What’s New in the Collection?

With more than 1.4 million items in the library collection, it’s understandable if you don’t know about everything available for you to check out, download, or access. So here’s a highlight of some of the most recent additions and updates.

**Draft Check Meter**
The Gadgets & Things Collection now includes Xcel Energy’s Black & Decker “thermal leak detectors.” Stop money and comfort from leaking out of your home. With the Draft Check meter, you’re empowered to seek out, mark and take action. The Draft Check meter uses an infrared sensor to measure energy loss and identify leaks. With those measurements you can take steps to save money and make your home more efficient.

**Scholastic Teachables**
This online resource is perfect for PreK – Grade 8 educators, homeschool groups, families, and tutors. Scholastic Teachables provides unlimited access to 30,000+ easy-to-print lesson plans, worksheets, and activities on a wide variety of subjects. Downloadables include differentiated learning activities, assessments, and eBooks. The platform also includes a Family Hub designed to keep kids engaged and learning at-home and outside the classroom.

**America’s News by Newsbank**
Explore and stay informed on local topics, people, and events in areas such as business, health, education, jobs, careers, political and social issues and more. America’s News features a wide variety of credible, vetted news sources including many Colorado newspapers. You can access the platform remotely, 24/7, on any device.

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**Outreach Fort Collins**

**One-on-One Genealogy Assistance**

**Conversations in English**

**Drop-in Hours: City of**

**Tech**

**All ages**

**Adults**

**Storytimes**

**Kids**

**Adults**

**Teen/Adults, ages 12 and up:** Create an embroidered felt snowflake. The kits will be available at all three libraries while supplies last.

**Tweens/T eens, grades 4-12:** Create an illuminated star. Bring your own glue, age 12 and up. Create an embroidered felt snowflake. The kits will be available at all three libraries while supplies last.

**Winter Take-and-Makes for All**
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Adults. Registration required.
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**Old Town Library Renovation Creates New Community Opportunities**
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As with any design project, there are other fun touches that we’re excited to unveil. Stay tuned for the final reveal in December. Track our progress online at https://blog.poudrellibraries.org/

**Old Town Library will be undergoing renovations late November - mid-December. The Library will remain open during construction. Please excuse any disruptions.**

**Support the Poudre River Library Trust on Colorado Gives Day!**
**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

**MON – FRI:**

**Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center**
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Old Town Library
Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals through the City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center. The Center provides free help for all businesses and entrepreneurs with a focus on Spanish speaking and other underserved community members wanting to start or grow their Fort Collins business. [El Centro Multicultural para Nogerio y El Emprendedor ofrece asesoría gratuita en inglés y español para empresas desean iniciar o hacer crecer su negocio en Fort Collins.]

**EVEN THU:**

**Outreach Fort Collins**

**Noon – 2:00 PM, Old Town**
All ages
Drop in for consultations and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.

**EVEN THU:**

**Conversations in English**
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Zoom
Adults. Registration required.
An informal setting for English language learners to practice and connect with others. Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom meeting link.

**DEC 1 TO DEC 31**

**Old Town Library**

**The Gadgets & Things Collection**
Now part of DPLA
Our favorite local digital history resource, Fort Collins History Connection, has been added to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), which brings together the riches of America’s libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to everyone. Discover more than 45 million images, texts, videos, and sounds from across the United States at https://dp.la/.

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**Old town Library Construction**

**How to Make Your Resume ROAR**
2:00 – 3:30 PM, Old Town Library
Adults. Registration required.
Learn about resume formats and practices that will help communicate with a potential employer. Presented by Larimer County Workforce and Economic Development.

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2:00 – 3:00 PM, CSU Environmental Learning Center, 2400 South County Road 9, near Ziegler and Drake
Birth to age 4 with caregiver
P.Moves, dance, and sing during this 20-30 minute outdoor storytime. Bring blankets or chairs and weather appropriate clothing. You are also invited to participate in a FREE guided stroll around the ELC from 3:00-4:00 with CSU’s Warner College of Natural Resources.

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6:30 – 8:00 PM, Zoom
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Join us for the Old Town Virtual Book Club discussion of Born A Crime, by Trevor Noah. Free and open to the public. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link.

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Get inspired this month by the library’s collection of holiday books, movies, cookbooks, programs, activities, and so much more!
Colorado Gives Day

Hands-On Tech
COMFORT 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town Library Adults. Registration required. Learn the basics of using a computer in this hands-on class. We will guide you through the fundamentals, including how to turn it on, use the mouse, and connect to the internet. Space is limited. All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device.

