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The New Parachute Branch Welcomes Visitors!

The beautiful new Parachute Branch Library is now officially open for business! On the perfect fall day of Saturday, the 11th of September residents gathered to celebrate and get the first glimpse of the new facility. Amelia Shelley, Executive Director of the Garfield County Libraries began the festivities by welcoming the crowd.

Bruce Flynn, the building's Principal Architect spoke of how the plans for the building were greatly impacted by the community input.

Next was Library Board Member Bernie Grove who related the history of the Parachute Branch. She mentioned the Parachute and Silt Branch buildings were originally the



Executive Director Amelia Shelley, 5-year-old Chloe Duran, and Branch Manager Karol Sacca cut the ribbon to the new Parachute Branch Library.

Principal Architect Bruce Flynn addresses the crowd at the Grand Re-Opening.

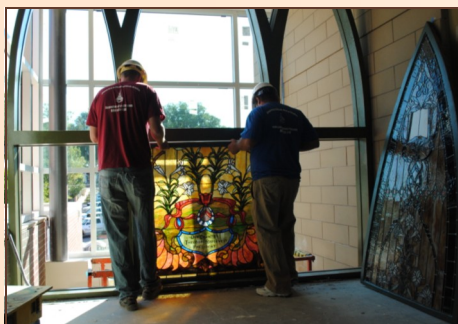
same, and how this remodel has transformed the library completely.

Parachute Mayor Judy Beasley followed and conveyed to the crowd that she was thrilled to see the library completed.

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Finishing touches on the Rifle Branch



Workers install the beautifully restored Roosevelt Window.

The new Rifle Branch Library will open on November 20th. That means the finishing touches are now being put on the building, the parking lot, and the landscaping. Electricians, plumbers, painters, and all sorts of workers are creating a flurry of activity both inside and outside the building. On September 21st the prized Roosevelt Window was installed on the second floor and can now be seen from East Avenue. This historic window was removed from the old library building and was meticulously taken apart, cleaned, and restored before reappearing in the new facility.

Once all the elements are in place, the staff of the library will move in and begin to learn all the new systems within the building, get the new computers in working order, and put thousands of new books on the shelves.

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Adult Calendar of Events

October

- 5th S Fall Gardening Workshop
with Patrick McCarty 6 p.m.
- 6th NC Suicide Prevention Awareness
6:30 p.m.
- 6th NC Artist Reception featuring
Jennifer DeBose 7 p.m.
- 11th **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
Staff Work Day
- 13th NC Digital Camera Club
7 p.m.
- 14th GCC One Book, One Town
6:30 p.m.
- 19th P Put Your Garden to Bed
Patrick McCarty 6:30 p.m.
- 23rd P Quilting 101 *Registration
Required* 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 24th R Last Day at Temporary Facility
1 to 5 p.m.

November

- 6th P Knitted Holiday Gifts with
Michelle 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 9th S Ski Safety and Accident
Awareness 6:30 p.m.
- 9th GWS Holiday Thrive with Life Coach
Chip Meneley 7 p.m.
- 10th NC Digital Camera Club
7 p.m.
- 20th R Grand Opening of the new
Rifle Branch Library 10 a.m.
- 25th **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
Thanksgiving Day

December

- 5th **Libraries Close at 4 p.m.** ◀
- 8th NC Digital Camera Club
7 p.m.
- 24th **Libraries Close at 2 p.m.** ◀
- 25th **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
Christmas Day
- 31st **Libraries Close at 5 p.m.** ◀



GCC - Gordon Cooper Carbondale
GWS - Glenwood Springs
NC - New Castle
S - Silt R - Rifle
P - Parachute

Update from the Director

We're almost there!

What's new with construction at the libraries? Plenty! One more construction project is beginning in New Castle this fall. The District has hired A4 Architects and B&H Construction, both of Carbondale, to remodel the existing New Castle Branch Library. Our hope is to make the 5,000 square feet downstairs usable and to improve the building's envelope to increase its energy efficiency. We will be hosting community meetings later this fall to invite library users (and others) to participate in a discussion of what amenities are needed in this facility and what is possible with our budget.

