

**PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**Report of the Executive Director – MAY**  
**Submitted to the Library Board of Trustees**  
**June 25, 2026**

## Barkman Library

Miscellaneous Barkman monthly info:

Active Program events: 19

Attendance Total: 109

Passive Program events: 6

Attendance Total: 201

Outreaches/Partnership Programs & events: 13

Attendance Total: 1,522

Most anticipated Event: Mothers' Day Tea: With over 20 participants in attendance, mothers, sons, daughters, and many other family members celebrated the day together with tea, cookies, and crafts. A team project, it was planned over several months and one of the best attended Mother's Day celebratory programs for the day.



Father, boy, and mother pose for photo



Two moms pose with their son.

Special Outreach Initiatives: Summerween Community Event and Most Improved Reader Awards.

Barkman is always quick to volunteer to dress up and spread library cheer with our other community Halloween enthusiasts. Penny Jerman dressed as her favorite animal, the Jellyfish. Marcus Bower went as "emotional support" during the spirited event. Both spoke with so many people (over 400) that they lost their voices for a short time!

Barkman staff was asked to present the PCCLD's MIR Awards to 4 different elementary schools this 2025-26 school year. It is the Barkman Managers favorite outreach event barring Storytime outreach.



Barkman Staff member Penny Jerman and Marcus Bower.

## Giodone Library

### Outreach

Lorena presented storytime at

Ascension Preschool – 52 attendees

Thatcher Preschool – 20 attendees

We delivered Most Improved Reader awards to the D70 schools in the area, and Sandy presented the awards for the South Mesa Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. – 463 attendees.

The rest of the MIR for South Mesa were recorded and the video played for the school.

### Program Highlights

For Mother's Day the library staff hosted a tea party, and then for the rest of the week we were able to offer free tea for the community to make their own tea bags. – 23 attendees



The library hosted several lectures and author talks including a local author, a history presentation, and a Roselawn presentation. – 21 total attendees.

Our Hello Summer kick-off party was well attended. – 24 attendees

### **Conclusion**

In total we had 415 in program attendance, 5 notary appointments, 6 public meeting room reservations, and 19 study room reservations.

## **Greenhorn Valley Library**

Greenhorn Valley Library held a total of 78 programs, outreaches, training sessions, and promotional activities this month, with a total attendance of 1,288.

### **Youth Program Highlight:**

Title: 2nd Grade Field Trip

Date: 5/21

Description: GHV has been fortunate enough to be part of an end-of-year 2nd grade field trip loop, providing a special story time, and presentation of our History Wall, and a craft or activity. This time Ashley Swald provided a book centered scavenger hunt where children had to find specific things shelved in the library and learn more about how collections are organized.

### **Adult/All Ages Program Highlight:**

Title: Bookish Crafts

Date: 5/30

Description: Participants were able to make crafts both from damaged books and themed around books, including artfully folded book displays with charms and stones inserted, and tiny bookshelves made in Altoids tins. Some participants even themed their creations around a favorite series!

### **Outreach or Special Project/Initiative Highlight:**

Title: Field Day and Most Improved Readers

Date: 5/26

Description: Greenhorn Valley Library was invited to run a stand at Field Day at the Rye Elementary school where Karaline Porter-Hallden staged dinosaur races with bouncy dinosaurs to go along with our Summer Reading theme. This was a more fun and less scripted interaction with all of the kids than our multiple Most Improved Reader appearances, and we are grateful to be such a part of the community.

### **Patron Story or feedback:**

Our Book Club After Dark was attended by a local author this month, and she commented that she had never felt so immediately comfortable with a group and had so much fun discussing books. Many members of the book club were interested in her books as well, and were thrilled to learn that the library had already purchased one of her series.

