Dive into Oceans of Possibilities during this year’s Summer Reading Challenge!

Two Ways to Participate in the Summer Reading Challenge

Mark your calendar! Sign up for the all-ages Summer Reading Challenge begins on May 23 and runs through August 15. Create your online account at PoudreLibraries.org/SRC and join in one or both of this year’s fun challenges. Remember to stop by one of the libraries after you create your account to pick up your sign up gift. (Available while supplies last.)

Challenge 1: Read at Least 10 Hours
Books, audiobooks, eBooks, magazines, and more – if you can read it, it counts toward your 10 hours of reading. Everyone who reads (or listens) for 10 hours this summer earns a free book!

Children and teens can pick up their free book at any library location beginning June 6. Adults will find a “free book” coupon in their online reading account which can be redeemed at any Friends of the Library book sale. (The next sale is scheduled for July 15-17 at Old Town Library.)

Challenge 2: Play Summer Bingo
After the success of last summer’s Bingo Challenge, we decided to expand the challenge to include additional activities, customized ideas for each age group, and even more exciting prizes!

This year’s Bingo Challenge features a variety of activities to complete along with a Bingo Bonus Guide filled with suggestions for extending the family fun. The Bonus Guide includes bilingual, age-appropriate ideas for completing each Bingo square along with library resources to help you make the most out of the activities. Of course, you can always choose your own adventure to complete each activity.

For every Bingo you complete – up, down, or diagonal – you receive an entry into the Grand Prize drawings at the end of the summer. More Bingos = more entries!

If you black out the entire board, you earn an $8 FUN Bucks card from Chipper’s Lanes Entertainment, good for one of the following: a free game of laser tag, $8 of arcade play, or $8 off bowling.

Digital Bingo cards and the Bingo Bonus Guide are available in your online summer reading account. You can also download and print a copy from your account to track your progress. A limited number of printed copies will be available at the libraries.

You must record your Bingo activities in your online account by August 15 in order to earn the blackout Bingo prize and to be entered into Grand Prize drawings. Blackout prizes will be available at all three libraries from June 6 to August 22 during open hours and while supplies last.

The 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is sponsored by Poudre River Public Library District.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT A GLANCE

- May 23, Registration opens. Signup gifts available for pickup at any library while supplies last.
- June 6 – August 22, 10-hour completion prize books available for pickup at any library while supplies last. Adult coupon prizes available online.
- June 6 – August 22, Blackout Bingo prizes available for pickup at any library while supplies last.
- August 15, Last day to update online SRC accounts.
- August 16 – 18, Names drawn for additional Grand Prize Bingo prizes. Winners will be notified via email or phone.

www.poudrelibraries.org/SRC
Meeting Rooms Available for Group Reservations

It’s another sign of things getting back to full strength at the libraries: large meeting rooms are now available for community group reservations.

The Library District provides large meeting spaces, free of charge, for nonprofit, non-commercial groups engaged in an educational, cultural, intellectual, or civic activity. Groups can book a formative stage and still reserve meeting space.

Visit www.PoudreLibraries.org/meet to access the online reservation request system. You need a valid email address to complete the process.

 Reservation requests cannot be made further than eight (8) weeks in advance. Groups can have two (2) reservations active at one time. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Access Center at (970) 221-6740.

Extended Weekend Hours at Council Tree Library

Starting in May, Council Tree Library will have extended weekend hours on Friday and Saturday to provide additional opportunities for visitors to use library resources. This is one more step toward resuming pre-pandemic library services for the community (and a great chance for you to get in some evening computer work or book browsing).

Virtual Legal Clinic
2:00 – 3:30 PM, Conducted via phone
Adults. Registration required.
This is a free service for people without an attorney. Participants can schedule a short appointment with an attorney via phone call. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran’s benefits, and civil protection orders. 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.

Taller de ciudadanía / Citizenship Workshop
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.
Sábado 7 de mayo. Los residentes permanentes legales elegibles se reunirán en un Sirve a ti mismo y su representante autorizado del DOJ de Larimer Family Services - Programa de servicios legales de defensa personal (LEAP) para ayudar a los ciudadanos a la ciudadanía. Para registrarse llama al número de teléfono 303-389-2150. A fin de que todo el mundo sepa de ESTO! Visita nuestro calendario de eventos en línea para obtener más información.
Ellegible lawful permanent residents will meet with an attorney or DOJ Accredited Representative from Larimer Family Services - Immigration Legal Services Program to prepare the application for US citizenship. To register, please contact us at 303-389-2150. Mention you want to come to the Collins workshop! Visit our online events calendar for additional details and information.

