

Pueblo Library District partners with BoodleBox to provide a safe, ethical AI platform

PUEBLO, Colo. — Pueblo City-County Library District (PCCLD) advances its mission to support lifelong learning of emerging technologies by offering responsible, ethical and effective integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) literacy. As a leader in bridging the digital divide for Pueblo County residents, PCCLD advocates for literacy in its myriad forms, including AI literacy, as necessary for lifelong learning and skills building.

To facilitate a safe, private and environmentally conscious learning base for library staff, PCCLD is partnering with BoodleBox, an AI learning and collaboration platform. PCCLD is the first public library in the nation to partner with the AI platform.

"As artificial intelligence rapidly reshapes how people access information, learn, work, and create, public libraries have an essential role to play as trusted guides. Through this initiative, we are preparing our staff to understand AI tools, support responsible use, strengthen digital literacy, and help the public evaluate information with confidence," PCCLD Executive Director Sherri Baca said.

BoodleBox allows users to access multiple AI tools in one place. Users data stays within the BoodleBox platform, or sandbox, allowing users to build shared intelligence in a trusted environment. Users data is protected and is not used to train AI models. While direct-access AI technologies leave a significant environmental impact, BoodleBox uses a proprietary technology to reduce the impact and carbon footprint of AI interactions by up to 96 percent.

Pueblo County residents have a chance to see first-hand how AI can be ethically, effectively and safely used by attending the district's official AI Initiative launch on Tuesday, Sept. 22 in the Ryals Grand Event Space at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, [100 E. Abriendo Ave.](#)

- **9:30 a.m. - Libraries and AI: Welcome Reception with BoodleBox**

Featuring the BoodleBox CEO France Q. Hoang and leadership team. Hear the library's stance on responsible and ethical AI use, as well as how we're empowering staff to leverage new technologies to improve the services we provide our community. Refreshments will be provided.

- **11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Lunch and Learn: AI in Action at PCCLD**

BoodleBox leadership will provide a high-level overview of the BoodleBox platform, as well as two training sessions on Human-in-the-Loop (HITL) and AI Ethics. Lunch will be provided to those who register; registration closes September 18. Attendees must bring their own device.

"Public libraries have always been the heart of community growth. PCCLD is showing what it looks like to lead with intention — prioritizing equity and access so the whole community moves forward together. BoodleBox is honored to support this mission, and we can't wait to connect with everyone in Pueblo this September," BoodleBox Founder and CEO France Hoang said.

Events are free and open to the public.

Library patrons are free to access any AI platform of their choosing through library devices and Wi-Fi hotspots, however, they are encouraged to use BoodleBox as a secure and privacy-centered platform. For more information about BoodleBox, visit [boodlebox.ai](#).

More about PCCLD's AI Initiative An empowered transition to AI integration requires skills, safety and institutional support leading the way. Which is why PCCLD is currently approaching AI with deliberate

care and oversight done by first training library staff, allowing time for them to master the AI skills needed to be effective and responsible guides for the public.

As a public library, PCCLD has a responsibility to ensure the Pueblo community is keeping pace with emerging technologies. PCCLD's goal is to equip staff and community with the skills, literacy and the confidence to use AI safely, ethically and effectively. This framework reflects the library district's values, privacy and strategy in order to integrate AI in ways that respects intellectual freedom, protects privacy, strengthens equity and supports the mission of the modern future-forward library.

"As we move toward a future patron rollout that includes public access and technology instruction, PCCLD remains committed to ensuring that everyone in our community has equitable access to the tools, knowledge, and guidance needed to navigate an increasingly digital world," Baca continued.

PCCLD staff will use AI to improve internal workflows and boost staff efficiency, enhance patron services in ways that honor intellectual freedom and privacy, and build a robust emerging technology skillset for both staff and patrons. Following the established framework of values, privacy and strategy establishes the expectation of responsible use, staff conduct, data protection, accessibility, transparency and governance. It applies to staff use of third-party or vendor-embedded AI tools, patron-facing pilots or services that incorporate AI, and any models, bots or tools trained on PCCLD data

This framework advances PCCLD's 2026-30 strategic plan by supporting digital learning and innovation; digital platform resilience and accessibility; smart growth and data practice; workforce and culture transformation; and the development and implementation of an emerging technology framework. It ensures PCCLD's AI work is purposeful and tied to community outcomes.

"The Pueblo City-County Library District has remained vital to our community by embracing emerging technologies and helping people use them in meaningful, responsible, and empowering ways," Baca said.