

September 25, 2025

For more information about this release, contact:

Nick Potter
Director of Community Relations
Pueblo City-County Library District
Cell: [\(719\) 406-1441](tel:7194061441)
Office: (719) 562-5605
nick.potter@pueblolibrary.org

Sherri Baca, MSLS, MBA
Executive Director
Pueblo City-County Library District
(719) 562-5652
sherri.baca@pueblolibrary.org

Lucero Library reopens after year-long renovation

PUEBLO, Colo. — The Patrick A. Lucero Library reopens its doors to the public after a \$4.2 million renovation. Kicking off a week of grand opening festivities is the official ribbon cutting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the East Side-area branch located at 1315 E. 7th St.

“This library continues to serve the East Side of Pueblo with renewed energy and purpose. This milestone is more than a building—it is a testament to our community’s resilience, pride and belief in the power of public libraries to uplift and connect. The Lucero Library stands ready to welcome the community back with open doors and open hearts,” Sherri Baca, PCCLD executive director said.

Grand opening week events include:

- Unveiling the Lucero Community Walls, 5:30–6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 30
Celebrate two new installations: a Digital History Wall honoring Pueblo’s East Side and a Tribute Wall to Patrick A. Lucero. Light refreshments provided.
- Leading with Courage: Hispanic Women Who Shaped Our Region, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30
Join Charlene Garcia-Simms for a powerful evening of storytelling honoring Hispanic women pioneers of Pueblo and Southern Colorado.
- Fur-Ever Friends: Paws & Power-Up Party, 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2
Enjoy a petting zoo, free plushy adoptions, crafts, family portrait photo booth, and a back-to-school giveaway with backpacks, supplies, and snacks. Perfect for kids and families!

All events take place at Lucero Library and are free and open to the public.

The 12-month renovation project involved major improvements including an expanded community meeting room; dedicated spaces for children, teens and adults; a new audio/visual studio and a refreshed book collection.

The East Side library is named after Patrick A. Lucero, a Pueblo native who served in the Vietnam War and was killed in action in 1968. The library was dedicated to him in 2014, as a tribute to his legacy and his love for reading and learning. Since then, more than 1 million visitors have come through its doors.

PCCLD is dedicated to serving as a foundation for the Pueblo community by offering welcoming, well equipped and maintained facilities, outstanding collections, and well-trained employees who provide expert service encouraging the joy of reading, supporting lifelong learning and presenting access to information from around the world.

Stay up to date with PCCLD visit www.pueblolibrary.org and follow our social media pages.

###