

# **PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT**

## **Report of the Executive Director – September**

### **Submitted to the Library Board of Trustees**

#### **October 26, 2023**

## **Barkman Library**

### **Programs**

Total Storytime Attendance: 35  
Total Children/Tween/Teen Program Attendance: 12  
Total Adult Program Attendance: 22

The Barkman staff were unable to start the first week of September with Head Start, and not wanting to break stride, we provided a week of "Storytime in the Park." Furry friends came too.



**Cooperative Programs:** Barkman's "Art in the Box" and the "Library Lock-in" programs are currently connecting with all the PCCLD Branch Libraries and providing "Traveling Programs" to each branch on a monthly basis. In September, Marcus Bower provided his "Art in the Box" program for the patrons at Pueblo West!

### **Outreach**

Belmont Pre-K: 35  
Building Blocks Library Visit: 27  
Eva Baca Elementary Back to School Night: 313  
CSUP Pre-K Library Visit: 38  
APR Kickoff Booth: 538  
Pueblo Villa Retirement Home Visit: 9



Creative creations from CSUP Daycare's second grade class. They hold storytime in their on-campus library in order to help them practice field-trip skills.

For the APR kickoff, Barkman had a drawing for two African Grey Frogs, and a prize wheel with fun themed prizes!



## **Giodone Library**

### **PROGRAMS**

- Storytimes – 35
- Youth Programs – 201
- Adult Programs - 133
- Passive/Kits2Go Programs – 242

### **OUTREACH**

Vineland Elementary Family Resource Night-200

Avondale Elementary Craft Programs - 45

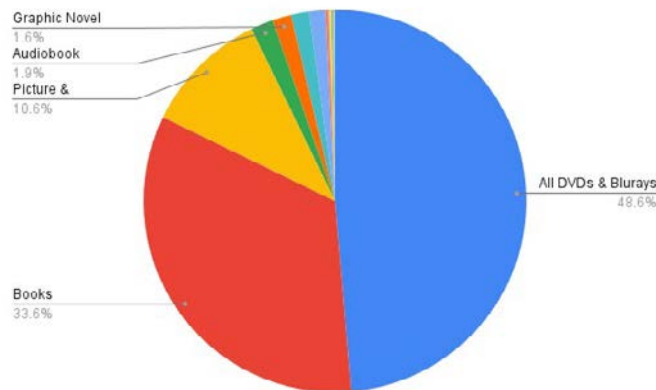
**SPECIAL PROJECTS** – Principals and superintendent have signed memorandums of understanding with Avondale Elementary as a satellite location, and Vineland Middle and County High as hold pick up locations.

### **ADDITIONAL DATA**

- Circulation -26.3%
- Library Visits -8.2%
- Program Attendance 150.2%
- Volunteer hours – 17 hours
- Call Center – 208 calls

## Greenhorn Valley Library

**Circulation Total Check-ins: 1,893**



All DVDs and Blurays	892	Magazine	28
Audiobooks	35	Picture Book/Boardbooks	194
Books	616	Read along talking books	25
Graphic Novel	29	Local Collection Book	1
Hotspot	1	Seed Packets	4
ILL-BOOK	5	Grant Devices	1
Laptops & Tablets	3	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1834</b>
Local Collection Book	1		

**Total Library Visits: 3,782**

Week of:	Number of visits	Total
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	837	837
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	1,102	1,939
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	889	2,828
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	954	3,782

**Notary Appointments: 1**

**Total Number of Digital Uses: 96**

**CALL CENTER CALLS: 166**

**Program Attendance Total: 481**

125	Community puzzle
90	Yoga
82	Guess the number game
56	Family Friday! Crafts & Activities
28	Video Games
19	Happy Hookers

13	Greenhorn Valley Book Club
4	Glow in the Dark Arts
4	Sip & Stroke

**OUTREACH:** Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting, Chamber of Commerce Casino Night 9/23, 60; All Pueblo Reads 9/29, 225.