## Lucero Library

 Tina

### **Highlight: Garden Party (A Community Gardening Event)**

**Description:** On May 22nd, we had 34 community members gather to help us plant our public garden beds for the summer. Through our partnership with the Pueblo Food Project, we received 4 patron-facing gardens open to the public in front of the library and 2 staff-gardens in the fenced-in area at the back of the library. We directed youth and adults from the Boys and Girls Club and East Side neighbors to line the beds, pour the dirt, and plant crops such as: bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, thyme, rosemary, strawberries, and more.

 Jessica

### **Highlight Adult Program: Kinusaiga Fabric Art (Crafty Crew)**

**Description:** Our recent Kinusaiga Fabric Art class was a massive hit with patrons! Driven by a wave of viral social media videos, excitement was incredibly high, and the class did not disappoint. Patrons thoroughly enjoyed diving into the history of this traditional Japanese art form and were delighted by how accessible and easy the modern technique is. Every single participant successfully crafted their own beautiful fabric sunrise or sunset. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with unanimous requests from attendees to bring the technique back for another class in the near future.

 Chris

### **Highlight Youth Program: Clown Cups**

**Description:** I had the kids make clowns using cups and balloons, and their creativity was magnificent. They all had a great time and created cups that were funny and some that were scary. We also made funny characters out of springs, along with bingo, silhouette paintings, and May the fourth be with you as well. We have had a significant uptick in kids attending the after-school program, which is a great sign.

 Branch Highlight

### **Highlight Program: Fiesta Friday & Books A La Cart**

**Description:** This month, our library expanded community impact through book distribution and a lively Fiesta Friday celebration. Through Books A La Cart, we delivered 3,000 books to the community over the past three months, increasing access to reading materials for local families. Fiesta Friday welcomed more than 200 attendees

and 10 community partners, with nachos from El Centro de Quinto Sol, live Mariachi music, nacho seasoning from the Library's Spice Library, and interactive games. Together, these efforts strengthened community connections and highlighted the library as a vibrant gathering place for all.

## Lamb Library & Library @ the Y

Lamb held a total of 44 programs, outreaches, training sessions, and promotional activities this month, with a total attendance of 648.

### **Youth Program Highlight:**

Title: Preschool Storytime - Stories and Songs

Date: 5/12/26

Description: The highlight of the month was an activity inspired by Charlotte and the Rock by Stephen W. Martin. Each child selected their own "pet rock," gave it a name, and created a cozy home for it. The activity sparked imagination, storytelling, and plenty of enthusiasm, quickly becoming a favorite among participants.

### **Adult/All Ages Program Highlight:**

Title: Classic Crafting for Social Seniors!

Date: 5/18/26

Description: May programming celebrated Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month through art, culture, and thoughtful discussion. Attendees practiced the Japanese embroidery technique of sashiko, created beautiful shibori-dyed fabrics in a workshop that was memorable for both its results and its distinctive aroma, and crafted traditional Japanese komebukuro (rice bags) during Slow Stitch.



Classic Crafting with Social Seniors!

### **Outreach or Special Project/Initiative Highlight:**

Title: Outreach and Visits

Date: Multiple Dates

Description: At PSAS Literacy Night, we promoted literacy and the Summer Reading Program through a giant Scrabble activity and a variety of program materials and

resources. During our regular visit to PSAS Fulton Heights, we continued Summer Reading Program outreach and paired it with a hands-on herbivore dinosaur "poop" craft that was enthusiastically embraced by students. We also welcomed a group from Beulah Heights Elementary for a library tour and Summer Reading Program pep talk, helping build excitement for a summer of reading and learning. At Pueblo Diversified Industries (PDI), participants celebrated the season by creating colorful flower crowns inspired by the saying "April showers bring May flowers." The activity sparked plenty of smiles, laughter, and joyful creativity, making it a memorable outreach visit for everyone involved.



Beulah Heights School Visit

## Pueblo West Library

Pueblo West Library held a total of 120 programs, outreaches, club meetings, technology training, and Kits2Go with a total attendance of 7607.

