Fort Collins Book Fest Features More Than 40 Authors and 25 Sessions

This year’s Fort Collins Book Fest theme, Up, Up, & Out, speaks to our collective desire to get up from our computers, meet up with family and friends (and soon-to-be friends), and get back out into the world. Join us October 22-24 for the free Fort Collins Book Fest, a family-friendly event that will feature in-person readings, music, and art. Virtual livestreamed sessions. The full lineup of authors, schedule, and live Zoom links can be found on the event website, www.FoCoBookFest.org.

The festival will include author talks, writing workshops, kids and teen activities, readings, books signings, panel discussions, and other creative activities. Here are just a few highlights.

**Featured Authors**
The 2021 headlining author is presented in partnership with Fort Collins Reads. Kali Fajardo-Anstine, author of Sabrina & Corina and a national Book Award finalist, will be at the Lincoln Center on Saturday, October 23 to discuss her work. It is free to attend her session, but a ticket is required for entry to the program following through the Lincoln Center Box Office or online at lctix.com. Tickets are currently available.

Fajardo-Anstine will be joined at the Book Fest by other award-winning authors including Stephen Graham Jones (My Heart is a Chainsaw and Memorial Ridge), Alexandra Elle (After the Rain), James Bridle (The New Dark Age), Anne Waldman (Trixtick Feminism), Jim Davidson (The Next Everest: Surviving the Mountain’s Deadliest Day), and many others.

All sessions are free to attend. Only Fajardo-Anstine’s presentation requires a ticket.

**Writing Workshops**
This year’s featured writing workshop, Writing to Heal - Redefining Your Joy with Alexandra Elle, will be in-person at Wolverine Farm Publick House on Sunday, October 24 starting at noon. The other popular writing workshops are hosted by E.H. Werner Colorado on Thursday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday ahead of the festival weekend and focus on historical fiction, poetry, screenwriting, and mystery writing. These sessions will be virtual and require advance registration in order to receive the Zoom invite. Full details and a link to registration are available at www.FoCoBookFest.org.

**Family-Friendly Events**
The month of October kicks off with a community celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the Rafael Lopez Community Mural and the library’s IMAGINANTES program. The mural was created by community members and local artists and was a gift of unity and diversity for our City by artist Rafael Lopez and Poudre Libraries. The outdoor celebration takes place on October 1 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM in the Civic Center Parking Structure which features the mural. Enjoy music, dance performances, storytelling, and more.

On Saturday, October 23, Council Tree Library will host a special family program called Sketch, Etch, Illustrate with local professional artist and children's book illustrator Julie Rowan-Zoch. This is a drop-in program from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Our featured family activity is also on Saturday. Latin Grammy-award winning children's authors Andrés y Laura Resau will be at the Lincoln Center at 11:30 AM to share their English/Spanish performance. After the singing and dancing, stick around for a book sale, signing and meet the authors.

**Teen Track**
We’re excited to feature three sessions just for teen readers and writers. First up is a writing workshop with Todd Mitchell on Tuesday, October 19 at Harmony Library. Everyone who registers will receive a copy of Mitchell’s newest book: The Name of Spirits. Register online at PoudreLibraries.org.

Then on Saturday, October 23 at Council Tree Library, author Juleah del Rosario will discuss her books, 500 Words or Less and Turtle Under Ice. This will be followed by a writing workshop hosted by local author Laura Resau. Both sessions require registration.

There’s also much more! The full author lineup, schedule of sessions, and links to registrations can be found online at www.FoCoBookFest.org. See you there!

The event is presented by Poudre River Public Library District with support from local organizations and businesses including the City of Fort Collins Fort Fund, Colorado State University Libraries, KUNC and the Colorado Sound, Front Range Community College, Old Firehouse Books, Wolverine Farm Publick House, the Lilla B. Morgan Memorial Endowment Fund, and a TourWest Grant.

**OCTOBER PROGRAMS**

**VITA**
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.

**SNAP Assistance**
11:00 AM – Noon
Adults. Registration required.

**Outreach Fort Collins**
Noon – 2:00 PM, Old Town
Adults.
Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.

**One-on-One Genealogy Assistance**
1:00 – 3:00 PM, Old Town
Adults.
Drop in to receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.

**Conversations in English**
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Zoom
Adults.
Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and provide common legal issues. Limit 6 callers.

**Story Stroll Front Range Village**
Front Range Village Shopping Center
All ages
Each stop on this fun self-guided tour features another portion of the picture book Walk With Me by Margaret Wise Brown. Poudre Libraries and Front Range Village have partnered to bring you this interactive activity. https://blog.poudrelibraries.org/story-stroll/

**Free, Virtual Legal Clinic**
2:00 – 3:00 PM
Adults. Registration required, 970-721-0642.
Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and provide common legal issues. Limit 6 callers.

**Rafael Lopez Community Mural & IMAGINANTES Tribute**
5:00 – 6:30 PM, Civic Center Parking Structure, Estacionamiento Civic Center (Laporte Ave. & Mason St.)
All ages
Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Rafael Lopez Community Mural and the IMAGINANTES program with music, a dance performance, light refreshments and a reading of the story Muy bonito, muy bueno, by Rafael Lopez. Kali Fajardo-Anstine will lead a program from 4:00 – 4:30 PM.

