Never Stop Learning with the Library

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When we think of “literacy” and “learning,” some of the first images that come to mind are of children—a in a classroom or storytime room or doing homework. At the library, we want to challenge that association. We believe that learning should happen throughout a lifetime, and adult learning can take on many forms. From financial literacy classes to discussions of classic literature, we offer many important (and interesting!) programs and resources for adult learning.

This month, we launch a couple of new adult programs that promote community connection and collaboration, as well as personal growth:

Know Your City: Spotlighting Innovative Service in Your City Departments is a program series in partnership between the City of Fort Collins and the Poudre River Public Library District. Designed to bring important and exciting City programs and initiatives to the public, these events will be hosted monthly from March to November 2021.

The first session of this series is all about Fort Collins Connexion, the new broadband service from the City of Fort Collins. On Wednesday, March 24, join the Broadband Marketing Manager, Erin Shanley, for details on construction, installation and the timeline. We’ll learn how this 100% fiber optic network will provide gigabit speed internet, phone, and live TV service for our community, and how the Digital Equity program can help provide access to low-income qualified residents. Future Know Your City programs will focus on sustainability efforts, neighborhood services, and more.

Want to expand your learning to a global scale? The Great Decisions program returns in March, bringing small group discussion on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, watching the video and meeting in a Zoom “living room” to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. The March 2 Great Decisions discussion will focus on global supply chains and national security, issues that have very real implications during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Book Club for Mortals focuses on end-of-life themes, and is facilitated by professionals and trained staff in advance care planning from the Health District of Larimer County. On March 17, the group will discuss When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi.

ESL Mentoring is a service that connects intermediate adult English as a Second Language learners with volunteer mentors to help improve reading, writing, speaking, listening, and grammar skills. Our mentors help connect learners to the community through partnerships, collaboration, and resource navigation based on learner goals. Learn more at www.poudrelibraries.org/esl.

The Fort Collins International Center and Poudre Libraries present International Night. These monthly Zoom presentations are offered twice each month and focus on a different country or region from around the world. Speakers are volunteers who have lived or traveled abroad and wish to share their experiences/cultures with the Fort Collins community. On Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 PM and again on Thursday, March 25, Nga Vuong-Sandoval, Refugee Congress Delegate for Colorado, will share her personal Vietnamese refugee experience.

Other ongoing Adult Learning programs and services at the library include:

**REKINDLE THE CLASSICS**

Rekindle the Classics is a virtual book discussion group that brings together library cardholders with faculty and graduate students from the CSU Department of English to talk about literature favorites. We will meet on March 17 to review Tess of the D’Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy.

Old Town Virtual Book Club meets online to talk about a new read each month. Join us on March 8 to talk about The Pieces We Keep by Kristina McMorris.

With a more narrow focus, Antarctic Night Zoom presentations bring researchers, historians, and adventurers together to talk about the world of Antarctic science and extreme expeditions. Each month features a new topic about life and science at the South Pole. The next meeting is March 23 at 7:00 PM.

The Money Matters program series covers a variety of financial literacy topics, from budgeting & saving to homebuying & mortgage refinace. The Money Matters series of personal financial literacy programs are presented in collaboration with libraries and credit unions across the Front Range and are offered monthly. Join us on March 17 at 6:00 PM to discuss “Making the Most of Social Security.”

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**MARCH PROGRAMS**

Every Tuesday

**SNAP Assistance**

11:00 AM – Noon
Adults, Registration required.
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help you put food on the table. Register through the online calendar at www.poudrelibraries.org/events and Days will give you a call the day you’re signed up. Ed Ponce of Accessible Nutrition Specialists (SNAP use a sigle en Ingles) puede ayudarle a proveer alimentos en su hogar. Regístrate aquí, www.poudrelibraries.org/events, y Days te llamará el martes en el que te lo registraste.

**Clases de ciudadanía/ Citizenship classes**

6:30 – 7:30 PM
Adults, Registration required. Call 970-458-7721
You are invited to participate in our bilingual US citizenship classes that provide guidance and help with the naturalization process. We will host free virtual weekly sessions. Estás invitado a participar en nuestras clases bilíndrales de ciudadanía que te servirán de guía y apoyo en el proceso de naturalización. Las 4 sesiones semanales están virtuales, insígete.

**Summitstone Social Hour**

2:00 – 3:00 PM
Adults
Join us for weekly fun experiences: games, travel, museum tours, animal habitats, history and more. Program provided by Summitstone Health partners. See summitstonehealth.org/colorado or email annah.richard@summitstonehealth.org for more info.
Zoom link available on the Library’s online calendar.

**Conversations in English**

7:00 – 8:30 PM
Adults, Registration required.
Conversations in English offers a friendly, informal setting for English language learners to practice their English and connect with others. Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom meeting link.

**Take-and-Make Kits – Maker March**

March 1 – March 31

- Preschool - 5th Grade
- Grades 6-12
- Adults
- Teen Council

**Teen Take-and-Make: Flying Machines**

March 31

Grades 4-12
Make a kite that flies, a paper airplane that loops, and much more. The kits will be available at all three libraries while supplies last. Council Tree will offer tangram kits. Harmony’s kit celebrates the saying, “In like a lion, out like a lamb.” Old Town offers a kit containing materials for a fun, creative family activity or project.

