**Oceans of Possibilities**

2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**The countdown to the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge begins this month, and we’re excited to share this year’s theme: Oceans of Possibilities™.**

**Dive into the Deep**

The library has great oceanography books, eBooks, and other digital resources ready for you including ScienceFlix, an online multimedia science learning platform (for grades 4-9). Also, browse print magazines like National Geographic and Natural History from the American Natural History Museum in New York City, or download a digital magazine from Flipster.

**Surf the Seas**

Looking for a big wave surfing adventure? Kanopy has you covered with “Ocean Driven – Chris Bertish’s Big Wave Surfing Odyssey” and other films and documentaries about ocean adventures and marine life, from the Great Barrier Reef to the “shark whisperer” to sea kayaking.

**Explore Science at the Museum**

The Library’s Curiosity Pass gets you and your family into great museums, art galleries, and other cultural institutions for free, including the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. Museums have great interactive exhibits for all ages to enjoy.

**Uncover Lost Shipwrecks**

The library has tons of stories about ocean explorers and shipwrecks, including “The Sea Hunters” television series on hoopla.

**Puzzle it Out**

The Gadgets & Things Collection has a sea creature-themed puzzle for your next Family Night! Or, check out one of the dozens of other puzzles available. Children’s puzzles are recommended for ages 18 months and older.

Mark your calendar for May 23 and sign up for Summer Reading. There are individual, family, and group accounts available for easy access and management. Keep track of your reading in your online account or with one of the printed reading logs and earn prizes for reaching key reading milestones, completing BINGO challenges, and more. How many hours of reading can you reach this summer?

**Outreach Fort Collins**

**VITA Tax Assistance**

1:00 – 4:00 PM, Old Town
Looking for help with your income taxes? You may be eligible for our VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) services. Visit www.makechangenoco.org to see if you qualify. Call 970-599-1765 with any questions.

**One-on-One Genealogy Assistance**

1:00 – 3:00 PM, Old Town
Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other programs. Sign up for a consultation through our library website or via the Mango application.

**Conversations in English**

7:00 – 9:00 PM, Old Town
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.

**Story Stroll**

Downtown Fort Collins
All ages
This free, self-guided tour for families features the book, *Call Me Toro / Llamame Abejo* by Maya Christina Gonzalez. Parents and other caregivers can use this story at each stop as you explore downtown. Poudre Libraries and Downtown Fort Collins have partnered to bring you this fun, interactive, family-friendly activity. For information, visit https://library.poudrelibraries.org/story-stroll.

**Hands On Tech: Create a Gmail Email Address**

1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.
We'll help you create a Gmail account and use Gmail efficiently and effectively. All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device.

**Teen Council**

5:30 – 7:00 PM, Harmony
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.

**Let’s Discover Picture Books**

6:00 – 7:00 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.
Discover new titles and trends in picture books! Join Youth Services staff and guests for an hour-long presentation/discussion. This program is designed for teachers, childcare workers, parents, storytellers, writers and all adults interested in picture books. Let’s Discover Picture Books will be offered quarterly in 2022.

**Great Decisions: Changing Demographics in the World**

6:00 – 7:30 PM, Zoom
Adults. Registration required.
The world is experiencing remarkable changes in the 21st century that have resulted in consequences all over the globe. Join Great Decisions to discuss the most critical issues. Info is available at https://blog.poudrelibraries.org/great-decisions. The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants.
Applying to be a Librarian at the Library

Looking for a platform to share your expertise with the community? Poudre Libraries is accepting applications from not-for-profit organizations and individuals who wish to voluntarily organize and lead a program at the library for a one-year period. We provide the space and promotional support—please contact the Answer Center at 970-221-6740.

Applications are due April 1 for a program start date of September 1 or later. All programs must follow library policy, including being free of charge and open to the public. Applicants must commit to running their program at least four times between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023.

There are a limited number of community-led program spots available. We will select programs that best align with the following criteria:

- Library mission, values, and strategic plan
- Diversity, equity, inclusion, and cultural competence
- Audience appeal and emerging community interests
- Quality of program content and delivery
- Community response and program effectiveness

Read more about the process and apply via our website, www.poudrelibraries.org. If you have questions, please contact the Answer Center at 970-221-6740.

Make the Switch to the Libby App

By now, many of our users have enjoyed accessing Poudre Libraries from the comfort of our homes using OverDrive. With over 36,000 titles to choose from on the platform, it need not matter where you choose to get your couch to your getting your next read exciting read!

