

WANTED: LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

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with a tutor at the library!

For more information about adult literacy,
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English Conversation Club!

Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Rawlings Library, Bret Kelly B

Open to adults from all language backgrounds and skill levels who want to practice speaking English. Weekly meetings include lively discussions and activities that deal with topics selected by participants. Call 553-0206 for more information.



Volunteer

Help someone improve
their reading and writing
skills and change lives!

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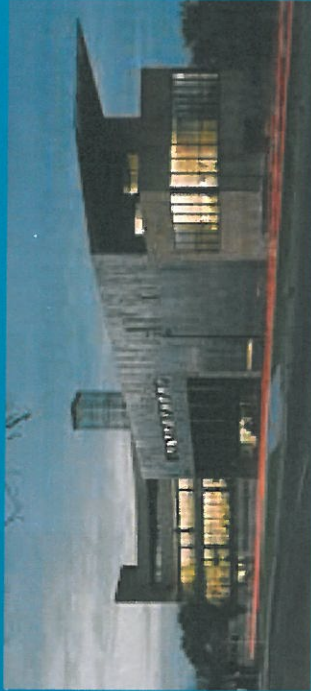


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PCCLD Adult Literacy

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Why Adult Education is Important to our community.

- Better educated adults produce better educated children.
- Studies show that the most important variable most influential in children's participation and success in school is parental education levels."

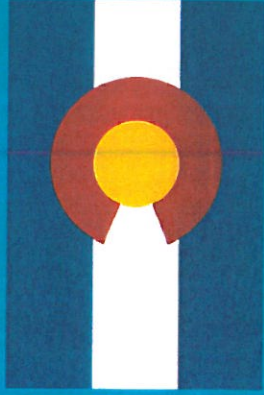
DID YOU KNOW?

- Approximately 44 million adults cannot read well enough to fill out an application, read a food label, or read a story to a child.
- People with low skills are **FOUR** times more likely to have poor health (two times the national average).
- U.S. literacy rate has not changed in 10 years
- 19% of high school graduates cannot read.
- Leave no child behind, leave no adult behind.
- A handful of libraries are stepping up to the begin Adult Literacy-PCCLD is one!