**HOURS**

In-Person Browsing

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, NOON – 5:00 PM

Curbside Pickup

Monday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – NOON

Extended Hours for High-Risk Customers

Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Check our website for updates.
COMING SOON: PINs Protect Your Library Account

A Personal Identification Number (PIN) will soon be required when using your Poudre River Public Library card online beginning March 30. You will need to enter your PIN to access your library account or to use certain library digital resources.

Using a PIN along with your library card number adds an extra layer of security to your account and personal information. For example, a PIN number protects your bank debit card and helps to prevent unauthorized access to your account. A library card PIN provides a similar protection.

When logging into My Account on or after March 30, you will be prompted to set up a four-digit PIN.

The Library recommends that you avoid choosing a PIN that is:
- A simple number sequence like 1234 or 0000
- Any part of your social security number

Your PIN will not be required for in-person checkouts at the desk or the self-checks.

By implementing PINs for library cardholders, we hope to improve your digital experience with the library and further protect your private information.

We will share more information about PINs as we get closer to the end of the month. Keep your eye on our website, social media, and your email inbox for details.

Tax Resources and information

Don’t let filing taxes be a source of stress this year. There are free resources in our community that can help make tax season as easy as 1-2-3. The Poudre River Public Library District has compiled a list of tools to lend a hand.

1. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free filing assistance for families and individuals with an income of $56,000 or less. Appointments are available now, and all appointments this year will take place at the Fort Collins Senior Center (VITA services are NOT available at the Poudre Libraries this year). Before attending a session, prepare the required forms and documents. Visit MakeChangeNoCo.org for additional information, and to schedule your appointment.

2. Free filing assistance is also available via AARP Tax-Aide, or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). Low to moderate income taxpayers over the age of 50 are eligible for this service. To find TCE in our area, visit AARP’s Tax-Aide Locator website.

3. The library website has links to all the forms you need to file federal and state taxes for free, in both English and Spanish: www.poudrelibraries.org/research/tax.

As always, if you have questions or need help finding resources, you can call the AARP Tax-Aide Center at 970-221-6740.

TUES 2
Great Decisions: Global Supply Chains and National Security
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Adults. Registration required.
What lasting effects do you think the pandemic will have on global supply chains and trade? How might changes in international policies affect American companies? Join us for this discussion to gain a better understanding of the complex issues involved.

TUES 9
International Night: Viet Nam
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Adults. Registration required.
Nga Yung-Sandowal, Refugee Congress Delegate for Colorado, will share her personal Vietnamese refugee experience, her social justice advocacy work and the importance of rebuilding the refugee resettlement program that has been degraded in recent years. Zoom links will be emailed to registered participants.

WED 10
Ballot Issues Presentation
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Adults. Registration required.
The League of Women Voters of Larimer County will present the pros and cons of the Ballot Issues for the April 6 City of Fort Collins Election. Please register with the library and a Zoom link will be emailed.

THUR 11
Learn How to Use Candid’s Foundation Directory Online
11:00 - Noon
Adults. Registration required.
Looking for grants for your nonprofit? Come learn how to use Candid’s Foundation Directory Online (FDO) in this free virtual class led by Candid expert trainer, Lori Guidry. This class is for nonprofit organizations looking for funding. Click the link at poudrelibraries.org/events, then create a free account and register for this class with Candid. (You will be sent a Zoom link by Candid.)

Panes del Mundo: Pizza Napolitana / Breads of the World: Neapolitan Pizza
5:30 – 7:00 PM
All ages. Registration required.
Jueves, 11 de marzo. El panadero mexicano Eliceo Lara, compartió sus secretos para preparar a un绝妙 Neapolitan Pizza. Los participantes deben proporcionar sus propios ingredientes y herramientas, y tener acceso a un horno. Regístrate para recibir la lista de ingredientes y el plano para hacer Pizza. Para todos los adultos. Capo limitada. Mexican baker Eliceo Lara will share his secrets on how to make Neapolitan Pizza. Participants must provide their own ingredients, tools, and oven access. Sign up to receive the list of ingredients and the Zoom link.

Virtual Trivia Night
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Grades 4-12 and adults. Registration required.
Join us for four rounds of trivia based on famous novels and books. Quiz masters will ask questions about characters, events, and more. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Registration is required and will open online soon.

Last Day to pick up Winter Reading Prizes
While supplies last. What did you think of the first ever Winter Reading Challenge? Take our survey! www.poudrelibraries.org/winter

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Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Grades 6-12. Registration required.
Join our Dungeon Master for a fun-filled game of D&D on Zoom using Roll20. If you’re new to the game, no worries! We will create a character for you and show you the way. Please register with an email address so we can send you the Zoom link on the morning of the game.

