

# May 2023

## NEWSLETTER

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**POUDRE RIVER  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
DISTRICT



### SUMMER READING IS COMING

Did you know that students who read during summer break maintain and build up their hard-earned reading skills. Our annual Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep students reading and learning over the summer while having fun. It's easy to include reading and learning wherever the summer takes your family!

The free, all-ages Summer Reading Challenge takes place May 22 – August 14. This year's theme is All Together Now / Todos juntos ahora and focuses on kindness, unity, and building a community of readers and learners. The challenge can be completed online, through a new app, or using our printed activity tracker. Get started at [PoudreLibraries.org/src](https://PoudreLibraries.org/src).

After the past few years of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become clear that many students are still behind in their reading and learning, particularly those who live in under-resourced areas or who lack support. We've identified new goals for the Summer Reading Challenge to help support children and families build a reading routine and reignite learning.

Many of the new aspects of our summer program are influenced by these goals:

- Outreach to youth who have been historically excluded from summer learning opportunities because of race, ability, language, access, or other factors
- Create pathways for youth to develop their self-confidence and ownership as readers and learners
- Encourage whole-family participation – All together now!
- Reduce barriers to participation

### WHAT'S NEW IN 2023

#### New Platform and App

We heard you! We've moved our reading challenge to a new platform to make it easier for readers to sign up, log their reading, and participate in activities. You can use our Beanstack platform on the web or with the Beanstack Tracker app. Get started at [PoudreLibraries.org/src](https://PoudreLibraries.org/src).

The challenge is available in multiple languages including English and Spanish. The app is available for free through the Apple App Store and Google Play.

#### Bingo-Style Format

Over the summer, it's important for kids to build a consistent reading routine, explore the world around them, and have fun. That's why we have created a Bingo-style challenge this year that includes activities incorporating STEM, art, writing, mental health, and of course, reading!

For every row, column, or diagonal Bingo you achieve, you can claim a small reward at any library location (while supplies last). While you're there, participate in the interactive community display! We're building it all together now!

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CHECK OUR ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR FOR UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

[poudrelibraries.org/events](https://poudrelibraries.org/events)

EVERY MON	<b>Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business &amp; Entrepreneur Center</b> 9:00 AM - Noon / 2:00 - 5:00 PM Old Town <i>Adults</i> Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals. <i>Asista a estas sesiones abiertas para recibir ayuda para alcanzar sus metas como empresario o las de su negocio.</i>
EVERY WED & FRI	<b>Outreach Fort Collins</b> Noon - 2:00 PM, Old Town <i>All Ages</i> Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.
EVERY THUR	<b>One-on-One Genealogy Assistance</b> 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Old Town <i>Adults</i> Drop in to receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.
EVERY THUR	<b>Conversations in English</b> 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Online <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> An informal setting for English language learners to practice and connect with others. Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom meeting link.
EVERY FRI	<b>Homeward Alliance Resource Navigation</b> 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Old Town <i>Adults</i> A resource navigator from the Murphy Center will help people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness access services and resources.
MON 1	<b>Books Build Boys Book Buzz Registration Opens</b> <i>All Day</i> <i>Kids, Tweens   Registration Required</i> Register starting today! This staff-led program at Council Tree Library has limited space available for 13 pairs, so sign up early to secure your spot and to get your complimentary copy of the book, <i>How to Train Your Dad</i> by Gary Paulsen. For more information and to register, visit the online program listing for June 23 from 5:30-7:30.
	<b>Messy Me at the Library</b> 9 AM - Noon, Old Town <i>Babies &amp; Toddlers, Preschool   Registration Required</i> Messy fun for curious tots as they learn and explore through process art.
	<b>Drop-In Tech Time</b> 5:30 - 7 PM, Old Town <i>Adults</i> Bring your laptop (or use a library-provided laptop) and make progress towards your project goals. Tech assistance available.
TUE 2	<b>Device Management: Technology Classes</b> 1 - 2:30 PM, Old Town <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> Keep your phone and tablet working at its best! Learn about data usage, storage limits, extending battery capacity, and how to keep your device clean and organized. Please bring your own device.
	<b>Teen Council</b> 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Harmony <i>Teens   Registration Required</i> 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 meet once a month to plan fun programs, help shape the teen collection, and more.

