

## SUMMER READING HOW-TO HOW TO PARTICIPATE

All Together Now! From May 22 – August 14, participate in Poudre Libraries' annual Summer Reading Challenge to explore great stories, discover fun activities, and earn prizes!



### READ!

Track the number of days you read or have someone read to you, including audiobooks. We challenge you to read 25 or more days this summer! Use our new Beanstack platform to keep track of your progress, or track it all on paper. What you read is up to you – a book, magazine, graphic novel, newspaper, eBook, audiobooks...whatever!



### EXPLORE!

The summer challenge features a Bingo Board format that includes 25 reading and learning adventures to keep your brain and body sharp. These activities are flexible and can be adapted to suit your interests and abilities.



### COLLECT PRIZES!

After you sign up for Summer Reading, stop by any library location to pick up a custom decal to show off that you're part of the challenge.

Collect special sticker prizes for every five-in-a-row Bingo you complete on the Bingo Board and get entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. If you're tracking your progress on paper, stop by any library to fill out your Bingo tickets. If you're tracking through Beanstack, you're automatically entered!

Grand prizes will be drawn at random at the end of the summer challenge. The more Bingos you complete, the more times you can enter.

Complete all the activities on the Bingo Board (a blackout) and win a free book (for ages birth – 18 years), and a tote bag for adults. Prizes can be redeemed at any Poudre Libraries location. Prize quantities are limited and prizes are subject to change. Good luck!

## HOW TO SIGN UP

### Register on the Beanstack App:

1. Go to your device's app store, search for Beanstack Tracker, and download the app.
2. Select to participate "at my library." Search for Poudre River Public Library and select.
3. Follow the steps to register an individual or family.
4. Track your reading and activities this summer on the app.

### Register on the Beanstack Website:

1. Go to the Poudre Libraries Beanstack website at [poudrelibraries.beanstack.org](http://poudrelibraries.beanstack.org).
2. Under "Create an account," click on "Register an Individual or Family."
3. Fill in your information. Beanstack allows families to be linked together so all family members can be under one login.
4. Track your reading and Bingo activities this summer online.

### Go Screen-Free:

1. Visit any Poudre Library location to pick up a printed Bingo Board or download and print one from our website ([PoudreLibraries.org/src](http://PoudreLibraries.org/src)).
2. Track your reading and activities on your paper tracker.

### Group Registration:

If you are a local summer camp, daycare, or school that wants to participate in Summer Reading, you can register as a group. Use the online platform to register your group. Choose "Register a Class or Group" and follow the prompts.

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TOGETHER  
TODOS NOW  
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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE  
PROGRAMA DE LECTURA DE VERANO

## IMPORTANT DATES

- First day to log reading and activities – Monday, May 22, 2023
- First day to pick up prize books & tote bags – Monday, June 16, 2023
- Last day to log reading and activities – Monday, August 14, 2023
- Last day to pick up prizes – Monday, August 21, 2023

Have questions about summer reading or need help signing up? Stop by any library location or call the Answer Center at 970-221-6740 for assistance.

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Thank you to this year's Summer Reading Challenge supporters! Their generosity helps the Library bring in amazing performers, create fun programs, provide challenge prizes, and much more!



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# 5 WAYS TO DEVELOP A READING HABIT

## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY OR TOO LATE TO GET STARTED.

Start by gathering reading materials for your child or yourself, whether at home or with frequent trips to the library! Once you've stocked up on books that interest you, try out these five reading habit builders.

### 1. Set a personal goal.

Stay motivated by setting a goal to read a certain number of books this summer, number of pages each day, or amount of time each day. If you aim to read just 15 minutes a day, you'll build reading stamina while also improving concentration, memory, mental stimulation, sleep quality, and reducing stress.

### 2. Create a reading list.

What types of books do you like to read? Start there and add book titles as you find them. Talk with a librarian for book recommendations or browse [NovelList](#) for author, genre, and read-alike suggestions. NovelList is available at [PoudreLibraries.org/research](#).

