

**PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
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Media Advisory  
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**All Pikes Peak Reads 2008 Schedule of Events: September & October**  
*All library programs are free unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit [ppld.org](http://ppld.org).*

Pikes Peak Library District is celebrating the seventh year of All Pikes Peak Reads. This year's selected books include *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. All Pikes Peak Reads is an annual literary program designed to get people of all ages in El Paso County to read and discuss the same books, and get involved in community activities. Event information is also available at [ppld.org](http://ppld.org), [www.dreamcity2020.com](http://www.dreamcity2020.com), and your local PPLD library.

**September Events**

**All Pikes Peak Reads Teen Reading Challenge**

Middle School Students - read *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hess or *Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp* by Jerry Stanley and get your APPR backpack! Pick up an entry form at your middle school or local library from September 21 - October 21.

**All Pikes Peak Reads and Dream City: Vision 2020 Art Contest**

Artists of all ages are invited to create an artistic representation of the community's past and future. Capture your vision in poetry, essay, visual art, performing art, or film. For deadlines and submission guidelines, visit [ppld.org](http://ppld.org), [www.dreamcity2020.com](http://www.dreamcity2020.com), or pick up an application at your library.

**Voices from Colorado's Depression Days**

In this special online audio presentation at [ppld.org](http://ppld.org), the library's Special Collections department provides excerpted audio clips from oral history interviews housed in the collection of the Depression and the Dust Bowl in Colorado. The digitized audio clips will be in .mp3 or .wma format. Some background and biographical information on the subjects will be available.

**Old Colorado City Branch Lunch and a Movie**

Bring a bag lunch to this free film showing. Coffee will be provided. This month, watch *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Thurs., September 11 from noon - 2:30 p.m. – Old Colorado City Branch, 2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.

### **Westside Lively Exchange Book Club**

The September selection is *The Worst Hard Time: the Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan.

Call 531-6333, x2318 or 385-7920 for more information.

Thurs., September 11 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. – West Center for Intergenerational Learning, 25 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St.

### **American Girls Tea Party**

Join us for a tea party featuring Kit Kittredge, American Girl of the 1930s, and experience crafts, activities and food that Kit would have enjoyed! Call to register.

Sat., September 20 at 12:30 p.m. – Palmer Lake Town Hall (Call 481-2587 or 488-2370 to register.)

Sun., September 28 at 1:30 p.m. – Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave. (Call 531-6333, x2403 to register.)

Penrose Library will also be honoring the late Gretchen Hampton who donated her doll collection (started in 1931), to the children of Colorado Springs.

### **All Pikes Peak Reads Kick-Off party**

Enjoy activities for all ages, including live music, dancing, refreshments, 1930s costumes, games and crafts for children, and a tree planting event by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sun., September 21 from 1 - 4 p.m. – American the Beautiful Park, 126 Cimino Drive

### **Grapes of Wrath: An American Literary Landmark**

In conjunction with All Pikes Peak Reads and THEATREWORKS, we will explore not only the novel *The Grapes of Wrath* itself, but also the story behind the novel. For example, John Steinbeck's first-hand accounts of the conditions of the migrant camps in Northern California in the 1930s, Dorothea Lange's photography, and Eleanor Roosevelt's defense of the controversial novel all provide a rich context. We will also look at how the novel translated into both drama and film – what is lost and what is gained. Instructor: Dr. Deirdre Gilbert is retired from teaching English at Cornell College and the University of Denver. Dr. Gilbert received a PhD from the University of Denver in Literary Studies and has published in the area of late 18th century drama and on topics concerning Jane Austen.

September 23, 25, and 30 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. – PILLAR, 30 E. Rio Grande

### **UCCS THEATREWORKS presents: *The Grapes of Wrath***

**September 25 - October 19**

**Student Matinees:** September 30, October 2, 7, 9, 14, and 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Headed west to the promised land of California, the Joad family finds greed, lust, fire, rain, and murderous rage. Yet, on they go. This is the classic story of ordinary people struggling to keep their humanity in the face of massive economic desperation. It's an essential American epic, a collective life memory,

even more moving in the theater than on the page. Adapted by Frank Galati.

### **Casa De Cerro Apartments Book Club**

The September selection is *The Worst Hard Time: the Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan. Call 531-6333, x2318 for more information.

Thurs., September 25 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. – Casa De Cerro Apartments cafeteria, 915 N. Yuma St.

### **A Bowl of Dust performed by Manitou Art Theater**

A lost and rediscovered diary, a hobo's secret, a miner's forgotten dreams – travel back in time and discover Colorado through the eyes of a child of the 1930s. Presented by Birgitta De Pree with live music by Benjamin Pratt.

Sat., September 27 at 10 a.m. – Fountain Branch, 230 S. Main Street

Sat., September 27 at 2 p.m. – Ruth Holley Branch, 685 N. Murray Blvd.

