Support Mobile Library Services on Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, Dec. 6

Every year on the first Tuesday of December, for 24 hours, Colorado comes together to raise funds for local nonprofits like the Poudre River Library Trust, a philanthropic arm of Poudre Libraries.

This year, the Trust is raising funds to support innovative mobile library services that create learning opportunities and build connections throughout our community.

Electric-Assist Book Tricycle

Due to the high demand from the community (and our love of bicycles), we’re adding a new book bike to our lineup of outreach vehicles. Whether we’re out doing storytimes or community events, the book bike is an effective way to take the library on-the-go and deliver programs and services onsite at locations like Northside Aztlan Community Center, the Downtown Farmers Market, the Fort Collins Museum of Art, Raisin’ Roots Farm, CSU Lagoon Concert, and many others. Help us deliver mobile library services throughout the community with a new book bike!

Community Outreach eVan

Have you heard about our new electric transit cargo van? The Community Outreach eVan will debut in 2023 and feature free Wi-Fi access and printing; customized book collections; access to the Library’s extensive learning resources; a variety of STEM and maker technology such as hot spots, iPads, laptops, and programmable robots; and activities to promote reading, arts, science, and technology. Help us put the final touches on the mobile collection by donating to the Library Trust

It’s Never Been Easier to Give Where You Live!

1. Schedule your donation. You can schedule a donation for Colorado Gives Day (Tuesday, December 6) beginning November 1.

2. Make a donation to the Trust in your friend or family members’ name. It’s a great way to honor them for the holiday season. The Trust will send an email letting them know you have made a donation in their honor.

3. Encourage your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to set up a recurring donation. Even the smallest amount makes a huge difference!

Your generosity helps expand and enhance your experience at the libraries. Plus, every donation is tax deductible! Access the Trust’s Colorado Gives profile online at www.ColoradoGives.org/PoudreRiverLibraryTrust.

For the Love of Reading: Fort Collins Book Fest Returns February 2023

Mark your calendars so you don’t miss the fun. Fort Collins Book Fest returns in 2023 with a new format while celebrating local authors, writers, books, and stories. The 2023 theme is “For the Love of Reading.”

The month-long celebration takes place throughout February (it’s National Library Lover’s Month and I Love to Read Month) and will feature author visits, writing workshops, readings, panel discussions, and more. There will be kid-friendly activities and sessions specially designed for teens. The event is free and open to all ages.

Visit the festival website for updates and announcements as we get closer to the event: www.FoCoBookFest.org. Plan to make time in February to meet your favorite authors, get new book recommendations, and interact with fellow book lovers.

DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR
**Special Storytimes in December**

**World Storytime in Ukrainian - українська**

_Thursday, December 1_

5:00 - 6:00 PM, Council Tree Library

Noches en Familia at the Museum

_Friday, December 2_

5:00 - 6:30 PM, Museum of Discovery

Yoga Storytime

_Monday, December 19_

10:00 - 10:30 AM, Old Town Library

Harmony Bilingual Storytime / Hora del cuento bilingüe

_Tuesday, December 20_

10:00 - 10:30 AM and 11:00 - 11:30 AM, Harmony Library

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**STORYTIMES**

**December Storytime Schedule**

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

**Monday**

- **COUNCIL TREE**
  - Toddler Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM
  - Ages 4+ Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

- **HAMONY**
  - Baby Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

**Tuesday**

- **COUNCIL TREE**
  - Toddler Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM
  - Ages 4+ Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

- **OLD TOWN**
  - Baby Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

**Wednesday**

- **COUNCIL TREE**
  - Toddler Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM
  - Ages 4+ Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

- **HAMONY**
  - All Ages Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

- **OLD TOWN**
  - All Ages Storytime: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

**Friday**

- **OLD TOWN**
  - Bilingual Storytimes / Hora del cuento bilingüe: 10:00 & 11:00 AM

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**POUDRE RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY**

**Drop in Tech Help**

_3:00 - 4:00 PM, Old Town_

Adults

**Learn how to access browser data and privacy settings and how to open and use a browser. All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device.**

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**SUNDAY**

**Animal Afternoon**

_3:00 - 4:00 PM, Old Town_

- **Adults**

Adults can be a stressful time for everyone, but they are often extra stressful for LGBTQIA+ people. For LGBTQIA+ folks, returning home for the holidays can mean being forced back into the closet, misgendered, and unable to be their authentic selves. We’ll create a safe and supportive community environment at Old Town Library where Queer adults of all ages can meet, connect, talk through emotional struggles, and express fears, stressors, and joys leading up to the holiday season.

