Savor Summer with These Fun Ideas

Go Camping
“Sleeping Bags to S’mores: Camping Basics” by Heather Balogh Rochfort and William Rockfort. Ever wanted to go camping but had no idea where to start? Need to unplug, but not sure what to do? From choosing a destination and staying safe to what to cook and doing it on a budget, this guide provides fun advice for tent camping, car camping, and backpacking.

Make S’mores

Go Hiking
The Falcon Guide series of Fast Hikes. From Rocky Mountain National Park to wildflower trails to hiking with kids, the Falcon Guide series features detailed information and tips for your next hiking adventure.

“Perfect Scoop: 200 Recipes for Ice Creams, Sorbets, Gelatos, Granitas, and Sweet Accompaniments” by Rose Levy Beranbaum. With Rose’s easy-to-follow, meticulously tested, and innovative recipes, perfect ice creams and other frozen treats are simple to churn anytime. Here she gives her foolproof base method, plus all the tips and info you need to know.

Screen a Movie Outside
“Portable Projector” from the Gadgets & Things Collection. The portable projector kit includes the projector and speakers. Projectors can be used to project images from DVD players, Blu-ray players, laptop computers, USB flashdrives, CD cards, and smart devices. Don’t forget to pick up a DVD from the library’s collection or stream one from hoopla or Kanopy.

“Rose’s Ice Cream Bliss” by Rose Levy Beranbaum. Rose’s easy-to-follow, meticulously tested, and innovative recipes, perfect ice creams and other frozen treats are simple to churn anytime. Here she gives her foolproof base method, plus all the tips and info you need to know.

“The Perfect Scoop: 200 Recipes for Ice Creams, Sorbets, Gelatos, Granitas, and Sweet Accompaniments” by David Lebovitz. Frozen favorites range from classic (Chocolate-Peanut Butter) to comforting (S’mores Ice Cream) and contemporary (Lavender-Honey) to cutting-edge (Lambne Ice Cream with Pistachio-Sesame Brittle). Also appearing is a brand new selection of frozen cocktails and an indulgent series of sauces, toppings, and mix-ins.

Make Homemade Ice Cream
“Burning Questions From the Kitchen: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Barbecue” with Kelly Alexander. Mixon answers the questions most frequently asked of him during his many live cooking demos, TV appearances, and private cooking classes. Myron’s lively, informative answers are paired with practical visuals and cover techniques and methods, flavors and preparations, recipes and formulas.

“Bludso’s BBQ Cookbook: A Family Affair in Smoke and Soul” by Kevin Bludso. From Rocky River to fame as one of the world’s best pitmasters, Bludso is the story of a misunderstood city of Compton and the story of his family and community.

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Turning Outward: We Want to Hear from You!

2022 is turning into an exciting year at Poudre Libraries. Earlier this year, we welcomed our new executive director Diane Lapiere. We began implementing a new equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) action plan that reflects recommendations from our staff, the community, and our consultant, Think Again.

Now, we’re turning outward to focus on a new strategic plan for 2023-2026. “Turning Outward” is a mindset and practice of using the community, not conference rooms, as our framework for strategic planning and making intentional choices around library service that will produce greater relevance, significance, and impact in the community.

Throughout the summer, Poudre Libraries will be out in the community gathering feedback about people’s hopes, dreams, and aspirations for their libraries. Look for us around town at community events, festivals, and fairs.

How to Participate

You can offer feedback through our short online survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRPLDS strategically

Funding Opportunities

- Evanston Public Library Foundation: Their annual fundraising campaign is ongoing. Visit their website at www.ep lazylib.org giving to learn more.
- Poudre Libraries: For more information on how to support our mission, visit www.poudrelibraries.org.
- Larimer County Economic Development: Their website offers resources and programs for local businesses and entrepreneurs. Visit www.larimer.org/economicdevelopment for more information.

Library Rolling Out Plans for New Outreach e-Van

It’s the latest word on the street! Poudre Libraries is moving forward with plans for a new community outreach van and we can’t wait to share it with you.

