will screen the film *I.O.U.S.A.* The film suggest that with the country’s debt growing out of control, Americans by and large are unaware of the looming financial crisis. This documentary examines several ways America can get its economy back on the right track. In addition to looking at the federal deficit and trade deficit, the film also closely explores the challenges of funding programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. A discussion will follow the movie. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks are not allowed in the theatre, but covered drinks are allowed. For more information, please call 553-0205.



Barkman book-discussion group

Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World

by Vicki Myron

Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

Barkman Library

1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.

Dewey’s story starts in the worst possible way. Only a few weeks old, on the coldest night of the year, he was stuffed into the returned book slot at the Spencer Public Library. He was found the next morning by library director, Vicki Myron, a single mother who had survived the loss of her family farm, a breast cancer scare, and an alcoholic husband. Dewey won her heart, and the hearts of the staff, by pulling himself up and hobbling on frostbitten feet to nudge each of them in a gesture of thanks and love. For the next nineteen years, he never stopped charming the people of Spencer with his enthusiasm, warmth, humility, (for a cat) and, above all, his sixth sense about who needed him most.

As his fame grew from town to town, then state to state, and finally, amazingly, worldwide, Dewey became more than just a friend; he became a source of pride for an extraordinary Heartland farming town pulling its way slowly back from the greatest crisis in its long history.

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

**Plan ahead!
Next Discussion:**

Monday, June 1 at 7 p.m.

***Zen and Now* by Mark
Richardson**

Book to a Movie Club

Slumdog Millionaire (R)

Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

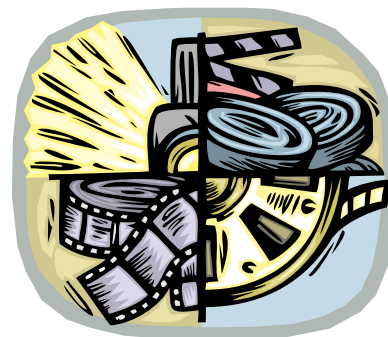
100 E. Abriendo Ave.

InfoZone Theatre - 4th floor

Join us for a movie based on a book. The selection for May is *Slumdog Millionaire*. Danny Boyle (Sunshine) directed this wildly energetic, Dickensian drama about the desultory life and times of an Indian boy whose bleak, formative experiences lead to an appearance on his country’s version of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* Jamal (played as a young man by Dev Patel) and his brother are orphaned

as children, raising themselves in various slums and crime-ridden neighborhoods and falling in, for a while, with a monstrous gang exploiting children as beggars and prostitutes.

Running parallel with this dark yet irresistible adventure, told in flashback vignettes, is the almost inexplicable sight of Jamal winning every challenge on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*, a strong showing that leads to a vicious police interrogation. As Jamal explains how he knows the answer to every question on the show as the result of harsh events in his knockabout



life, the chaos of his existence gains shape, perspective and soulfulness.

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

Free computer classes @ your library

Really Basic Computer Class

Friday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Training Room - 3rd floor

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

Beginning Internet

Saturday, May 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Training Room - 3rd floor

This class is designed for people with little or no experience in using the Internet. You will learn

to navigate the World Wide Web using Internet Explorer and basic search engines. *Need basic keyboard and mouse skills.

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

Computer Tutor: A computer tutor will be available to assist with special projects and individual computer instruction on Saturday, May 2, 9, & 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rawlings Library in the 3rd floor training room and Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. Please sign up at the reference desk on the 2nd floor. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available after those who have registered are seated. Please call (719) 562-5601 for more information.

Do you D-I-Y?

Do you have questions about household repairs that need to be taken care of? The library has the answers in the Home Improvement Reference Center, an online resource that is designed to assist homeowners with do-it-yourself home repair, maintenance, and remodeling projects.

Step-by-step instructions for thousands of projects in the areas of plumbing, outdoor projects, woodworking, electrical, and decorating are provided in easy to read, printable formats. The information included comes from Do-It-Yourself reference books, leading Do-It-Yourself periodicals as well as videos. A Toolbox is included that contains handy information on the

following topics & more: Conversion Charts, Glossary of Terms, Working with Contractors, links to the Full Video Collection as well as a printable Homeowner's Journal for you to use as a permanent record of your home and its systems.

