

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Report of the Executive Director – November

Submitted to the Library Board of Trustees

December 12, 2024

Barkman Library

Moving in to November, Barkman and its staff have moved into working on teen inclusivity, open and passive accessibility to offshoot programming (board games, card games) and fine tuning program offerings to the community.

With the rise of e-book use, staff have started to focus on high end promotion and displays for them. Creating a display for e-content, is a bit tricky without a physical item to bedazzle the public with, but the Barkman Team enjoyed the challenge.



E-book Tree Display



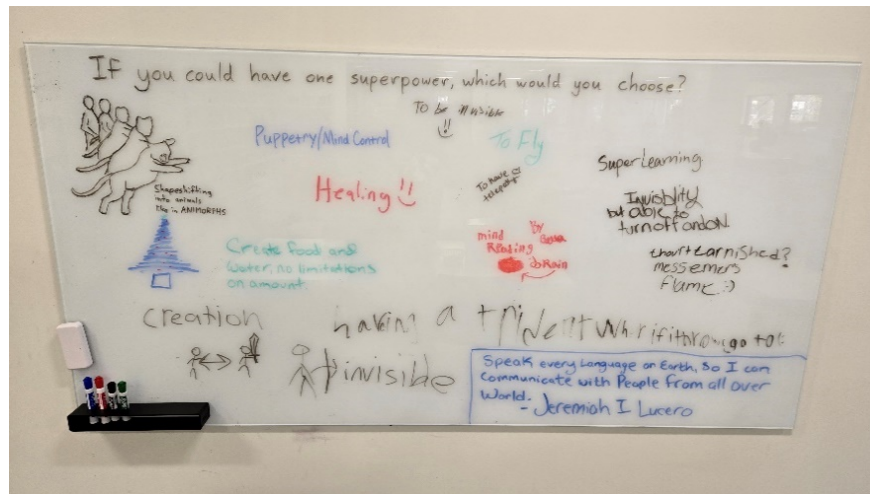
E-book display with QR Codes



Unique Display for Kwanzaa

Our Hold shelves are filled again, materials are circulating, and the meeting room is booked solid on the weekends.

Makerspace Update: Our new Makerspace currently hosts an "Art Hangout" on Wednesday afternoons. Staff monitor a Teen Commentary board. The prompt changes weekly and has generated a lot of discussion. A 3-d printer was donated to our space and we are currently working out how to use the printer in programming and STEM type programs.



Teen Prompt Board

Giodone Library

November was a notable month for the Giodone Library. We celebrated our 10-year anniversary with music, food, and commemorative M&M's. Fredrick Quintana and Sherri Baca spoke at the event and thanked the staff and community for their efforts over the past ten years. Giodone Library continues to be a resource for the Mesa Community, and was an in person voting location where 402 people voted in person this year. We completed 4 outreach programs, and 38 in house programs throughout the month.

Greenhorn Valley Library

STORIES: It was a big month commemorating DiNovember. Please note that no animals were harmed in the creation of this, or any, display.



Picture of DiNovember display



Picture of Dungeons & Dragons program

A new D & D adventure program was started this month and is very popular with the imaginative young people of our community.

An annual favorite:

Ashley's "Turkeys in Disguise" scavenger hunt is always a big hit!



Four pictures of turkeys in disguise

We want to send our thanks to Anthony Rendon, Crystal Gonzales and Amy Nelson for all their help with making the election run smoothly.

Lastly, thanks to Sherri Baca and Amy Nelson for coming to the 10th Anniversary Open House on November 30th. We had a nice crowd of folks share some refreshments and some library stories.

Lucero Library

Tina

Highlight: Community Ofrenda for Dia de los Muertos

- We couldn't do a 3d ofrenda like usual, so we offered a 2d version as well as a door decoration
- Finding a different way to accomplish a Lucero-favorite and relate to new patrons who celebrate it was unique this year.

Jessica

Highlight Adult Program

Crafty Crew: Paint Your Own Pottery

Description: Paint your own pottery spoon holder from The Fire Playce (Paint Your Own Pottery).

Highlight

- For one of weekly Crafty Crew programs our patrons were able to paint colored glaze on their own spoon holders from The Fire Playce at El Centro Del Quinto Sol. Despite having to reschedule the class due to a snow day, all the patrons were excited for this class. Twenty-one patrons had the opportunity to decorate and express their creativity
- The adults who attended this event were truly grateful for the chance to engage in pottery painting. Many of them expressed that they wouldn't have been able to afford such an experience on their own. This program not only allowed them to explore their artistic side in a unique way but also provided a useful gift for themselves or others that they deeply appreciated.

Chris

Program/Outreach

Program/Outreach Description

Highlight: Snack Attack: 49

We had a Fall Theme for the programs for November. The kids did pastel drawing with leaves and they did their names. They also did wooden wind chimes which they liked. Peel and stick suncatchers and Bingo were also fun activities to do.