We did it! The Parachute Branch Library opened on the 11th of September with over 900 visitors that day. The remodeled 9000 square foot building features a 100 person meeting room, a fireplace, comfortable reading areas and an early literacy installation in the children's area designed by the Burgeon Group. Honored guests at the Grand Opening included Garfield County Commissioners Mike Samson and Tresi Houpt, Parachute Mayor Judy Beasley, SoL Energy CEO Ken Olson, and Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Executive Director Susan Kirkpatrick. The day also served as the inauguration of the building's 10 kWh solar system paid for through a grant from DOLA and the Governor's Energy Office.

The Rifle Branch Library is moving ahead steadily as is the work on the Rifle Civic Plaza and parking structure. We are hurrying to complete exterior work before the snow flies. All of the exterior windows are in and the Roosevelt Window was installed inside the new

building in mid-September. Tile and carpet are going in on both floors as well as the ceiling grid, lighting and doors. Why is the building so big? Two reasons, there are two meeting rooms and the District's administrative offices upstairs, and we are planning for future growth. Garfield County's population is expected to triple in the next 25 years and we want to be sure we are providing enough space in our facilities to accommodate that growth. The new Rifle Branch Library will open on November 20th. Join us for the Grand Opening Celebration that day from 10am to 2pm.

What's happening elsewhere? We are making progress in Silt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs with selecting locations, acquiring land and establishing a schedule for construction of those facilities. We'll keep you updated on opportunities to participate in community meetings as those projects progress.

If you are interested in a making a donation or are interested in a naming opportunity in association with either of these projects, I encourage you to contact me to set up a meeting. Donations are being accepted for various furnishings and upgrades as well as naming opportunities for meeting rooms. The Garfield County Public Library Foundation is a registered 501c3 and both libraries qualify as Enterprise Zones. Contact me by email at ashelley@gcpld.org or call me at 970-625-4270 to discuss our donor program. I welcome your comments and support!

-Amelia Shelley, Executive Director

Book Recommendations from Silt Staff

Siren

by Tricia Rayburn

Vanessa and her sister Justine are on vacation in Winter Harbor, Maine when suddenly Justine dies in a tragic accident. Struggling with the loss of her sister, Vanessa teams up with Simon to investigate Justine's final moments and whether her accident could be related to Simon's recently missing brother. When men from the town start to wash ashore, the two begin an investigation to see if the three events could all be linked and stumble across a secret someone is willing to kill to keep.

Blending fantasy, love story, and mystery, Rayburn spins a Young Adult tale fans of the otherworldly will appreciate and provides ample relief for those who enjoy the imaginary but are tired of the vampire trend.

-Sabrina Thornton

The Boy In the Striped Pajamas

by John Boyne

Bruno is a young boy who loves playing with his three best friends, sliding down the banister in his house and exploring his surroundings. When his dad gets a job promotion and moves the family, Bruno has to leave his old world behind and start over. One day Bruno meets a boy that is his age and he begins a friendship that will change his life forever.

Although this novel is set in Germany and Poland and decides to take on some of the heavy themes of WWII, I enjoyed the innocence and curiosity of a nine year old boy that is trying to understand the world around him. This novel may be classified as a young adult book but, as is the case with many YA books, there is an appeal for adults as well.

-Dan Mickelson

One Book, One Town

The Roaring Fork Valley's native son, Jonathan Waterman, has published ten unique journey books exploring history, culture and the environment. He is renowned for unprecedented mountaineering ascents, long river trips and arduous wilderness traverses. Jon has also written for, appeared in, and created five TV documentaries about his wild journeys.

Running Dry: A Journey From Source to Sea Down the Colorado River is Carbondale's pick for the 6th annual One Book,



One Town event. Jonathan Waterman chronicles his 1,450 mile journey from the Colorado River source in the Rocky Mountains to its Mexican Delta.

