After more than a year of living in the shadow of COVID-19, are you ready for a new start? The past 18 months have offered a chance to re-evaluate our lives and identify new opportunities for positive change and personal development. Now let’s make the most of it: This is your next chapter!

Perhaps you’re looking for a career change? Maybe you want to launch your own business? Or are you finally pursuing that new hobby you’ve been thinking about? Or maybe you just want to slow down and relax after such a hectic year.

**Education**

Literacy and learning are the hallmarks of libraries, from supporting school readiness to research skill-building, and continuing education to online certification courses.

After months of having to navigate virtual instruction and in-person learning, students, teachers, and families are ready for a new chapter in learning. Students can find support and homework help at the library. Online tools like BrainFuse Homework HelpNow provide live tutors, test prep, and writing labs, while more than a dozen digital databases and learning platforms provide research tools and flexible subject-matter instruction.

**Employment**

Are you one of the millions of workers currently looking to switch jobs?

Not only do we have a Job and Career Librarian who can meet with you one-on-one, but the library offers tools, programs, and resources to help you research job industries, refresh your resume, and find the right career fit. Online learning platforms like LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com) provide skills certifications and professional development opportunities. Other useful digital tools include JobNow, LearningExpress, and CareerOneStop.

Whether you’re feeling stalled in your career or you’re reconsidering what you value most in a job, the library can support you in your new career path. Visit our online Job and Career Center to get started at PoudreLibraries.org/careers/.

**Engagement**

The library provides you with more than just books! It’s a space for meeting and socializing with others in the community, diving into personal interests and hobbies, discovering new technologies, and enjoying entertainment.

Does your next chapter in life include trying your hand at painting? How about learning to bake? What about building a new lifestyle routine that includes mediation or Qigong? Find your inspiration at the library.

For many of us, the goal is to find good entertainment without spending extra money on subscriptions to Netflix or Audible. The library has you back for on-demand, streaming movies, television shows, music, e-books and audiobooks. We recommend library apps like Kanopy, hoopla, and OverDrive / Libby to get started. Be sure to also check out our Binge Boxes for movie and TV collections based on your favorites series, genres, actors, and themes.

**Entrepreneurship**

Does your next chapter include striking out on your own and starting a business? Or maybe you’re ready to expand your current business? Either way, our Business Librarian is available to assist you with market research, competitive analysis, and business planning.

Save time and money by using the library’s premium business tools like DemographicsNow and Statista for market data and consumer reports. Visit our online Business Center to get started or to request a one-on-one consultation with our librarians (PoudreLibraries.org/business).

No matter what you envision as your next chapter, the library will help you succeed. Visit the library online or in person for resources and services that will turn an opportunity into a reality.

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**SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS**

**SEPTEMBER 2021 CALENDAR**

**11:00 AM – Noon**

**Adults. Registration required.**


**OUTREACH CROSS COLLINS**

**Noon – 2:00 PM, Old Town Library**

All Ages

Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.

**DROP-IN JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM, Old Town Library**

Adults

Weekly help for job searching and resume building with Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development.

**ONE-ON-ONE GENEALOGY ASSISTANCE**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM, Old Town Library**

Drop in to receive one-on-one family history research and genealogy assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.

**CONVERSATIONS IN ENGLISH**

**7:00 – 8:30 PM, Zoom**

Adults

A friendly, informal setting for English language learners to practice and connect with others. Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom meeting link.

**COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE IN LIBRARY PARK**

**5:30 – 6:30 PM, Old Town Library Park**

All Ages

Gather for a celebration of community and life through rhythm and music! Bring a drum(s) and/or percussion instrument(s). Instruments will be available to share. Lead by Farle drummer, Chuck Hancock. Please check website for weather related changes.

**FREE VIRTUAL LEGAL CLINIC**

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

Adults. Registration required, 970-721-0642. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, explain the process and procedure for common legal issues. The first 6 callers will get a spot.

