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**Community Demands a Vote to Save Rockrimmon Library
at PPLD's Last Meeting of the Year**

Colorado Springs, CO — December 3, 2024 —The fight to save Rockrimmon Library reaches a critical juncture at the December 4th Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) Board of Trustees meeting. This is the **last scheduled PPLD Board meeting before the lease expires**, and the community is demanding a vote at this event or the scheduling of a special meeting before the close of 2024 to reconsider extending the lease for one year.

The media is encouraged to attend this pivotal meeting, where a large, passionate crowd will be calling on the Board of Trustees to reverse their decision and take immediate action to prevent the closure.

Event Details:

- **What:** PPLD Board of Trustees Meeting – Community Calls on Vote to Save Rockrimmon Library
- **When:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 5:00–6:00 PM
- **Where:** Library 21C, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colorado Springs

*“This is a critical opportunity to show the PPLD Board of Trustees that the closure of Rockrimmon Library is unacceptable and to demand action to reverse this decision. We need to send an unmistakable message: **Our library is vital, and we will not back down,**”*
Karla Powers, Director of Save Rockrimmon Library, writes in a recent newsletter.

Why This Story Demands Attention:

- 1) **Final Opportunity for Action:** With the lease set to expire, this is the community's last chance to compel the Board to either vote to extend the lease or hold a special meeting before it's too late.
- 2) **Escalating Public Pressure:** The Save Rockrimmon Library group has mobilized widespread support, including \$71,080 in pledges and backing from four City Council members and two PPLD Board of Trustees.
- 3) **Questions of Governance:** Advocates argue the Board's decision lacks sufficient justification and contradicts their own data, raising concerns about transparency and accountability.
- 4) **Ripple Effects:** The closure of Rockrimmon Library sets a troubling precedent for the future of community libraries across Colorado Springs.

For additional information, visit our website, www.SaveRockrimmonLibrary.com, and the FACTS page. For neighborhood comments and input, see our Save Rockrimmon Library Facebook page.

Who is Save Rockrimmon Library:

Save Rockrimmon Library was formed in response to the October 2024 PPLD vote to close the Rockrimmon Library, a decision that many in the community feel was made without adequate public input and against the library's mission of providing "equitable access to physical and virtual spaces in safe and inclusive environments." This is a nonpartisan issue affecting residents of all ages and backgrounds in Northwest Colorado Springs. Rockrimmon Library's unique role as a community center provides critical services and spaces that cannot be replaced by other facilities in the area.

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