"An evocative and bold take on a river and what winning the West really means, Waterman's book epitomizes the best of environmental writing."
- Booklist, Starred Review

Facing threats today from drought, pollution, climate change and pressures from population growth, the River is running dry. Only in the wettest of

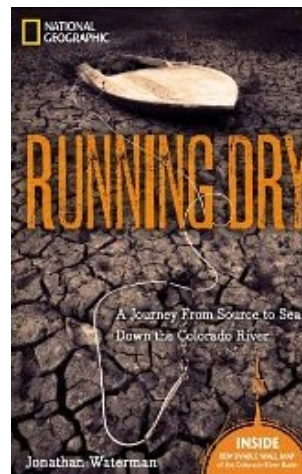
years does the river ever reach the sea.

Thirty five copies of this book, published by National Geographic, have been available at the

Gordon Cooper Branch Library all summer long. They have been constantly checked out as the community prepares to welcome Jonathan Waterman on Thursday, October 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Roaring Fork High School Auditoria. He will share his adventure with the community and be available for questions and a book signing.

This year One Book, One Town will collaborate with the Roaring Fork

Conservancy to present a teen program at the library on Tuesday, October 12th, at 6:30 p.m. "Plumbing the Colorado"



was developed to give middle and high school age students a better understanding of threats to the Colorado River and its role as a "lifeline for an arid land" in the west.

Everyone is welcome, and these events are free thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Friends of

the Gordon Cooper Library.

For more information call 963-2889.



Highlighting Adult Book Clubs

Spanish Book Club
at the Gordon Cooper Branch

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th

6 p.m.



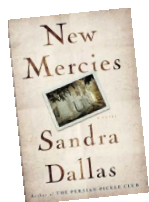
Page Turners
at the Parachute Branch

October 12th featuring
New Mercies by Sandra Dallas

November 16th

December 21st

7 p.m.



Ladies Who Lunch
at the Parachute Branch

October 19th

November 16th

12 p.m.

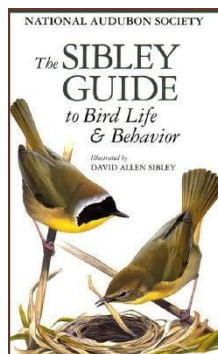
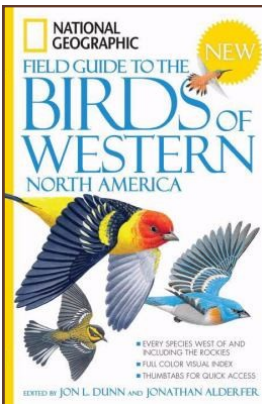


Audubon Donation

Jan Fedrizzi, former librarian with Eagle Valley Library District and member of the Roaring Fork Audubon Society, recently coordinated an effort to add bird identification books to 12 public libraries in Pitkin, Garfield, and Eagle

Counties. Each library in Garfield County will receive 2 books from a list of favorites of the local branch of the Audubon Society. Titles include *The Sibley Guide to Birds* and *The National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America* among others.

We thank the Roaring Fork Audubon Society for their donation to our libraries.



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...New Parachute Branch (continued)

The next speaker was County Commissioner Mike Samson who elaborated on how important libraries have been in his life. He went on to recognize the wonderful Parachute Branch staff, and had Branch Manager Karol Sacca join him at the podium.

On this day we were not just celebrating the new library, but also the photovoltaic arrays (PV) installed on the roof. The Garfield County Libraries are a partner in the Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative (G-NECI) funded by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). DOLA Executive Director Susan Kirkpatrick was in attendance and

talked of how well the entities of Garfield County have worked together to not only obtain grant funds, but use them effectively in arrays such as the one on the Parachute Branch roof.



Exploring the new books on opening day.

Ken Olson, CEO of SoL Energy (who installed the PV arrays), also spoke about the 10 kW PV arrays which will produce energy for the building and prevent CO2 from entering the atmosphere.

County Commissioner Tresi Houpt rounded out the speaker line-up. She told the crowd how G-NECI got started, and how the Parachute Branch Library project is just another wonderful example of the successes which can be attributed to the forward thinking citizens of Garfield County.

Right before the ribbon cutting Amelia Shelley took the microphone again to emphasize how important children are to the libraries. She told the crowd she believes the children's area will make the Parachute Branch a "destination

library". The interactive installations will draw families in to explore them together. And with that, Amelia invited 5-year-old Chloe Duran up to help cut the ribbon and officially open the library for business.



Finding a cozy spot to use the wireless internet.

