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All Pikes Peak Reads 2008 launches September 21

Pikes Peak Library District will host 1930s party at America the Beautiful Park

Join Pikes Peak Library District on September 21 for the All Pikes Peak Reads 2008 kick-off party. **The free event will be held at America the Beautiful Park, 126 Cimino Drive from 1-4 p.m.**

All Pikes Peak Reads is a literary program for people of all ages, with fun and educational activities for the whole community. This year's selections include *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan.

The project will kick off with a celebration of food, games and music of the 1930s. Children can play sack races, hop scotch games, jump-rope, baseball, marbles, and make crafts with peat pots and seed packets.

Enjoy live stage performances by the Colorado Springs Conservatory, Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, and Pikes Peak Performance.

The Civilian Conservation Corps/Youth Corps will present a special tree dedication ceremony at the event. Visit with community organizations such as the PPLD Friends, *The Gazette*, Imagination Celebration, Manitou Art Theater, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts at booths in the park.

The kick-off party will also provide opportunities for visitors to learn about Dream City: Vision 2020, a community-wide visioning project. *The Gazette*, Leadership Pikes Peak, Pikes Peak Library District and COPPeR (Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region) have come together to launch the project.

For more information visit ppld.org, and click on the All Pikes Peak Reads link, or call 531-6333, ext. 1212.

Schedule

- 1 - 1:20 p.m. – Colorado Springs Conservatory
- 1:20 p.m. – Announcements/Dream City: Vision 2020
- 1:30 - 1:55 p.m. – Colorado Springs Children's Chorale
- 2 - 2:15 p.m. – Tree Dedication with the CCC/Youth Corps (CLLYC)

2:20 - 2:50 p.m. – Colorado Springs Youth Symphony

3 p.m. – Pikes Peak Performance - dance

3:35 p.m. – Manitou Art Theater/THEATREWORKS Announcements