



# UPDATE

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## Libraries are big business

U.S. libraries purchase an estimated \$14 billion in goods and services annually.

This amount exceeds:

- Video retail sales (\$12.3 billion)
- Bars and taverns (\$13.3 billion)
- Athletic footwear sales (\$13.6 billion)
- Golf equipment (\$3.9 billion)
- Bicycle sales (\$5.1 billion)

Each day libraries circulate 4 times more items than Amazon handles.

Five times more people visit U.S. public libraries each year than attend U.S. professional and college football, basketball, baseball and hockey games combined.

*This information about U.S. libraries was provided by the Online Computer Library Center.*

**U.S. public library cardholders outnumber Amazon customers by 5 to 1**

Spring is sooner recognized by plants than by men.

Chinese Proverb



The daffodils are up! As many of you know, the Zugelder library's south-facing flower beds are one of the great places in town to see early spring bulbs. In addition to the daffodils, you will see hyacinth and crocus. Pause a moment to appreciate these beauties as you walk up to the door. Thanks to Marilyn Lewis for her work tending the garden.



## More opportunities to express your opinion

### Computer classes

Library staff members in Crested Butte and Gunnison want to know if there is interest among citizens in some basic beginner computer classes.

Email and basic word processing might be initial topics and the intent would be to help individuals gain knowledge that would help them use computers for certain kinds of easily learned tasks.

We'd like to know if you or someone you know would be interested. Call the Old Rock Library in CB at 349-6535, or the Zugelder Library in Gunnison at 641-3485 to let us know.

### Magazine selection

Our libraries make every effort to maintain a wide selection of magazines. We subscribe to more than 100 of them between the two libraries.

Are there publications we don't have that you would like for us to receive? Let us know and we'll try to accommodate your wishes.

### Website content

The District is in the process of working on content for a new website. In addition to our current online services what else do you think we should include? Contact Director Larry Meredith – 641-3485 – with your ideas.

## Important Dates

### Tuesday, April 7

District Board meets with Gunnison City Council in work session

### Saturday, April 11

Cowboy Poetry at WSC  
7 p.m.  
WSC Savage Library

### Tuesday, April 14

District board meets with Gunnison County Commissioners in work session

### Thursday, April 16

District board meeting in Crested Butte

### Friday, April 17

Gunnison Friends of the Library Annual Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Zugelder Library

Gunnison Friends Regular Meeting  
11:00 a.m.  
Zugelder Library

### Thursday, May 7

Library Districts Hosts Mayors and Managers Luncheon at Zugelder Library in Gunnison

### Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day



*An eager group of 4-year-olds lined up outside the Old Rock Library in CB in late March just prior to a storytime.*

## Library survey seeks your opinions

**W**atch your mail as you may be one of the lucky ones to receive a survey asking your opinion on a number of topics related to library services and facilities in Gunnison County.

Should you receive a survey, please fill it out and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope that is included. Also, we ask that you urge your friends who might receive a survey to also fill it out and return it.

The survey will help the District as plans are made regarding a potential ballot issue which might be presented to Gunnison County voters in the fall.

## Update from the children & youth services librarian

**K**ym McNamara has been taking her storytime show on the road.

Every other week she visits Tenderfoot Childcare center and has recently added visitations to the Lake preschool to her schedule as well. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the children of Gunnison who can't attend the storytimes that are hosted at the library.

Speaking of taking the show on the road, Kym also presented at the Foster Parent conference in Salida on the importance of books as a way to heal when a child or teen has been exposed to trauma.

The library will be creating book lists that will help parents and other caregivers locate books that can be used in this capacity. Some topics to be included are divorce, death, new siblings, potty training, doctor visits, illnesses, etc.

Finally, the library is still looking for interested individuals to do a 50-minute performance for the summer reading program. The theme for children is "Be Creative @ Your Library" and the teen theme is "Express Yourself @ Your Library".

If you are interested, please contact Youth Librarian Kym McNamara at 641.3485.



**STAY TUNED...** for information about how to "Get Creative @ Your Library" this summer. The summer reading program is a wonderful opportunity for your children.

## Meredith a book award judge

**L**arry Meredith, Executive Director of the District, has served as a "selector" for this year's Colorado Book Awards.

He and two other selectors in the Historical Fiction category recommended finalists for the award.