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Kids and teens complete the entire Bingo challenge to receive a free book. Adults receive a free tote bag to carry all those books. By “blacking out” the Bingo card, you’ll have recorded 25 days of reading and finished multiple learning activities.

**Not Just for Kids**

Research shows that kids benefit when adults model reading and learning, too. That’s why Summer Reading Challenge is for the whole family, with prizes for kids, teens, and grown-ups! You can read and complete activities together, then count it on everyone’s Bingo board.

See you this summer at the library for a reading and learning adventure!

**SUMMER READING SPONSORS**

We couldn’t produce our annual Summer Reading Challenge without generous financial support from local businesses, organizations, and individuals.



**SAVE THE DATES**

**MAY 22**

The challenge begins! Collect your free signup gift from any library location. As you move through the challenge and earn Bingos, come in any time to collect your prizes! (While supplies last)

**JUNE 1**

Programs start, including energetic storytimes, interactive performances, and hands-on explorations.

**AUGUST 14**

Challenge ends. Make sure to have all your Bingo activities recorded.

**AUGUST 21**

Last day to pick up prizes.

<b>WED 3</b>	<b>Computación para principiantes</b> <b>5 - 6:30, Old Town</b> <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> 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 al internet. Todo el equipo es proporcionado, aunque usted puede elegir traer su propio dispositivo.	<b>FRI 5</b>	<b>Harmony in the Round</b> <b>7 - 8 PM, Harmony</b> <i>Adults</i> Please join us for a recital of various musical works performed by music students from Front Range Community College.	<b>FRI 10</b>	<b>Rekindle the Classics</b> <b>6:30 - 8:30 PM, Gryphon Games &amp; Comics 1119 W Drake Rd C-30</b> <i>Adults</i> This month's title is <i>The Conjure Woman</i> by Charles Chestnutt. Rekindle your love of classic literature with the CSU Department of English and Poudre Libraries! Join graduate students and faculty for discussions of literature favorites.
	<b>BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Drop In Tech Help</b> <b>5:30 - 6:30 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults</i> Computer and device help from volunteers on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of every month. Sign up is first come, first-served onsite at Old Town Library.	<b>SAT 6</b>	<b>Library to Go: Technology Classes</b> <b>3 - 4 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> In this hands-on class, we will show you how to use the rich resources of the library at home or on the go. Please bring your own devices.	<b>THUR 11</b>	<b>IMAGINANTES-X: Budgeting for beginners - Presupuesto para principiantes</b> <b>5:30 - 6:30 PM, Online</b> <i>Teens / Adolescentes</i> <i>Registration Required / Se necesita inscripción</i> Learn simple tools to create a monthly spending plan, explore saving strategies, discuss financial goals and identify community resources that will help you. Interpretation to Spanish available.  <i>Aprende el uso de herramientas simples para crear un plan de gastos mensuales, explora estrategias de ahorro, discute tus metas financieras e identifica recursos comunitarios que te ayudarán. Interpretación al español disponible.</i>
<b>FRI 5</b>	<b>Drop-in: Court Resource Center</b> <b>2 - 3:30 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults</i> Need help navigating the court system? Drop-in during Larimer County's Court Resource Center's open hours to speak with your county sherlock. They can provide help to better understand court procedures, the legal system, and to obtain the forms you need. They CANNOT provide legal advice.	<b>SUN 7</b>	<b>Sensory Storytime</b> <b>1 - 1:45 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Babies &amp; Toddlers, Preschool   Registration Required</i> Combine traditional storytime components with sensory elements to enhance the experience and provide extra sensory support. Please register both child and caregiver.	<b>FRI 12</b>	<b>Bite Sized Crafts</b> <b>3:30 - 5 PM, Council Tree</b> <i>Teens</i> Make stop motion animation movies with LEGO bricks! During the May 12 session, focus on editing skills. Registration encouraged. For middle/high school students.