### 3. Schedule time for reading.

Read first thing when you wake up or before going to sleep at night. Trade in some of your TV time for reading. Listen to an audiobook on your commute, family road trip, or walk to the park.

### 4. Find a good place to read.

Designate a special space just for reading, like a favorite chair or a coffee shop near your home. As the weather gets warmer, take your reading outdoors. Of course, you're always welcome to come to the library and read.

### 5. Find a reading buddy. All together now!

Friends and family members make great reading partners. Talk about what you're reading with your buddy and share book recommendations. Start your own book club using one of the Library's Book Club Kits.



Check our [online events calendar](#) for updates and additional details | [poudrelibraries.org/events](#)

**EVERY MON** **Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center**

**9 AM - Noon PM / 2 - 5 PM Old Town**

Adults

Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals. *Asista a estas sesiones abiertas para recibir ayuda para alcanzar sus metas como empresario o las de su negocio.*

**EVERY WED & FRI** **Outreach Fort Collins**

**Noon - 2 PM, Old Town**

All Ages

Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.

**EVERY THUR** **One-on-One Genealogy Assistance**

**1 - 3 PM, Old Town**

Adults

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

**EVERY THUR** **Conversations in English**

**7 - 8:30 PM, Online**

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.

**EVERY FRI** **Homeward Alliance Resource Navigation**

**2 - 5 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.

**JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30** **Downtown Story Stroll**

**All Month**

All Ages

Story Stroll is a free, DIY family friendly activity that showcases children's stories in a new way. Walk to each panel in order, read a story and explore Downtown Fort Collins along the way. This edition of Story Stroll will feature the book *How To Fold a Taco* by Naibe Reynoso.

Story Stroll counts toward your summer reading challenge, so don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

**FRI 2** **Free Legal Clinic**

**2 - 3:30 PM, Old Town**

Adults

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.

**Drop In: Court Resource Center**

**2 - 3:30 PM, Old Town**

Adults

Need help navigating the court system? Drop in to speak with representatives They can provide help to better understand court procedures, the legal system, and to obtain the forms you need. They CANNOT provide legal advice..

**Magical Masquerade**

**6 - 9 PM, Fort Collins Museum of Discovery**

Teens

The Magical Masquerade is a celebration event for our community's LGBTQIA+ youth. There will be DJ's, dancing, face painting, crafts, karaoke, snacks and drinks, and a drag parade! Dress up or dress down but come just as you are!

**SAT 3** **Library to Go: Computer Class**

**3 - 4 PM, Harmony**

Adults

Learn to use the digital resources of the library for use at home or on the go. Bring your own tablet, phone or laptop, and we will show you the rest.

**SUN 4** **Animal Afternoon**

**3 - 4 PM, Old Town**

Kids

The library has gone to the dogs (and cats and other story-loving critters)! Drop in to read to friendly animals and find your new book buddy! Presented by Larimer Animal People Partnership.

**MON 5** **Monday Morning Series - Saja Butler**

**10 - 10:45 AM, Old Town, Library Park**

All Ages

Saja Butler has been a musician by trade for over 30 years. She is the proud owner of Urban Monk Studios, a music recording and instruction studio in Fort Collins. Performance will take place outdoors in Library Park, weather permitting. Please bring a blanket or mat to sit on. Sponsored by The Youth Clinic

All ages

Teens/Tweens

Adults

Kids

**MON 5** **Drop-In Tech Time**

**5:30 - 7 PM, Old Town**

Adults

Looking for a quiet place to focus and work on your computer projects? Tech Time is designed to create a space to bring your laptop (or use a library-provided laptop) and make progress towards your project goals.

**TUE 6** **Computer Comfort: Computer Class**

**1 - 2 PM, Old Town**

Adults | Registration Required

Learn and practice the basics of using a computer in this hands-on class. We will guide you through the fundamentals, including how to turn it on, use the mouse, and connect to the internet. All laptop equipment provided.

