Re-Visioning the District’s Strategic Plan to Meet Our Community’s Needs

When the Library District’s 2019-2022 Strategic Plan was created, it reflected the various needs of our community and identified ways to anticipate and respond to changes through library services, programs, and collections.

What we could not anticipate was a global pandemic drastically impacting public health and the economy, changing how we all go about work, school, and our day-to-day lives; and interrupting library services and operations.

The original strategic plan was designed to be a force in a growing and changing community. As we’ve moved forward with our phased reopening plans and finding innovative ways to offer library services, we haven’t forgotten about the important goals of our strategic plan.

In fact, library staff has been busy re-visioning the plan to make sure that it reflects our community’s new immediate needs and takes into consideration the long-term effects of the pandemic on our community.

“Our strategic plan establishes our goals, guides our decisions, and shapes our budgeting and resource allocation,” says David Slikven, executive director, Poudre River Public Library District. “We felt it was imperative to reconsider our plan in light of the pandemic so we could truly serve our community where it is right now.”

The Library District will put resources toward four key areas where we feel we can make a significant and positive impact right now while staying flexible with our traditional services and programs and with our ability to respond to any new changes.

K-12 Learning
Just as local school districts have had to make difficult decisions about reopening schools this fall for in-person learning, parents and caregivers have had to make difficult about what’s best for their family and child’s success.

School-at-home? Learning pods? Homeschooling? Some other learning model? The Library District plays an essential role in supporting children’s school readiness and K-12 learning, regardless of where or how the learning is happening.

We’ll continue to evaluate new learning tools, resources, and opportunities for students and families and make them available to the community. You may have already noticed new eResources like TurtleMath.

We are encouraging every student to sign up for a library card for easy at-home access to homework help, educational videos and resources, digital learning tools, and other useful books and materials. A library card is one of the most important back-to-school supplies!

For parents who may be called upon to support at-home learning, we offer an online homework platform, BrainFuse Homework HelpNow, that includes live subject-area learning tools, among many other eResources. You don’t have to wrestle with math homework or book reports by yourself!

Economic Recovery
The journey to economic recovery is going to take a dedicated and coordinated effort from throughout the community. The Library District is well-prepared to assist with dedicated Business, Nonprofit, and Job Development librarians, online business and career courses, skills-based learning tools like Lynda.com, and at-home access to premium databases.

And that’s only scratching the surface. Your Library will have an essential part to play in strengthening the local support network for entrepreneurs and small businesses, particularly

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WELCOME! The library is open with reduced hours & limited services.

Face coverings are required for entry.

Grab-and-Go
IN-LIBRARY BROWSING
Monday – Friday, NOON – 6:00 PM
Saturday, NOON – 5:00 PM

Dedicated Hour for High-Risk Customers
Monday – Saturday, 11:00 AM – NOON
Curbside Pickup
Monday – Saturday, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

EVERY SUN
Phone-a-Story
Cuentos por teléfono
10:00 AM
Pre-school, 970-221-5191
A new story, sung, or rhyme in English and Spanish each week. Una nueva historia, canción o rimas en inglés y español cada semana.

EVERY TUES
SNAP Assistance
11:00 AM – Noon
Adults. Registration required.
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help you put food on the table. Receive, confidential one-on-one help with applying for food stamps. We can also help with your Recertifications, Redeterminations or Change Requests. Register through the online calendar at www.poudrelibraries.org/events and Daysi will give you a call the day you’re signed up. Si El Programa de Asistencia Alimentaria Suplementaria (SNAP por sus siglas en inglés) puede ayudarlo a proveer alimentos en su hogar. Reciba ayuda personalizada para solicitar cupones de alimentos (food stamps). La información es confidencial y todos los servicios son gratuitos. Póngase en contacto con Nasrecertificaciones, Redeterminaciones o Cambios de sus cupones de alimentos. Regístrese aquí, nosotros le llamaremos el martes en el que se haya registrado.

WED., THUR, FRI, SAT
Citizenship Class / Clase de ciudadanía
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Adults. Registration required. 970-658-3721
Adulto. Regístrese para llamando al 970-658-3721
Participate in our bilingual US citizenship classes that provide guidance and help with the naturalization process. We will host 4 free virtual weekly sessions on September 9, 16, and 23.
La Biblioteca Pública Poudre River le invita a participar en nuestra clás de ciudadanía que le servirá de guía y ayuda en el proceso de naturalización. La Biblioteca Pública Poudre River le invita a participar en nuestras clases bilingües de ciudadanía que le servirá de guía y ayuda en el proceso de naturalización.