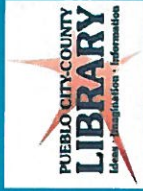




About Pueblo

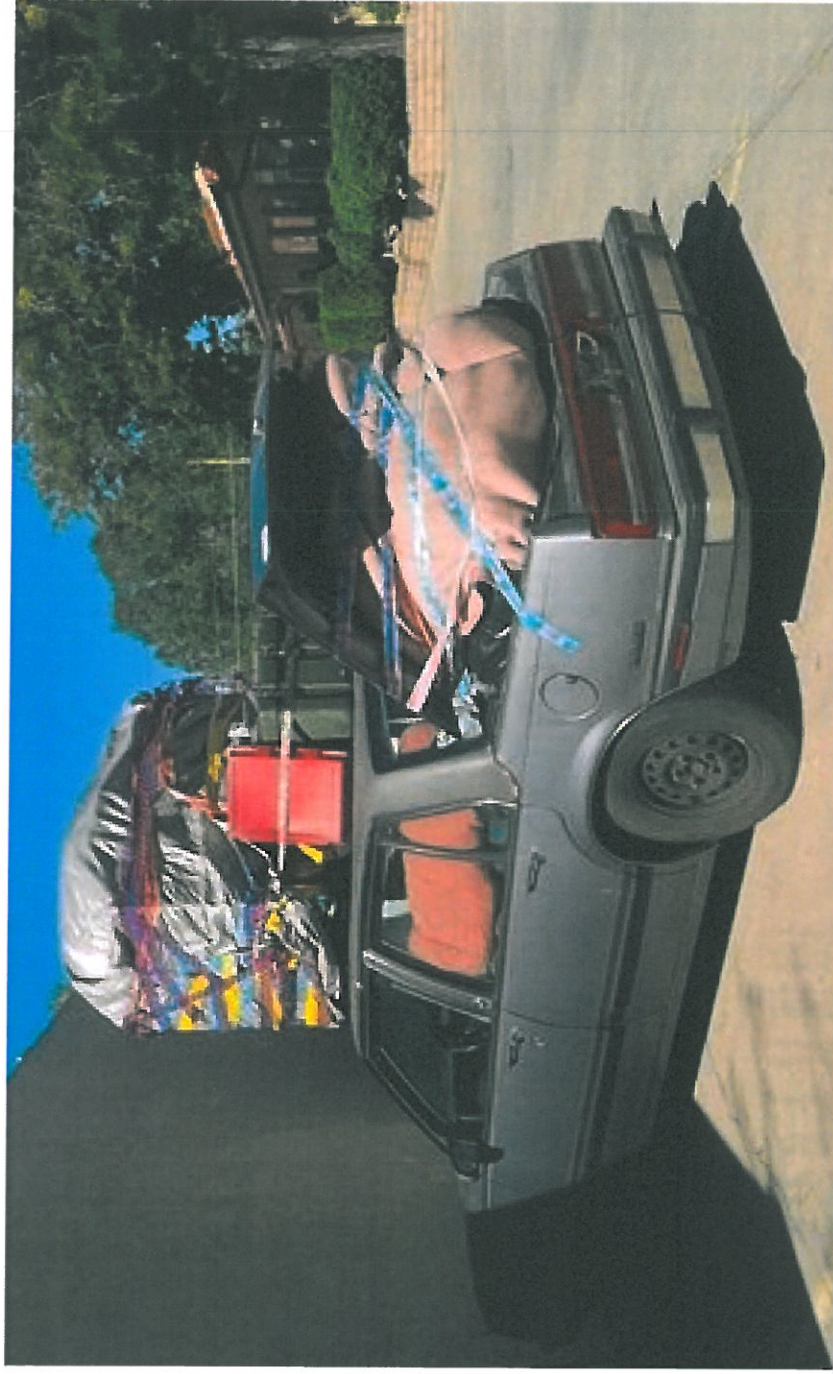


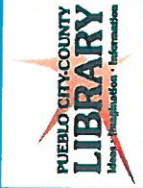
- Only forty percent of Colorado's 8th grade students are at the proficient level in reading.
- **High Pregnancy rate** *Household income below state and national average.
- *Ranks #4 from the bottom of least expensive places to live
- * Population: 161,451 (2013)
- 60% of the population rent
- *Pueblo City/County Schools, graduation rate--72%/86%
- *Pueblo County's unemployment rate in May, 2015 was one of the state's **highest**, at 7.2%, according to the Colorado division of labor and employment.



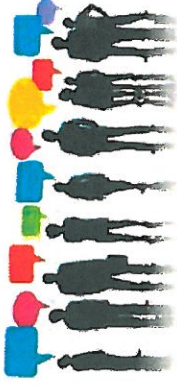
A Perfect Storm

Legal marijuana, Colorado's Medicaid expansion (which extends coverage to all qualified adults under the 2010 Affordable Care Act), and Pueblo's ranking—4th least expensive city to live in the U.S.





Pueblo City
County Library
District
among **three**
pilot
programs.



FIVE GOALS:

1. Relationships/Collaboration
2. Adult Literacy Advisory board
3. Raising awareness/outreach
4. Adult Learners
5. Volunteers



Elevate adult literacy to a high priority

- Children are the workers, citizens, parents, and community members of tomorrow.
- Adults are the workers, citizens, parents, and community members of today
- Many of those adults have the children of tomorrow and their needs are in the present
- Today's adults will determine the educational future of today's children.

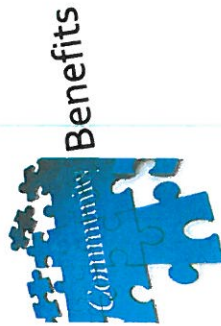
Invest in our adults, invest in our community,
invest in the future.



Why Make Adult Literacy Important?



