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Library to host luncheon and lectures with author Timothy Egan
*Egan's book, *The Worst Hard Time*, is an All Pikes Peak Reads 2008 selection*

Pikes Peak Library District will host three public events in October with author Timothy Egan as part of the annual All Pikes Peak Reads project.

Egan's nonfiction book, "The Worst Hard Time," winner of the 2006 National Book Award, was chosen as one of the 2008 APPR book selections, along with John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." In "The Worst Hard Time," Egan profiles many of the survivors and their families and recounts those difficult times also written about by John Steinbeck in "The Grapes of Wrath."

Egan will speak in Colorado Springs on Thursday, Oct. 2 at Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado College, and at a fundraising luncheon for the Pikes Peak Library District Foundation. The luncheon will also feature information and practices to promote sustainability initiatives across our region.

The public is encouraged to attend one of the events on October 2:

- Luncheon: 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." To RSVP for the luncheon, call 531-6333, ext. 2205.
- Lecture: 3:30 p.m. at Pikes Peak Community College, Rampart Range Campus, 11195 Highway 83; free.
- Lecture: 7 p.m. at Colorado College at Armstrong Theater; free.

For details about the lectures, call 531-6333, ext. 1212.

Timothy Egan Bio

Egan is the author of five books. His most recent, "The Worst Hard Time," won the 2006 National Book Award for nonfiction, considered the nation's highest literary honor. He also shares a Pulitzer Prize, from 2001, as part of a team of New York Times reporters for their series, "How Race is Lived in America."

Egan is an online, op-ed columnist for the New York Times, writing his "Outposts" opinion feature once a week. For 18 years, Egan worked as a reporter for the Times, based in Seattle and roaming the West. He has covered everything from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, to the O.J. Simpson trial to the collapse of small town America in the Great Plains.

He is a regular contributor to BBC Radio, doing a series of vignettes on American life. A third-generation Westerner, Egan lives in Seattle.

All Pikes Peak Reads

All Pikes Peak Reads is a project designed to encourage everyone in El Paso County to read and discuss the same books each year, generating discussion across social, cultural, and generational lines.

The 2008 APPR project will be thematically tied to “The Grapes of Wrath” and “The Worst Hard Time”, with companion books available for younger readers. This allows PPLD to broaden the scope of APPR to include improved offerings for readers of all ages, a key objective of the library district.

The 2008 APPR project will kickoff with a community party on Sunday, Sept. 21, and will offer programs to encourage the community to read these stories of survival and the human spirit, while embarking on a new vision for the Pikes Peak region in the year 2020.

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 9th in the nation among libraries of its size by HAPLR (Hennen’s American Public Library Ratings).

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