Kevin Keon: The Intent
1:00 – 2:00 PM, Old Town
All ages
The final installment of Kevin Keon’s year-long series, “A Naturalist’s Devourer: Part 2,” continues with a discussion on how the paralyzing impact of this naturalist represents manifestation of time and energy to explore places and seasons, in discovery and diversity and connectedness. Knowing your ambition, knowing will yield a sense of accomplishment. Knowing your priorities; they will clarify what you are willing to do. Those ambitions. Knowing those things about yourself defines your intent, and intent is the muscle that turns on the energy to get going.

Yoranna Relax
5:00 – 6:00 PM, Old Town
Teen, Teens. Registration required.
Need to take a breather? Join mindful relaxation and yoga for teens! Learn ancient and modern techniques such as yoga, Qigong, Tai Chi, and mindful breathing, that can help you manage life stresses. Become more attuned to your body, build confidence in your movements, and take a moment to breathe and meditate with us. Please wear loose clothing for moving in.

Rekindle the Classics
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Zoom
Adults. Registration required.
Rekindle your love of classic literature with the CSU Department of English and Poudre Libraries! Join graduate students and faculty in lively and informative discussions of literature favorites. This month’s title is Hard Times by Charles Dickens. Zoom link provided via email after online registration.

Composer Talks
Noon - 1:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
Enlightening lectures on the Wednesday before each Signature Concert. Learn about the composers’ lives, times and their works. www.FCSymphony.org

Taking Charge at Your First Job
5:30 – 7:30 PM, Council Tree
Teens ages 14 - 18. Registration required.
You’ve landed your first job; are ready for success, but need a little help navigating the workplace? Through this insightful interactive workshop you’ll play as being a boss to gain insights into the employer’s outlook that can not only help you keep the job but also potentially get you promoted. This workshop delves into on-the-job expectations, generational differences in the workplace and dealing with conflict. A pizza dinner will be provided.

Time for a Career Change?
4:00 – 5:00 PM, Harmony
Adults
In this workshop presented by Larimer County and Workforce Development, you’ll learn about tools to help you identify careers that fit your skills, interests, and values.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
1:00 – 4:00 PM, Zoom
Teens. Registration required.
Join our Dungeon Master for a fun-filled game of D&D on Zoom. It’s another sign of things getting back to normal! No worries! We will create a character for you and show you how the game is played. Please bring an email address so we can send you the Zoom link to the event.

Hands-On Tech: Library to Go
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Harmony
Adults
We will show you how to use the rich resources of the library for use at home or on the go, from downloadable eBooks, audiobooks and ezone 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.

Hands-On Tech: Computer Comfort
1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.
Learn and practice the basics of using a computer in this hands on class. Using the Library’s laptops, we will guide you through the basics, 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.

Teen Writers
4:30 – 5:30 PM, Harmony
Teens
Are you ready to flex your creative brain muscles?
Welcome to Teen Writers, a support and critique group for writers of all ages: short stories, novels, poetry, screenplay - whatever your passion, we’re here to help and encourage! We have writing exercises, prompts for ideas, and peer editing. Bring a piece you’ve already been working on to share with the group or start something brand new. All teens are welcome.

Book Club for Mortals
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Zoom
Adults. Registration required.
Fort’s May Book Club is discussing The Bright Hour by Nina Riggs. Join us for a monthly book club focusing on non-fiction. This month’s book will be facilitated by professionals and trained staff in advanced care planning from the Hospice District of Larimer County. To register please email Mindy Rudak, Project Coordinator, at mrdank@HLdistrict.org.

How to Make Your Resume ROAR (Results Oriented and Relevant)
4:00 – 5:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
In this workshop, presented by Larimer County Workforce and Economic Development, you’ll learn about resume formats and current resume practices that will help you communicate what you have to offer a potential employer.

Drop in Job Search Assistance
1:00 – 3:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
Drop in to receive help finding jobs and building your resume. Presented by the Larimer County Economic Workforce Development Center.

Club de lectura Café de Olla
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Zoom
Adults. Registration required.
Unirte al club de lectura en español Café de Olla y acompañanos a conocer sobre Sabrina y Corina de Kali Figardo-Guzmán. Café de Olla se reúne virtualmente de forma bimensual el tercer jueves del mes. Regístrate para recibir el enlace de Zoom y solicitar el libro en caso de no poder conseguirlo. Se proporcionarán copias del libro a las 15 primeras personas que lo soliciten. [Pregunta? Llámame 303-438-3723]. Este programa se ofrece en español.