Once inside, "oohs" and "aahs" could be heard as the crowd began exploring the new facility. Refreshments were served in the 100-person Community Room as a slideshow documenting the building process was shown on the 66" flat screen television. In the library entryway a giant library card drew attention to a station where some people signed up for library cards and others traded in their old library cards for a new card with one of the six new designs.

Community members also got their first look at the thousands of new books which occupy the newly expanded shelf space. Once they found a title or two (or ten), people were able to try out the new self-check stations or talk with staff as they checked out at the front desk.



Browsing the new easy reader books.

As predicted, the children's area seemed to be the biggest hit of the day. Children (and adults) explored the new books, computers, and especially the interactive learning installations.

Over 900 people visited the library on opening day! Thank you to everyone who helped make the day special.



Meet Your Librarian

Sunny Whilldin
Library Assistant
New Castle



Sunny started her library career with the Garfield County Libraries in 2005. For the last 3 years we have been honored to have her at the New Castle Branch. Her name exemplifies her personality perfectly.

Sunny has been responsible for getting our Homebound Service off the ground this past year. The library has received glowing comments from patrons who are unable to get out to the library due to health or physical reasons. They know they can count on Sunny to deliver and pick up their choice of reading materials with a smile. She also is the liaison with Meals on Wheels to deliver reading material to their clients. Sunny facilitates the Playdate program for parents and toddlers to interface, share and play. She even teaches basic computer skills to beginners.

Sunny and her husband Don have lived in Colorado for 16 years with their two cats, Kao Ko Kung and H.R.H. Sir Rumbuttens. She is a devoted grandmother of one, with another due in the spring.

She is the Western Slope director for a Secular Carmelite Religious community, and has published a children's book in her spare time. Her passions include writing spiritual poetry and traveling. She is on the road quite a bit with needlepoint and audio books in hand. We look forward to having Sunny with us for many years to come.

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Read to Me Day



Volunteer reader Laura Ellis sparks interest (and smiles) at Summit Preschool during the last Read to Me Day in February.

The Garfield County Libraries are partnering with the Garfield County Department of Human Services Child Care Program and the Roaring Fork Valley Early Learning Fund's "Raising a Reader" program to produce another "Read to Me Day". The goals of Read to Me Day include:

- supporting the relationship between young children and early literacy
- fostering relationships between community members and young children
- fostering relationships between the community and early childhood programs
- and immersing children in the magic of books!

Read to Me Day will be on Wednesday, November 17th in the towns of Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, and New Castle (Silt, Rifle, and Parachute will hold a separate Read to Me Day in February).

During this special day, volunteers from the community will read a special book to children in daycares and preschool classes throughout the three towns. After each volunteer reader is finished sharing the story with the children, the book will remain in the daycare or classroom for the children to read and enjoy again and again. If you are interested in being a volunteer reader please talk with your local library.

Halloween Parade in Rifle

Although the Rifle Branch will be closed, the annual Halloween Parade will continue its wonderful tradition of exciting children and business owners alike. The parade will be on Friday, October 29th at 10:30 a.m. Please meet at the front of the new Rifle Branch Library building at 207 East Avenue as early as 10 a.m. and we will depart on our candy-filled journey at 10:30.



New Storytime in Parachute



In September the Parachute Branch resumed its regular Preschool Storytime on Fridays, but with an all-new time of 11 a.m.

Now they are expanding their storytime line-up with a new Toddler Time Storytime on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. This new program will target the younger ages, and provide fun stories, songs, and finger plays just for them. It's a great way to introduce your young child to the wonders of books and maybe make a few friends in the process. Toddler Time begins on October 6th.

Children's Calendar of Events

October

- 5th Reading Buddies continues every
GWS Tuesday 3:30 p.m.
- 11th **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
Staff Work Day
- 12th Paws to Read
NC 6:30 p.m.
- 24th Last Day at Temporary Facility
R 1 to 5 p.m.
- 28th Halloween Spooktacular!
GWS for 8 to 14-year-olds at 5 to 7 p.m.
- 29th Halloween Parade
R 10:30 a.m.

