Renovated Library Park Playground Opens to the Public

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Last month something remarkable happened. The City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation opened all playground and park amenities to the public. Without fanfare, the newly-renovated playground at Library Park officially welcomed its first families to come and play.

With the location of the park adjacent to both the Carnegie Center for Creativity and the Old Town Library, the Parks Department wanted to incorporate visual references to creativity and art as well as a strong Library reference. Old Town Library manager Eileen McCluskey was brought in to help make decisions about how best to represent the Library.

The District’s graphic designer, Laura Carter, created much of the artwork you’ll see throughout the playground equipment, particularly the merry-go-round. The artwork panels incorporate many small details, including books, Library puppet Rafael the Raccoon and all three Library mascots: Annie, Fisher, and Percy. Local landmarks at the library and around the community are also reflected, including Horsetooth Rock and the Poudre River.

Most remarkably, though, there is a tribute to Vicky Hays, who retired from the Library just as the park was in transition. An “I ♥ Miss V” is etched in the trunk of a tree near the cabins. All the illustrations were made more playful by merging books into the structures in unexpected ways.

The look of wonder on the faces of the young readers who came out to explore the park, once it finally opened to the public, says it all.

The COVID-19 pandemic reshaped our world almost overnight, and Poudre River Public Libraries responded by shifting storytime and other popular programs to a virtual format for you to enjoy from the safety of your own home.

And, guess what? Libraries all over the state have done the same thing, and there is a bunch of content out there for adults, teens, and kids.

The Poudre River Public Library District microfilm collection!

With newspapers dating from the mid-1870s to the present day, the collection represents 150 years of Northern Colorado history. It’s got train robberies, presidential visits, and even a cartoon or two.

Despite its vast amount of content, microfilm is notoriously hard to browse. To find an article, you need to either know the exact date it was published or be willing to sift through days, if not weeks, of newspapers. Want to switch from one year to the next? You have to rewind the reel, box it back up, and trade it out for another.

If this process sounds cumbersome, we agree. That’s why we have started a project to create a searchable, digital archive of all the newspapers in the collection. We are collaborating with the Fort Collins Archive at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery to scan, edit, and make each newspaper issue in our collection available to the public through our History Connection website.

Due to copyright restrictions, newspapers from 1925 to the present will only be viewable at the library. However, it is our goal to make the newspapers from before 1925 available to anyone with an internet connection.

One caveat is that this will not be a fast process. Each reel of microfilm takes approximately 10 hours to scan, edit, organize, and make its way to the web. With more than 1,000 reels in our collection, we have our work cut out for us. We are planning to add new reels to the collection as they are completed, so you may be well rewarded by checking back often.

Have questions about the digitization project? Contact Ian Holmes, Adult Services Librarian, at 970-221-6740.
Support Local Business and Flash Your Card

Now more than ever, we love to support and shop local. Luckily, our local businesses love the library back.

With the Flash Your Card program, nearly 40 businesses around the city offer members of the Poudre River Public Library District discounts and deals, just for showing your library card.

For full discount details and exclusions, visit our Flash Your Card webpage: PoudreLibraries.org/flashyourcard/.

So, grab your library card and “check out” this list of Flash Your Card partners. Visit their website for information on their current hours of operation and safety requirements.

Bean Cycle Roasters
www.beancycleroasters.com
10% off any specialty coffee drink

Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum
www.beefamilyfarm.org
10% off admission Seasonal, May-October

Ben & Jerry’s Scoop Shop
www.benjerry.com/fortcollins/
10% off in-store classes; use the discount code: FlashYourCard

CopperMuse Distillery
www.coppermuse.com
Buy one get one free on all mule cocktails (choice of vodka, rum, gin or white whiskey)

Clothes Pony & Dandelion Toys
www.clothespony.com
Buy one get one free game of bowling or laser tag

Cupcake Sweet Shop
www.campbowwow.com/fort-collins
10% off purchase of cut-to-order cheese and meat

Cycle Bar Fort Collins
fortcollins.cyclebar.com
10% off full priced packages with promo code “library10”

Element Catalyst
www.elementcatalyst.com
Free virtual healthy lifestyle assessment quiz and results

Fort Collins Museum of Art
www.fcmoa.org
$1 off individual admission

Fort Collins Foxes Baseball
www.fortcollinsfoxes.com
$1 off admission (Closed for the 2020 season, but check them out in 2021!)

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
www.fcmodm.org
10% off one general admission

Fox and the Crow, The
www.thefoxandthecrow.net
10% off purchase of cut-to-order cheese and meat

Golden Poppy Herbal Apothecary
www.goldenpoppyherbs.com
10% off any bulk herbs, pre-made tea blends, or bottles of essential oil

Happy Lucky’s Teashop (All locations)
www.happyluckys.com
Buy one get one free teas

Harbinger Coffee (All locations)
www.harbingercoffee.com
10% off drink purchases

Jason’s Deli
www.jasonsdeli.com/restaurants/co/fort-collins/fort-collins-de/la
to go your chosen library.

Joy Organics
www.JoyOrganics.com
10% off your first one-hour session

Kennedy’s Lucky 27 Barbershop & Social Club
www.lucky27barbershop.com
10% off services

Joy’s Deli
www.jasonsdeli.com/restaurants/co/fort-collins/fort-collins-del/la
Go to the library of your choice.

