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STATE REPORT

Library use speaks volumes

Pueblo district ranks No. 1 statewide in visits, program attendance

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Among Colorado libraries serving a similar population size, the Pueblo City-County Library District is tops in visits and program attendance and fourth in circulation/checkouts.

That news comes from the 2014 Public Library Report, recently released by The Library Research Service — an office of the Colorado State Library and unit of the Colorado Department of Education.

As part of this extensive report, LRS compiled statistics for the state's libraries. These

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indicate that among 12 peer libraries — including facilities in Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs — the Pueblo library ranked first in per capita visits (1,424,303) and program attendance (182,406), and fourth in circulation (2,484,858).

Four years ago, the Pueblo library was ranked third in program attendance, fourth in visits and eighth in circulation.

“These outcomes are the result of two very important things,” said Jon Walker, executive direc-



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The Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library is the flagship branch of the Pueblo City-County Library District, which was named the top library for similarly sized cities in Colorado by The Library Research Service.

tor of the Pueblo library. “First, it is the wonderful support from our com-

munity for the principles and values provided by public libraries.

“But, also, it is testimony to the hard efforts of our dedicated employ-

ees who work to provide the best possible library services for our community.”

The peer libraries serving 100,000 or more citizens include the Aurora Public Library, Boulder Public Library, Douglas County Library District, High Plains Library District (Weld County), Jefferson County Library, Mesa County Library, Arapahoe Library, Pikes Peak Library District (El Paso County), Westminster Public Library, Poudre River Library District (Larimer County), Anythink Libraries (Adams County) and Denver Public Library. jpompia@chieftain.com

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