However, OverDrive has changes coming this spring for new and existing app users. After February 23, 2022, the OverDrive App will no longer be available through the various app stores.

Don’t panic! You’re covered.

New OverDrive App Users

You will be guided to OverDrive’s Libby App: a streamlined, newer version of the app that still gives you access to the same OverDrive titles so you can read and listen to your favorite books.

Existing OverDrive App Users

If you are an experienced OverDrive App user and have it installed, you can still use the app without disruption. However, the OverDrive App will no longer be supported, so you are encouraged to make the switch to Libby. To migrate from OverDrive to Libby, follow the directions available on the Poudre Libraries website.

Existing Libby Users

If you are already a Libby user, you won’t experience any changes. Hooray! If you have any questions, look for the friendly smile from Libby or one of your librarians at your three Poudre Library locations. We are here to help you transition to Libby smoothly.

April 2022 Calendar

MARCH 2022 CALENDAR

**People Are Here to Help You Transition**

Welcome a panel of fantastical proportions! Join Young Adult authors Lizz Huerta (The Last Dreamer), Aminah Mae Safi (Transalm: A Son’s Journey), Raquel Marie, and Opposition After All, and Azie Oh (The Girl Who Fell). Beneath the Coral: A Feminist and Fantasy Convergence. The program is brought to you by Old Firehouse Books.

**Tech Job Search Assistance**

Drop in to receive help searching for jobs and building your resume. Assistance with LinkedIn and interviewing. This month’s title is: Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach.

**Virtual Legal Clinic**

2:00 – 3:30 PM, Virtual Event

Adults. Registration required.

This is a free service for people without an attorney. Participants can have a short appointment with an attorney to discuss the issues. To sign up, call 970-221-6740 starting two weeks before the session. The first six callers will get a spot and the lawyer will contact them during the program.

**Spring in the Air**

10:00 – 11:30 AM, Old Town

Teens, tweens. Registration required.

It’s Spring Break! Drop in for spring-inspired intergenerational do-it-yourself, self-paced activities that celebrate creativity and joy as life emerges in Spring. Please observe room capacity limits.

**Getting Arted**

10:00 – 11:30 AM, Old Town

Kids, tweens. Registration required.

Explore computer coding and have some creative fun along the way. We’ll be designing our names in code! This program is offered in Spanish.

**Book Club for Mortals**

3:00 – 4:30 PM, Zoom

Adults. Registration required.

For March’s program, we will be discussing Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach. Join us for a bookclub discussing an over 300 page book. Questions will be shared via Zoom. Link provided via email after online registration.

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The Latest from Poudre River Friends of the Library

It’s been tough for the Friends of the Library to bring in money when we have had to cancel 7 out of our last 9 used book sales due to COVID concerns.

But there is good news – our popular Nook at Old Town Library self-service book cubby is back in operation with a new design and lots of great choices. The new Nook is to the right when you enter Old Town Library and features brand-new shelving and a high-visibility graphic with our Friends of the Library logo prominently displayed.

Beautiful floating glass shelves display books on display that you can check out when returning books outside. And there will be a walk-around shelf to highlight the hand-picked books for sale. Last year we instituted a credit or ATM card payment system, with a milk can for any cash transactions. We hope to upgrade the cash hardware soon.

We are working to put together a Nook team to select, price, and transport books. We need volunteers to set aside titles that might be particularly popular. If you think you might be interested, please email us at fol@prfol.org for more info or message us on Facebook at Poudre River Friends of the Library’s page.

The Friends try to keep a selection of popular fiction, children’s books, cookbooks, nonfiction, history, and seasonal selections on hand. We have booklovers waiting to see when new books are set out so we try to keep up with the demand.

Great Decisions 2022 Series

First Tuesdays of the month, Zoom

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, watching the video, and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Full program info is available at https://blog.poudrelibraries.org/great-decisions/.

March 1, Changing Demographics in the World
April 5, Outer Space
May 3, Climate Change
June 7, Russia and the U.S.
August 2, Quad Alliance
September 6, Drug Policy in Latin America
October 4, Industrial Policy
November 1, Biden’s Agenda

Hands-on Tech

Create a Gmail Email Address
Tuesday, March 1, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town Library
All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device. Registration required.

Library to Go, Saturday, March 12, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Council Tree Library
Learn how to access library resources of the library for use at home or on the go. Please bring your own devices. Registration required.