Sun., September 28 at 2 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

### ***Brother Can You Spare a Dime?* Presented by KCME 88.7 FM**

88.7 KCME is proud to present a special two hour radio program that will highlight the music that was created during the Depression Era's Work Projects Administration's (WPA) Federal Arts Project. Composers were hired through the Federal Arts Project to write music for WPA Orchestra concerts, film scores, and more. Musical performances under the WPA averaged 4,000 a month.

The show will incorporate the history of the era, as well as spotlight visual and musical artists whose projects were funded by the WPA right here in Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs and Canon City.

The music written during this era is truly memorable and inspirational, and an important part of our history.

This program is designed for adults and children – we encourage families to listen together!

September 28 at 7 p.m. – Tune in to 88.7 KCME FM

### **All Pikes Peak Reads – Banned Book Week**

#### **September 28- October 4**

Read *The Grapes of Wrath*, a banned and burned book, and *Obscene in the Extreme: the burning and banning of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath* by Rick Wartzman. Visit [ppld.org](http://ppld.org) for new information about Wartzman's upcoming visit to Colorado Springs!

### **October Events**

#### **Visit with Author Timothy Egan**

Meet the author of *The Worst Hard Time*, winner of the 2006 National Book Award at these public events on October 2:

11:30 a.m. at Garden of the Gods Country Club; cost is \$65 per person, includes lunch, speaking event, and signed copy of *The Worst Hard Time*.

3:30 p.m. at Pikes Peak Community College, Rampart Range Campus, 11195 Highway 83

7 p.m. at Colorado College at Armstrong Theater

### **Manitou Art Theater: *A Bowl of Dust***

A lost and rediscovered diary, a hobo's secret, a miner's forgotten dreams – travel back in time and discover Colorado through the eyes of a child of the 1930s. Presented by Birgitta De Pree with live music by Benjamin Pratt. It's a traveling show! Please contact the Manitou Art Theater directly for school bookings at 685-4729. More information is available at [www.themat.org](http://www.themat.org).

Fri., October 3 at 7 p.m.

Sat., October 4 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sun., October 5 at 2 p.m.

Location: Manitou Art Theater, 1367 Pecan Street

### **The Dirty Thirties**

Liman Niblack, Walter Knight and David Griffith share memories and experiences of the 1930s. As a child, Niblack experienced the Dust Bowl disaster, and he will recount how life was impacted by the force of this event. Knight participated in the massive efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps to provide employment to the unemployed and to enhance the value of our natural resources. Griffith's mother ran the Colorado state office for the CCC, and he has a great deal of information to share about this program and its impact on the local area. For information, call 488-2370.

Sat., October 4 at 2 p.m. – Monument Branch, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Drive

### **The New Deal after 75 Years**

Step back to the 1930s when America was mired in the Great Depression and Franklin Delano Roosevelt stepped into the presidency with The New Deal. A man of the people and sobered by paralysis, FDR was superbly prepared for the tumultuous age in which he lived. Enjoy a historically accurate program as Richard Marold portrays FDR's leadership during the Great Depression. For information, call 531-6333, x1212.

Sun., October 5 at 2 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

### **Art and the new Deal in El Paso County**

Artists who studied at the Broadmoor Art Academy, later the Colorado Fine Arts Center, were a close-knit, articulate, lively group. Many of the painted murals were funded by New Deal Programs during the Depression. Archie Musick, saved a number of the letters written by these artists and friends between 1929 and 1944. Readers present the letters written, accompanied by music of the time and images of the writers and their artwork.

Sun., October 5 at 3 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd., call 531-6333, x1212

Thurs., October 9 at 7 p.m. – Fountain Branch, 230 S. Main Street, call 382-5347

Sat., October 18 at 10:30 a.m. – Palmer Lake Branch, 66 Lower Glenway Street, Palmer Lake, call 481-2587

### **Out of the Dust**

Drama students from Colorado Springs Conservatory will perform a play based on the book *Out of the Dust*. Call (719) 577-4556 for times.

Tues., October 7 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – Galileo School, 1600 N. Union Blvd.

### **Living Voices presents: *Journey from the Dust***

This performance tells the story of one young man and his experiences facing the challenges of the Great Depression. It addresses the issues of survival on every level: physical, spiritual, personal, economic, racial, national, and idealistic. Interested in a class field trip? Call 531-6333, x1310 for more information, or to reserve seats for students.

Fri., October 10 at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

### **The New Deal and the Federal Arts Projects**

Return to a fascinating period in American history - the Great Depression, when Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal funded a variety of art programs that not only provided jobs for artists, musicians, writers and actors, but left a rich artistic heritage still with us today. FDR, portrayed by Richard Marold, examines the New Deal art legacy and will answer questions. For information, call 531-6333, x1212.

Sat., October 11 at 7 p.m. – Pikes Peak Center, Studio Bee.