To access the Home Improvement Reference Center and our other do-it-yourself resources, go to www.pueblolibrary.org, click on "Online Resources," click on "Do-It-Yourself," and then click on Home Improvement Reference Center. If using this resource from outside of the library, you will need to enter your library card number when prompted.

Are you looking for a grant?

How to Approach a Foundation and an Overview of Recent Changes to the Foundation Center's Online Database

Workshop presented by Scott Ullman, Foundation Center

Regional Training Coordinator

Friday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m.

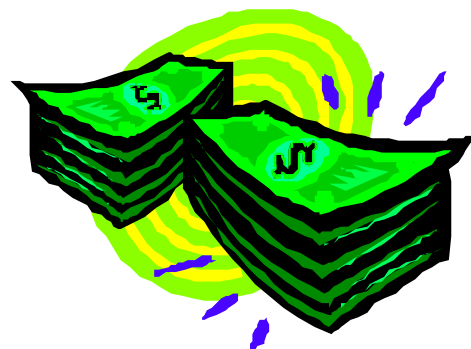
Rawlings Public Library

100 E. Abriendo Ave.

Ryals Room - 4th floor

The first part of this workshop will cover strategies for effective communication with grantmakers, taking you through initial contact to what happens after you receive funding. You will learn how to initiate contact with potential funders; plan calls and meetings; communicate during and after a grant decision; and ultimately, how to build lasting partnerships with grantmakers. During the second part of this workshop, you will be provided with an overview of recent changes made to the Foundation Center's online database.

Registration is required by **Monday, May 18, 2009**. You can register for this free workshop at the Rawlings Public Library Special Collections desk, call 562-5626, or e-mail Richard.Tucey@pueblolibrary.org.

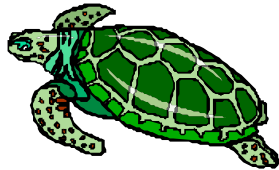


Kids' Page

Kids Korner: Ocean Animals

Wednesday, May 13 at 4 p.m.
Pueblo West Public Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.

Learn about the animals lurking in the ocean, participate in fun water games, and make ocean animal crafts. This program is free and open to kids in grades K - 2. Please call 562-5660 for more information.



Puppet show

Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Youth Services Department - 1st floor
Vesper Shinn Memorial Puppet Theater

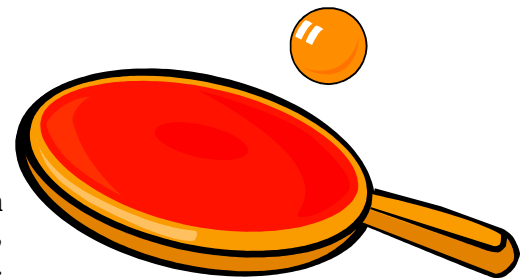
Come to a wonderful evening of fun. Puppeteer Lisa Surette will delight families with a 30-minute puppet show. This program is free and open to families. Please call 562-5603 for more information.



Game time

Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m.
Pueblo West Public Library
298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd.
King Room A

Looking for something fun to do with your friends? Join us for an awesome hour of games at the library. Play mummy ball, puff pong, balloon volleyball, and try to win the ice relay! Snacks will be provided. This free program is for kids in grades 3 - 5. Please call 562-5660 for more information.



Create Your Own Dr. Seuss Character Contest winners

Kindergarten

1st - Angelica Daugherty
3rd - Jillian Martellaro

1st grade

1st - Caitlin Johnston
2nd - Liberty Shay
3rd - Destany Garcia-Gallegos

2nd grade

1st - Samantha Toothaker
2nd - Idaly Perez-Leon
2nd - Aja LeDoux
3rd - Ryan Leno Downs

