What Should I Read Next?
Easy resources for finding your next great book, author, or series

You’ve blown through your current book and want another great page-turner. Maybe you want another book by the same author or within a “read alike.” With all the books, audiobooks, and eBooks available to choose from, finding that next great read can feel a bit like trying to find a needle in a haystack.

Where to start? Your library!
Many readers love browsing the library shelves and looking over the book displays to find the latest addition to their “to be read” pile. But if you’re not in the library, or don’t know what you’re looking for in particular, the following library resources can help. Of course, we invite you to talk with a librarian – we love offering up recommendations!

Readers’ Café
The Library’s Readers Café webpage is a one-stop shop for all things book-related: reading recommendations, book lists, author spotlights, book reviews, and new titles added to the collection. You can even find Book Club Kits or use a book group. Librarians update the site frequently with new book showcases, awards lists, and more. Visit the Readers’ Café at https://read.poudrellibraries.org/books/.

NoveList Plus
The redesigned NoveList Plus service will have you discovering read-alikes in no time. You can access a quick version of NoveList through the online catalog or you can log in to a robust version via Readers’ Café or our Research page (www.poudrellibraries.org/research).

Direct to NoveList Plus:
After using your library card number and PIN to log in to NoveList, you can conduct a variety of searches and filter your results by age, genre, and appeal. What are you in the mood to read? A book that’s intricately plotted and compelling? Maybe one that’s leisurely paced and reflective? Love character-driven, historical fiction? You can narrow in on the perfect book for you using the NoveList search features.

SelectReads
SelectReads is the service for you! In addition to awards and lists and author spotlights, the service provides customized reading recommendations just for you.

Subscribe to the “Book Recommendations Newsletter!” and receive a monthly roundup of great book titles and authors based on your preferred genres and age groups. Not ready to subscribe? Access the lists online through the Library’s SelectReads service. The Readers’ Café has a direct link to SelectReads.

Another great option, “My SelectReads”, is like having your own librarian, ready to share new titles and authors based on your personal interests. You choose your own content from a list of categories and specify how often you want to receive the email newsletter.

Interested in business, art, or sports? You got it! Love a specific author? No problem. Want email alerts once a week or just once a month? Done.

Summer Reading Account Booklists
After you create your online Summer Reading Challenge account (www.poudrellibraries.org/arc), you can access a list of age-appropriate book recommendations from your Poudre Libraries librarians based on this year’s themes, Oceans of Possibilities. It’s a great resource for kids and teens as they complete the reading challenge and work toward earning their 10-hour reading prize.

Join fellow readers this summer for the annual, all-ages Summer Reading Challenge and dive into an ocean of great books. Your “to be read” pile is going to be huge!
Two New Trustees Appointed to Library Board

Poudre River Public Library District is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Anuja Riles and Randyn Heisserer-Miller to its Board of Trustees. The seven-member volunteer Library Board is responsible for governing the district, including guiding its mission, providing policy oversight, and overseeing the budget.

“We are pleased to welcome Anuja and Randyn to the Library Board of Trustees,” says Fred Colby, board president. “Both of them bring unique perspectives, expertise, and energy that will help further the library’s mission and values and will positively impact the community.”

Anuja Riles is a pediatrician with Banner Health and a faculty member at the CU at School of Medicine. She has special interests in early literacy development and in the role of literacy in health and healthcare.

“Given their accessibility and trustworthiness, our libraries are in a unique position to play an important role in community building that goes well beyond the lending of books,” says Riles. “Libraries can serve a larger role in social and health navigation, including early childhood literacy, language learning support, aging, mental health, welfare and public assistance, housing resources, technology access, nutrition support, and education and employment resources.”

Randyn Heisserer-Miller is an assistant professor and head of collection strategies for the libraries at Colorado State University. He is a member of the Larimer Chorale and can be seen regularly performing as a tenor soloist. He has previously served on the boards of nonprofits in Missouri including PFLAG and CASA/Voices for Children.

“Public libraries serve a vital role in their communities by offering one of the last truly free spaces for the public to learn, explore, research, and engage,” says Heisserer-Miller. “The work public libraries do to ensure access to information is not only foundational but imperative; that includes ensuring equitable access to services and spaces for underserved populations while also creating collections and services that mirror that diversity.”

Library Trustees are advocates for the public library and its fundamental tenets including intellectual freedom, the right to read, privacy and confidentiality, and free and equal access. Trustees are committed to providing exceptional library service for a growing and changing community.

Additional information on the Library District and the role of a Library Trustee is available at www.PoudreLibraries.org/board.

Great Decisions: Russia and the U.S.
6:00 – 7:30 PM, Old Town
Adults
Russia and the United States have many areas of conflict and some possible areas of mutual interest which continue to be concerning. How will the new administration in Washington approach these issues? Full program info is available at https://blog.poudrelibraries.org/great-decisions-russia-and-the-u-s/.

Helping Your Loved One Live Well with Dementia
1:00 – 2:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
Join us for insight and inspiration for care partners striving to care well. Learn about the Contented Dementia Reach (the UK registered SPECIAL CARE Method) in this presentation, hosted by Dementia Together. Discover strategies to create well-being for your loved one living with dementia and yourself.

So You Got a Job, Now What?
6:00 – 7:30 PM, Council Tree
Teens ages 14 to 18. Registration required.
Career counseling and assessment to help you find your first job! What’s next? Explore the basics of the workplace community. We’ll cover how to improve your resume from day one, what forms you’ll be expected to fill out, how to handle difficult situations, what your rights are, and more. A free resume workshop will be provided.