**Express Your Super-Fandom with Henna for Teens**

**2 - 4 PM, Harmony**

Teens

Instructor Leah Reddell covers henna basics (some science, safety, and history) combined with design tips and instruction for creating fun pop-culture-inspired designs.

**Teen Council**

**5:30 - 6:30 PM, Harmony**

Teens | Registration Required

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, discover exciting volunteer opportunities and more.

**Reading Rainbow: LGBTQ+ Summer Book Club**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM, Old Town, Library Park**

Adults | Registration Required

This Pride Month join us as we discuss *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer. Our discussion will take outside.

**WED 7** **Internet Básico: Computer Class**

**5 - 6:30 PM, Old Town**

Adults

En esta clase práctica usted aprenderá y practicará habilidades básicas con el fin de navegar el internet para la investigación, búsqueda de empleos o sólo para diversión. Además, le daremos consejos para navegar formas de inscripción y para mantenerse seguro en línea.

**WED 7 BYOD-Bring Your Own Device Drop-In Tech Help**

**5:30 - 6:30 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults*  
Computer and device help from volunteers on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of every month. Sign up is located at Old Town and is first come first served.

**FRI 9 Let's Talk in Spanish**

**5:00 - 5:45 PM, Harmony**  
*Adults*  
Meet local Spanish language learners for conversation and fun! Make new amigos as you practice speaking. For intermediate and advanced speakers. Facilitated by 123 Español Without Stress.

**SAT 10 Knit (& Crochet) in Public Day**

**2 - 4 PM, Council Tree**  
*Adults*  
Celebrate World Wide Knit in Public Day at the library! Whether you're experienced or brand new, drop in anytime with a WIP to work on - and maybe a completed project to show off too!

**Friends & Family Night: Drop in DIY**

**5:30 - 7 PM, Council Tree**  
*All Ages*  
Drop in for a quick DIY activity which might include games, puzzles, crafts, and creative upcycling projects.

**SUN 11 Animal Afternoon**

**3 - 4 PM, Council Tree**  
*Kids*  
See description on June 4.

**MON 12 Monday Morning Series - Nature's Educators**

**10 - 10:45 AM, Old Town, Library Park**  
*All Ages*  
Learn how animals work together with nature experts and live animals! Program will take place outdoors in Library Park, weather permitting. Please bring a blanket or something to sit on. Sponsored by The Youth Clinic.

**TUE 13 Kevin Cook: The Geography of Life in Colorado**

**1 - 2 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults*  
This year's series details Colorado's wildlife diversity and explains how that wildlife links together to create the lifescapes that we all treasure.

**Word Basics: Computer Class**

**1 - 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.

**Amazing Race: Survive the Apocalypse**

**2 - 4 PM, Twin Silo Park, 5552 Ziegler Rd, Fort Collins**  
*Teens | Registration Required*  
Work as a team to survive natural disasters, zombie apocalypses, and dystopian regimes in a course of physical roadblocks and challenging puzzles. Ages 12-18.

**WED 14 ESL Book Club**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
Discuss books with other ESL students twice per month in a supportive learning environment. We'll read a single book over the course of several sessions to provide lots of time to read the book.

**THUR 15 Be a Bookmaker**

**2 - 3:30 PM, Harmony**  
*Kids | Registration Required*  
Kids ages 6-9 create their own book and write their own story in this hands-on program. Bring your own story ideas or use our story prompts. Supplies will be provided. Presented in English and Spanish.

**Book Bike Out & About: Urban Natural Areas 101**

**6 - 7:30 PM, Red Fox Meadows Natural Area, 1810 S Taft Hill Rd**  
*Adults*  
Explore how Natural Areas in urban zones come to fruition! Learn about the unique partnership between Natural Areas and Stormwater Utilities that resulted in Red Fox Meadows Natural Area.

