

February was a space for celebration and remembrance for Pueblo City-County Library District. With Black History Month programming and the opening of American Library Association's Americans and the Holocaust exhibit, there were opportunities to learn all month long.

Celebrating Black History Month, PCCLD partnered with Colorado Humanities to bring two living-history performances, also known as Chautauquas, of Mary Fields "Stagecoach Mary," the first Black woman carrier with a star-route mail in U.S. history, and York, an enslaved man who was the only African American on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

"The Black History Live Chautauquas are more than entertainment; they are an act of reclaiming lost narratives," said Amanda Dalie, program and events manager with PCCLD.

"By humanizing historical icons like York and Mary Fields, we bridge the gap between our past and our present, ensuring these essential voices are never silenced again," she added.

This month also brought a unique experience, that less than 100 libraries nationwide will host, Americans and the Holocaust, a collection of what Americans knew and asking the question of what more could have been done. The exhibit is accompanied by a special speaker series on topics such as Antisemitism: A New Psychological Perspective and Relatives of the Holocaust.

"The Pueblo City-County Library District is honored to host this traveling exhibition. As a library, our mission is to provide access to information. We recognize that the themes of the Holocaust can be difficult to process. However, by bearing witness to this history together, we strengthen our collective resolve to support a more informed and compassionate society today." Sherri Baca, executive director of PCCLD said.

The exhibit is scheduled to run from Feb. 5 until Mar. 13, 2026.