

Reading at the Rock



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Save Rockrimmon Library’s Grassroots Effort Continues: “Reading at the Rock: Rockrimmon Interim Library” Set to Open Soon

Colorado Springs, CO – Following the closure of the Rockrimmon Library by the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees in December 2024, a passionate grassroots movement to “Save Rockrimmon Library” has successfully organized to establish an all-volunteer interim library. Today, we are thrilled to announce its name—**Reading at the Rock: Rockrimmon Interim Library**—and share exciting progress toward its upcoming opening within a space at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 950 Vindicator Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

This new interim library is a testament to the community’s unwavering need and commitment to literacy and access to resources on the northwest side of town. On Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the first book donation drop-off event saw an overwhelming response. So many residents turned out to donate books that the second scheduled drop-off day, planned for Saturday, February 22, was canceled due to an abundance of contributions exceeding the space’s capacity.

While the influx of books has exceeded expectations, the effort now shifts to organizing the collection. Volunteers are needed **this Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to help sort, manage, and stack books at the interim location. No prior experience is required—just a willingness to roll up your sleeves and help bring this community-driven vision to life.

→ MEDIA COVERAGE INVITATION – A sneak peek inside our new temporary home. Leadership, books, and volunteers will be busy organizing. Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm @ 950 Vindicator Road.

“We’re incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from the community,” said Karla Powers, lead organizer of the grassroots effort. “The sheer volume of book donations and volunteer enthusiasm proves what we’ve said all along: closing the Rockrimmon Library was a dire and misguided mistake that underestimated the needs and spirit of this community.”

The opening date for **Reading at the Rock: Rockrimmon Interim Library** will be announced soon, with organizers working diligently to prepare the space. The website will be online, too. This interim library will serve as a temporary lifeline for residents, offering books and a gathering place until a more permanent solution can be secured.

Email SaveRockrimmonLibrary@gmail.com or follow Save Rockrimmon Library on Facebook for those interested in volunteering or staying updated on the library's progress. There is also more information on www.SaveRockrimmonLibrary.com.

Together, we’re proving that the northwest side of Colorado Springs refuses to let its library legacy fade.

About Reading at the Rock: Rockrimmon Interim Library

Born from the 2024 “Save Rockrimmon Library” grassroots campaign, Reading at the Rock is an all-volunteer initiative to restore library access to the northwest Colorado Springs community. Located at 950 Vindicator Rd, this interim library embodies the power of collective action and the enduring value of local libraries. ###

Photos of Volunteers at Reading at the Rock on Thursday, February 20th. Donating, Collecting, and Sorting Books