Internet Basics, Tuesday, March 22, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town Library
Learn and practice the basics of browsing the internet. All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device. Registration required.

Internet Beyond Basics, Tuesday, March 29, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town Library
All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device.

Book Clubs

Rekindle the Classics, Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Zoom
This month’s title is: Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie. Presented via Zoom. Link provided via email after online registration.

Book Club for Mortals, Wednesday, March 16, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
For March’s program, we will be discussing Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach. To register please email Mindy Rickard, Project Coordinator, at mrickard@healthdistrict.org

Library Catalog Scheduled Downtime

The Library District will do scheduled maintenance to the online catalog on Wednesday, March 23. During this time, you will not have access to the catalog via our website or app. We appreciate your patience and will work to limit the amount of time necessary to complete these important updates. Watch our website and social media for updates on the catalog’s availability.

15th Annual Seed Swap with Home Grown Food

Saturday, March 5, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Old Town Library Plaza/Entryway
Share/trade your seeds & knowledge. Free seeds, seed-starting soil, & pots available (please bring a bag for soil). CSU Extension Master Gardeners will also be available for Q & A. We plan to be outside for the event so dress for the weather. Open to the public. Learn more at HomeGrownFoodColorado.org
Build Workshop for Kids

Monday, March 14
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Old Town Library

Registration Required. Let’s have fun creating, exploring and engineering with lego bricks and building toys! Intended for ages 5-12. Anyone under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult/caregiver. Participation is limited due to room capacity.

Computer Code Art

Wednesday, March 16, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Old Town Library

Explore computer coding with Scratch. We’ll design our names, adding colors, motions, and backgrounds. All supplies and laptops provided. Limited to 10 participants. Registration required.

Story Stroll, Downtown Fort Collins

March 1-30, Old Town Square

Welcome to a free, self-guided tour for kids, families and caregivers brought to you by Downtown Fort Collins. The March Story Stroll features Call Me Tree/ Llámame Arbol by Maya Christina Gonzales. Simply follow the path on the map in order to see the story unfold in front of you. Enjoy another portion of the story at each stop as you explore downtown. For more information, visit https://blog.poudrelibraries.org/story-stroll.

Spring Is in the Air

Wednesday, March 16
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Harmony Library

It’s Spring Break! School-age kids and families drop in for spring-inspired intergenerational do-it-yourself, self-paced activities that celebrate the change in season.

Getting Arted

Thursday, March 17
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Old Town Library

Registration Required. This program will feature canvas, acrylic paints, brushes, stencils, tape, and other creative tools. Relax with your peers while listening to music and painting whatever strikes your fancy. Guidance and technique help available.

See the Sea at Council Tree

March 13-20, Council Tree Library

Drop in to the Council Tree community room where all ages can create a piece of art to add to the “Oceans of Possibilities” interactive mural. “Oceans of Possibilities” is the theme for Summer Reading Challenge 2022. Supplies provided and you bring along the fun.

The Atlas Six: An Author Reading with Olivie Blake

Thursday, March 10
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Old Town Library

Old Firehouse Books and Old Town Library welcome Sci-fi Fantasy author, Olivie Blake. We’ll be celebrating the launch of The Atlas Six, previously independently published, now out in hardcover for the first time. Readers will have the chance to meet the author and have books signed. Books can be purchased in advance of the event, or on the day of. For more information, visit: https://www.oldfirehousebooks.com/event/olivie-blake-old-town-library.

**FIERCE READS WITH YA AUTHORS**

Lizz Huerta, Aminah Mae Safi, Racquel Marie, and Axie Oh

Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Old Town Library

Join authors Lizz Huerta, Aminah Mae Safi, Racquel Marie (Ophelia After All), and Axie Oh (The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea) in this talk about feminist and queer YA, and their work in these genres at this author panel at Old Firehouse Books and Poudre River Public Library District. Drop in to read, sing, play and connect with other humans! Literacy-based activity centers are ready for a self-guided, self-paced do-it-yourself storytime. Designed for kids, toddlers, preschoolers and accompanying adults. Please observe room capacity limits.

**THE LIBRARY OFFERS A VARIETY OF STORYTIMES, INCLUDING IN-PERSON OUTDOOR, BILINGUAL, TELEPHONE, AND DROP-IN FORMATS. SEE DETAILS AT WWW.POUDELIBRARIES.ORG/EVENTS**

**DIY Stories and Songs**

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