**FRI 16 Art in the Great Outdoors**

**10 AM - Noon, Riverbend Ponds Nature Area, 705 Cairnes Dr.**  
*Teens | Registration Required*  
Let your creativity flow with a mini workshop on outdoor photography, then explore Riverbend Ponds during a guided hike.

**SAT 17 Friends & Family Night: Drop in DIY**

**5:30 - 7 PM, Council Tree**  
*All Ages*  
See description on June 10.

**SUN 18 All Together Now Playtime**

**1 - 2 PM, Old Town**  
*Babies & Toddlers, Kids | Registration Required*  
Explore a variety of sensory activating experiences with your child in this self-directed program. Child must be with adult caregiver at all times.

**MON 19 Monday Morning Series - The Story Bakers**

**10 - 10:45 AM, Old Town**  
*All Ages*  
The Story Bakers blend education and entertainment for a live performance to inspire children to write and tell their stories. This performance will take place indoors. Sponsored by The Youth Clinic.

**TUE 20 Digital Decluttering: Computer Class**

**1 - 2:30 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
Stay organized and on task by clearing out your digital files, apps, photos and email. Learn simple strategies to keep your content and online accounts clear of clutter and your devices running efficiently. Please bring your own device for decluttering.

**WED 21 Book Club for Mortals**

**3 - 4:30, Online**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
For June's program, we will be discussing *Dear Life: A Doctor's Story of Love and Loss* by Rachel Clarke. Book Club for Mortals meets on the third Wednesday of every month for a conversation focusing on end-of-life themes.

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

**5:30 - 6:30 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults*  
See description on June 7.

**Money Matters Series**

**6 - 7 PM, Online**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
This educational seminar will focus on property insurance for your home and vehicles.

**The Scoop: NoCo Community Conversations**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
Take the pulse of the community by discussing local news pieces, the sentiments around particular issues, and enjoy guest visits by local leaders, journalists, and community influencers.

**THUR 22 Imaginantes-X: Babysitting 101**

**6 - 7 PM, Online**  
*Teens / Adolescents*  
*Registration Required / Se necesita inscripción*  
Want to earn extra cash? Join this virtual workshop to learn tips for babysitting including safety and first aid, and feeding and caring for children. Ages 10 and up.

*¿Quieres ganar dinero extra? Acompáñanos en este taller virtual donde aprenderás los secretos del negocio del cuidado de niños, habilidades de comunicación, edades y etapas de los bebés y niños pequeños, consejos de seguridad y primeros auxilios, y alimentación y cuidado de los niños.*

**FRI 23 QSA**

**4:45 - 5:45 PM, Old Town**  
*Teens*  
QSA is a safe space for all LGBTQQIP2SAA+ 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.

**Books Build Boys Book Buzz**

**5:30 - 7:30 PM, Council Tree**  
*Kids | Registration Required*  
Engage in a staff led discussion of *How to Train Your Dad* by Gary Paulsen. For boys in grades 4-6, along with an adult male. Registered pairs will receive a free copy of the book.

**SAT 24 Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group**

**10 - 11:30 AM, Harmony**  
*Adults*  
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.

All ages

Teens/Tweens

Adults

Kids

**SAT 24 Author Visit with J.E. Thomas**

**1 - 2:30 PM, Council Tree**  
*Tweens & Teens*  
Celebrate the release of Colorado author J.E. Thomas' debut middle grade novel, *Control Freaks* with activities inspired by her story. Q&A and book signing to follow.

**Friends & Family Night: Drop in DIY**

**5:30 - 7 PM, Council Tree**  
*All Ages*  
See description on June 10.

**SUN 25 Animal Afternoon**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM, Harmony**  
*Kids*  
See description on June 4.

**Teddy Bear Picnic & Sleepover**

**3 - 5 PM, Council Tree**  
*Kids*  
Human companions and soft friends alike can enjoy games and food before their teddy bears, dolls, and stuffed animals settle in for the night. Soft friends can be picked up the next morning from 9am - Noon.

