Earth Day - Get Outdoors!

Earth Day is April 22, and the weather is warming up just in time! What better way to celebrate than to get outside and enjoy nature this month? The library has some really fun (and free) ways to revel in the great outdoors, from bird watching kits to Story Strolls. So, get ready to stretch your legs and slap on some sunscreen – we’re heading out!

1. Take part in the library’s family-friendly outdoor programming. The Story Stroll is back in April at Front Range Village, showcasing children’s stories in new and unexpected ways. Enjoy reading while spending time outdoors and exploring your community! Outdoor storytimes take place weekly (dependent on weather) in three different locations – Harmony Library, Library Park by Old Town Library, and the Environmental Learning Center by Council Tree Library. Space is limited, so be sure to register in the online calendar.

2. Explore the Gadgets & Things Collection, which has all the tools you need to connect to your curiosities in nature. Study the night sky with a Telescope and Star Finder Kit. Check out the State Parks Pass to visit any Colorado state park, and use the handy guides to identify wildlife, trees, and wildflowers. Go for a run or walk with the Fitbit and track your progress. Borrow the GoPRO Hero 4 to record your grand outdoor adventures. Learn to identify local feathered friends with the Bird Watching Kit.

3. Check out a Curiosity Pass to visit the Gardens on Spring Creek, The Butterfly Pavilion, and more for free. Poudre River Public Library District has partnered with various cultural institutions to offer free admission for library cardholders. Use our online reservation system to explore availability and admission dates and to reserve passes.

Changes to Log in to Lynda.com, OverDrive, Kanopy

Starting April 21, Lynda.com (LinkedIn Learning), OverDrive, and Kanopy will require users to enter your account PIN (personal identification number) when you log in to use the service.

Last month, as part of improving and enhancing the digital experience for our customers, we implemented PINs for all library cardholder accounts. If you haven’t created your personal PIN yet, please visit PoudreLibraries.org/borrow/pins and follow the steps for setting your PIN.

PINs provide an extra layer of security and privacy to your library account and are required to access the online features of “My Account” (e.g., place holds online, update personal information, etc.) and to log in to databases and digital resources like EBSCO Explora, Ancestry, com, and Career Cruising.

If you have questions about setting up your PIN, stop in at the library for assistance, visit our website, or call the Answer Center at 970-221-6740.

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
DEDICATED HOURS FOR HIGH-RISK CUSTOMERS

Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Check our website for updates.

MARCH PROGRAMS

SNAP Assistance

11:00 AM – Noon
Adults. Registration required. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help put food on the table. Register through the online calendar at www.poudrelibraries.org/events. El Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP por sus siglas en inglés) puede ayudarlo a proveer alimentos en su hogar. Regístrese aquí, www.poudrelibraries.org/events.

Citizenship classes

6:30 – 7:30 PM
Adults. Registration required. Participate in our US citizenship classes that provide guidance and help with the naturalization process. We will host 4 weekly virtual sessions from April 6 – 27. Classes will be in English. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link and all materials. Register online or call 970-658-3721 to register by phone.

Summitstone Social Hour

2:00 – 3:00 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 receive a link to the Zoom meeting by email. For more information, visit our blog: https://blog.poudrelibraries.org/conversations-in-english.

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Teens/Teens

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Library programming for teens.

Council Tree Library, Harmony Library

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Bank Club for Mortals

3:00 - 4:30 PM
Adults. Registration required.

Join us for a monthly book club focusing on end-of-life themes facilitated by professionals and trained staff in advance care planning from the Health District of Larimer County. The group meets virtually. To register and receive the link to access the meeting please email Mindy Hochstetler, Project Coordinator: mhochstetler@healthdistrict.org. April and May title: Being Mortally by Dr. Atul Gawande. This is a 2-month book discussion.

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IMAGINANTES X: Writing & Pizza

1:00 - 3:15 PM
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In this virtual Writing Workshop for teenagers led by Nik Shier, you will have the opportunity to read and hear some of the diverse writing of Latino and migrant artists in the U.S. in English, Spanish, and both languages combined. Use the discussion and analysis that follows as the foundation for your own writing. Pizza will be delivered during this free workshop! You will also receive a journal to practice your writing. Sign up to get the Zoom link.

Financial Aid 101

6:00 - 7:00 PM
Adults. Registration required.

Introducción a la ayuda financiera, adecuada para adultos. This event will be live streamed, so anyone can participate from home. The Fort Collins International Center and Poudre Library present International Night, focusing on a different country or region from around the world monthly. This program will be offered through Zoom. Meeting information will be provided by email to registered participants.

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Great Decisions: Persian Gulf Security Issues
Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
The Persian Gulf remains tense as the rivalry between the regional powers of Saudi Arabia and Iran continues. Tensions escalated in early 2020 as the United States began to intervene in the Gulf, launching an airstrike that killed two Iranian military commanders. What are the historical influences that have led to these tensions? What role, if any, should the United States play? Is using military force a viable foreign policy option for 2021 and beyond?
Meeting information will be provided by email to registered participants; full program info is available at https://blog.poudrelibraries.org/great-decisions/

Old Town Virtual Book Club
Monday, April 19, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Join us for the Old Town Virtual Book Club discussion of Ordinary Girls, written by Jaquira Diaz. Free and open to the public, but you must register to receive an invitation. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link, which will be sent the day before the event.