Our new outreach vehicle is a zero emissions, electric van certified to carry books and other materials. It’s the latest word on the street! Poudre Libraries is moving forward with plans to bring our programs, technology, and more to the public. The van will be used to bring books, technology, and other materials to underserved neighborhoods, local schools, childcare locations, and after-school programs.

We will also expand our technology work to senior facilities and other areas and populations as we develop the outreach van services and schedule.

The Library District received $50,000 from the Bohemian Foundation and $52,958 from the Larimer County Commissioners for its American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help purchase and customize the transit cargo van. The project is expected to take 6-8 months.

Follow the progress on our social media channels and River’s Mouth Blog.

Fort Collins Comic Con badge sales begin July 7

The 2023 Fort Collins Comic Con is happening August 27-28 at Northside Aztlan Community Center. Badges go on sale at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, July 7 at www.FoCoComicCon.com. You can pick up your badge(s) from our favorite local comic book store soon after.

Costs:
- $20.00 ages 13 and older
- $10.00 ages 6-12
- Free for ages 5 and under

Poudre Libraries is excited to be part of the event again this year. See you soon!
The 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is sponsored by

POUDRE RIVER FRIENDS ARE LIFESAVERS!
The Friends of the Library expand the oceans of possibilities for you at the library.

Every year the Friends of the Library dive deep to bring learning adventures to you during the Summer Reading Challenge and all year long! Their generous financial support and gift of time enables us to provide the community with enriching programs, reading prizes, and fun activities that are a whale of a good time for all ages.

Learn more about the Friends by visiting www.prfol.org or connect on Facebook. The Friends are always welcoming new members. Please consider joining this amazing volunteer organization and be a library community champion.

Many local organizations and businesses have also helped us make the Summer Reading Challenge a success. Visit www.PoudreLibraries.org/src for a complete list of our valued community supporters.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a terrific way to keep the kids in your care reading throughout their summer vacation!

We’ve put together a special version of summer reading that’s easy to do with a small school of fish like a child care group. Sign up for a summer reading Group account online at PoudreLibraries.org/src to keep track of your group reading, then stop into a library and receive a free gift for each child in your group (while supplies last). Complete 10 hours of shared reading time and each child in your group receives a free book.

Children who wish to participate in the Library’s summer Bingo activities for special prize drawings must use their own account.

GROUPS

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.

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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.

Children and teens: pick up your free book at any library location June 6 - August 22.
Adults: find your free book coupon in your online account and redeem it at any Friends of the Library book sale.

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.

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MONDAY OUTDOOR PROGRAMS
Old Town Library Park

201 Peterson Street
10:00 - 11:00 AM

July 11
Steve Weeks
Steve Weeks is a critically acclaimed musician that has long been known for his richly layered acoustic-based songs, experimentation with unusual percussion (including cans, pots and pans, even tinker-toys) and diverse musical styles that range from reggae to bluegrass to folk-hop.

July 25
Rocky Mountain Raptor
Since 1987, the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program has served the northern Colorado community through the rescue of injured birds of prey and environmental communication. Presentation will focus on “raptor tools” and you will learn what defines a raptor and discover their adaptations for survival.

The Monday Outdoor Series is brought to you by Eye Center of Northern Colorado and The Youth Clinic.

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All Libraries closed for Independence Day

Monday, August 1

**Monday Outdoor Series, Rocky Club**

10:00 - 11:00 AM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK
Birth to age 2 and their caregivers. Explore stories through talking, singing, reading, writing, and best of all... playing! Please bring a blanket to sit on.

**Peek-a-Boo Outdoor Storytime**

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Enjoy sitting together on your blankets.

**Wade the River**

9:00 - 11:00 AM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK
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**Friends of the Library Sale**

9:00 - 11:00 AM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK
For children and caregivers.

**RIVERBEND PONDS NATURE AREA, 705 CARRIERS DRIVE**

10 - 11 AM, RIVERBEND POND
Explore nature and discover new activities to take home. Enjoy sitting together on your blankets.

**Committee of the Library Foundation**

10:00 AM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK
Meet with friends and crafts that can go home with you.

**Take Me Away: Summer Book Club**

6:30 - 7:30 PM, OLD TOWN LIBRARY PARK
A discussion of the book *Under the Udala Trees* by Chinelo Okparanta.

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