The library-an educational resource



Direct impact in the workforce

Political Development
Being a part of the
voting process!



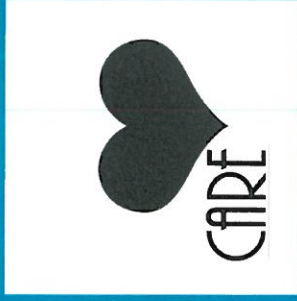
People TRUST their library



\$ Low cost-High impact

Community Participation





Turn Interest
into ACTION!

"It motivates you, you know? It makes you want to keep going to learn something for yourself. Sometimes you don't think you can learn until you see other people do it. So it motivates you a little bit. Well, a lot I might say, a lot."

--Tim

"Reading the newspaper is all I wanted to do." Now I can do a lot of things, like Giving back in the community."

--Carl

"Now when I go into a restaurant, I don't have to pretend I'm reading the menu. I really read it! My wife use to have to read it to me. I hated when people were with us, they knew I couldn't read. Now I can read it for myself!"

--Shawn

"I'm a real person now. I can read and write! My kids see that I am learning too!"

--Maria

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITS

What is a financial statement audit?

The goal of the annual financial statement audit is to assure users of a government's financial statements that those statements are *fairly presented*. In most cases, the fairness of the presentation of a set of financial statements is determined using a set of criteria known as *generally accepted accounting principles* (GAAP). The most important source of GAAP for state and local governments is the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Much of governmental GAAP can be found in the GASB publication *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, which is updated annually.

ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

Appoint an audit committee to oversee the financial statement audit and related financial reporting and control processes.

Principles. Every government should formally establish and appoint an audit committee to provide for review and oversight of: (1) financial reporting processes; (2) internal control; and (3) the independent audit of its financial statements. The committee's charter and activities should comply with professionally recommended practices.

Discussion. The audit function originates with the legislative body, which is responsible for monitoring the actions of the chief executive or administrative officer. The governing body performs this oversight function through its audit committee. The committee should consist entirely of members of the governing body who do not have internal financial managerial conflicts. Preferably, one of its members should be a financial expert as professionally defined and if not, such expertise should be separately retained as appropriate. The committee's charter and procedures should be properly documented, and reviewed periodically to assess its continued adequacy.

All audit committee members should possess or obtain a basic understanding of governmental accounting, financial reporting, internal control, and auditing. The committee should be provided sufficient resources to discharge its functions, including training and refresher education and sufficient funding to conduct its activities. Members should be informed of the role of the audit

committee and their personal responsibility as members.

Independent auditors should report directly to the audit committee rather than to management, and internal auditors should have an unimpeded reporting line to the committee for substantive matters. Audit committees should approve the scope of the audit(s), manage the process of independent auditor selection and engagement, receive required communications, and provide for follow-up on management comments delivered by the auditor.

At least annually, the committee should conduct private or executive sessions if permitted by law. One such session should include only the committee members with their financial expert, one should be conducted without the presence of management, and one should be conducted with only management. The committee should conclude its work each year by submitting a written public report to the full governing body on the discharge of its responsibilities.

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Something extra for the East Side

The Patrick A. Lucero Library is thriving, particularly for children

BY RYAN SEVERANCE
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

It hasn't been around long, but the Patrick A. Lucero Library has already made a big difference and helped many on Pueblo's East Side.

The library officially opened on Dec. 13, 2014, after years of planning and work.

It's the first library the East Side has had, outside of a satellite library that operated at Risley International Academy of Innovation that was open only for limited hours.

The library has given



The Patrick A. Lucero Library is located at 1315 E. Seventh St.



Jaylah Cesario, 13, looks at a book in the teen section of the library.



East Side youth a positive environment to go to every day to learn, participate in educational programs and be mentored.

From January to October 2015 there were 153,845 visits to the library, 15,256 kids attended programs held there and 157,153 books were checked out. The library is on pace to see similar numbers this year and might even exceed them, according to the library's manager Diann Logie.