## Lucero Library

### Youth Programming

- **Pueblo Rocks! Holidays Around the World** – 25 participants  
Patrons of all ages came together and painted holiday-inspired rocks. Each rock represented a different country. This program is something that the community looks forward to and enjoys attending.
- **After School Crafts** – 131 participants  
Chris Rivera hosted daily after school activities that included paper plate ladybugs, bingo, chess and a puffy fish craft.
- **D60 After School Snack Program** -125 participants
- **Hardknox Afterschool Chess Program** - 316 participants
- **Hardknox individual therapeutic mentoring:** 101
- **Youth passive programs:**
  - Exploration table: Come check out our exploration corner where you can create, design, build, explore, construct, invent, and tinker – 120 participants
  - Coloring table: Fall Color pages – 80 participants
  - Take and Make Kits – 120 participants
  - Game system (Xbox/Switch) – 65 participants

### Adult Programming

- **DIY Talavera-inspired flower pot** - 16 participants  
In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and the lovely colors of Talavera tiles, Jessica Blaha shared examples of Talavera and patterns. Patrons were able to use to design their white flowerpots with paint and artist pens. One participant commented, "This class has to be one of my favorite classes of yours, Jessica. Thank you so much for everything you do!" -*Mary*
- **Recovery Solutions with Guest Claire Schad** - 30 participants  
Clients from Recovery Solution visited the library twice this month to make music with bucket drums. One of the participants commented, "I love feeling the music and just going with my own beat."

## Special Projects and Highlights:

- **Spice Library** - 55 completed waivers  
Patrons can enjoy taking five samples of a variety of spices home to spice up their cooking. They are also encouraged to check out cookbooks; digital resources; and A to Z World Food database.
- **Checkout Challenge: 'Ice Cream Fun' Basket** – 23 participants  
Patrons are encouraged to participate in a monthly drawing for a basket of family fun. To enter one needs to check out 10 items from the Lucero library.

## Outreach

- **Books a la Cart** - Total books delivered: 1135

## Lamb Library

Program	Attendance
<b>Storytimes</b>	
Toddler	38
Preschool (@ the Y)	134 (180 coloring sheets & 90 work searches)
Family	57
Family (@ Beulah)	0
Other	
<b>Youth Programs</b>	
Fun Fridays	64
Movie Matinee	5
Tween/Teen Night	12
Other	
<b>Adult Programs</b>	
Horror Cafe	7
Adult Craft	19
Classic Crafts (Seniors)	8
Tangled Yarn	4
Legal Clinic	8
Digital Book Club	26 views
Fun with Fiber	4
Tai Chi	11
Write-Aid	2

Outreach	Staff Member
<b>Events</b>	
APR Kickoff	Alva, Karen
Central HS Back-to-School Night	Alva
<b>Partnerships</b>	
NAMI	Alva
Various Schools for Teen Program	Karen
<b>Other</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>	
Storage room	Crystal, Karen
Telephony selection committee	Jen, Crystal
<b>Trainings/Meetings</b>	
Substance Abuse 101 (Homeless Trainings)	Alva
Sign Language Storytime with Rachel S.	Jen
Hobby Collection Meeting with Tech Services	Jen
Beulah IT Plan Meeting with Thomas D.	Jen
Writing & Conducting Performance Reviews	Jen





**Left Top: Art Exhibit by James Beck**

**Left Bottom: La Banana Bilingual Storytime with Gina Pollack**

**Right: Family Storytime (Crystal)**

## **Pueblo West Library**

### **Art Exhibits, Estimated Attendance 526**

- Susan Derieg Painting Exhibit

**Pueblo West Library held a total of 104 programs, outreach, club meetings, and Kits2Go with a total attendance of 2118.**

### **Adult Programming Highlights**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age group</b>	<b>Total attendance</b>
Painted Wine Glasses	9/13/2023	Adult	15
Paper Flowers	9/27/2023	Adult	7
Adult Open Game Night	Thursdays	Adult	4
Art Exhibit	Sept	Adult	526
Cappella Outreach	9/27/2023	Adult	7
Cast-Offs Knitting and Craft Club	Tuesdays	Adult	31
Coffee and Coloring	9/26/2023	Adult	5
Daylight Book Club	9/6/2023	Adult	12
Mahjongg Club	Tuesdays	Adult	38
Mystery Book Club	9/21/2023	Adult	6
PW Economic Development	Sept	Adult	18
PW Gardens Outreach	9/26/2023	Adult	7
Painted Wine Glasses Kit2Go	Sept	Adult	15
Pueblo Model Railroad Association	9/5/2023	Adult	22