### **Youth Program Highlight:**

Title: Tabletop Role Playing Games

Date: 5/16/26

Description: Instead of playing Magic the Gathering on the 3rd Saturday of the month the kids asked if we could start an RPG campaign (HERO Kids) for the younger youth that are unable to join in on the Dungeons and Dragons campaign. The kids were super excited to be able to create their own characters for our campaign. Many of them even drew their own characters! Their creativity is out of this world. The kids first adventure was into a basement full of rats and they were all very happy and excited to be able to delve into the adventure.



### **Adult/All Ages Program Highlight:**

Title: Asian Spice Mixing

Date: 5/14/2026

Description: This program was funded by Friends of the Library Lifelong Learning grant money. Five different spice recipes, originating from a variety of Asian countries, were offered. At each station the separate spices were arranged, and patrons could mix them individually, based on their preferences. A selection of recipe books were on display for checkout, and each station also had a list of recommended ways to use the spice blends. Leftover spices were assembled into kits2go after the program.

### **Patron Story**

On Thursday, May 28 I was on the customer service desk in the afternoon when a grandmother came into the library with her granddaughter. While the granddaughter, Peyton, was playing in the kids room the grandmother came to the desk and told me that she would be taking care of her six-year-old granddaughter over the summer, while her parents are at work, and she wanted to help Peyton with her reading. She said that Peyton was a reluctant reader and she was having difficulty getting her interested and did we have anything that could help. I told her that her timing was perfect as we would be starting our summer reading program next week. I explained the gameboards to her and all the different prizes that Peyton would receive when she turned in each gameboard and the grand prize drawings each week. Her grandmother said that sounded like just the thing she needed to get Peyton interested and did we have any Pete the Cat books because Peyton loves Pete the Cat. I showed her our Pete the Cat picture book and easy reader collections and Peyton picked out several books. Peyton said she liked the Grouchy Ladybug too so I took them over to the Eric Carle books and we had several Grouchy Ladybug books that Peyton wanted. I then took both of them to the desk and explained all the summer reading prizes again to Peyton and her eyes got wide with excitement. Peyton and her grandmother came to PW the following week and Peyton was thrilled to turn in her summer reading gameboard and pick out her prizes.

## **Outreach**

I attended the Rocky Mountain Outreach Interest Group meeting in Colorado Springs, which was a valuable opportunity to connect with and learn from outreach staff and librarians from districts across the state. The meeting provided insight into a variety of techniques and approaches for reaching communities, building relationships, and expanding access to library services. It was especially valuable to hear how different districts adapt summer reading within their outreach efforts to meet the unique needs of their populations, as well as to exchange ideas and strategies that could be applied locally.

This month was our final trip to Pueblo Academy of the Arts. Last year, we connected the school with CLIC, and they have since been able to open their own library at the school.

This month, we also participated in two events at The Pueblo Zoo: The District 60 Resource Fair and the Generation Wild Kickoff event. The Generation Wild event, in particular, was an excellent opportunity to connect with families and community members. Attendees were genuinely interested in participating in library events and the summer reading program. I had many engaging conversations about what the library has to offer and was able to highlight the Library of Things from the Lamb Collection.

Submitted by the Outreach Librarian

## Tech Services

### DIRECTOR

- The 100 Chromebooks have been ordered and should arrive in early June. Mission Telecom will be providing onboarding training to IT and Tech Services.
- The EZProxy server has been successfully migrated to OCLC.
- Billy Herrington, one of the floats left. Recruiting efforts for his position have started.

### COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- Danielle Cowles met with our Hoopla reps where they presented a digital collections analysis.
- The All Pueblo Reads books have begun to be ordered.
- Elizabeth Flores has been working on a draft of a local authors policy.

### ACQUISITIONS

- Peggy Bilger and Elizabeth have been working with a new vendor Follett to try and replace some of the items we stopped receiving with Baker & Taylor.

### ILS

- Theia Bravo has been working with Message Bee on automated renewals for patron accounts.

## Local History & Genealogy

### Programs

Program title and the number of attendees.