November

- 9th Paws to Read
NC 6:30 p.m.
- 9th Teddy Bear Storytime
NC 7 p.m.
- 17th Read to Me Day in **CA, GS, & NC**
- 18th Storytime Showtime
P 6:30 p.m.
- 20th Grand Opening of the new
R Rifle Branch Library 10 a.m.
- 25th **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
Thanksgiving Day

December

- 5th **Libraries Close at 4 p.m.** ◀
- 9th Holiday Ornament Workshop
NC with Santa 6 to 8 p.m.
- 14th Reading Buddies last meeting of 2010
GWS 3:30 p.m.
- 14th Paws to Read
NC 6:30 p.m.
- 21st Kids Christmas Craft Night
P 6:30 p.m.
- 24th **Libraries Close at 2 p.m.** ◀
- 25th **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
Christmas Day
- 31st **Libraries Close at 5 p.m.** ◀



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Teen & Tween

Spot

Plumbing the Colorado



Gordon Cooper Branch
Tuesday, October 12th
6:30 p.m.

Scarecrow Characters Workshop

Gordon Cooper Branch
Thursday, October 14th
1 to 5 p.m.

Halloween Spooktacular!

Glenwood Springs Branch
Thursday, October 28th
5 to 7 p.m.

The Good, the Bad, & the Gross!



Parachute Branch Library
Thursday, October 28th
12:30 to 3 p.m.

Gamer's Lunch



Parachute Branch
Thursday,
December 30th
12:30 to 3 p.m.

Celebrate Teen Read Week at the Garfield County Libraries

October 17th through 23rd is a special time at the libraries as we celebrate Teen Read Week. We hope you will visit your local branch and discover a book, magazine, or graphic novel to read. While you are there make a point of stopping by the front desk with your library card. The reason?

During Teen Read Week the Garfield County Libraries are sponsoring a "Sweet Rewards" program. It's

simple: if you have your library card and there are no fines on your account, the librarian will hand you a candy bar. There are many great things in life that are free. Candy bars are definitely one of them. So find yourself at the library and get yours (limit 1 per person).



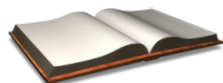
In addition to "Sweet Rewards" there will also be programs at two libraries. On Thursday, October 21st the Glenwood Springs Branch will be looking for participants to help design a special place for teens to hang out at the library. This program called "Help Wanted: Creating a Teen Space" will begin at 6 p.m. and food will be provided. The library does need you to register for the program by October 19th.

The New Castle Branch will also be busy that same day (Thursday, October 21st) as they host a "Poetry Beats with Lisa" program. Come in and explore poetry and rhythm with us starting at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Video Game Club



*at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library
*from 1 to 4 p.m. on
October 16th,
November 6th and 27th
& December 18th.



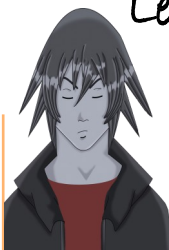
Book Club Meeting Dates

Gordon Cooper - Tweens
Mother/Daughter Book Club
at 6:30 p.m. on
October 4th,
November 1st,
& December 6th.

Glenwood Springs - Teens
at 3:30 p.m. on
October 13th,
November 10th,
& December 8th.

Glenwood Springs - Tweens
at 4 p.m. on
October 6th,
November 3rd,
& December 1st.

Learn to Draw COMICS



New Castle Branch
Mondays
& Wednesdays
4:30 p.m.



Meeting Dates

Teen Advisory Group
Gordon Cooper Branch Library
at 2 p.m. on
October 23rd.

Tween OMG (Our Magnificent Group)
@ the Glenwood Springs Branch Library
at 4 p.m. on
October 14th,
November 11th,
& December 9th.



Database Spotlight

Find it All on Our New Research Page

If you've looked for a database on our new web site recently, you've noticed a new arrangement of our electronic resources.

We've created a Research page with links to databases and web sites, recommended research tools, a new Featured Database each time you visit the page, upcoming programs and classes, and information on how to contact us.