Storing Your Digital Data - Digital Literacy Class
Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Don’t know what to do with all your digital photos and files? Learn tips, tricks and new habits when it comes to storing your digital data, and now easy information access can streamline your screen time. Please register with the library and a Zoom link will be sent to your email address.

Money Matters: Avoiding ID Thefts and Scams Virtual Class
Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Protecting yourself in the digital age is both more important and difficult than ever before. The first step in staying safe is understanding the threats. Let us help you identify ID theft or scams to keep yourself safe. This seminar is part of the Money Matters series of personal financial literacy in collaboration with libraries and credit unions across the Front Range. This event will be live on Zoom.

Know Your City: Celebrate Earth Day with City Sustainability
Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Celebrate Earth Day with the City of Fort Collins Sustainability Services as we take a deeper look into what makes a city sustainable. This series is presented in partnership with the City of Fort Collins. Events will be hosted monthly from March to November 2021. The Zoom link will be sent the day before the event.

Etegami Postcards - the Art of Mindful Mailing
Wednesday, April 28, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Join us for a livestream program and learn about the art of Etegami postcards. You will be able to create your own postcards to mail. A Take-and-Make kit of supplies will be available for each registered participant, and will be available to pick up from Old Town Library prior to the program date. Registration for this program is required. A Zoom link will be sent to participants prior to the program.
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KIDS
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Kids' Take-and-Make Kits: Awwwww April!
April 1-30, Council Tree Library and Harmony Library
Those sleepy bees are starting to wake up, so stop by to pick up a simple craft that celebrates the springing up of Spring! Kids’ Take-and-Make kits are available while supplies last. All kits are intended for children PreK through 5th grade and their families. One kit per child. Enjoy!

Día de los Niños con Memo Plastilina y la Hora del Cuento en Español / Dia de los Niños con Memo Plastilina & Spanish Storytime
Saturday, April 24, 10:00 - 12:00 PM
Presented in Spanish, Interpretation to English available
Acompaña al personal de la biblioteca y al artista, Memo Plastilina, en una hora del cuento virtual en español seguida de un taller de modelado de plastilina, donde los niños disfrutarán de la lectura del libro ganador del premio Caldecott, Somos protectores del agua por Carole Lindstrom y Michaela Goade y aprenderán a modelar un personaje de este libro utilizando plastilina. El espacio es limitado. Registre para recibir el enlace a Zoom y las instrucciones sobre cómo recoger los materiales de manera gratuita.

Join library staff and artist Memo Plastilina for a special virtual Spanish storytime and clay modeling workshop, where children will enjoy the Caldecott award winner book We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade. You'll learn how to model a character from this book using clay. Space is limited. Free. Sign up to receive de Zoom link and instructions on how to pick up the materials for this workshop. Kids 5-12 years old.

TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Teen Take and Make:
Paper Garden
April 1-30
Council Tree Library, Harmony Library
Create flowers and plants out of paper for an everlasting garden that grows anywhere. The kits will be available at Harmony and Council Tree Libraries while supplies last. Each kit will include instructions and materials for making several flowers. Grades 4 - 12.

Design a Mask
Friday, April 30, 4:00 - 5:00 PM,
Twin Silo Park, Picnic Shelter, 5552 Ziegler Road
Create a design for your mask using (special) markers and colored paper, and watch as the Teen Librarian irons your design right onto your mask. Each teen will get at least one finished mask to take home. Grades 4 - 12. Registration is required. Access to the entire space will be limited. All participants must wear masks for the duration of the program.

Virtual Trivia Night
Thursday, April 8, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Meet over Zoom to play several rounds of trivia based on fandoms new and old, books and movies, and much more. Grades 6 and over. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Teen Council
Tuesday, April 6, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Grades 6-12! We’ll meet once a month to plan fun programs, discover exciting volunteer opportunities and more. Join us at our Zoom meeting to share your great ideas! Registration is required with an email address to receive a meeting invitation.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Sunday, April 11, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
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. Grades 6-12.

STORYTIMES

Every SUN
Phone-a-Story
10:00 AM
Preschool all 719-221-1491
A new story, song, or rhyme in English, Spanish, or French each week. Una nueva historia, canción o rimas en inglés, español o francés cada semana.

Hora del cuento en español va
10:00 AM
All ages
¡Delivers la hora del cuento desde la comodidad de su casa! Acompaña al personal de la biblioteca a escuchar historias en español, las cuales también encontrarás disponibles en nuestra colección física o digital. Todos los martes en el canal de YouTube de nuestra biblioteca.

Every TUE
Council Tree Storytime on a Blanket
10:00 - 10:30 AM, CSU’s Environmental Learning Center, 2400 S. Colorado Road Nine, (near Ziegler and Drake)
Birth - 4 Years. Registration required.

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.

Saturday Storytime
10:00 AM
Preschool
Library staff share storytime activities, songs, rhymes and read-alouds. Available on our YouTube Channel.