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**Monday**

**BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Drop in Tech Help**

_3:30 - 6:30 PM, Old Town_

Adults

**Computer and device help from Poudre Library volunteers on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of every month. First come, first served.**

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**Sunday**

**Hammer Time**

_10:00 & 11:00 AM, Old Town_

Adults

**Try different tools and techniques to cut, fold, and fasten, and learn how to use them. Project materials will be provided.**

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**Wednesday**

**Computación para principiantes**

_5:00 - 6:30 PM, Old Town_

Adults

**Aprenda y practique habilidades básicas para utilizar una computadora en esta clase práctica. Utilizando computadoras portátiles de la biblioteca, le mostraremos los fundamentos para utilizar una computadora, incluyendo cómo encenderla, cómo utilizar el ratón y cómo conectarse a internet.**

Todos el equipo es proporcionado, aunque usted puede elegir traer su propio dispositivo.

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**Tuesday**

**Hands-On Tech: Internet Basics**

_1:00 - 2:00 PM, Old Town_

Adults

**Registration Required.**

Learn and practice the basics of browsing the internet for research, jobs, or just for fun. Plus, get tips for navigating sign-up forms and staying secure online. All equipment is provided, though you may choose to bring your own device.

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**Monday**

**Rekindle the Classics**

_6:30 - 8:30 PM, Gryphon Games & Comics, 1119 W Drake Rd C-30_

Adults

**This month’s title is *The Conjure-Man Dies* by Rudolph Fisher. 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.**

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**Saturday**

**CANDY CANE HUNT**

_10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Old Town_

Adults

**Santa’s elves have hidden 12 candy canes in the library. Find all 12 hidden candy canes and receive a surprise! See details at www.poudrelibraries.org.**

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**Sunday**

**BYOBook Club**

_5:30 - 7:00 PM, Wolverine Farm Publick House_

Adults

**Registration Required.**

_‘There is nothing better than a good book!’ YES! A good book AND beer. Both can be found at the BYOBook Club. You get to pick your own book. Instead of a required book, you can choose any book that falls into our monthly theme. Our December theme is International Historical Fiction. Be ready to discuss your pick and receive new book recommendations._
Candy Cane Hunt
Wednesday, December 14 thru Monday, December 26
All Libraries
Santa’s elves have hidden 12 candy canes in the library. Find all 12 hidden candy canes and receive a surprise! See a staff member for your game sheet and to pick up your surprise.

Winter BINGO
Tuesday, December 27 thru Wednesday, January 4
All Libraries
Pick up a BINGO picture game sheet in the library, and find the matching pictures hidden throughout the library. Bring your completed game sheet to a staff member to receive your prize!
Fun With Piñatas
Thursday, December 22, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Old Town Library

School-aged children and their families will enjoy a musical rendition of Paul Bunyan. Follow the story with the sounds of the clarinet, violin, cello, percussion, and narrator. For ages 5+ and their families.

Front Range Chamber Players
Children's Concert
Saturday, December 3, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Old Town Library

LEAP Into Winter
Saturday, December 10, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library

Learn how to apply for LEAP and auto-enroll in the City’s Income Qualified Assistance Program. Library staff will be on site to help fill out forms and answer questions. Please bring what you need to fill out online applications. Laptops will be provided.

LEAP & the City of Fort Collins Utilities Affordability Programs

1:1 Help
Monday, December 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Old Town Library

Work one-on-one with the City of Fort Collins’ Utilities Affordability Program and learn how to apply for LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program) and auto-enroll in the City’s Income Qualified Assistance Program.

LEAP Into Winter
Saturday, December 10, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library

Learn how to apply for LEAP and auto-enroll in the City’s Income Qualified Assistance Program. Library staff will be on site to help fill out forms and answer questions. Please bring what you need to fill out online applications. Laptops will be provided.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Front Range Community College Chamber Choir Presents “To Brighten Winter's Sadness”
Friday, December 2, 7:00 - 7:45 PM, Harmony Library

The FRCC Chamber Choir, under the direction of Tessa Espinosa, presents an evening of music from different times and places, meant to lift the spirit this winter season.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Robot Art in Virtual Reality
Thursday, December 29, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town Library

Robot art! What could be better? Drive digital robots across a digital art canvas and use the robots to create one-of-a-kind digital art. This program is for people who like to experiment, explore, and try something new. Code an online robot to add colorful designs onto the canvas, experimenting with geometric shapes, colors, and designs. For ages 10 and up. No experience necessary. Registration required.

Front Range Chamber Players
Children’s Concert
Saturday, December 3, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Old Town Library

Another fun Do-It-Yourself activity. Gather up friends and family for more hands-on fun.