"It's giving kids a safe place to go," Logie said of the library. "Where were they before we were here? Sometimes it even gives kids just a chance to relax and take their mind off what's going on at school and at home, and we have staff who just listens to what kids have to say. A lot just want someone to listen to them about their day and what's going on at home. We sometimes hear sad stories. We do love them and care for them."

Logie said she's glad East Siders finally have a library to go to that is in their community.

"One of the big problems is transportation," she said. "Before, there was no place for community members to walk to and be able to do research and things like that."



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Library Executive Director Diann Logie helps get Nemesio Perez, 6, logged on to the Internet at the library Wednesday afternoon.



A group of youngsters play The World of Minecraft on laptop computers at the library.

Programs for youth

The library hosts a wide variety of programs throughout the year with the aim of educating children.

"Our biggest mission, I think, is the opportunity for kids to gain knowledge in different kinds of formats," Logie said. "It doesn't have to be book-based, it can be comput-

er-based with things like how to do PowerPoint or Excel and that's starting in elementary school. We're trying to prepare kids for college. Our goal is when you go to college, we want you to be prepared."

"The children here in this community are so intelligent, highly intelligent, and I know they

can go to college if they want. We want to open that path for them. Kids here have a thirst for knowledge."

The library has also assisted adults who are job hunting and may not know much about how to successfully approach that process.

"We've assisted so many people on how to

do a resume and how to attach it to an application online. I think we've helped a lot of people find employment. A lot have never written a resume before," Logie said.

Beyond the normal materials libraries provide such as books, DVDs and computer access, the library is giving its patrons access to things

such as 3-D printers and 3-D pens, something that has been a big hit at the library. The 3-D printer was purchased thanks to a generous \$25,000 donation the library received.

"The kids make me things in the 3-D printer like a little shark, a crown and a penguin. It's

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very cute," Logie said. "The kids really enjoy it."

One of the most important programs at the library is the anti-gang program that's put on for two hours every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday by former gang member Mark Salazar.

Salazar, who runs the Hard Knox Gang Prevention and Intervention Program, was hired by the library in October.

"He talks with kids about how to interact and communicate with gangs and say no and to walk away," Logie said. "It's one of the most important programs we have implemented. He's here for kids to talk to and they reach out to him and he's able to run his program here every week."

Patrick A. Lucero

The man the library is named after grew up on the lower East Side of Pueblo and attended Spann Elementary School, Risley and graduated from East High School in 1966, according to Logie.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1967 and was sent to Vietnam where he was part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, known as the "Sky Soldiers."

Lucero was killed in action on March 14, 1968, while on patrol in the Kon Tum Province.

A library — also named the Patrick Lucero Library — was built in Vietnam in 2010 near where Lucero took his



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From left, Julian Giovanni, 7, Sierra Hernandez, 5, and Hector Ordonez, 7, take advantage of the chance to do some coloring while visiting the Patrick A. Lucero Library, 1315 E. Seventh St., on Wednesday afternoon.



A portrait of the library's namesake, Patrick A. Lucero, hangs in the library.

last breath.

Jim Lewis and Bill Bailey, two of Lucero's childhood friends who grew up with him on the East Side, raised money to build the library to honor

their friend through an organization called PeaceTrees Vietnam.

"Both Patrick Lucero libraries serve as community centers for economically disadvantaged communities; one devastated by the remnants of war and the other a product of poverty and crime," Logie wrote in a newsletter about the libraries. "Yet, both libraries serve their respective communities with compassion and empathy, distributing hope for the future of their children and communities by providing literacy programs, technology and information."

The library's lifeblood

Logie said the library would not be nearly as successful without the

work her dedicated staff puts in there every day. The library currently has six staff members, three of whom have been working there from the beginning.

"My staff is the most dedicated, passionate staff that I've ever had," Logie said. "Their teamwork and their passion for the kids and this community is remarkable. Everyone that's here wants to be here and wants to make a difference in the community and they do every single day."

"Every day they walk in, their goal is to provide the best services for the community and the kids."

For more information, call 562-5600.

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