All Branch News

Highlight

Risley Outreach Event McKinney-Vento Fall Resource Fair.

This year the Lucero branch represented at this community event. This event brought in over 300 people that provided community resources and warm coats to the Eastside residents. The Lucero Library was well received at this event. Patrons were able to talk about the current renovation and what are some current programs being offered at our secondary location El Centro de Quinto Sol.

Lamb Library, Library @ the Y, Beulah Library

Program Highlights

Adult Programming:

In our Adult craft, we celebrated Native American History Month with a focus on Heishi beads, where participants explored the tradition of these handcrafted jewelry pieces and learned to create modern versions that blend history with contemporary style.

Author Edith Edson McDowell gave a fascinating talk on the lunar standstill and Chimney Rock, topics featured in her book Brother Eagle: A Chimney Rock Experience.

To close out the month, we hosted a self-care workshop where attendees crafted bath products designed to ease the stress of the upcoming holiday season.

Teen/Tween Programming:

Gio has been working incredibly hard to increase numbers and asks her patrons for feedback regularly! This month included activities such as "bubbles and board games," "button-making," and a special Dreamcatcher craft for Native American heritage month.

Children's Programming:

Family Storytime attendees celebrated National Authors day with books about authors and a "make your own picture book" craft, a special Thanksgiving storytime, and a Native American heritage month storytime. Toddlers enjoyed a Thanksgiving Storytime that was a big hit, giving families who don't always get to spend time together a chance to connect. Everyone enjoyed fun stories, songs, and crafts in a cozy setting that made it easy to relax and enjoy each other's company. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday and leave with smiles and happy memories.

The Preschool Storytime at the YMCA continues to get great numbers as children enjoy stories, songs, rhyming and even learn some sign language!

Our DiNovember celebration delighted preschoolers with a visit from an almost life-sized T-Rex, charming library patrons of all ages.

Outreach Highlights

This past month, Girl Scouts from two local troops expanded their cultural horizons through engaging outreach efforts that explored winter holidays around the world. They learned about Diwali lights and they discovered Hanukkah traditions, including the significance of the menorah. These experiences were not only fun but also deepened the Scouts' understanding of global celebrations, highlighting diverse traditions during the holiday season.

Students at Beulah Heights enjoyed a story time. Students were enthusiastic and engaged, especially with the book "If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don't!" This activity has been such a hit with students that starting in January we will be providing outreach twice a month!

Pueblo West Library

Community Display Cases

Pueblo West Women's League Membership Drive Display
Veterans Day & Native American Heritage Month

Art Exhibits, Estimated Attendance 592

Beth Moore Photography Exhibit
Dia de los Muertos - Community Ofrenda

Pueblo West Library held a total of 84 programs, outreaches, club meetings, technology training, and Kits2Go with a total attendance of 3896.

Program Highlights

Basket Weaving at Pueblo West Gardens Assisted Living

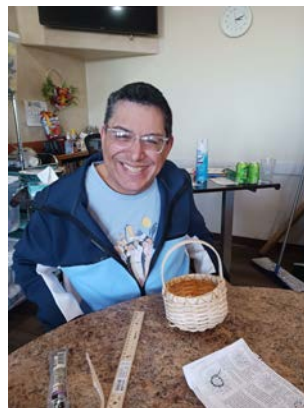
The Pueblo West Branch held a basket-weaving program at the assisted living residence Pueblo West Gardens. The program was funded by a generous grant from the Friends of the Library. Residents learned the art of basket weaving, and while the activity required time and patience, every participant completed their basket and thoroughly enjoyed the creative experience.



PW Gardens Outreach



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Te Fiti Calls 11/25/25

In celebration of the new movie Moana 2 We created crafts and activities inspired by the movie! PW had over 50 patrons stop by to enjoy the fun crafts! Everyone had a blast and took the opportunity for a photoshoot with Moana's boat!



Te Futi Calls Photo Op



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Adult craft:

Tila Bead Bracelets

By patron request we created beautiful Tila Bead bracelets. 30 participants showed up the day before a holiday to create these awesome bracelets! A participant shared her instructions and tips to help this craft be a great success!