**ALL LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED**

**FOR LABOR DAY**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM, Harmony Library**

Grades 4-12

Are you interested in making a difference in your library and community? If so, the Teen Council is the place for you! Be part of fun programs, help shape the teen collection, discover exciting volunteer opportunities and more.

**TEEN COUNCIL**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Old Town Library**

Genealogical Society volunteers.

**GREAT DECISIONS: ROLES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN A GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

**6:00 – 7:30 PM, Old Town Library**

Adults. Registration required.

The Covid-19 pandemic has thrust the World Health Organization (WHO) into the limelight. While some of the Trump administration’s criticism of the organization is unfair, the response to the early stages of the pandemic left many experts wanting more from the WHO. What is the WHO’s role in responding to international pandemics? What can be done to improve the WHO’s response to future global health crises? Learn more at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/
Students can apply for a Flex Card online at PoudreLibraries.org. Upgrading to an All Access Card requires a Poudre Libraries card. With a library card, students can access free learning tools, online and open spaces in English and Spanish.

The Discover Packs are provided by the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources and include a parking pass hangtag good for any of the Larimer County parks and open spaces. The packs also include a map of the parks and opens spaces, a wildflowers book, a regulations brochure, water safety tips, and a list of the County’s parks and open spaces in English and Spanish.

Visit www.PoudreLibraries.org/borrow/ to welcome to apply.

Local Teachers Can Apply for a Teacher Library Card

The Library District’s Teacher Library Card was created to support teachers’ unique professional needs including extended check out periods on most library materials and increased hold limits of 40 items.

Teachers of young children through high school students may qualify for a Teacher Library Card. All licensed daycare providers, preschool teachers, parents who homeschool, and public, private, and charter school educators are welcome to apply.

Visit www.PoudreLibraries.org/borrow/ to learn more or call the Answer Center at 970-221-6740.

UP, UP AND OUT

Mark your calendars!

The 2021 Fort Collins Book Fest will engage top regional and national authors in issues of resiliency, social justice, equity, inclusivity, and diversity.

This hybrid event will offer a combination of in-person programs and appearances and virtual programs.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR? You got this! Get a library card today and give your child access to free resources and learning tools.

GADGETS & THINGS

Each Poudre Library has five Discover Packs available for check out for up to seven days. Holds cannot be placed on the packs at this time.

Back to School with the Library

Make sure your student heads back to school equipped with one of the best school supplies: a Poudre Libraries card. With a library card, students can access free learning tools, online homework help and place holds to borrow physical materials.

Students can apply for a Flex Card online at PoudreLibraries.org. Upgrading to an All Access Card is easy! Just visit any of the libraries in the Poudre River Public Library District. Bring a current student ID, Colorado photo ID, or a Colorado drivers license or permit. Children under age 12, without a current school ID, must have a parent or guardian present to sign their card.

Tech All Ages | Adults | Teens/tweens | Kids | Storytimes

Hands-On Tech: Library to Go

3:00 - 4:00 PM, Council Tree Library

Adults, All ages

Registration required.

Learn and practice the basics of using a computer. Using the library’s laptops, we will guide you through the fundamentals, including how to turn it on, use the mouse, and connect to the internet. All equipment is provided; though you may bring your own device.

Hands-On Tech: Computer Comfort

1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library

Adults

Registration required.

Join us for a lively discussion of this year’s Fort Collins Book Fest and Fort Collins Reads headliner, Sabrina & Corina, by Kali Fajardo-Anstine. This program will be held virtually. Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants.

Hands-On Tech: Library to Go

3:00 - 4:30 PM, Old Town Library

Adults, All ages

Registration required.

Jump in the driver’s seat for an in-depth look at the entire process of purchasing a car. From what to do before you show up, through the curves of the test drive, to driving away with the keys in your hand. This seminar is part of the Money Matters series of personal financial literacy. See www.poudrelibraries.org/events for Zoom link.