3rd grade

1st - Alayna Ferguson
2nd - Raquel Marquez
3rd - Lisa Marie Hacs

4th grade

1st - Abbie Ridpath
2nd - Brendan Bell
3rd - Chantilli Jacobs

5th grade

1st - Rose T. Martinez
2nd - Katlyn Warren
3rd - Alexis Porter

6th grade

1st - Kamashae Martinez-Vigil
2nd - Eugene Leyba
3rd - William Skay

7th grade

1st - Orguidia Hernandez
2nd - Myriam Denisse Trevizo
3rd - Oscar Caraveo

8th grade

1st - Amber Brusak
2nd - Maya Rodriguez
3rd - Tatiano Carvo

High School

1st - Jennifer M. Johnston - East High
2nd - Kayla Kolbe - Central High
3rd - Michael Meisky - Central High



Winning entry by Katlyn Warren - 2nd place

Teen Scene

Teen Movie Night

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13)
Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. &
Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
InfoZone - 4th floor



The third film in the *The Mummy* series continues by setting the action in China. There, the discovery of an ancient emperor's elaborate tomb proves a feather in the cap of Alex O'Connell (Luke Ford), a young archaeologist and son of Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) and his wife Evelyn (Maria Bello, taking over the role from Rachel Weisz).

Unfortunately, a curse that turned the emperor (Jet Li) and his army into terra cotta warriors buried for centuries is lifted, and the old guy prepares for world domination by seeking immortality at Shangri La. The O'Connells barely stay a step ahead of him (climbing through the Himalaya mountains with apparent ease), but the action inevitably leads to a showdown between two armies of mummies in a Chinese desert.

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

Bringing back the diskette

Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.
Rawlings Public Library
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Bret Kelly Room - 1st floor



Do you have any 3.5 disks laying around the house, unused and neglected? Transform them into miniature notebooks in this fun and creative recycled craft. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 562-5603.

Create a colorful bookmark!

It's that time of year again to enter the annual Up With Reading Bookmark Contest. One winner will be selected from each of the following grades: Kindergarten, First grade, Second grade, Third grade, Fourth grade, Fifth grade, Sixth grade, Seventh grade, Eighth grade, and High School.

Entry forms are available at all library locations. Deadline for entries is Friday, May 15, 2009. Winning entries will be recognized at a special ceremony in September.

Contest Rules:

1. Bookmarks must measure 1-7/8 inches by 5-3/4 inches. Include the following with each entry: Your Name, Age, Home Phone Number, Grade, Teacher's Name, and School's name.
2. Only one entry per person may be accepted.
3. Participants must be Pueblo County residents.
4. Bring entries to any Library location, mail to Greg Sinn at Pueblo School District No. 60, Velma Dilka at Pueblo School District No. 70, or the Community Relations Department at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004 or e-mail entries to contests@pueblolibrary.org.

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Trustee Talk by Sherri Baca

Going green is not just a slogan for the Pueblo City-County Library District, it's a 28,000 square foot library that is "green" from head to toe. The Pueblo West Library branch is a jewel in PCCLD's crown that celebrated its grand re-opening last month. This beautiful building—one we invite you to visit soon if you haven't already—has earned a Silver designation from the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system. The LEED rating system is a certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The great news is that the Pueblo West Library joins the growing number of green buildings popping up in Pueblo County. I for one as a taxpayer and as a citizen am happy to see the cities of Pueblo and Pueblo West going green! It's catchy. Just Google "going green" and you'll find many resources on the web to help you implement sustainable and Earth-friendly tips and practices in your own household and neighborhood.



Departing Friends of the Library Board members pose at the Friends Annual meeting on April 18. Pictured from left to right: Lois Pfof, Edna Shoaf, John Tappen, Lynda McKinnon and Barb Tuttoilmondo. Not pictured: Marilyn Kristan.



Friends of the Library president's corner

by Jim Stuart

It's time for change! The Friends of the Pueblo Library District have a new group of officers for the 2009/2010 fiscal year that begins on May 1st. I am continuing as President; but Annette Warfield, as Vice President; James Amos, Secretary and Mary Simmons, Treasurer, are all new to our group of officers. This new slate of officers and the FOL Board will have the opportunity to lead us into our 50th year which occurs in 2010. We have already begun to think about, and formulate plans and events to celebrate, this very special occasion. You will be hearing more from us on this later on this year and into 2010.