Tila Bead Bracelet

Tech Services

DIRECTOR:

- Jill Kleven brought David Vinjamury from Third Way Space to present virtually to the PSMs at the monthly meeting to discuss the upcoming space audit at Lamb Library. This will include offering suggestions to improve circulation, space utilization, and overall patron satisfaction at the library. Jill also presented this idea to Lamb staff and they are very excited.
- Tech Logic and RFID Library Solutions both came to the district to service the AMHs at Rawlings, Lamb, and Pueblo West.
- Jill and Rebecca McGhee met with Trisha Macias to discuss getting library cards for incarcerated students at CSU-Pueblo.
- Jill sent many discarded items to the Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT:

- Danielle Cowles and Elizabeth Flores finished end of year ordering for physical materials.
- A lost shipment of 30 boxes from Ingram came in so the catalogers have been busy processing those items to get out by the end of the year.
- The Holiday Media collection at Lamb has circulated 400 items so far.
- Many classroom copies were requested and purchased for Giodone and Lucero area schools.
- Danielle attended various department meetings to discuss digital resource management.

ILS:

- Theia Bravo, Thomas DeFrates, Josh Vicknair, and Jill met to discuss upgrading Itiva which is our patron phone notification system that works with Koha. It will be moving from an old server to the Cloud.

Local History & Genealogy

PROGRAMS

TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: Storytimes: 39 , Programs: 451

New Genealogist, Joy Oria led an Introduction to Family History instructional session on 11/14, with an attendance of 5. She highlighted PCCLD resources, with the intention of supporting lifelong learning and increased use of materials.

Southern Colorado author Annie Dawid presented on her research and writing on the Jonestown community to a group of 10. Supporting lifelong learning.

The 2024 Dia De Los Muertos Celebration was held on 11/1 with 320 in attendance. This event brought multigenerational patrons into the Rawlings Library where participants gained a greater appreciation of this cultural tradition, and were afforded the opportunity to remember lost ones.

On Saturday 11/23, LHG partnered with SOAR to produce Giving Thanks: An Indigenous Cultural Celebration, which offered participants several stations where they learned about Indigenous culture and traditions, shared life experiences through a communal storytelling station, and learned Indigenous dances. Attendance was multigenerational with a total of 89. Many participants spent over an hour engaged with offerings.

OUTREACH

A special bilingual story time was held at the Buell Children's museum on November 9, with an attendance of 11.

The Beulah Yule Log exhibit went up—collaborated extensively with the Beulah Historical Society.

Continued planning for the January 2025 agricultural panel, to be held at the Giodone branch.

SPECIAL PROJECTS, INITIATIVES, NEW PARTNERSHIPS

- Creating sites for the Trinidad Public Library and Del Norte Public Library on Omeka as part of the Shared Memories Project grant, including the creation of collecting forms.
 - Strengthened ties with the Trinidad and Del Norte libraries, establishing them as partners in the Shared Memories project
 - Worked on improving access and discovery of genealogy reference materials by changing arrangement and installing additional signage.
 - Blake has been working more extensively with the Duracloud digital preservation platform after software issues were resolved with IT. Material for preservation on this platform has had fixity information and technical metadata extracted from the files before being uploaded to the platform.
 - Met at The Learning Source with Ashleigh Flores to discuss opportunities for collaboration and mutual support in providing access to English language learning.
- (11/19)



Sam Gallegos (SOAR) leads a community conversation station where participants shared lived experiences and learned about Indigenous traditions.

Experiential Learning

Museum Services:

November 13: Silk Screening: The series of silk screening programs that ELD did during October and November allowed our patrons to "do something that they wouldn't do otherwise." This quote comes directly from one of our participants who has been a part of every single session. She has appreciated our craft and arts offerings and as a result of our consistency in programming, we have really got to know our community.

November 15: Teen/Tween Art Show Reception: This event is often the most rewarding. This year, we did not see as many art pieces as we have had in the past, but this program still works to create impactful and meaningful connections with Pueblo's teen and tween community. We had guest judges from the Sangre de Cristo Art Center and Frontier Pathways Scenic and Historic Byway who helped decide our Best of Show and Judge's Choice recipients. One participant, who is frequently at the library with her brother, won a Judge's Choice Award. Last year, she was so disappointed because she had no idea she could enter her art. As a result, this year she ensured she had at least one piece in the show. When presented the award, she was elated and immediately called her parents and other family members to let them know of her achievement. She was one of five winners for this show.

November 20: Spider Woman: The History and Craft of Dine Weaving: This exhibit was created for the Pueblo West branch to supplement a program made by Stacy Righini. The Pueblo West branch has been very active in trying to add exhibits into their spaces. They are only one of two branches who have taken me up on creating these displays. This exhibit will be added to the collection that branches will be able to check out.

November 27: Volunteer Gathering: The day before Thanksgiving, I gathered all of the volunteers from the last year to get to know one another, make upcoming museum announcements, and screen print their own volunteer t-shirts as a way of saying thanks for all they do for museum services. They enjoyed having this time and creating community with one another since their shifts don't often overlap. This was also an opportunity for them to see an example of the programming I do and for them to get excited for the 2026 exhibit, Americans and the Holocaust.

