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NEWS RELEASE

USPTO Designates Durango Public Library a Patent and Trademark Resource Center; Workshops Scheduled

Durango, CO: Have you ever dreamed of becoming an inventor? Do you have a product name or logo you would like to trademark? The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has announced the grand opening of the newest Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) at the Durango Public Library in Durango, Colorado on Tuesday May 22, 2018. The Durango Public Library will be the second PTRC in the State of Colorado. It will serve residents in southwestern Colorado and northern New Mexico, which includes the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Nations. The Library will support entrepreneurs throughout the region seeking patent and trademark protection for their intellectual property. USPTO-trained librarians will assist patrons using the agency's patent and trademark databases.

PTRCs are a nationwide network of public, state, and academic libraries that provide free services, including assistance in accessing patent and trademark documents, help in using USPTO databases, and aid in identifying resources on the USPTO website. They support inventors, intellectual property attorneys and agents, business people, researchers, entrepreneurs, students, historians, and members of the public unable to visit USPTO campuses. PTRCs also host public seminars on IP topics for novice and experienced innovators.

To celebrate our new PTRC status, on May 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Durango Public Library, in partnership with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, invites you to spend a day

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with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Staff by attending workshops focused on Patent and Trademark research. Due to limited space, pre-registration is requested at:

<http://bit.ly/PTRCsignup>. Registration closes on Friday May 18, 2018. For more information contact Donna Arment, PTRC Coordinator, at 970-375-3386 or via email at donna.arment@durangogov.org.

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