EVERY THUR
Conversations in English
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Adults. Registration required.
Conversaciones en inglés ofrece un ambiente informal y agradable para practicar su inglés y conectar con otros. Registrados participantes se enviará el link del Zoom meeting.

Bedtime Stories
7:00 PM
All Ages
Stay at home in your pajamas, snuggle up with your favorite stuffed animal or blanket and enjoy this family time with us. Available on our YouTube Channel. (No storytime on September 3.)

SATURDAY STORYTIME
10:00 AM
Pre-school
Library staff share virtual storytime activities, songs, rhymes and read-aloud. Available on our YouTube Channel. (No storytime on September 5.)

TUES.
Teen Council
5:30 – 6:30 PM
Grades 6-12. Registration required.
Teen Council meets once a month to plan fun programs, help with the teen collection, discover volunteer opportunities and more. Join the Zoom meeting to share your ideas!

Great Decisions – Topic 5: U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Adults. Registration required
Combating illegal immigration has become a priority of the Trump administration. The Northern Triangle of Central America, made up of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, is a special target of the administration. With funds from the U.S. cut, how can the Northern Triangle countries curtailing migration? Zoom meeting information will be emailed to registered participants.

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for professionals from traditionally underserved backgrounds such as women, people of color, immigrants, and veterans.

We will continue to evaluate ways to partner with organizations and directly provide business, non-profit, and career development services to our community in both English and Spanish. It is our commitment to support a resilient, community economic recovery.

Healthy Communities

The stress and worry that many people are experiencing right now, amidst the uncertainties of the pandemic, has created real concern among mental health professionals. Our friends and family are grappling with spikes in depression and anxiety symptoms, and we’re witnessing increasing outbreaks of anger and even violence.

The pandemic is as much a mental health crisis as a physical health one. And it doesn’t just affect one demographic or age group.

The Library District will pursue opportunities to support community health initiatives through local partnerships or through our own library services and resources. We will work to help families and individuals navigate complex issues of health care, mental health, aging, and other important topics around healthy communities.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Libraries hold long standing values of embracing and celebrating diversity and creating opportunity for all. We continue this work with renewed energy and commitment – to provide opportunities to educate, build awareness, and advocate for equitable treatment, inclusion, and respect for diversity in our community.

Library Card Sign Up

Chances are, if you are reading this, you probably already have a Poudre River Public Library District library card. Congratulations! We see this as your ticket to opportunity. What card in your wallet gives you free access to books, music, movies and all sorts of other resources that can change your life – or just make it more fun?

Now is a great time to make sure your friends, family, neighbors, and favorite pizza delivery guy also all have a library card. This new school year is off to an interesting and challenging start, and your library card gives you access to some amazing, free online tools to help you navigate remote learning. BrainFuse Homework HelpNow provides tutoring and homework help, in addition to skill-building. Explora is a resource for students to research news, articles, and more. CultureGrams compiles insider perspectives on daily life, culture, customs, and lifestyles of the world’s people.

And the list goes on!

Ready to just relax and have some fun? The library also specializes in (free) entertainment – whether you download movies from OverDrive, listen to new albums on Hoopla, or browse popular magazines on Flipster.

Right now, you can apply online for a temporary digital card if you can’t make it to one of the libraries. For more information on getting a library card: https://www.poudrelibraries.org/borrow/.

How Do I Place a Hold Online?

1. Using the library catalog, search for an item by its title, keyword, author, or subject.
2. Once you find the item you are looking for, click the “Place hold” button to the right of the title.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix / by J.K. Rowling; illustrations by Mary Grandpré

Rowling, J. K.


Available at OLDB TOWN CHILD Fiction (Call number: Rowling, J.) plus 4 more see all

Note: If you click on the title you will see a page containing more detailed information about the item, including summaries, reviews, series information, and other similar items you may be interested in.