As I end my second year as President I would like to give a big thanks to the entire Board but especially to Barbara Tuttoilmondo, Marilyn Kristan and John Tappen who were my fellow officers and are leaving the FOL Board. In addition, I could not have kept every thing going without Tabitha Davis who is the liaison between the Friends and the Community Relations Department at the Library District. Her wonderful, unfailing help, in all of the dozens of projects we have done over the last couple of years was indispensable. I think we have accomplished quite a bit during this transition time from

And So, Farewell

by Edna Shoaf

Yes, indeed, 'tis very true - parting is such sweet sorrow. The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library Board was held on Saturday, April 18, and six of us devoted members very quietly slipped away into the past. (Well, some of us never went quietly anywhere, but that is another story, and probably not for gentle readers to hear.) Marilyn Kristan, Lynda McKinnon, Lois Pfost, Edna Shoaf, John Tappen, and Barbara Tuttoilmondo had their last hurrah as members of the board. But, of course, there is still Books Again which will require our tender loving care and devotion. So, y'all haven't seen the last of us!

Many thanks to the entertainment committee for a lovely dinner, as always, and for grand entertainment. Joanne and Ed Dodds captured our interest with slides of Pueblo's past. Joanne, a former librarian, has done an incredible amount of research concerning the growth of this place we now call home, and right by her side was Ed with his trusty camera. Totally fascinating!

Victor Moss spent time describing the experiences of his parents during the Second World War, and the terrors they faced during that terrible time in Europe. Betty Alt, sociology lecturer at CSU-Pueblo, and her partner in writing about crime, Sandra Wells, retired chief investigator for the Pueblo District Attorney, told us about their book, *Mountain Mafia*, and discussed future books on which they will collaborate. So, the audience came away with minds and well as tummies stuffed with goodies.



a group who holds one used book sale a year to one that operates a used bookstore year around. Now I will grant you that this change doesn't sound like a very big deal to most folks, but let me tell you it is monumental for a small, completely volunteer, organization. I am particularly proud of the fact that our membership has increased from 372 in 2007 to 607 currently. This increase is almost completely due to the strategies we have used to improve the benefits of membership through the discounts and other perks provided by Books Again, our used bookstore. In addition Books Again has generated profits, which it turns over to the Friends to fund library projects, in the amount of over \$90,000 during the past two years.

Our continuing aim is to grow this fine organization and make it as meaningful to the citizens of Pueblo, through our Library District and our bookstore, as we possibly can.

Congratulations and good luck to Annette, James and Mary in your new responsibilities.

On April 21, the new officers for the FOL Board were installed: since Tara Griffin had to withdraw as president, Jim Stuart graciously accepted that position for the second year. Annette Warfield takes over as vice president, newcomer James Amos is the secretary, and another newcomer, Mary Simmons, will be the treasurer. Buena suerte to all of you.

I am definitely going to miss that monthly meeting and the wonderful companionship that I enjoyed there. The thing that makes this all feel better is the fact that many of the same people will be working at Books Again. Marilyn is store manager for Tuesdays, Lois Pfost is manager on Thursdays; Lynda McKinnon works on Tuesdays the same as I do; John will be wandering in now and then; and Barb also gives of her time, especially on sale days.

Speaking of sales: Don't you DARE forget the Big Bag sale on the first weekend of May! If you belong to the Friends, then you may come on Thursday. Now, this really is for Friends only - you will be required to show your membership card. Thursdays have always been less crowded than Friday and Saturday. I believe that everyone will be much surprised at the number and selection of books on sale this year. I will plan to see you there! AND - Don't forget these wise words: No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery!

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Wild Wild West Fest movie

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The Southern Colorado Equality Alliance is partnering with the InofZone Theatre and PCCLD to show a screening of *Brokeback Mountain*.

This sweeping epic explores the lives of two young men - a ranch-hand and a rodeo cowboy - who meet in the summer of 1963 and unexpectedly forge a lifelong connection. The complications, joys and heartbreak they experience provide a testament to the endurance and power of love.

This event is in conjunction with the Professional Bull Rider's Wild Wild West Fest. Refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to the public.