- Bilingual Storytime: 34
- Beginner English Class: 5
- Intermediate English Class: 5
- Advanced English Class: 3
- Beginner Spanish Class: 38
- Citizenship Class: 7

- Cinco De Mayo Outreach: 200 - *LHG staff promoted PCCLD programs and resources at the 56th Annual Cinco De Mayo celebration, held at Plaza Verde Park.*
- 5/4 Hidden Gems: 2 - *Patrons viewed a curated selection of archival materials relating to the 1921 Pueblo Flood.*
- 5/6 Local History Research: Getting Started: 3
- 5/13 Hidden Gems: 1
- 5/13 Baca Elementary School 4th grade field trip, 39 students, 4 adults
- 5/19 Sakura Springs: 13 - *Joy collaborated with Kathy K. in the Makerspace, screening films from the Frank D. Muramoto collection to patrons.*

Total Attendance (in person): 354

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS, INITIATIVES, NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

- Latino Book Festival planning group created with Amanda D., Tiffany P., and Katalina L.
- Laurel Schwaebe and Victoria Miller attended the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivist's Spring Conference, "Artificial Intelligence in the Archive"
- Working with CR on redesign of the Hispanic Resource Center brochure.

### **Physical Archives Projects**

- 19 archival collection finding aids were published online, increasing access and discovery of PCCLD/LHG collection materials.
- Colorado Rock Art Association collection, Rudolf slides being digitized.

### **Archival Reference Sessions**

Vault visits: 10; Reference requests AskUs/Email/Digitization: 7; Digital Memory Lab Photo sessions: 9; Digital Memory Lab AV sessions: 7

### **Feedback from Patrons:**

May 6 - Patron requested reference services to study a particular building from photograph collections. Although we did not have the exact images he was seeking, Victoria showed him other ways to learn about his topic by studying City Directories from the 1910s-1925 and trace the history of the building he was interested in. Unaware of the power of primary sources, he was enthralled by the ability to have access to such information. Victoria then showed him how to look up historical articles through [www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org) and trace the early history of the building he was interested in through newspaper articles.

Tabitha

- Hi, Thank you so much for all your hard work! Lynn
- You're incredible. Deeply thankful. Joe Fox

## **Experiential Learning**

ELD held a total of 33 makerspace programs. We filled 160 meeting room reservations for the public and staff. We created displays to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month, as well as to celebrate Pro Wrestling month, both of which are observed in May. Our makerspace programs saw 302 attendees in May!

**Community Program Highlight:**

Title: Society for Creative Anachronism- Learn about Sword Smithing

Date: 5/20/2026

Description: The SCA took over the makerspace to learn all about medieval swords, their construction, the art of the blade, and to just generally appreciate a curated collection of practice and artistic weaponry of years past. Duke Art, a member of the SCA for 50 years, showed off his swords, his knowledge, and his craftsmanship. No actual (sharp) weapons were used! Everyone enjoyed his expertise, and Art enjoyed getting to teach a new group of people all about his passion.

**Staff Created Program Highlight:**

Title: Altoid Tin Miniatures

Date: 5/2/2026

Description: Sharon showed our Saturday group how to create miniature worlds inside of Altoid tins, creating fantasy realms with scrapbooking paper, stickers, gems, popsicle sticks, and glue. With just a little imagination, whole new lands appeared inside of boxes that usually held breath fresheners... The attendees enjoyed it so much that they didn't want to leave, so they were allowed to take some materials home with them to continue their creativity.

**Special Presenter Program Highlight:**

Title: Paper Making with Melissa

Date: 5/9/2026

Description: Melissa, who also teaches our spinning and dyeing classes, taught a very well attended class on making art paper! This three-hour long class saw our students learn how to create the paper pulp, use the baffles, deckles, and sponges, add interest with pressed flowers, alcohol inks, and tissue paper, set their papers out to dry on muslin cloths, and get to bring them home to use in a future project. 15 students participated and we had tons of requests to bring the class back again!