Out and About with Natural Areas: Pollinators and Nature in the City
6:00 – 7:00 PM, Sugar Beet Park
Pollinator Garden, 607 9th Street
All ages
Learn about the City’s efforts to increase wildlife habitat and explore our community through small urban projects. Natural Area staff will discuss the Nature in the City program and where the program is headed.

Kevin Cook: The Facts
1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
All ages
Kevin Cook continues his year-long series, “A Naturalist’s Desiderata: Part 2,” with a discussion of how the journey of a naturalist represents manifestation of time and energy to explore places and seasons, to discover diversity and connectedness.

Book Club for Mortals
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Zoom
Adults
For June’s program, we will be discussing Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Life I’ve Loved by Kate Bowler. Join us for a monthly book club focusing on end of life and the impact of illness. Registration is required.

SYOD - Bring Your Own Device Drop in Tech Help
5:30 - 6:30 PM, Old Town
Adults
Computer and device help from Poudre River Public Library volunteers. First come, first served.

Money Matters: 9 Brilliant Financial Tips Virtual Class
6:30 – 7:30 PM, Virtual Event
Adults. Registration required.
Tips about saving, spending, learn and earn. Learn money management skills that can take as little as 22 seconds to implement and will put you on the fast track to financial stability. See www.poudrelibraries.org/events for registration information.

Take Me Away: Summer Book Club
6:30 – 7:30 PM, Old Town Library Park
Adults. Registration required.
It’s summertime and we’re ready to get swept away by reading! Join us for a discussion of Havana Carries On by Liana Lennon Halilah. Our discussion will take place outside in Library Park.

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

WALKING TOUR
6:00 – 7:00 PM, Washington Park, 301 Maple Street
Adults. Registration required.
Join the City of Fort Collins Historic Preservation Services team for a walk through some of Fort Collins’ early Black History. This tour will explore the story of Black Americans in town dating through the experiences of several early families. We’ll discuss the opportunities that drove them here and the challenges they faced in finding community due to discrimination. Finally, we’ll highlight why preserving the places where these stories took place is important to us today. Bring comfortable shoes and curiosity.

Hands-On Tech: Microsoft Word Beyond Basics
1:00 – 2:30 PM, Old Town
Adults. Registration required.
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 Tech: Microsoft Word Basics” class. All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device.

Have difficulty getting to the Library? Our Homebound Services team offers library materials delivered to your home by our friendly and helpful drivers. For more information, visit www.poudrelibraries.org/homebound.

The Fort Collins Public Library has partnered with the Larimer County Library System to provide Homebound Delivery. This is a self-guided tour that will be updated periodically.

Each stop on the path will highlight a scene from the story, “Grandpa Across the Ocean” by Hans Christian Andersen. The story will be told aloud in front of you.

Email homebound@poudrelibraries.org or visit www.poudrelibraries.org/ouroutreach/homebound

Poudre Valley Public Library District
The 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is sponsored by How to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge

**CHALLENGE 1:** 
**READ AT LEAST 10 HOURS.**
Books, audiobooks, eBooks, magazines and more – if you can read it, it counts! Everyone who reads or listens for 10 hours this summer will earn a free book.


**CHALLENGE 2:**  
**PLAY SUMMER BINGO.**
For each Bingo you complete, you receive an entry into the grand prize drawing at the end of the summer (more Bingos = more entries!). If you blackout the whole board, you also earn an $8 FUN Bucks card from Chipper’s Lanes Entertainment, good for a free game of laser tag, $8 of arcade play, or $8 off bowling (while supplies last).

All Bingo activities must be entered into your online Summer Reading Challenge account by August 15 to be eligible for the drawings. Blackout prizes will be available at all three libraries from June 6 to August 22 during open hours.

**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.

**MONDAY OUTDOOR PROGRAMS**
Old Town Library Park

201 Peterson Street  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
**JUNE 6**

**THE FEROCIOUS FLEAS**
The Ferocious Fleas are a unique seven-member ensemble, playing music from Beethoven to Queen, classical to rock and everything in between - on ukuleles! This is not your ordinary strum-and-sing ukulele group.

**JUNE 13**

**SCIENCE MATTERS**
Enjoy exploring concepts related to Oceans of Possibilities through hands-on activities. Science Matters is dedicated to increasing science literacy among kids.

**JUNE 20**

**FALE AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE**
Fale is dedicated to learning, teaching, performing, and promoting traditional African rhythm and dance throughout the Fort Collins area.

**JUNE 27**

**GRUPO TLALOC DANZA AZTECA**
Grupo Tlaloc Danza Azteca is a traditional Mexican/Aztec group embodied of Chicano/Mexican families and students dedicated to preserving and nourishing the ancient knowledge of their ancestors.

www.poudrelibraries.org/SRC
**MONDAY**

- **Poudre River Public Library**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **GUNITOWN FORT COLLINS**
    - **TUESDAY**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **Old Town**

**TUESDAY**

- **Poudre River Public Library**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **GUNITOWN FORT COLLINS**
    - **TUESDAY**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **Old Town**

**WEDNESDAY**

- **Poudre River Public Library**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **GUNITOWN FORT COLLINS**
    - **TUESDAY**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **Old Town**

**THURSDAY**

- **Poudre River Public Library**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **GUNITOWN FORT COLLINS**
    - **TUESDAY**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **Old Town**

**FRIDAY**

- **Poudre River Public Library**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **GUNITOWN FORT COLLINS**
    - **TUESDAY**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **Old Town**

**SAT/SUN**

- **Poudre River Public Library**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **GUNITOWN FORT COLLINS**
    - **TUESDAY**
  - **Story Stroll**
    - **Old Town**