Kevin Cook: Here Kitty, Kitty, Kitty! Where are You?
1:00 – 2:00 PM, Old Town Library All ages. Kevin Cook’s series, “A Naturalist’s To-Do List,” presents a monthly nature-related problem and discusses possible solutions. December’s presentation is all about cats. Nothing so clearly defines the character of human thought as do pet cats. They charm our emotional aspect, whereas decades of research ignite our intellectual aspect. Specifically, can an alarming ecological problem that demands we shift from regarding them emotionally to managing them intellectually.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
1:00 – 4:00 PM, Virtual Event Grades 6-12. Registration required. Join our Dungeon Master for a fun-filled game of D&D on Zoom using D&D 5.0. 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 on the morning of the game. For those in grades 6-12.

Hands-On Tech: Library to Go
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Council Tree Library Tree Club Adults. Registration required. If we’ve learned anything over the course of the last year, it’s that so much can be done from home – even checking out our library books and movies! In this hands-on class, we will show you how to use the rich resources of the Library for use at home or on the go, from downloadable e-books, audiobooks and movies to databases like LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com) and Creativebug. Simply bring your own tablet, phone or laptop and we will show you the rest. Please bring your own devices.

Hands-On Tech: Internet Basics
1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town Library Adults. Registration required. Learn and practice the basics of browsing the internet for research, jobs, or just for fun in this hands-on class. Plan, get tips for navigating sign-ups forms and staying secure online. All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device.

Book Clubs
Old Town Virtual Book Club
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Monday, December 6, Zoom Join us to discuss Born A Crime by Trevor Noah. Free and open to the public, but you must register to receive an invitation. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link.

Book Club for Mortals
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Wednesday, December 15 For December’s program, we will be discussing Making Rounds with Oscar by David Rosa, MD. The group meets on Zoom. To register please email Mindy Rickard, Project Coordinator, at mrickard@healthdistrict.org.

International Night
6:30 – 7:45 PM, Old Town Library The Fort Collins International Center present international Night, featuring a different country or region from around the world monthly. Since the late 1990s, over 100 countries have been presented by speakers from the Fort Collins community who have lived/traveled abroad or are from one of over 200 countries around the globe. Speakers are volunteers who wish to share their experiences/cultures with the Fort Collins community. If you would like to present at this program, please contact Mark Oberschmidt. More information available at www.fortcollinsinternationalcenter.org.

Rekindle the Thanksgiving
6:30 – 8:30 PM, Wednesday, December 15 Presented at Wolverine Farm Public House, 316 Willow St., Fort Collins. Join CSU graduate students and faculty in lively and informative discussions of literature favorites. December’s title is Lady Audley’s Secret by Mary Elizabeth Braddon.

COUDER RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2021 CALENDAR
KIDS
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Children’s Take-and-Make Kits
December 1
December 31
Build your own snowman (no snow required) and complete a hot cocoa counting challenge. Each kit includes instructions and materials to make one snowperson, a coloring page, and a hot cocoa challenge. The kits will be available at all three libraries while supplies last.

All Ages Outdoor Storytime, and a Stroll
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Sunday, December 5
CSU’s Environmental Learning Center, 2400 South County Road 9
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5:30 – 7:30 PM, Tuesday, December 7
Harmony Library
Calling all teens in grades 6-12! Are you interested in making a difference in your library and community? If so, the Teen Council is the place for you! We’ll meet once a month to plan fun programs, help shape the teen collection, discover exciting volunteer opportunities and more.

Teen Council Presents:
Hogwarts’ Yule Ball
6:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday, December 18
Council Tree Library
The Teen Council requests the pleasure of your company at the Yule Ball. There will be refreshments, music, games, and perhaps even a mystery to solve or quest to complete. Muggles and wizards ages of 12 and 18 are welcome. Formal robes are welcome but not required; school robes or street wear is acceptable. Registration is required.

Getting Arted
4:00 – 5:00 PM, Monday, December 20
Old Town Library
Whether you’re a novice or a virtuoso, come paint your next masterpiece. This afternoon program will feature canvas, acrylic paints, brushes, stencils, tape, and other creative tools. Relax after finals with your peers while listening to music and painting whatever strikes your fancy. Guidance and technique help available. Registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
1:00 – 4:00 PM, Saturday, December 11
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Winter Weave Along
Council Tree and Harmony Libraries
December 18 – January 8
Warm your heart and community by adding to weaving art installations at both Council Tree and Harmony Libraries. Designed by Museum of Art Fort Collins Art Education Coordinator and textile and upcycyle artist, Elizabeth Morissette. Look in the atrium upstairs at Council Tree and near the Round area at Harmony. For all ages, abilities, and imaginations. All supplies provided.

Candy Cane Hunt
December 15 – December 26
All libraries
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STORYTIMES

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