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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:****Save Rockrimmon Library: 'Not Saying Goodbye' Rally @ Noon Saturday Marks Final Day of Library Operations – Community Fights to Keep Doors Open**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – November 29, 2024** – The grassroots movement *Save Rockrimmon Library* continues to make significant strides in its fight to prevent the closure of Rockrimmon Library. With growing community support, escalating pledges, and increasing pressure on local officials, the group is calling on media outlets to cover the next critical steps in this effort to save a beloved community resource.

Rockrimmon Library's doors are **set to close on December 1, 2024**, amid growing protests from community members seeking answers. And the minimal response from PPLD Trustees.

***Press Invited to Attend Key Upcoming Events -*****November 30: “Not Saying Goodbye” Rally – A Show of Community Support**

**When:** Saturday, November 30, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Where:** Rockrimmon Library, 832 Village Center Dr., Colorado Springs

**Details:** Utilize the library's services—children's areas, bookshelves, computers, and more—Thank the library staff for their dedication.

10:30 AM–12 PM: Sign-making in the meeting room (supplies welcome).

**>>12–1 PM:** Peaceful protest outside with media presence invited.

**December 4: PPLD Board of Trustees Meeting – Critical Moment to Save the Library**

**When:** Wednesday, December 4, 5:00 PM

**Where:** Library 21C, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colorado Springs

**Details:** This final regular meeting of the year is a pivotal opportunity to urge the PPLD Board to reverse its decision. A full crowd will be there to demonstrate unwavering community resolve. The Board has the option to hold a special meeting in December to reconsider closing the library.

**December 10: Potential City Council Meeting (If needed)**

**When:** Tuesday, December 10, 9:00 AM

**Details:** Further updates will confirm whether this meeting is required to address the next steps.

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**Community Impact and Progress**

**Funding Pledges:** In just 4.5 weeks, *Save Rockrimmon Library* has raised \$70,444—enough to cover over three months of rent and utilities, demonstrating the community's commitment to keeping the library open.

**Growing Support:** The campaign now has the backing of four City Council members, one incoming County Commissioner, and two PPLD Trustees.

### **Why This Story Deserves Coverage**

The closure of Rockrimmon Library is not just about one facility—it represents a critical issue of transparency, accountability, and the preservation of public resources. This fight has galvanized an entire community, raising vital questions about how decisions affecting public spaces are made.

**Visual Appeal:** Hundreds of residents gathered with signs and posters, making their voices heard in peaceful demonstrations.

**Powerful Stories:** Interviews with parents, students, seniors, and other residents about the library's irreplaceable role in their lives.

**Accountability in Action:** Public scrutiny of the PPLD Board and City Council's handling of the closure decision.

Go to our website, [www.SaveRockrimmonLibrary.com](http://www.SaveRockrimmonLibrary.com), FACTS page for additional information.

### **Background:**

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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