Old Town Book Club
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Zoom
Adults. Registration Required.
Join us for a discussion of American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson. Free and open to the public. To sign up, call the Access Center at 970-221-6740.

Hands-On Tech: Create a Gmail Email Address
1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.
You have probably discovered an email address is necessary for so many aspects of life. In this hands-on class, we will help you create a Gmail account and use Gmail efficiently and effectively. All equipment is provided, though you may bring your own device.

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The address led to a retirement center in Fort Collins. Carol personally visited the retirement center and learned that the woman in the passport – who had been age three at the time of the passport photo – had moved in the passport – who had been age three at the time of the passport photo – had moved to Finland -- accidental because in the years after the First World War, Smith College in Massachusetts offered graduate scholarships to students from the democracies newly created after the war. Finland, which had been under Russian control was one of those nations. Annikka's mother received one of those scholarships. Her mother didn’t plan on making the U.S. her permanent home, but on a voyage back to Finland, she met and fell in love with an Iowa-born son of a Danish immigrant. He was traveling to Copenhagen. They eventually married and settled in Iowa.

Carol mailed the book and passport to Sam. His mother's belongings had been cleared out before she was moved to the second facility and the book had been mistakenly donated to the Friends of the Library. He made a donation to the Poudre Libraries in Carol's name for her help in researching and returning the items.

Carol says, "I love the volunteer work I do for the Friends; sorting, transporting donations and working the sales, but the times we are able to successfully help someone are just the best."

Learn more about the Poudre River Friends of the Library and how you can get involved: www.prlfd.org.

Visit the Poudre Libraries and Barnes & Noble Bookfair
In-person May 14 & 15
Online May 14 – 20
Barnes and Noble, 4045 S. College Ave.
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May Storytime Schedule May 2 - May 20
The library offers a variety of Storytimes, including in-person outdoor, bilingual, telephone, and drop-in formats. See details at www.poudrelibraries.org/events. No storytimes May 21-May 31. Summer Storytimes begin June 1.

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TEEN & TWEEN
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Teen Council
Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, 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 Writers
Tuesday, May 17, 4:30 – 5:30 PM, Harmony Library
Are you ready to flex your creative brain muscles? Welcome to Teen Writers, a support and critique group for teens who love to write. Short stories, novels, poetry, screenplays - whatever your passion, we’re here to help and encourage. We will have writing exercises, prompts for ideas, and peer editing. Bring a piece you’ve already been working on to share with the group or start something brand new. All teen writers are welcome!

Yoganna Relax
Tuesday, May 10, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Old Town Library
Need to take a break? Join mindful relaxation and yoga for teens! Learn ancient and modern techniques such as yoga, Qigong, Tai Chi, and mindful breathing, that can help you manage life stressors. Become more attuned to your body, build confidence in your movements, and take a moment to breath and meditate with us. Please wear loose clothing for moving in.

Author Readings with Todd Mitchell, Laura Resau, and Heather Sappenfield
Thursday, May 12, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Old Town Library
Old Firehouse Books is thrilled to welcome three Colorado authors! Todd Mitchell (Name of Spirits), Laura Resau (Tree of Dreams), and Heather Sappenfield (The River Between Hearts) will be talking about their newest books. Readers will have the chance to say hi and have their books signed. Books can be purchased in advance of the event or on the day of.

Taking Charge at Your First Job
Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Council Tree Library
You’ve landed your first job, are ready for success, but need a little help navigating the workplace! Through this interactive workshop you’ll play at being a boss to gain insights into the employer’s outlook that can not only help you keep the job but also potentially get you promoted. This workshop goes over essential skills, on-the-job expectations, generational differences in the workplace, and dealing with conflict. A pizza dinner will be provided.

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X: Get Prepped to Get Hired / Preparare para que te contraten
Tuesday, May 31, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Zoom
Everyone starts somewhere! Join us in this virtual presentation where you will learn how to land your first job. Walk away knowing the tools you need to be successful in your job search, from where to find opportunities, what you’ll need to apply, and how to highlight early experiences in a way employers will notice. Interpretation to Spanish available. Presented by Larimer County Economic & Workforce Development’s CareerRise Team.

Apply to become a Junior Volunteer this Summer!
Council Tree Library
Applications open April 15 – May 15
Junior Volunteers are tweens grades 5-8 who work together, with help from library staff, to present programs to younger children. This summer, Junior Volunteers will be hosting a Teddy Bear Sleeperow (June 25) and creating a Sea Rescue themed escape room (July 30). Applications will be available at the Council Tree Library.