Pueblo West Book Club	9/25/2023	Adult	9
PW Women's League Monthly Meeting	9/12/2023	Adult	53
Senior Movement & Stretch	M/W/F	Adult	160
SoCo Watercolor Society	9/7/2023	Adult	23
SoCo Genealogical Society	9/9/2023	Adult	12
Swedish Weavers	Mondays	Adult	18
Yoga	M/T/Th/F	Adult	190
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### Teen Programming

Full Moon Dungeons and Dragons	9/16/2023	Teen	3
Music Studio Time	9/13/2023	Teen	4
Silent in the Library	9/16/2023	Teen	5
Laser Tag Lock In	9/8/2023	Tween	20
Tween Craft	9/20/2023	Tween	7
Teen Hangout	Mon-Thur	Teen	137
Tween/ Teen Kit2Go	September	Teen	30
Open Maker Space	Mon/Wed	Teen	2
			208

### Children's Programming

Holiday Around the World Rock Painting	9/22/2023	Family	25
Society for Creative Anachronism	Weds	Family	63
Children's Palace Storytime	9/19/2023	Juvenile	12
Jammy Story Time: In Person	Thursdays	Juvenile	31
La Banana Special Storytime	9/12/2023	Juvenile	50
Read Dog Read	9/28/2023	Juvenile	17
Time for Tots	Tuesdays	Juvenile	79
Baby Storytime	Thursdays	Juvenile	31
Preschool Kits2Go	September	Juvenile	112
Preschool Storytime	Thursdays	Juvenile	97
Toddler Kits2Go	September	Juvenile	215
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### Economic Development

PW contributed to the community's economic development by providing technology help to 18 customers.

### Outreach

- 9/26/23 Stacy provided a craft outreach program at PW Gardens Assisted Living.
- 9/27/23 Stacy provided a craft outreach program at Cappella Assisted Living.
- 9/19/23 Beth and Stacy provided a storytime outreach at Children's Palace Daycare.

### September Checkout Challenge Raffle

PW had 21 patrons enter the checkout challenge raffle by checking out 210 books!  
Our winner was Hannah Houser.



## **Tech Services**

### **DIRECTOR:**

- Corporate Cup kicked off in September. 58 employees participated and the library took 1<sup>st</sup> in Sportsmanship. Many other team and individual awards were awarded.
- Jill Kleven talked to the PSM group about weeding, duplicates, and collection development requests.
- All classroom copies of the All Pueblo Reads books were distributed. Approximately 500 copies of Remarkably Bright Creatures, 1200 copies of Song for a Whale, 100 copies of Over and Under the Pond along with 3100 copies of the zoo guides were sent to various D60 and D70 schools.
- Jill issued the RFP for the Barkman renovation for an AMH and three self-checks. The RFP committee consists of Jill, Thomas DeFrates, Alicia Griebel, and Sherri Baca. Proposals are due on October 11, 2023.

### **COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT:**

- Jill met with Kayci Barnett and Cynthia Nicola at Giodone to discuss refreshing the Avondale collection starting in 2024.
- Jill met with Alicia to discuss revamping the CSU-P satellite collection also beginning in 2024.
- Elizabeth Flores continued to send out weeding lists to the branches.
- The Rawlings Youth collection material is arriving to increase the collection size of JFiction, JGraphic Novels, and JNonfiction.

### **CATALOGING:**

- Jessica Casados and Jill met with Lucille from OCLC to discuss ILL workflow improvements as well as a cataloging subscription from OCLC. This would allow our holdings to more up to date and visible. Lucille will return in October to meet with the TS team to discuss what the cataloging workflow would look like.

### **DEVICES:**

- More Chromebooks were sent out to the branches to have available for checkout.
- 15 Chromebooks were checked out to PSAS Fulton Heights.
- Theia turned off more hotspots that were checked out as overdue/lost in order to receive the devices back.

