



#PuebloLibraryProud

KEEP THE **PRIDE ALIVE**



Pueblo City-County Library District is nationally recognized as a top public library. It is a source of pride for the community. Colorado's Gallagher Amendment and other factors are reducing the library's revenue in significant ways. The shortfall for 2017-2019 is \$806,000 and increasing. This will impede PCCLD's ability to provide current level of services. Choices about PCCLD's future need to be made now.



A gathering place

8,000

Books and materials are checked out daily.

4,600

Library visitors walk through the doors every day.

3,500

Times a day library computers and digital services are used by patrons.

900

People, attend library sponsored cultural and educational programs a day.



Books and beyond

Special programs, like Summer Reading, help kids read, learn to think and be entertained in a positive, productive way.



A free and open gathering place to read, use the Internet and connect with friends.

Best-sellers, classics, movies, ebooks, audio books and downloads always available and all are free

Award winning



Library Journal **Four Star Library**

ELGL Leslie B. Knope **Best Library in America**

Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal

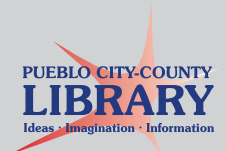
Colorado's **Library of the Year**

Financial considerations

- A library mill levy voters passed in 1999 is set to expire at the end of 2019.
- The way state law works (the Gallagher Amendment), as property values in metro Denver have skyrocketed, Pueblo libraries have lost \$806,000 since 2017.
- Without action, Pueblo's libraries will suffer.
- Revenue will not be sufficient to operate at current levels and maintain library buildings and collections.

Possible actions

- Library Trustees are considering asking the voters to simply re-authorize the existing mill levy. That way, without a tax increase, a homeowner with a \$300,000 home will continue to pay \$1 a month for libraries.
- Let the current tax expire, and reduce services such as closing two branch libraries, leaving fewer safe and positive places for kids, families and seniors.



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