	<b>Free Legal Clinic</b> <b>2 - 3:30 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults</i> This is a free service for people without an attorney. Participants can have a short appointment with an attorney via video conference. This program is first-come, first-served. The sign-up list opens at 12:45pm.	<b>MON 8</b>	<b>Animal Afternoon</b> <b>3 - 4 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Kids</i> Drop in to read to friendly animals and find your new book buddy! Presented by Larimer Animal People Partnership. For grades K-5.	<b>TUE 9</b>	<b>Let's Talk in Spanish</b> <b>5:00 - 5:45 PM, Harmony</b> <i>Adults</i> Meet local Spanish language learners for conversation and fun! For intermediate and advanced speakers. Facilitated by 123 Español Without Stress.
	<b>Bite Sized Crafts</b> <b>3:30 - 5 PM, Council Tree</b> <i>Teens</i> Make stop motion animation movies with LEGO bricks! Our last three Bite Sized Crafts of the school year will give you a chance to make stop motion animation movies with tablets and LEGO bricks.	<b>TUE 9</b>	<b>Kevin Cook: The Geography of Life in Colorado</b> <b>1 - 2 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults</i> Cook will present details about Colorado's wildlife diversity and explains how that wildlife links together to create the lifescapes we all treasure.	<b>FRI 12</b>	<b>Early Closure at Council Tree Library</b> <b>6 PM, Council Tree</b> Council Tree Library closes early for staff training.
	<b>Noches en Familia at the Museum</b> <b>5 - 7 PM, Fort Collins Museum of Discovery</b> <i>Babies &amp; Toddlers, Kids</i> Noches en Familia is a bilingual literary program that connects the community with the Latinx culture through stories, music, food, crafts, games, and special guests.  <i>Noches en Familia es un programa literario bilingüe que conecta a la comunidad con la cultura Latinx a través de cuentos infantiles, música, títeres, manualidades, comida, juegos e invitados especiales.</i>	<b>MON 8</b>	<b>Yoga Storytime</b> <b>10 - 10:45 AM, Old Town</b> <i>Babies &amp; Toddlers, Preschool, Kids</i> Kids and caregivers, have fun with stories, stretches, movement and songs! We will practice basic Yoga and mindfulness. No prior experience necessary.	<b>SUN 14</b>	<b>Sensational Playtime</b> <b>1 - 2 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Babies &amp; Toddlers, Preschool, Kids</i> Explore a variety of sensory activating experiences with your child in this self-guided program.
	<b>Fearless Readers</b> <b>6 - 7:30 PM, Council Tree</b> <i>Tweens   Registration Required</i> A book club for tweens and adults to attend together. Designed for students in grades 4 - 6 along with a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or other adult in their life. Register once, as a pair. The pair can then pick up their very own free copy of <i>Drama</i> by Raina Telgemeier at the Council Tree Library.	<b>TUE 9</b>	<b>Microsoft Excel - Advanced: Technology Classes</b> <b>1 - 2:30 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> Learn and practice advanced Microsoft Excel features in this in-person class. Laptops provided. Completion of the Microsoft Excel Basics class recommended.	<b>MON 15</b>	<b>Old Town Book Club</b> <b>6 - 7:30 PM, Old Town &amp; Online</b> <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> This month, we are reading and discussing <i>Eleanor &amp; Hick: the Love Affair that Shaped a First Lady</i> by Susan Quinn. Zoom link provided upon registration.
		<b>FRI 10</b>	<b>Composer Talks</b> <b>Noon - 1 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults</i> Dr. Dawn Grapes will discuss the life and times of the composers featured at the Fort Collins Symphony's May 13 concert.		
		<b>MON 8</b>	<b>ESL Book Club</b> <b>6 - 7:30 PM, Old Town</b> <i>Adults</i> Discuss books with other ESL students twice per month in a supportive learning environment. In May, we will be starting <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee.		

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# NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO POUDRE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## HILARY HERRMANN & JOSH FUDGE JOIN BOARD

Poudre Libraries is pleased to announce the appointment of Hilary Herrmann and Josh Fudge to its Board of Trustees. The Library Board is responsible for governing the district, including guiding its mission, providing policy oversight, and overseeing the budget. Trustees are appointed jointly by representatives from the Fort Collins City Council and Larimer County Board of Commissioners.

“We are pleased to welcome Hilary Herrmann and Josh Fudge to the Library Board of Trustees,” says Matt Schild, board president. “These community leaders will bring diverse experience and expertise to our work as we plan for the continued and future success of Poudre Libraries.”

