



# #PuebloLibraryProud

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Pueblo City-County Library is nationally recognized as a top public library. It is a source of community pride. Colorado's Gallagher Amendment and other factors are reducing the library's revenue in significant ways. The shortfall 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.

## Library at the crossroads

### 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 and sustain library buildings and collections at current levels.

### 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 risk our top-notch programs, services and facilities. Leaving fewer safe and positive places and programs for kids, families and seniors.