Book Club for Mortals
3:00 – 4:30 PM
Adults. Registration required.
Join us for a monthly bookclub focusing on end-of-life themes facilitated by a trained staff and seasoned in advance care planning from the Health District of Larimer County. March title: When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. To register and receive the Zoom link to access the meeting please email Mindy Rickard, Project Coordinator, at mrickard@healthdistrict.org.

Money Matters: Making the Most of Social Security
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Adults. Registration required.
Join us to learn about Social Security. The Money Matters series of personal financial literacy is offered in collaboration with libraries and credit unions across the Front Range. This event will be live on Zoom. Details will be sent via the email you used to register.

Reading the Classics
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Adults. Registration required.
Join CSU graduate students and faculty in lively and informative discussions of literature favorites. March's title: Tess of the D’Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy. Pre-register via Zoom. Link provided via email after registration.

Teen Cooking Class:
Spring Desserts
2:00 – 3:30 PM
Teens/tweens. Registration required.
Learn to make a classic spring dessert with a local chef. You will receive an email prior to the event with some of the ingredients before the class. Registered participants will be emailed instructions and the link to the Zoom meeting.

Africa’s Titanic: the Story of the MV Joola Wreck
1:30 - 2:30 PM, Wednesday, March 24
UNC Professor Karen Barton will present her work around the MV Joola, a Senegalese ferry which capsized in a storm off the coast of The Gambia and killed more than 1,800 people. This online program will be offered through Zoom and the link invite will be provided by email to registered participants prior to the event. The recorded presentation will be made available through the library’s YouTube page following the event.

ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Looking for Grants for Your Nonprofit? Learn How to Use Candid’s Foundation Directory Online
11:00 AM - Noon, Thursday, March 11
Come learn how to use Candid’s Foundation Directory Online (FDO) in this free virtual class led by Candid expert trainer, Lori Guidy. This virtual class will provide an overview of how to look for grants using FDO Essential (now available remotely via the Poudre River Public Library District), as well as how to claim your nonprofit’s profile on GuideStar and Candid’s other services. Register for this class using the link in the online calendar to create a Candid Learning account.

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Want to be more involved with the Library District? Join our Board of Trustees!
Applications are being accepted until March 5, 2021.
Apply online at latimer.org/library.
To learn more about the Board please visit www.poudrelibraries.org/board.

Regnity Your Future! Adult Learning Informational Forum / ¡Revitaliza tu futuro! Foro informativo sobre educación para adultos
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Adults/Adultos
Getting Started As an Adult Learner. Join us virtually for Part 1 of this bilingual 3-part series, where you will learn relevant information that will help you take control of your own education. Meeting links will be posted in the online calendar event description at www.poudrelibraries.org prior to the event.

Celebrate Earth Day with City Sustainability
7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 21
Next Level Neighborhoods
7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 26
**Take-and-Make Kits - Maker March**

**Monday, March 1 - March 31**

Enjoy Maker March with fun Take & Make kits for pickup at any of the three libraries. All kits are intended for children in preschool to 5th grade and their families and are available while supplies last. Council Tree will offer tangram kits. Color and cut out your tangrams and use them to create pictures of animals or anything else you can dream up! Harmony’s kit celebrates the old folklore saying, “In like a lion, out like a lamb.” Old Town will inspire a hands-on fun, creative family activity or project.

**Teen Take-and-Make: Flying Machines**

March 1 - March 31

Make a kite that flies, a paper airplane that loops, and much more. The kits will be available at all three libraries while supplies last. Each kit will include instructions and materials for several flying creations, including a sled kite and several types of paper airplanes. The kits and instructions are intended for tweens and teens in grades 4-12.

**Dungeons & Dragons for Teens**

1:00 - 4:00 PM, Saturday, March 13

Join our Dungeon Master for a fun-filled game of D&D on Zoom. If you’re new to the game, we will create a character for you and show you the way. Please register with an email address so we can send you the Zoom link on the morning of the game. For those in grades 6-12.

**Teen Cooking Class: Spring Desserts**

2:00 - 3:30 PM, Saturday, March 27

Let’s make a couple of seasonal desserts to welcome Spring! You will get live online instructions from local chef Sapna Von Reich during the class, and the Library will provide some of the ingredients before the class. This event will take place via Zoom. Participants will be emailed instructions on how to pick up their ingredients kit once they register, and the link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all participants the morning of the event.

**Virtual Trivia Night**

6:00 - 7:30 PM, Thursday, March 11

Test your geek knowledge at the Poudre Libraries’ Virtual Trivia Night. We’ll meet over Zoom to several rounds of trivia based on fandoms new and old, books and movies, and much more. Come with your family, or meet up with your friends, or come by yourself and we’ll place you on a team. For Teens in grades 6-12, and adults. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

**Tween Family Book Club**

6:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 18

Gather the whole family on Zoom for activities and a discussion based on the book Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai. It’s a moving story of one girl’s year of change, dreams, grief, and healing. It’s also unexpectedly funny! Books and activity kits will be available for pick up, one per family. The book is also available electronically. Register one tween per family. The Zoom link will be sent by email to registered participants on the day of the event. We will contact you to arrange pick up.