Community Mural: From LATAM to FoCo

Around 20 community members took part in a mural project led by Poudre Libraries and artist Carla Gamboa during Hispanic / Latin Heritage Month. The vibrant and colorful mural, titled “From LATAM to FoCo,” is located outside the Nordhigh Aztlan Community Center on a City-owned storage container.

Gamboa describes the mural as representing “the heart coming out of the open land of Latin America” and “the culture of those who cross the border and their feelings about building a new community in a country they now call home.”

On a Friday afternoon in October, Gamboa, along with her daughter Marina and fellow artists Diana Castro and Károl de Reuda, outlined the art design on two sides of the container. The following day, nearly 20 community members spent time painting the artwork and filling in the design. Even players from the nearby basketball courts took a turn at painting.

Visitors to the mural will immediately notice the colorful landscapes and images representing the culture of more than 20 Latin American countries. Look closely and you’ll see the quetal of Mexico and Guatemala, colorful houses of the Caribbean and the Colonies, the monarch butterfly that represents the path of discovery from Canada to Mexico, the yellow butterflies to represent the novel One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the piñata, and much more.

“This mural shows the love, the culture, and the gratitude,” says Gamboa. “We show the mountains, the forest, the rivers, and the deserts that we have in our hearts, the nostalgic symbols of what we left behind. We honor the cultures and the hearts of those who are meaningful for us.”

Poudre Libraries worked with the City of Fort Collins Art in Public Places to identify a prominent location for the mural. The Library will officially gift the artwork to the City and the community. More information about the artist is available at www.carlagamboa.com.

Library Dropboxes Added, Relocated

In addition to our three library locations, Poudre Libraries has eight remote dropboxes that are accessible 24 hours a day for you to return materials.

We continue to look at new dropbox locations and assess our current locations to make sure that we’re making it as easy and convenient as possible for you to return library and Prospector items. Whenever possible, we try to locate dropboxes near other businesses that see high traffic, helping you manage all of your errands in one trip.

This November, we will add a new location at King Soopers, 1015 S. Taft Hill Rd. This shopping center, on the corner of Taft Hill and Elizabeth, will have an easy-to-reach dropbox located near the grocery entrance. Combine your grocery run, coffee stop, and book returns all in one.

We will also relocate the existing dropbox at Cache la Poudre Elementary/Middle School to a more accessible location just a few blocks away at Overland Foods (3333 W Co Rd 54G).

The last change is the removal of the dropbox at Poudre Valley REA (7649 Rea Pkwy). This box receives little use and is located near another dropbox locations and Council Tree Library.

Additional information about our dropboxes is available online: www.poudrelibraries.org/borrow/bookdrops.

Library Location
- Drop Box Location
- New Drop Box Location
- Removed Drop Box

Check our online events calendar for updates and additional details. www.PoudreLibraries.org/events

Drop-in Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals. Acacia esta es una oficina abierta para realizar ayuda para fomentar sus metas como emprendedor o su negocio.

One-on-One Genealogy Assistance
1:00 - 3:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
Drop in to receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.

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.

Homeward Alliance Resource Navigation
2:00 - 5:00 PM, Old Town
Adults
A resource navigator from the Murphy Center will help people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness access services and resources.

Bite-Sized Crafts
3:00 - 5:00 PM, Council Tree
Teens
This month, we have a bite-sized craft or activity for middle school and high school-aged teens. You’re welcome to arrive at any time during the program.

Drop in to receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.

Tech
- All ages
- Adults
- Teens/Teens
- Kids
- Storytimes

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Sign Up for Text Message Alerts and Never Miss a Hold Notification Again

Sign up for text alerts and we’ll let you know when your holds are available for pickup, when items are due or overdue, and when items are eligible for renewal. Standard messaging rates apply.

How do I sign up?
- For English, text SIGNUP to 844-203-5201
- For Spanish, text REGISTRESE to 844-203-5201
- When prompted, enter your library card number (full number with no spaces) and 4-digit PIN

You can manage multiple library cards from the same phone number as long as you have the library card barcode number and PIN. It’s a great way to stay on top of the entire family’s checkouts and holds from one phone.
BYOBook Club
Monday, November 7, 5:00 - 6:30PM, Wolverine Farm Publick House

ESL Book Club
Wednesday, November 9 & 23, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Old Town Library
Our first book is Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Joseph Marshall III. The event includes discussion, hands-on activities, and pizza. Registration required.