### **Colorado Springs Philharmonic presents: A Sentimental Journey**

From the Dust Bowl to the ballroom including favorite tunes from the Depression to the Big Band Era and featuring a special appearance by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. With performances by: Thomas Wilson, Conductor; Amy Sue Hardy, Vocals; and Chris Lawson, Trumpet.

Sat., October 11 at 8 p.m. – Pikes Peak Center for the Performing Arts

### **Depression Days in Colorado**

Colorado Springs historian and author Kathy Sturdevant discusses the effects of the Depression and the Dust Bowl on Colorado and the Pikes Peak Region. Focusing on the impacts of economic hard times, New Deal policies, and the Dust Bowl, Sturdevant reveals what the national tumult of the 1930s meant to everyday Coloradans. For information, call 531-6333, x2253.

Sun., October 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. – Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave.

### **Riding the Rails: Play like a Hobo!**

Explore hobo life during the Great Depression. Learn hobo language, create a hobo bag, and make an edible campfire. Dress like a hobo and bring a canned item to donate to Care and Share.

Sun., October 12 at 2 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

Sat., October 18 at 1:30 p.m. – Cheyenne Mountain Branch, 1785 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Mitchell High School Advanced Drama Department presents *Life in the Dustbowl: History Through the Eyes of a Child***

Our narrator, Dusty, will share stories of her childhood through puppetry, storytelling and audience participation. Learn about the strength of the families who lived through the hard times. Recommended for ages 6 and older.

Thurs., October 16 at 4 p.m. – Ruth Holley Branch, 685 N. Murray Blvd.

Sat., Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

**Scavenger Hunt**

Join us in a hunt for things related to the 1930s. For students in six through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. No registration is required. Call 531-6333, x1207 for information.

Mon., October 13 from 2 - 4 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

**A Feast of Books and Chocolate**

Join this discussion group for all teens in sixth through 12th grade. This month's group will read *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse. Call 531-6333, x1207 for information.

Thurs., October 16 from 10:30 a.m. - noon – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

**Dr. Gregory Squires Presentation**

Attend this presentation on natural disaster given by Dr. Gregory Squires, a sociologist at George Washington University and co-editor of the acclaimed critical work *There Is No Such Thing as a Natural Disaster*.

Thurs., October 16 at 7 p.m. – Colorado College at Armstrong Theater

Fri., October 17 at 10 a.m. – Pikes Peak Community College, Rampart Range Campus

**Teen Dance Marathon**

Enjoy films of the 1930s, period food and drink, dance lessons and more.

The marathon will run until the last dancer drops. Come in costume from the 1930s: overalls to fatigues, dresses to dungarees. In partnership with Colorado Springs Conservatory and Colorado Springs School District 11.

Thurs., October 30 at 6 p.m.

Galileo School of Math & Science, 1600 N. Union Blvd.

**Films in October**

***The Plow that Broke the Plains (1936)***

This documentary depicts the social and economic history of the Great Plains from the settlement of the prairies by cattlemen and farmers through the World War I boom to drought and depression.

Thurs., October 2 at 11:30 a.m. – Fountain Branch, 230 S. Main Street

### ***Annie (1982)***

In the depths of the 1930's, Annie is a fiery young orphan girl who must live in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan. Her seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend a short time at the residence of the wealthy munitions industrialist, Oliver Warbucks.

Sat., October 4 at 2 p.m. – Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave.

Sat., October 18 at 2 p.m. – Ruth Holley Branch, 685 N. Murray Blvd.

### ***Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937)***

This simple story of a charming little princess saved from the evil deeds of her wicked step-mother, the queen, by a group of seven adorable dwarfs made history when it was first released in December, 1937 and has since become an incomparable screen classic.

Sat., October 11 at 2 p.m. – East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

Sat., October 25 at 2 p.m. – Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave.

Tues., Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. - Old Colorado City Branch, 2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.

### ***The Grapes of Wrath (1940)***

Based on the novel by John Steinbeck, starring Henry Fonda.

Mon., October 13 at 10:30 a.m. – Cheyenne Mountain Branch, 1785 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Thurs., October 16 at 6:30 p.m. – Fountain Branch, 230 S. Main Street

Tues., October 28 at noon – East Library 5550 N. Union Blvd.

### **Book Clubs**

#### ***The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck***

Thurs., October 9 at 12:30 p.m. – Westside Lively Exchange Book Club, 25 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Thurs., Octpber 23 at 1 p.m. – Casa De Cerro Apartments Book Club, 915 N. Yuma Street

*Pikes Peak Library District was founded in 1903. It serves a population of 530,000 with two main libraries, 10 branches and mobile library service. PPLD has 425 employees and a collection of 1.3 million items. PPLD was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation among libraries of its size by HAPLR (Hennen's American Public Library Ratings).*

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