**Patron Story or feedback:** Missy is one of our volunteers and is going through a hard time. She says: "The ELD staff, and the makerspace team, are what get me up in the morning. I love coming here... this place feels like home and the team feels like family." As a manager, this is what I always want to hear about my staff, and my library. We are creating community with every class we teach, every book we check out, and every connection we make, either in the meeting room, on the phone, or when we hand out a new library card.

# User Services

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Rawlings Youth Services held a total of 42 programs, outreaches, training sessions, and promotional activities this month, with a total attendance of 986.

### Youth Program Highlight:

Title: Kit2Go Salsa Garden

Date: May 5-May 31

Description: Youth Services put together special Salsa Garden Kits2Go in collaboration with Lucero and Tech Services to provide seeds and seasonings. Kits included an egg carton with jalapeño, cilantro, tomato, onion, and soil to grow your own garden, as well as a recipe to make fresh salsa. We gave out 50 kits.



### Outreach or Special Project/Initiative Highlight:

Title: Irving Elementary School Tour

Date: May 13, 2026

Description: Irving Elementary was one of many schools that visited us at the end of the school year! They got a special tour of the building and caught a fun storytime with Jacque.



## ADULT PROGRAMS

The Adult Services team in the User Services Department held a total of **34** programs, outreaches, training sessions, and promotional activities this month, with a total attendance of **382**.

### **Creative Program Highlight**

**Title:** *Sakura Spring*

**Date:** May 19, 2026

**Description:** Patrons were treated to an immersive cultural experience as the guest presenter introduced the ancient Japanese art of Kumihimo — a traditional technique of braiding and cord weaving with roots dating back centuries. Participants embraced the craft with enthusiasm, creating beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces to take home.

The program also featured a special presentation by Joy Oria from the Local History and Genealogy department, who shared archival films and photographs by Frank Muramoto from the PCCLD Archives, offering a rich historical lens on Japanese culture and community.

Guests rounded out the experience by exploring watercolor painting and enjoying matcha and traditional Japanese snacks, making for a truly memorable afternoon of art, history, and culture.

**Attendance:** 13

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### **New Initiative: District-Wide Digital Drop-In**

Adult Services is launching a centralized, district-wide Digital Drop-In program, led by Daniel Vigil, Program and Outreach Specialist. Designed to remove barriers to technology access, this free, walk-in service gives patrons hands-on assistance with digital services, personal devices, and tech support needs — no registration required.

Currently offered at Lamb and Barkman branch libraries, the program is actively expanding. Beginning in July, Digital Drop-In sessions will launch at Rawlings Library, and Daniel is collaborating with the Lucero team to bring the service there as well — moving the district closer to a more centralized support coming from the Adult Services team to the branches.

This initiative reflects the library's commitment to digital equity and accessibility, ensuring that all community members — regardless of technical experience — have a trusted, convenient place to get the help they need.

### **Outreach Highlight**

SRDA - Senior Resource Fair

Lots of great interaction. Most of the aging adults Kathy Kearney spoke with are interested in tech help. We had 30 people visit the library table.

## Facilities

### Work Order Statistics

- 268 Work Orders Completed

### Lamb

- Repaired HVAC unit.
- Seal coated parking lot.

### Pueblo West

- Worked on leaks under floor.

### Rawlings

- Cleaned up water leaks.
- Repaired fire panel.
- Installed new stop signs.
- Cleaned and installed keyboard holder in IT.
- Got staff elevator working with keypad.

### Other projects/duties – District

- Removed signs and book drop from Beulah.
- Mounted people counting cameras.
- Hung Summer Reading posters.
- Repaired courier van

## Volunteer Hours

PCCLD Volunteer estimated hours for the month of April 2026.

<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>309.75 HOURS</b>
<b>TEENS</b>	<b>2.00 HOURS</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>311.75 HOURS</b>
<b>VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	<b>\$10,845.78</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherri Baca  
Executive Director