Secret Codes and Ciphers
1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town
KIDS. Registration Required.
Secret Spy Codes for kids! Write secret messages, encrypt them into a secret code, and then try to crack your neighbor's code. There will be lots of logic puzzles and a chance to use your problem-solving skills.

BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Drop-in Tech Help
5:30 - 6:30 PM, Old Town
ADOULTS. See description on November 2.

The Scoop: NoCo Community Conversations
6:00 - 7:30 PM, Town Center
ADOULTS. Registration Required.
"Take the pulse" of the NoCo community by discussing local news pieces and the sentiments around particular issues. Enjoy guest visits by local leaders, journalists, and community influencers.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse
Friday, November 18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Council Tree Library
Boys in grades 4, 5 and 6, along with an adult male, are invited to read and discuss In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III. The event includes discussion, hands-on activities, and pizza. Registration required.

堕落的城堡：蚂蚁
12:00 - 1:00 PM, Old Town
KIDS. Registration Required.
The adventures of Peter and Emily don’t stop when they leave the castle. It is a dark and stormy night in Loba, the little town where the castle is located. The Two Clowns, as their friends call them, decide to spend the night in the castle. The town is still sleeping, but they feel an eerie presence.

Tech Storytime
4:00 - 4:30 PM, Old Town
KIDS. Registration Required.
Join our Dungeon Master for a fun-filled game of D&D on Zoom using Roll20. If you're new to the game, no worries! We'll walk you through the game rules and show you how to use the board. You will also have the opportunity to work on your creative writing skills by creating your own character.
ALL AGES
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Pan de muerto con ceniza de totomoxtle
Totomoxtle Ash Day of the Dead Bread
Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Zoom
En esta clase virtual bilingüe para niños y adultos, aprenderás a preparar pan de muerto con ceniza de hoja de maíz (conocida como totomoxtle) con el panadero mexicano Eliceo Lara. Los participantes deberán proporcionar sus propios ingredientes y herramientas y tener acceso a un horno. Regístrate para recibir la lista de ingredientes y el enlace a Zoom. Martes 1 de noviembre, 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

Learn how to make Day of the Dead Bread covered with corn husks ashes (aka Totomoxtle) with Mexican baker Eliceo Lara in this virtual, bilingual class. Participants must provide their own ingredients & tools, and have access to an oven. Registration required.

Gaming Galore!
Thursday, November 10, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Old Town Library
This drop-in event is perfect for game lovers of all ages! Bring your friends, family, or just yourself to play board games like Settlers of Catan, Candyland, Apples to Apples, and plenty more! If board games aren’t your speed, how about retro video games on Nintendo 64, Wii, Nintendo DS, or Gameboy?

STORYTIMES

November Storytime Schedule The library offers a variety of Storytimes, including in-person outdoor, bilingual, telephone, and drop-in formats. See details at www.poudrelibraries.org/events.

Note: Council Tree storytimes are canceled from November 5-11.

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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Secret Codes and Ciphers
Friday, November 11, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library
Secret spy codes for kids! Write secret messages, encrypt them into a secret code, and then try to crack your neighbor’s code. There will be lots of logic puzzles and a chance to use your problem-solving skills. Registration required.

Fall Friends and Family Night: Drop in DIY at Council Tree
Saturday, November 12, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Council Tree Library
Drop by for a quick Do-It-Yourself activity, which might include games, puzzles, crafts, and creative upcycling projects. Gather up friends and family members for intergenerational and interactive fun. Staff and library volunteers will be on hand to help.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Bite-Sized Crafts
Friday, November 4, 11, and 18
3:30 - 5:00 PM, Council Tree Library
Every Friday we’ll have a bite-sized craft or activity for teens. You’re welcome to arrive at any time during the program. For students in middle and high school.

Teen Writers
Tuesday, November 15
4:30 - 5:30 PM, Harmony Library
Are you ready to flex your creative brain muscles? Short stories, novels, poetry, screenplays - whatever your passion, we’re here to help and encourage. We’ll 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 new.

Special November Storytimes

Spooky Fun Story Stroll
Wednesday, November 2
4:30 - 5:00 PM, Old Town Library

Harmony Bilingual Storytime / Hora del cuento bilingüe
Tuesday, November 15
10:00 AM & 11:00 AM, Harmony Library

World Storytime in Mandarin
Thursday, November 17
5:00 - 6:00 PM, Council Tree Library

Yoga Storytime
Monday, November 21
10:00 - 10:30 AM, Old Town Library