3. Log in with your last name and complete library card number and click “Submit.”
4. On the next page select the library from which you would like to pick up the item and click “Submit.” Be sure to log out of your library account when you are finished.
5. Once the item becomes available you will receive an email notification or, if you’ve opted in, a text message. The item will be held for one week at your requested pickup location. To check out the item be sure to bring the card you used to place the item on hold. Remember, at this time, items can either be picked up during Grab-and-Go hours or Curbside Pickup, depending on the time of the day.

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This year’s 2020 Fort Collins Book Fest will be held virtually over two weekends, October 9-11 and October 16-18, 2020. The event presents a digital hybrid of author interviews, book talks, readings, panels, and writers’ workshops. Sessions will be centered around craft brewing, music, food, and science and technology, and will be made available on a variety of digital platforms to provide attendees with options for enjoying the event.

Headliners for the 2020 event include music legend Judy Collins (Sweet Judy Blue Eyes: My Life in Music), Colorado Poet Laureate Bobby LeFebre; journalist Fred Pearce (When the Rivers Run Dry); author/photographer John Fielder (Colorado’s Highest: The History of Naming the 14,000-Foot Peaks); and award-winning poet Camille T. Dungy (Guidebook to Relative Strangers).

Sneak Peek: 5th Annual Fort Collins Book Fest in October

**Great Decisions**

These programs will be offered through Zoom. Meeting information will be provided by email to registered participants.

- **Tuesday, September 1**
  - **7:00 – 8:30 PM, Topic 5: U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle**
  - The Northern Triangle of Central America, is made up of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. With funds from the U.S. cut, can the Northern Triangle countries curtail migration? **Tuesday, September 15**
  - **7:00 – 8:30 PM, Topic 6: China’s Road into Latin America**
  - As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How can I help my child with math homework? Does the library have the answer? Is the book my child needs available as an ebook? The Poudre Children’s Librarians will be on hand to share our resources, hear your questions, and provide answers and assistance as you navigate virtual learning this fall. Let us know how we can help you! Parents and Caregivers: Join the live session at the Facebook Live link at this site: https://bit.ly/2bzwzائمانيز /j1/84464314663

**Money Matters Series:**

**Auto Buying Tips**

**Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Whether you’re looking for new or used, a car or truck, the lemon can help put you into the driver’s seat. This virtual program will be held on Zoom. Webinar details will be emailed 2 hours prior to the start time by Louisville Public Library. Please register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/auto-buying-tips-tickets-107131344736.

**International Night -- Iceland in Winter**

**Tuesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

Join Klaus Lorenz for a presentation on Iceland, a country in the North Atlantic between Greenland and Norway. Visitors visit Iceland during the winter months to see the northern lights. This program will be offered on Zoom. Meeting information will be emailed to registered participants.

**Rekindle the Classics**

**Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Wolverine Farm Public House, 316 Willow St.**

Rekindle your love of classic literature with the CSU Department of English and Poudre Libraries! Join graduate students and faculty in lively and informative discussions of literature favorites. September title: *Titus Andronicus* by William Shakespeare.

**Study Tip: Evaluating Sources**

**Tuesday, September 8**

You’ll probably have to write a paper or complete a project and cite your sources. This week Miranda will give you tips on how to spot differences between opinion and fact, how to evaluate your sources for accuracy and reliability, and where to find answers in the first place (hint: it’s not Google!). Check out the video on the Poudre Libraries’ YouTube channel.

**Study Break: Virtual Game Night for Tweens**

**6:30 – 8:00 PM, Grades 4-8, Registration required.**

Need some time to let loose and get a little silly? Take a study break with the library for a virtual Game Night! We’ll meet up on Zoom to play Quiripad, Toca K.O. Drawful, and more! A second device is recommended but not required to play. Registration is required to receive a Zoom meeting link and space is limited to 8 participants. Let the games begin!

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**Study Break: Yoga for Tweens**

**Monday, September 7, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Old Town Library**

**Grades 4-8, Registration required.**

Join kraziest for a presentation on Iceland, a country in the North Atlantic between Greenland and Norway. Visitors visit Iceland during the winter months to see the northern lights. This program will be offered on Zoom. Meeting information will be emailed to registered participants.

