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The Summer Reading Challenge is free and open to all ages. Visit www.poudrelibraries.org/SRC beginning June 1 to create an account, begin tracking your reading, participate in fun activities, and start earning prizes.

**Reaching Reading Milestones**

Keep track of reading time in your online account or in the printed reading log. Children, tweens, and teens who complete 10 hours of reading can pick up a prize at the library beginning June 14 through August 15 (while supplies last). Adults who complete 10 hours of reading can pick up a “$2.00 Off” coupon to use at an upcoming Friends of the Library book sale.

Harmony Library is closed for renovations through mid-July. The other libraries are open and available for prize pickup.

Reach larger milestone reading levels and earn special reading certificates you can print out and display.

**New Bingo Game Format & Grand Prize Drawings**

We’re excited to introduce a new all-ages game format. In addition to tracking reading hours, you can complete activities on a digital bingo card in your online account. You must have an online summer reading account to track your bingo activities. Each unique five-in-a-row equals one automatic entry into the drawing (up to 12 total entries per person). Prizes are available for each age group and include:

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**Story Stroll Downtown Fort Collins**
June 1 - June 30


**Tuesday**

**Phone-a-Story**
Call 970-829-1301

Phone-a-Story features a new story, song, or rhyme in English, Spanish or French each week.

**Wednesday**

**VIRUTAL STORIES**

Check on the Wild Side: Animal Art Exhibit
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK

See description on June 2.

Music and Movement Storytime in the Park
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