What’s the Buzz around This Summer’s Challenge?

The 2021 Summer Reading Challenge is underway, and there’s still time for you and your family to sign up! In addition to the great reading activities and the popular 10-hour reading prize, the libraries are offering in-person and virtual programs. There’s something for everyone! Visit PoudreLibraries.org/SRC to get started.

The newest addition to the summer fun is a bingo-inspired challenge. Your online summer reading account includes a bingo game with 25 activities listed. When you complete an activity, mark it off in your account. You earn a “bingo” for each 5-in-a-row you complete, including diagonals.

Every time you earn a bingo, you’ll be automatically entered into our grand prize drawings which will be held at the end of the summer reading program. Complete the entire bingo card and you’ll be entered 12 times. Multiple grand prizes are available for each age group: babies/toddlers, kids, teens, and adults.

A special THANK YOU to all of the local businesses who generously donated to our grand prize drawing gift baskets: Clothes Pony & Dandelion Toys, Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, Gryphon Games & Comics, and Learning Express Toys & Gifts.

Here’s a sneak peek at some of the great prize packages available:
- Prizes for ages 12 and under:
  - One Family Membership to The Gardens on Spring Creek
  - One Barnyard Buddy Pass/Family Pass to the Farm at Lee Martinez Park
  - Prize backpacks
- Prizes for other age groups:
  - Old Firehouse Books gift cards
  - Craft kits
  - Gift baskets

What’s New at Your Libraries

If you haven’t visited the library in a while, you may have missed some of the new items available for check out. You can borrow these – any many other fun items – through the online library catalog at PoudreLibraries.org.

Gateway Natural Area Pass

Get outside this summer and explore the natural world with the newest addition to our Gadgets & Things Collection. The passes check out for one week and are provided in partnership with the City of Fort Collins.

Gateway Natural Area is open daily, dawn to dusk. Combine the natural area pass with our Birding Kit for even more outdoor adventure. Learn more about Gateway Natural Area by visiting www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/finder/gateway.

Playaway Launchpads

These learning tablets come pre-loaded with educational content for preschoolers ages 3-5. No download time. No need for Wi-Fi, Just turn on the device and get started – anytime, anywhere.

Launchpads are loaded with learning apps, videos, games, and more for hours of interactive learning and play. They come in four different themes: Animal Education, I See a Connection, MMMMM Math, and Practice Makes Perfect. Devices are available for 1-week checkouts.

Looking for similar easy-access options? Check out the Playaway Audiobooks for kids, teens, and adults too. The devices come pre-loaded with a complete audiobook and are available in a variety of genres. Listening is reading! (Don’t forget to record the minutes you spent listening to your audiobook in your Summer Reading Challenge account.)
**Monday**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SAT/SUN**

**Story Creations with Border Collies, Joey and Kira**

10:00 - 11:00 AM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK - SOUTH LAWN

Join Denise and her famous dogs, Joey and Kira, for an action-packed program full of stories and dog tricks.

**Vak & Chatter Book Bundles**

10:00 AM, HARMONY LIBRARY - FRCC BLANCA PEAK WEST LAW

See description on July 13.

**Music and Movement Storytime in the Park**

10:00 AM & 11:00 AM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK - WEST LAWN

Move, dance, read and stretch. See description on July 13.

**Harmony Storytime Outdoors**

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**Bedtime Stories: An Evening Storytime**

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** 전국적 퍼블릭 라이브러리**

**HARMONY**

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10:00 & 11:00 AM, HARMONY PARK

See description on July 9.

**Book Club for Mortals**

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