With the new layout, the process of locating a database has changed. Instead of having to scroll through a long alphabetical list of databases, now you may select a category from the left side of the screen. This step is intended to help you narrow your search more quickly. When you click on a category, you will see a list of the databases and web sites relevant to that subject. The list includes a brief description of each database or web site to help you determine whether it might contain the information you seek. Once you've selected one to explore, click on the database name to



go to that site. We hope that providing a list of relevant databases under each category will give you access to the databases you have used in the past as well as introduce new ones for you to explore.

If you know which database you want to access but aren't sure which category in which to find it, don't worry; databases with information on multiple subjects appear in all relevant categories. The Ebsco

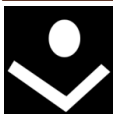
database, for example, contains full-text articles on all kinds of topics and it may be accessed from eleven different categories!

If you need help with your research, try AskColorado; you'll find it as an option under most of the database categories. You'll also find it as the first link in the Research Tools and Materials section of the page. AskColorado lets you chat live with a real librarian twenty-four hours a day, seven

days a week, except major holidays. Librarians are available to assist with questions ranging from elementary school homework help to college-level research to general stuff-you-want-to-know.

If, in the course of your research, you locate an item and want to see if the libraries have it, remember that you can reach our (new!) catalog through the link at the top left of every page. There's also a search box at the top right of every page that can search for library materials in the catalog or for information on our web site; just use the options in the drop menu to select the type of search you want to perform (it defaults to Title but you may also search by Author, Subject, Keyword, or Website).

We hope the new Research page will better serve your needs. Let us know! We welcome your feedback. Use the "Contact Us" form on our web site, www.gcpld.org.



Literacy Outreach

Glenwood Canyon Shuffle Race for Literacy

Runners and walkers are invited to stretch their legs for literacy Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Glenwood Canyon Shuffle Race for Literacy. A half-marathon (13.1-mile) run and relay race and 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) run/walk will take place on the bike path in scenic Glenwood Canyon east of Glenwood Springs.

The half-marathon begins at 9 a.m. and the 5K starts at 10. Buses will take participants from the finish line at the No Name exit of Glenwood Canyon to the race starting points. Relay teams of up to five people are welcome

to participate in the half-marathon. Team sponsorships by companies, service clubs, etc., are encouraged.

The entry fee is \$30 per person in the half-marathon, and \$75 per team, and the 5K cost is \$20 per person. A late fee of \$5 per person and \$15 per team applies to entries received after September 25. The race entry fee includes a long-sleeved T-shirt. Online registration is available at www.active.com. You can also register by mail by download a race form at literacyoutreach.org. For more information contact Literacy Outreach, 970-945-5282, or by e-mail at mfrendendall@rof.net.

All proceeds benefit Literacy Outreach. Literacy Outreach trains volunteers to work one-on-one with an adult in Garfield County who needs assistance learning to read, write, compute basic math or learn to speak English.



Above: 2009 5K Race Start Left: Runners pass through Grizzly Creek



The Glenwood Canyon Shuffle Race for Literacy is sponsored by Gallegos Construction, Paper Wise, Glenwood Springs Post Independent, Garfield County Libraries, Glenwood Meadows, Defiance Cyclery, Grand River Hospital, Mountain Roll-Offs, Inc., Glenwood Chiropractic, Blue Sky Adventures, Glenwood Canyon Resort, In Search of the Holy Grayling, Somethin' Sweet Candy Plus!, Road I.D., Lions Club of Glenwood Springs, Joyce Webb Ceramics, and Independence Run and Hike.

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Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday 1-5

New Castle 970-984-2346

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Silt 970-876-5500

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Rifle 970-625-3471

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday 1-5

Parachute 970-285-9870

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

The libraries are closed on most
Federal holidays

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Rifle Branch Library Grand Opening

One last move and we'll be home!



Artist's rendering of the completed building.

The Rifle Branch staff is getting ready to move one last time as the new library building nears completion. **The library's last day** of being open in the temporary facility will be **October 24th**. The branch will remain closed until the

**Grand Opening Celebration
& Ribbon Cutting
Saturday, November 20th
at 10 a.m.**

Thank you for your patience as we make this final transition.



Rifle Branch staff, along with long time volunteer Kathie Bernat take a tour of the new building.

For more information read "Finishing Touches on the Rifle Branch" on the front page and the "Update from the Director" on page 2.