Makerspace Highlights:

Since we have hired Catie as Makerspace Educator, we seem to get it to be more and more packed with programs. A highlight this November was when we had the Puzzles+Makes+Pride Party alongside the Presidents Screen Printing. The events combined resulted in the Makerspace being full of people happily crafting and screen printing and it was a really lovely scene-seeing so many patrons enjoying the Makerspace. We had Fiber Arts Wednesdays in November which resulted in several finished fingerless gloves and hats from the knitting program and people really enjoyed their thanksgiving themed totes from the Screen printing night. Ukulele Choir is continuing to be popular with lots of people eager to learn and practice playing on their Ukuleles. We had a really good turn out for needle felting this month where people really enjoyed making little gingerbread men out of wool that they were able to wear as a brooch. The table-top group is starting to get some steady growth in attendance and interest. There is beginning to be some growth in attendance to our programs in the Makerspace as people are starting to notice how much is happening with the increase in programs being offered. There is also an increase in bookings to use the Makerspace for external programs from various groups including girl scouts, schools, and some local businesses.

Concierge Services and Shelving:

We highlighted the 100 Years of Citizenship, Celebrating the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. We hope everyone took time to read our informational display on the first floor to learn about how our indigenous peoples of the Pueblo area were only granted citizenship on their ancestral lands 100 years ago. Meeting rooms continue to be extremely popular this month! We hosted everything from a wedding reception to the girl scouts to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Program Pics!



User Services

YOUTH PROGRAM:

Thanks to a donation from Elks Lodge #90, Youth Services were able to give out 100+ backpacks filled with early literacy items such as books, coloring books, shaker eggs, play doh and early literacy tips.



Photo Above: Several colorful backpacks are on 3 levels of brown shelves. A smiling family is depicted. A little boy with blond hair is putting on a green backpack. A woman with long blond hair is holding another younger boy with blond hair and is holding a teal backpack.

TEEN PROGRAMS:

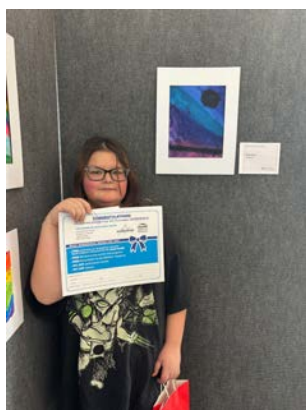


Photo Above: The teen/tween art show kicked off on November 15th. Pictured is one of our judges' choice winners. She won art supplies and annual membership to the Children's Museum. Youth art will be on display at the Rawlings library until the middle of November. This program was in collaboration [Alyssa Vargas Lopez](#) and Ray Packard.



Image above: the film poster for “Lakota Nation vs. United States”, another centralized teen program in November. The rectangular image features blue, black, grey, and yellow brush strokes running from the top and sides of the field into a semicircular line just below the halfway point of the image. Grey circle dots also feature throughout the illustration, across which LAKOTA NATION appears in white lettering. At the bottom of the poster, on white background, appears the text VS. UNITED STATES.

A number of libraries through the district featured the screening and discussion of “Lakota Nation vs. United States,” an indigenous-made documentary on the centuries-long fight for the return of the Black Hills, sacred land stolen from the Lakota Nation by the United States, in violation of treaty “agreements.” This program was led by teen librarian Ciara Kehoe.

ADULT OUTREACH:

Lev and Jen attended the grand opening of the Charles and Helen Solano Wellness Center in Bessemer! We connected with over 100 people, gave 3 people library cards, accepted a \$100 donation, and networked with other vendors and community organizations.



Photo above: The library table at the grand opening is set up with a blue PCCLD tablecloth and marketing materials laid out. The table also holds candy, pins, and pens, and a wagon with a basket of socks is positioned next to the table.

Facilities

Work Order Statistics

- 260 work orders completed.
- 40 custodial work orders completed.

Giodone

- Continued to install new LED lights.
- Replaced water heater.

Lucero

- Supported renovation project.

Rawlings

- Replaced lights in Rawlings stairwell B and D with LED lights.
- Mounted IT switch in Special Collections area.
- Worked with lawyers and engineers on washout under sky bridge.
- Updated closets with new LED lights.
- Fixed lights that were not hooked up in the entrance display area.
- Replaced damaged restroom doors.
- Hung art work.
- Replaced spot lights at elevator entrances.

Other duties/projects

- Worked on punch list.
- Supported 3 snow days.
- Installed screen door at Books Again bookstore.

Volunteer Hours

PCCLD Volunteer estimated hours for the month of November.

ADULTS	204.75 HOURS
TEENS	13.75 HOURS
BOOKS AGAIN	1297.25 HOURS
BOD TRUSTEES	20.00 HOURS
TOTAL HOURS	1535.75
VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS	\$48,836.85

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Baca
Executive Director