**Hilary Herrmann** holds a M.A. in Reading and works as the Education Pathways Lead with Poudre School District’s Futures Lab. She has been a resident of the Library District for over 20 years. Herrmann was appointed to a four-year term after Trustee Becki Schulz reached her term limits.

“The public library is a place where everyone in our community feels a sense of belonging and has access to entertainment, information, and resources,” says Herrmann.

**Josh Fudge** is the Director of Performance, Budget, and Strategy with Larimer County. He holds a Master of Public Administration and has extensive experience in budgeting and policy analysis. Fudge fills a mid-term vacancy on the Board after a trustee stepped down.

He believes public libraries are vital to the community. “Libraries are community hubs—they connect people to information and people to people,” says Fudge.

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 [PoudreLibraries.org/board](https://poudrelibraries.org/board).*



TUE 16	<b>Harmony Bilingual Storytime / Hora del cuento bilingüe</b> 10 - 10:30 & 11 - 11:30 AM, Harmony <i>Babies &amp; Toddlers, Preschool</i> Explore stories through talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing! Storytime supports reading readiness while celebrating all people.
TUE 16	<b>Internet Basics: Technology Classes</b> 1 - 2:30 PM, Old Town <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> Learn and practice the basics of browsing the internet for research, jobs, or entertainment in this hands-on class. All laptop equipment provided.
	<b>Teen Writers</b> 4:30 - 5:30 PM, Harmony <i>Teens</i> Flex your creative brain muscles! 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.
WED 17	<b>Book Club for Mortals</b> 3 - 4:30 PM, Online <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> We will be discussing <i>If Cats Disappeared from the World: a novel</i> by Genki Kawamura. Book Club for Mortals meets the third Wednesday each month for a conversation focusing on end-of-life themes.
THUR 18	<b>Club de lectura Café de Olla</b> 7 - 8 PM, Online <i>Adults</i> Únete al club de lectura en español Café de Olla y acompáñanos a conversar sobre <i>La ciudad de vapor</i> de Carlos Ruiz Zafón.  Café de Olla se reúne de forma bimensual a través de Zoom el tercer jueves del mes de 7:00 a 8:00 PM. Regístrate para recibir información de la reunión y solicitar el libro en caso de necesitarlo. Se proporcionarán copias del libro a las 15 primeras personas que lo soliciten. ¿Preguntas? ¡Llámanos! 970-658-3721. This program is offered in Spanish.
FRI 19	<b>Timnath Storytime Express</b> 10 - 11 AM, Timnath Town Center, Community Room <i>Babies &amp; Toddlers, Preschool, Kids</i> Storytellers from throughout the District share engaging books, songs, fingerplays, crafts and more!

FRI 19	<b>Bite Sized Crafts</b> 3:30 - 5 PM, Council Tree <i>Teens</i> Make stop motion animation movies with LEGO bricks! During the May 19 session, focus on creating storyboards. Registration encouraged.
SAT 20	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons for Teens</b> 1 - 4 PM, Online <i>Teens   Registration Required</i> 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 show you the way.
SUN 21	<b>Library Takeover: Finals Study Break for Teens</b> 6 - 8 PM, Council Tree <i>Teens</i> Take a break from cramming for finals and de-stress with board games, art, music, crafts, karaoke, Lego bricks, video games, snacks and more. Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. All students who register in advance will receive a good luck gift.
MON 22	<b>BYOBook Club</b> 5:30 - 7 PM, Wolverine Farm Pubick House, 316 Willow Street <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> Our May theme is <b>Asian and Pacific Islander Authors</b> . Good books and beer can both be found at the BYOBook Club. Instead of a required book, pick your own book that falls into our monthly theme.
	<b>Drop-In Tech Time</b> 5:30 - 7 PM, Old Town <i>Adults</i> See description on May 1.
TUE 23	<b>Internet Beyond Basics: Technology Classes</b> 1 - 2:30 PM, Old Town <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> Go beyond the basics in this course to learn tips and tools for online security and privacy. Laptops provided.
WED 24	<b>All About Container Gardening</b> 6 - 7:30 PM, Harmony <i>Adults   Registration Required</i> Join Alison O'Connor from CSU Extension to learn all about prepping, planting, and maintaining your pots all summer with specific information on flowers and vegetables. Take home a 14" container filled with supplies ready to pot your favorite plants.