The awards are sponsored by Colorado Humanities Center for the Book and include works in a dozen categories.

The awards will be presented in a ceremony later this year.

# Literacy Action Program busy in 2009



ESL students listen attentively during a recent class at the Community School library. The class is so large it is divided into three groups while young children are cared for in another room.

The Literacy Action Program, a part of the Library District, is wrapping up ESL and family literacy classes this spring and preparing for summer classes which will begin in May. Program Director Paul Duba said the programs have had a strong enrollment in both Crested Butte and Gunnison.

CB classes have ended for the winter and most of the students have returned to their home countries.

An end-of-season party is being planned for students, staff and the community around Cinco de Mayo. The location and time will be announced later.

Summer classes in Gunnison will probably be held at the Community School, Duba said, but the definite location will be announced soon.



Jennifer Hillebrandt, children's librarian, enthralled a group of youngsters in CB with a thrilling story.



Therese Trantow leads a Storytime session in Gunnison for a dozen or more pre-schoolers and parents.

**don't  
be  
shy** Ask and  
we'll deliver

Looking for a specific book? If we don't have it on our shelves, we can probably get it for you. Let us know and we'll find it via patron-placed hold or interlibrary loan, or we'll order it. Don't be shy about asking.

## Thanks to Town of Crested Butte

The Town of Crested Butte has awarded a \$3,800.00 grant to the Old Rock Library for books and elevator maintenance.

THANK YOU!

## Need a Speaker?

If you need a speaker for an organization meeting or any kind of event, consider contacting District Executive Director Larry Meredith. He will be pleased to talk about the library district, how libraries are changing, how technology is impacting libraries, and etc.

Contact him at [Imeredith@marmot.org](mailto:Imeredith@marmot.org) or at 641-3485.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The number of active library cards in the District, issued by libraries in Gunnison and Crested Butte is **13,181!**

## Storytime

for babies, toddlers & preschoolers

### Crested Butte

**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

#### Baby Book Club

Lots of stories, songs and rhymes, toys and puzzles.

**Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 a.m.**

**Regular Storytimes** (ages 2½ to 6). Theme-based picture books, songs and rhymes, projects and activities.

### Gunnison

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

#### Baby Book Club

Lots of stories, songs and rhymes, toys and puzzles.

**Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.**

#### Preschool Storytime

New stories, classic tales, songs, dancing, fingerplays and crafts.

# Attention Writers & Readers

## CB Writers' Conference

The Crested Butte Writers' Conference and Readers in the Rockies, sponsored by the CB Friends of the Library, are just around the corner.

The conference dates are June 19-21 with the one-day Readers event set for June 20.



More information is available at [www.crestedbuttwritersconference.com](http://www.crestedbuttwritersconference.com) and at [www.readersintherockies.com](http://www.readersintherockies.com).

Both libraries are purchasing, or can order, books by authors who will be appearing.



## Noted Poet here April 17

Aaron Abeyta, the "Poet of the San Luis Valley" will be in Gunnison on Friday, April 17, thanks to the Gunnison Arts Center's Poetry Alliance, the Gunnison Friends of the Library and Ann Hausler.

## Writing the Rockies Creative Writing Conference in June

This June 4-7, Western State College will once again host our annual creative writing conference, bringing together authors, scriptwriters, and poets from across the region.

The keynote speaker will be David Mason, on the country's top poets and last year's Colorado Book Award winner for "Ludlow."

Pushcart-nominated author **Teresa Milbrodt** will hold a writing workshop on how to get that first page noticed by an editor.

Check out the workshop website for all the details – [www.western.edu/writingtherockies](http://www.western.edu/writingtherockies).

Local residents and students can enroll at a discounted price.

## More technology may be coming

Not long ago the district received a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to purchase computers. These are now our public computers providing Internet access and word processing.

Part two of the grant would enable us to improve our technology even more.

This, however, requires that the district match a \$6,500 Gates grant with another \$6,500.

We are in the process of raising the matching funds and any financial contributions toward that end will be greatly appreciated.



## Visit your libraries often

### Ann Zugelder Library – Gunnison

307 N. Wisconsin  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
970.641.3485

#### Hours:

MWF – 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
TTh – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Old Rock Community Library Crested Butte

507 Maroon  
Crested Butte, CO 81224  
970.349.6535

#### Hours:

M-Th – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Friday – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturday – 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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