1983 $9.998,000 Bond voted by the Library District electors to fund the construction of a library in the "east service area".

FURTHER RESOLVED:

The object and purpose for which the indebtedness will be incurred, is for capital improvements for the Pikes Peak Library District and the construction and implementation of a major library facility in the east service area.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

The amount of the indebtedness to be incurred shall be $9,998,000.00.

1986 Election for library funding to open 4 branches including Rockrimmon votes broken down by "Service Areas", page 10.



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Election '86

Pikes Peak library gets mill hike; Security voters reject measure

By Ancel Martinez
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The Pikes Peak library District will increase its property tax levies from 2 mills to 4 mills, voters decided Tuesday.

But voters in the Security Public Library District rejected an identical measure by a vote of 3,382 to 3,159 with all precincts reporting. Nearly 52 percent of the voters turned down the proposal, compared to 48.3 percent supporting it.

The Pikes Peak district, which includes all of El Paso County except Manitou Springs and Widefield School District 3, won its millage increase by a vote of 49,414 to 39,056, or 55.8 percent favoring and 44.1 percent opposing.

The higher tax, which annually will cost property owners $4 per $1,000 of assessed property value, will add $2.2 million to the district's $3.5 million budget.

"We're going to build up the library system compared to other libraries in the state," said Director Ken Dowlin, who celebrated the victory with fellow library workers at Penrose Library downtown.

"It'll make Colorado Springs a more attractive and interesting place to live," he said. "Back in the '30s Colorado Springs was considered the cultural capital of the Rockies but it hasn't kept up."

Officials said they would spend $1 million to run the new East Library and Information Center at Vickers Drive and Union Boulevard.

The tax increase was essential to ensure that the new library would open Jan. 10 with enough books and staff members, officials said.

Another $1 million will be spent over the next nine years to buy new books and materials for the eight-branch library system, hire 60 more employees and lease four sites to open satellite branches.

The mill-levy increase is the first for Pikes Peak [illegible] since a half-mill addition was approved in 1978.

Three years ago, district voters approved a $9.9 million bond [illegible] for the $6 million East [illegible].

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Rockrimmon (North West) Branch Site Recommendation

In 1986, the Board of Trustees of PPLD approved the opening of four new branches, or LMCs - East (Ruth Holley), Southeast (Sand Creek), Rockrimmon, and Village Seven based on the 1983 Facilities Resource Plan.

In 1987, the Facilities Resource Plan was updated by the Research and Consulting Group. Ruth Holley Branch had opened. The Southeast and Rockrimmon branches were still recommended based on the updated information. Sand Creek Branch will open in the southeast in 1988.

Since the 1986 mill levy campaign, a branch located in the Rockrimmon area has been publicized. Mill levy vote tallies show support for the library from the N.W. area residents. (Nancy Downs' mill levy vote results and publicity about the Rockrimmon Branch are attached.)

Branch site selection is determined by:

Concentration of Population
The population in the Rockrimmon area is about 13,000.

Minimal Driving Time
The area is approximately 4 miles from ELIC and 8 miles from Penrose. (The standard for site selection is a 7-10 minute drive or 3 miles.)

Minimal Duplication in Population Served Between Branches and a Main Facility

Neighborhood Identification
The Rockrimmon area extends from the intersection of Woodmen Road and Rockrimmon Boulevard. Several other developments are close to the Rockrimmon area. For this reason it might be better to refer to the branch as the northwest branch until it is named.

Developments in addition to Rockrimmon are:

Mountain Shadows	Holland Park
Woodmen Valley	Oak Valley Ranch
Peregrine	Falcon Ridge
Pinecliff	

Each of these developments is outside of a 7 to 10 minute drive from an LIC.

The Facilities Resource Plan recommends a 2000 square foot facility in the NW area staffed by 2 FTE's. (A 15 hour Library Clerk I should be added to the staffing table for the recommended branch.)

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