**Digital Inclusion Week - Open House @ Your Library / Semana de inclusión digital - Jornada de puertas abiertas en tu biblioteca**
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
Join us at the library to sign up for low cost internet services and computers, and free computer classes. Library staff will be joined by The Larimer County Workforce Center, Comcast, Connexion, and PCs for People. Bring your computer and technology questions. Please by the Librarian for more information about the services of internet de bajo costo, como conseguir computadoras y precios acordes y clases de computación gratis. Además, también podrás recibir ayuda de Larimer County Workforce Center, Connexion y PCs for People. El personal de la biblioteca estará disponible para responder pregunta sobre computadoras o tecnología.
Celebrate Local Literary Arts Month in October

We’re celebrating books, authors, reading, and writing throughout the month of October with Local Literary Arts Month. The fun culminates in the 6th annual Fort Collins Book Fest on October 22-24.

The month will be officially recognized as Local Literary Arts Month by Fort Collins Mayor Jeni Arndt ahead of the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 5. The mayoral proclamation points to the importance of books and storytelling in connecting people together, broadening perspectives, and transforming communities.

Throughout the month, Poudre Libraries and other community organizations will host literary events for all ages. A full lineup of Local Literary Arts Month events can be found on the Fort Collins Book Fest website, www.FoCoBookFest.org.

The Library District is excited to host special storytimes, pop up activities, author visits, and more. Capacity will be limited.

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Here are just a few of the many community events happening during the Book Fest.

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Great Decisions

6:30 – 8:00 PM, Zoom

All ages. Registration required.

Great Decisions is a community forum that examines public policy issues from a global perspective. Facilitators will share an essay and lead a discussion on the subject of the month.

Great Decisions: The End of Globalization?

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Pan de muerto, una tradición familiar / Day of the Dead Bread, a Family Tradition

5:30 – 7:30 PM, Zoom
All ages. Registration required.

For this class, students will be created in Mexico and Latin America to honor the memory of deceased loved ones on November 1 and 2. www.poudrelibraries.org

Old Town Library

Fort Collins Book Fest: Up, Up, & Out

1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.

Using the Library’s laptops, we will guide you through the fundamentals of a computer. All equipment is provided or bring your own device.

Money Matters: Medicare Options Virtual Class

6:00 – 7:00 PM, Zoom
Adults. This class will help you understand Medicare and your choices. Taught by Robin Hartung of United HealthCare.

This seminar provides a series of personal financial literacy in collaboration with libraries and credit unions across the state of Colorado. Register for free: www.poudrelibraries.org/events for meeting link.

Hands-On Tech: Computer Comfort

1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.

We’ll also learn how Restorative Justice Services can help find low-cost equipment for those who can’t afford it. Low-cost internet services and PCs for People will be here to help with job searching. Comcast classes. The Larimer County Workforce Center at the library to sign up for low cost internet training. Hands-On Tech: Microsoft Excel

1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.

Learn and practice the basics of Microsoft Excel in this hands-on class. We will show you how to create a personal budget spreadsheet. All equipment provided or bring your own device.

Adult Programs

Digital Inclusion Week - Open House @ Your Library

Thursday, October 2, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Old Town Library

Don’t let the digital world pass you by! Join us at the library to sign up for low cost internet services, low cost computers and free computer classes. The Larimer County Workforce Office will be here to help with job searching. Comcast and Connexion will be on hand to help find local internet services and PCs for People can help the find local equipment for those who qualify. Library staff will be available to help with computer and other technology questions.

Know Your City: Equality and Mediation with Neighborhood Services

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Registration required. How does the city use Conflict Resolution & Restorative Justice to help our citizens? Join us to learn how the City of Fort Collins Community Mediation program provides free and confidential mediation services to Fort Collins residents in conflict. This event is part of “Know Your City: Spotlighting Innovative Service in your City Department’s” program series in partnership between the City of Fort Collins and the Poudre River Public Library District.

Hands-On Tech: Internet Basics

1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.

Learn and practice the basics of browsing the internet for research, jobs, or just for fun in this hands-on class. Plus, get tips for navigating sign-up forms and staying secure online. Equipment provided, or bring your own device.

A Kite for the Day of the Dead

1:00 – 3:00 PM, Fort Collins
All ages. Registration required.

Seguir a la Catrina: un viaje por los símbolos del Día de Muertos - Following La Catrina: A Journey through the Day of the Dead Symbols

5:30 – 6:30 PM, Zoom
All ages. Registration required.

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**ART-ober Kick-off for Kids**  
Saturday, October 2, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Council Tree Library  
All ages (and abilities) are invited to drop-in to Council Tree to make some art and find out about the ART-ober challenge. You will have the option of dropping-in and participating or grabbing a simple Take-and-Make kit to go.  
Bring family, friends, and your curiosity to this intergenerational gathering! Learn more about Art-ober at blog.poudrelibraries.org.

**The Newbery Medal: Mock Election for Kids**  
Saturday, October 2, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  

Harmony Library  
Registration required. The Newbery Medal is like the Olympic gold medal of children’s books, and in this interactive program, kids in grades 3-5 will discover what it takes for a book to become a Newbery winner, vote on their choices for the winner in our very own Mock Newbery Election, and create a fun Newbery-inspired craft too! This program is part of Local Literary Arts Month, a celebration of reading, writing, books, and authors in our community. Find out more at FoCoBookFest.org.

**Teen Writers – with Special Guest Todd Mitchell**  
Tuesday, October 19, 4:30 – 5:30 PM  

Harmony Library  
Local author Todd Mitchell will be joining us to lead a writing workshop and answer questions about his books and his writing process. Registration is required. Everyone who registers will receive a copy of Todd Mitchell’s newest book: The Name of Spirits. Drop-ins are welcome as long as we have room, but capacity will be limited. Teens ages 12 to 18.

**Dungeons & Dragons for Teens**  
Saturday, October 9, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Harmony Library  
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. For teens ages 12-18 years.