## **Local History & Genealogy**

### **PROGRAMS**

#### **Latino/o/x Book Festival - 9/15-16**

We celebrated the 10th year anniversary for the book festival. PCCLD collaborated with CSU-P to bring Marcelo Hernandez Castillo to Rawlings to talk about his book, *Children of the Land* on the 15th. Local author Mike Espinosa presented his book, *The Trail of the Espinosa Outlaws* on the 16th. Total attendance was 111. Several patrons mentioned how nice it was to be back attending programs in person. A luncheon was served (El Nopal) on Friday, and donuts, coffee, and fruit were served on Saturday. Juan Espinosa presented his film, *Los Seis de Boulder* on the afternoon of the 16th, with an attendance of 30. Trays from Gagliano's were served.



## TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

- Storytimes - Attendance: 19
- Youth Programs – Attendance: 19
- Adult Programs - Attendance: 403

## OUTREACH

### **Pueblo County Department of Human Services - Colorado Works**

On September 1, 2023, Maria provided a tour of the Rawlings Library and in particular the Hispanic Resource Center, for caseworker [Becky Vasquez](#) and her Spanish-speaking clients. They all obtained library cards. Attendance was 7.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS, INITIATIVES, NEW PARTNERSHIPS

LHG is wrapping up the organization of the department following the renovation, and turning towards planning for 2024 through a staff retreat at the end of October. The focus for the remainder of the year is to stabilize collections and ensure that materials are accessible. 2024's focus will be getting out into the community through outreach opportunities, collaboration internally and externally, and through programming both fun and educational.

## ADDITIONAL DATA

- **Circulation**  
WR Ref-books: 123  
SC-Loan: 42 checked out, 96 in-house uses  
Microfilm used: 113  
78 Obituary requests completed  
1 Ask Us request completed  
Photo files used: 77  
Archival boxes used: 2
- Digital Use and Collections  
Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection
  - Colorado Weekly Chieftain:
    - page views: 297
    - title searches: 41
  - Colorado Daily Chieftain:
    - page views: 3,135
    - title searches: 106
- Volunteer hours - HRC - 35.25; Archives - 84

## **Experiential Learning**

### **Makerspace Programs:**

- 9/1: Pueblo Rocks: 29
- 9/1: Teen Graphic Novels: 9
- 9/2: Better Together Makes: Horchata: 18
- 9/5: Ukulele Choir: 9
- 9/7: Celebrate Brazilian Independence: 18

- 9/7 Better with Age Makers Make Salsa: 10
- 9/9: Watercolors with Randy: 5
- 9/12: Vinyl Destination: 4
- 9/16: Archived Photo Pendants: 19
- 9/19: Ukulele Choir: 10
- 9/21: Better with Age Makers Make Face Masks: 6
- 9/29: All Pueblo Reads Photo Booth: 250
- 9/30: Sharon Needle Felts: 7

### **Outreach:**

- WestSide PLACE Event, in Partnership with all Rawlings Public Service Teams: Thad Stelter, Alishia Cunzio, and Sharon Rice handed out materials and candy to 500 people at Cesar Chavez school on the west side of Pueblo!

### **Exhibits:**

- 9/1: La Cucaracha: An Alternative Chicano Newspaper (1976-1983), a loaned exhibit from CSU Pueblo was installed and will continue in the 2nd floor museum space until the beginning of November.
- 9/26: Out of the Flood into the Frying Pan: Harnessing water to support Pueblo's Industry and Recreation was put up at the end of September on the sky bridge in conjunction with APR and provides a glimpse into how Pueblo weather impacted the Frying Pan - Arkansas Project resulting in better recreation and industry.