Lincoln Center
www.lctix.com
Get a group discount price on any show in the Showstoppers, Anything Goes, Imagination, and Dance series

Mary’s Mountain Cookies (Old Town location)
www.marysmountaincookies.com
20% off

Mary’s Mountain Cookies (North location)
www.marysmountaincookies.com
20% off

Northern Colorado Writers
www.northerncoloradowriters.com
$10 off a 1-year membership; use the discount code: PRL10

Otter Shop
15% off in store; some exclusions

Pinot’s Palette Fort Collins Paint and Sip
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10% off in-store classes; use the discount code: FlashYourCard

Plant + Petal Conscious Beauty & Spa
www.plantandpetal.com
10% off Waxesing Services or Free Hand Treatment with Signature Facial

Ripple Effect Martial Arts (Fort Collins location)
www.rippleeffectmartialarts.com
One free month and a uniform

Sammie’s Lucky 27 Barbershop & Social Club
www.lucky27barbershop.com
10% off services

Savory Spice Shop
www.savoryspiceshop.com
10% off

Screamin’ Peach, The (Fort Collins locations)
www.screaminpeach.com
10% off all services

Sewing Circle, The
www.thew-sewingcircle.com
10% off all regularly priced items and 15% off any class tuition

Taproot Wellness and Bodywork
www.taprootwell.com
10% off your first one-hour session

Tom’s Old Town Lucky 27 Vintage Barbershop
www.lucky27barbershop.com
10% off services

Topo Designs (Fort Collins)
www.topodesigns.com
15% off

Tribal Rites Tattoo & Piercing
www.tribalritestattoo.com
10% off any body jewelry $100 or less

Turtle Mountain Farmery
www.turtlemountainfermery.com
Buy one get one free large glass of kombucha

For more information, visit www.poudrelibraries.org/flashyourcard/.

Bag O’ Books to Wind Down
Parents of young readers have been flocking to Council Tree Library to participate in the Library’s pilot program, Bag O’ Books.

This special service allowed families to request a bag of pre-selected books for emerging readers. The opportunity proved to be quite popular. In fact, during one week we filled an average of 40 bags per day, or 400 children’s books. That’s 2,800 books in one week!

However, as the Library District begins to focus on the process of reopening buildings, this program will be winding down so staff can focus on other activities. The last day to request your bag (or twol) is Friday, July 3. The last day for pickups will be Saturday, July 11.

Participate in the 2020 Virtual Summer Reading Challenge and support the community at the same time!

The Poudre River Friends of the Library have pledged to donate $2,000 to the Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund for 200,000 hours of summer reading through the Reading Makes Cents fundraiser.

Open for business, September-December
JULY VIRTUAL EVENTS

**RECURRING EVENTS**

**Phone-a-Story**

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**EVERY SUN**

10:00 AM  
Preschool, call 970-829-1301.

A new story, song, or rhyme in English and Spanish each week. Uta meru historians, canción o rimas en inglés y español. Call ahead to get a story for the week.

**The Gnome Zone**

**EVERY TUE**

10:00 AM  
Preschool

A fun challenge every week that you can do right in your home or in your neighborhood! Gnome Zone Weekly Challenges appear on our blog Monday mornings and are available all week.

**Summer Storytime in Spanish**

**EVERY THU**

10:00 AM  
Preschool

Library storytime staff share virtual storytime activities, songs, rhymes and read-aloud. Don’t forget to log it into your summer reading account afterwards to add more minutes!

**Summer Storytime**

**EVERY WED**

10:00 AM  
Preschool

Library storytime staff share virtual storytime activities, songs, rhymes and read-aloud in Spanish. Hours spent in storytime counts toward the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge.

**Bedtime Stories**

**EVERY FRI**

7:00 PM  
All Ages

Time for a fun set of bedtime stories. Stay at home in your pajamas, snuggle up with your favorite stuffed animal or blanket and enjoy this family time with us.

**Conversations in English**

**EVERY FRI**

7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Adults

Conversations in English offers a friendly, informal setting for English language learners to practice their English and connect with others. A link to register in Zoom will be forthcoming.

**Tween Zone**

**EVERY FRI**

10:00 AM  
Tweens

Every week we’ll present a fun activity or craft that you can do yourself right in your home or in your neighborhood! New Tween Zone activities go live on our blog every Friday morning.

**Summer Storytime**

**EVERY SAT**

10:00 AM  
Preschool

Enjoy library storytimes at home! Library storytime staff share virtual storytime activities, songs, rhymes and read-aloud. Don’t forget to log it into your summer reading account afterwards to add more minutes!

**Lunch Bunch LIVE: How to Bee**

**WED**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
KIDS

Join us on Zoom for the reading of imaginative kids’ chapter books. This week’s title: Listen Slowly by Thanh Ha./n

**Lunch Bunch LIVE: As Brave as You**

**WED**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
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Join us on Zoom for the reading of imaginative kids’ chapter books. This week’s title: Listen Slowly by Thanh Ha.

**Toddler Tracks with the Book Bike**

**WED**

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
Kids

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