Hands-On Tech: Internet Basics

1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library

Adults

Learn and practice the basics of browsing the internet for research, jobs, or just for fun. Plus, get tips for navigating sign-up forms and staying secure online. All equipment is provided; you may bring your own device.
Live Action Role Playing for Teens
2:00 - 4:00 PM, Twin Silo Park, 5552 Ziegler Road
Ages 12-18 years. Registration required.
Join our Dungeon Master for an afternoon of LARPing. If you're new to Live Action Role Playing, no worries! We’ll help you create your character and find your way. We’ll meet at the shelter to the west of the playground.

Celebrating el mes de la herencia hispana y latina con Memo Plastilina / Celebrate Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month with Memo Plastilina
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Zoom
Ages 12-18 years. Registration required.
Accompáñalo al personal de la biblioteca y al artista Memo Plastilina, en una hora de ocio virtual en español, seguido de taller de taller de plastilina. Acompáñalo a modelar en plastilina un quetzal centroamericano y su representación simbólica plástica. También te brindaremos el material de manera gratuita y el link del evento.
Join library staff and artist Memo Plastilina for a special virtual Spanish storytime and clay modeling workshop, where children will create a Quetzal bird from Central America and learn about its pre-Hispanic symbolic representation. Sign up to receive the Zoom link and instructions on how to pick up the materials for this workshop.

Teen Writers
4:30 - 5:30 PM, Harmony Library
Ages 12-18 years. Registration recommended.
Teen Writers is a support and critique group for teen who love to write. Stories, novels, poetry, screenplay - whatever your passion, we're here to help and encourage. For our first meeting, we’ll do some simple writing exercises and plan out what kinds of projects everyone is working on. Registration is encouraged to receive a kit with goodies to help with their writing. Drop-ins are welcome, but kits are limited.

Taller de cartonería mexicana / Mexican Cartonería Workshop
2:00 - 3:00 PM, Old Town Library
Adults
Learn about cartonera and how it is made. Ana Patricia Lopez Moreno will guide you through the process with an artistic technique to create and decorate your own piece of art. All materials provided. English interpretation available.

Antarctic Lecture Series
6:30 - 7:45 PM, Old Town Library
Adults
Researchers, historians, and adventurers present this series of talks about the exciting world of Antarctic science and extreme expeditions. Each month features a new topic about life and science at the South Pole. Presented by the School of Global Environmental Sustainability at Colorado State University.

How to Make Your Resume ROAR (Results Oriented and Relevant)
4:00 - 5:00 PM, Old Town Library
Adults
Learn about resume formats and current resume practices that will help you communicate what you have to offer a potential employer. Presented by Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development.

Know Your City: Your Local Government 101
7:00 - 8:00 PM, Zoom
All ages, registration required.
Find out all about the inner workings of the City of Fort Collins hosted by the City Manager’s Office. This event is part of “Know Your City: Spotlighting Innovative Service in your City Departments,” a program series in partnership between the City of Fort Collins and the Poudre River Public Library District. This program will meet virtually and Zoom meeting link will be emailed to registered participants.

Hands-On Tech: Microsoft Word Basics
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library
Adults
Learn and practice the basics of Microsoft Word. We will help you create, edit and save documents. All equipment is provided, you may also bring your own device.

Blockchain and Bitcoin: Seriously?
6:30 - 7:45 PM, Wednesday, September 8 Old Town Library
Adults
What is bitcoin all about? How can it be worth so much money? And what is blockchain in general? What is it good for? This presentation will give an overview of blockchain technology and its uses and why this is one of the fastest growing technologies today.
Dr. Joseph Gersch is an Assistant Professor at Colorado State University where he teaches courses in cybersecurity, blockchain, networking, and quantum computing.