WED 24	<b>ESL Book Club</b> 6 - 7:30 PM, Old Town <i>Adults</i> See description on May 10.
THUR 25	<b>QSA</b> 5 - 6 PM, Old Town <i>Teens</i> QSA is a safe space for all LGBTQIP2SAA+ youth to gather. This is a place to socialize and discuss current events, life, and books, with the occasional craft thrown in, all while meeting new peers.
SUN 26	<b>DMV2GO</b> 2 - 4 PM, Old Town <i>Adults</i> The Mobile DLOs focus on helping underserved Coloradans get the DMV services they need including first-time drivers licenses or ID cards, out-of-state transfers, renewals, and much more.
SAT 27	<b>Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group</b> 10 - 11:30 AM, Harmony <i>Adults</i> Caring for parents or older family members with dementia, while juggling other parts of life can be overwhelming. This support group provides time to release stress, share experiences and encouragement, and feel understood. Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association.
SUN 28	<b>Animal Afternoon</b> 3 - 4 PM, Harmony <i>Kids</i> See description on May 7.
MON 29	<b>Closed for Memorial Day</b> All Day, All Libraries

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## MOBILE LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Poudre Libraries' Mobile Library is Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region's first all-electric mobile library and bookmobile! Watch for Evie in your neighborhood at one of these upcoming stops.

### Friday, May 5

**Noches en Familia**  
5 - 7 PM  
Fort Collins Museum of Discovery  
408 Mason Ct

### Saturday, May 6

**Pop-up Event with CSU Dancers**  
Noon - 3 PM  
Location TBA

### Tuesday, May 9

**County Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
8:30 - 9:30 AM  
200 West Oak St

### Pop-Up with CSU Dancers

11 AM - 3 PM  
Location TBA

### Monday, May 15

**The Murphy Center**  
1 - 2:30 PM  
242 Conifer St

### Tuesday, May 16

**Pop-Up**  
5 - 7 PM  
Fort Collins Museum of Discovery  
408 Mason Ct

### Friday, May 19

**Timnath Storytime Express**  
10 AM - Noon  
Timnath Ranch Recreation Center  
6000 Summerfields Pkwy

### Saturday, May 20

**Larimer County Farmer's Market**  
9 AM - 1 PM  
200 West Oak Street

### Wednesday, May 31

**The Family Center / La Familia**  
10 - 10:30 AM  
309 Hickory St #5

### Hickory Village Mobile Home Park

10:45 - 11:30 AM  
400 Hickory St

### Greenbriar Apartments

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM  
400 - 434 Butch Cassidy Dr

### Aggie Village Apartments

12:45 - 1:15 PM  
501 West Lake St

Want to have Evie stop by your event? Visit [PoudreLibraries.org/locations/mobile-library](https://poudrelibraries.org/locations/mobile-library) to fill out the request form.

## STORYTIMES

Storytimes take a break May 21 - June 4 to prepare for summer.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>COUNCIL TREE</b> Toddler Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>COUNCIL TREE</b> Toddler Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>COUNCIL TREE</b> Baby Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>OLD TOWN</b> Bilingual Storytime / Hora del cuento bilingüe 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>OLD TOWN</b> All Ages Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM
<b>Ages 4+ Storytime</b> 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>Ages 4+ Storytime</b> 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>HARMONY</b> All Ages Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM		
<b>HARMONY</b> Baby Storytime 11:00 AM	<b>OLD TOWN</b> Baby Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>OLD TOWN</b> All Ages Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM		<b>Saturday</b> <b>COUNCIL TREE</b> All Ages Storytime 10:00 AM

### Sensory Storytime

Sunday, May 7  
1 PM, Old Town Library  
Registration Required

### Yoga Storytime

Monday, May 8  
10 AM, Old Town Library

### Harmony Bilingual Storytime / Hora del cuento bilingüe

Tuesday, May 16  
10 AM & 11 AM, Harmony Library

### Timnath Storytime Express

Friday, March 19  
10 AM, Timnath Community Room



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