**Leave Me Alone! Digital Literacy Class**

**Thursday, September 10, 6:30 – 7:30 PM**

Want your digital moves off everyone’s radar? Avoid leaving a trail of data online and learn how to get off robocall lists, arrange your privacy settings, and effectively use a junk email account. Please register with the library and a Zoom link will be sent to your email address.

**Study Tip: Reading Resources to Save the Day!**

**Tuesday, September 22, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Old Town Library**

Nicole will share free online resources and present strategies to make writing awesome papers easy. You may even discover a new source of inspiration for your fiction stories too! Check it out on the Poudre Libraries’ YouTube channel.

**Introduction to Chamber Music**

**Monday, September 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Old Town Library**

**Kids, all ages**

The Front Range Chamber Players delight in sharing music with children and return virtually this fall with an introduction to chamber music for kids of all ages. Time for a delightful presentation. A link to the event will be posted on the event calendar.

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**International Night -- Iceland in Winter**

**Thursday, September 9, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Adults, Registration required.**

Participants.

**Andronicus** by William Shakespeare.

**Great Decisions -- Topic 6: China’s Road into Latin America**

**7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Adults, Registration required.**

As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How will the relationship with China affect the region? Should the U.S. be concerned about China’s growing “sphere of influence”? This program will be held on Zoom. Meeting information will be emailed to registered participants.

**Q&A with Your Children’s Librarians**

**6:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Adults with school aged children.**

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**Study Break: Virtual Game Night for Tweens**

**6:30 – 8:00 PM, Grades 4-8, Registration required.**

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Study Tips

Fridays, 10:00 AM
Every Friday the Teen Librarians will be providing study tips. Check out the Poudre Libraries YouTube channel each week!

September 11
Page-Turning Books for Tweens
Jenny will present a new booklist of page-turning books for students in grades 4-8. You can check out the booklist on the Teen website, and the booktalks on the Poudre Libraries YouTube channel.

September 18, Evaluating Sources
Miranda will give you tips on citing sources for papers or projects. Learn the difference between opinion and fact, how to evaluate your sources for accuracy, and where to find good sources in the first place.

September 25, Writing Resources to Save the Day!
Nicole will share free online resources and provide answers and assistance as you navigate this fall with an introduction to chamber music.

Virtual Game Night for Tweens
Friday, September 18, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
We’ll meet up on Zoom to play Quiplash, Tee K.O., Drawful, and more! Two devices (a computer and a smartphone or tablet) are recommended but not required to play. For those in grades 4-8. Registration is required to receive a Zoom meeting link.

Lawn Study Break: Yoga for Tweens
Friday, September 25, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Old Town Library, West Lawn
Take a study break with us and join Deidre for some poses, relaxation, and a little meditation to help you unwind from your month spent in online school. Please bring your own yoga mat, or a small blanket or beach towel for the class. Masks must be worn for the entire program. Registration is required.

Q&A with Your Children’s Librarians
Thursday, September 17, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
School has started online and you have questions. How can I help my child with math homework? Does the library offer tutoring? Is the book my child needs available as an eBook? The Poudre’s Children’s Librarians will share our resources, hear your questions, and provide answers and assistance as you navigate virtual learning this fall. Parents and caregivers, join the live session at this link: https://zoom.us/j/84464314663

Downtown Library, Community Room

TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

STUDY TIPS FROM THE TEEN LIBRARIANS!

Introduction to Chamber Music for Kids
Sunday, September 20, 10:00 – 10:40 AM
The Front Range Chamber Players delight in sharing music with children and return virtually this fall with an introduction to chamber music for kids of all ages. Tune in for a delightful presentation at 10 AM or any time after. See the online calendar for link information.

All Ages

YouTube channel.
and the booktalks on the Poudre Libraries can check out the booklist on the Teen website, turning books for students in grades 4-8. You

STUDY BREAK Activities for Tweens each Friday.

STUDY BREAK Deck out Your School Supplies Friday, September 11, 10:00 AM
Deck out your folder, notebooks, and other school supplies you want. Check out the Teen Website for some great ideas, and share your finished projects on social media with the hashtag #PoudreTeens.

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Downtown Library, Community Room

STUDY TIPS FROM THE TEEN LIBRARIANS!

SUNNY IMAGINE

Congratulations! 5,661,244 minutes read! That’s 94,354 hours!

Sign Up gifts and 10 Hour completion prizes are available for pickup through September 30!

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