Kevin Cook: Opinions are Easy; Knowledge is a Challenge
1:00 - 2:00 PM, Thursday, September 9
Kevin Cook’s series, “A Non-Scientist’s To-Do List” presents a monthly nature-related problem and discusses possible solutions. September’s presentation examines the importance of knowledge. Biology is a core part of a complete education that helps prepare young people for adulthood. A more robust biological ethic is important both for improving quality of life and becoming better citizens. We must continue learning and expanding our knowledge about life on Earth, so we are equipped to handle confrontations between humans and nature in meaningful, productive ways.

Hands-On Tech: Create a Gmail Email Address
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library
Adults
You have probably discovered an email address is necessary for so many things in the world. In this hands-on class, we will help you create a Gmail account and use Gmail effectively and efficiently. All equipment is provided.

International Night
Time TBD, Harmony Library
Adults
Check online calendar for details.

All Ages Outdoor Storytime and a Stroll
2:00 - 3:00 PM, CSU Environmental Learning Center 2400 South County Road 9, near Ziegler and Drake
Birth to age 4 with caregiver
Prepare to move, dance, and sing during this monthly outdoor storytime. This 20-30 minute program is designed for children and caregivers. Bring blankets or chairs and weather appropriate clothing. You are also invited to participate in a FREE guided stroll around Colorado State University’s Environmental Learning Center from 3:00-4:00 with students and staff from their Warner College of Natural Resources.

Hands-On Tech: Beyond Basics
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library
Adults
Create professional-looking resumes and other documents using Microsoft Word in this hands-on class. Before taking this class, we recommend that you know how to create, edit, and save a document in Microsoft Word. These skills are covered in our “Hands-On Microsoft Word Basics” class. All equipment is provided, though you may also choose to bring your own device.

Community Drum Circle in Library Park
5:30 - 6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 1 Old Town Library, Library Park
Adults
All ages are welcome to gather for a celebration of community and life through rhythm and music! Participants are encouraged to bring a drum(s) and/or percussion instrument(s). Drums and rhythm instruments will be available to share. Drum circle led by Fale drummer, Chuck Hancock. Event will take place weather permitting. Please check website for weather or safety information.

ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ALL AGES PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

POUDRE RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 2021 CALENDAR
All Ages Outdoor Storytime and a Stroll
2:00 - 3:00 PM, Sunday, September 26
Environmental Learning Center, 400 South County Road 9
Prepare to move, dance, and sing during this monthly outdoor storytime. This 20-30 minute program is designed for children birth to age 6 and their families and caregivers. Please remember blankets or chairs and weather appropriate clothing!

You are also invited to participate in a FREE guided stroll around Colorado State University’s Environmental Learning Center from 3:00-4:00 with students and staff from their Warner College of Natural Resources. Please be prepared to provide your name and contact information with CSU on site should you join them!

See online calendar for weather or safety updates.

Teen Writers
4:30 - 5:30 PM, Tuesday, September 21
Harmony Library
Calling all teen writers! The Poudre Libraries’ new Teen Writers is a support and critique group for teens who love to write. Stories, novels, poetry, screenplays - whatever your passion, we’re here to help and encourage.

For our first meeting, we’ll do some simple writing exercises and share what kinds of projects everyone is working on.

Registration is encouraged but not required. Space is limited. Everyone who registers will get a kit with goodies to help with their writing. Drop-ins are welcome, but kits for drop-ins may be limited. For teens ages 12-18 years.

Teen Council
5:30 - 7:30 PM, Tuesday, September 7
Harmony Library
Calling all teens ages 12-18! Are you interested in making a difference in your library and community? We’ll meet once a month to plan fun programs, help shape the teen collection, discover exciting volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration is not required but encouraged. Space is limited.

Live Action Role Playing for Teens
2:00 - 4:00 PM, Friday, September 17
Twin Silo Park, 5552 Ziegler Road
Join our Dungeon Master for an afternoon of LARPing. If you’re new to Live Action Role Playing, no worries! We’ll help you create your character and find your way.

We'll meet at the shelter to the west of the playground. Registration is required. Ages 12-18 years.