### **Concierge Services and Meeting Rooms:**

- Meeting Room Reservations in June: 175, down 16 from last month
- **Call Center Statistics:**
- Giodone – 208
- Greenhorn Valley – 166
- Library @Y – 313
- Rawlings – 532

## **User Services**

### **PROGRAMS**

#### **Youth**

- Storytimes
  - Family Storytime: 22 (we took a break this month)
  - Baby Storytime: 124
  - Toddler Storytime: 172
- Youth Programs – Early Literacy Fair: 150
- Tween Programs – Total for month 62
- Teen Programs – Total for month – 53
- Passive/Kits2Go Programs – Total for month 36 Self-care kits



### **OUTREACH**

- St. Therese Storytime (3 visits): 39
- McClelland Tour: 25
- Central High Outreach (1 visit to 3 lunch periods): 100
- D60 Peace Summit: 210

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS, INITIATIVES, NEW PARTNERSHIPS** (narrative)

- New partnership between Ciara Kehoe and Teen Kickback (teen wellness organization). Rawlings is hosting a Halloween event in partnership with Teen Kickback in October, and partnership will continue.

## **ADDITIONAL DATA (as applicable)**

- Volunteer hours = 8
- District wide teen program attendance (estimate) = 390

## **PROGRAMS**

### **Adult**

May choose to highlight a few featured programs with pictures

- Adult Programs - 67
- 40 Friends of the Library grant funded Kits2Go to senior housing, 90 APR Kits2Go to senior housing, 50 Kits2Go to senior housing, 33 Kits2Go to care facilities 213 total

## **OUTREACH**

- Helping Hands @ St. Mary Corwin - 200
- Westside Block Party @ the PLACE - 500
- Senior Safari@ Pueblo Zoo- 430

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS (narrative)**

As part of our PLA/ATT Digital Literacy Grant. We collaborated with The Learning Source for bilingual digital literacy classes. Over two sessions, we had 16 learners. We surveyed the class and the response was very positive!

## **ADDITIONAL DATA (as applicable)**

- Circulation
  - Homebound - 349
- Notary Appointments
- Volunteer Hours Total:
  - Homebound - 28
- Technology
  - Computer Classes/Open Lab - 74
  - 1:1 Tech Appointments – 35



## **Facilities**

### **Work Order Statistics**

- 250 Work Orders completed.
- 56 custodial work orders completed.

### **Rawlings**

- Worked on door code recovery.
- Setup equipment for café.
- On boarded new staff, Frank Nash.

- Worked on HVAC graphics and temperatures.

### **Barkman**

- Monitored the Barkman demo.

### **Giodone**

- Repaired sewer drain.

### **Pueblo West**

- Worked on getting info for the damaged roof.

### **Other duties/projects**

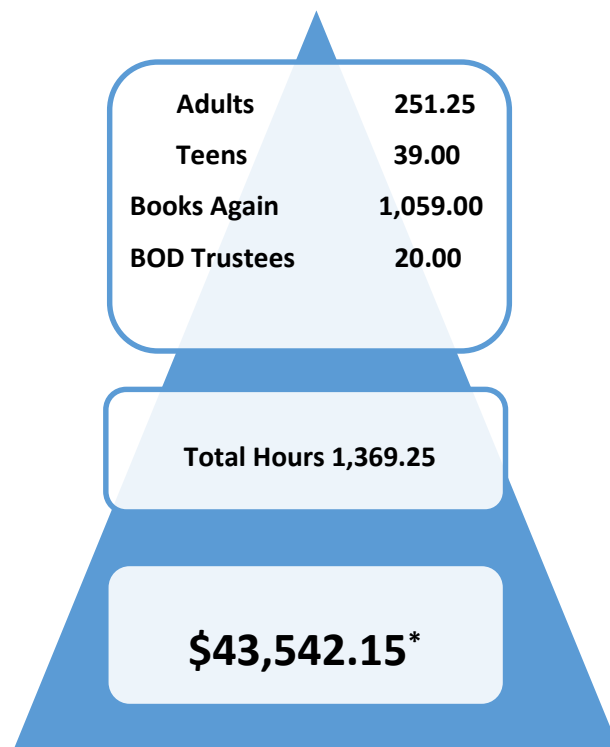
- Installed power to Opac.
- Supported All Pueblo Reads.

## **Volunteer Hours**

### **Volunteer Services Monthly Report**

**September**

PCCLD Volunteer estimated hours



\*(Estimated by Independent Sector's figure of \$31.80/hour for each volunteer hour contribute).

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sherri Baca  
 Executive Director