**MON 26 Monday Morning Series - Geology of Lory State Park**

**10 - 10:45 AM, Old Town, Library Park**  
*All Ages*  
Join us for a closer look at the geology of Lory State Park with expert Herb Saperstone. Program will take place outdoors in Library Park, weather permitting. Please bring a blanket or something to sit on. Sponsored by The Youth Clinic.

**BYOBook Club**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM, Wolverine Farm Pubick House, 316 Willow Street**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
Our June theme is LGBTQ+ authors. 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.

**Drop-In Tech Time**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults*  
See description on June 5.

**TUE 27 Word Beyond Basics: Computer Class**

**1:00 - 2:30 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
Learn and practice creating professional-looking documents using Microsoft Word in this hands-on class. All laptop equipment provided.

**Bowling with Ozobot**

**2 - 3:30 PM, Harmony**  
*Kids | Registration Required*  
Learn basic coding with the tiny but oh-so-mighty Ozobot and then program Ozobot to knock over the bowling pins and win the game! Ages 6-9.

**Teen Writers**

**4:30 - 5:30 PM, Harmony**  
*Teens*  
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 28 ESL Book Club**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults | Registration Required*  
See description on June 14.

**FRI 30 Art in the Great Outdoors**

**10 AM - Noon, Riverbend Ponds Nature Area, 705 Cairnes Dr.**  
*Teens | Registration Required*  
Let your creativity flow with a mini workshop on outdoor sketching and journaling, then explore Riverbend Ponds during a guided hike.

**Getting Arted**

**1 - 3 PM, Old Town**  
*Tweens & Teens | Registration Required*  
Paint your next masterpiece at Old Town Library! This self-driven activity has all the supplies you'll need with guidance and some technical help available.

**DMV2GO**

**2 - 4 PM, Old Town**  
*Adults*  
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.

# MOBILE LIBRARY JUNE SCHEDULE ... MEET EVIE!

## Aggie Village Apartments

Wednesday, June 7  
12:30 - 1:15 PM

Wednesday, June 14, 28  
12:45 - 1:15 PM

## Aspen Memory Care

Monday, June 12  
1:45 - 2:45 PM

## Camp Sol

Tuesday, June 13  
8:00 AM - Noon

## CARE Housing Festival

Friday, June 9, 16, 23  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

## Cloverleaf Community Mobile Home Park

Friday, June 2, 16, 23, 30  
10:45 - 11:30 AM

Friday, June 9  
10:30 - 11:30 AM

## Collins Aire Mobile Home Park

Friday, June 2, 16, 23, 30  
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

## Greenbrier Apartments

Wednesday, June 14, 28  
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

## Harmony Mobile Home Park

Monday, June 12, 26  
12:30 - 1:30 PM

## Hickory Village Mobile Home Park

Wednesday, June 7, 21  
10:45 AM - Noon

Wednesday, June 14, 28  
10:45 - 11:30 AM

## La Familia / The Family Center

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28  
10:00 - 10:30 AM

## Lee Martinez Park

Thursday, June 22  
11:00 AM - Noon

## Murphy Center

Monday, June 19  
1:00 - 2:30 PM

## Nueva Vida Mobile Home Park

Tuesday, June 27  
Noon - 1:00 PM

## Oakbrook I Senior Living Community

Tuesday, June 20  
1:00 - 2:30 PM

## Oakbrook II Senior Living Community

Tuesday, June 20  
9:30 - 11:00 AM

## Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park

Friday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
12:45 - 1:45 PM

## Rolland Moore Park

Wednesday, June 21  
12:30 - 1:30 PM

## Teaching Tree Early Learning Center

Monday, June 12, 26  
9:00 AM - Noon

## Timber Ridge Mobile Home Community

Monday, June 19  
11:00 AM - Noon

## Community Events with Evie

### Open Streets

June 4 | 10 AM - 3 PM  
Landings/Boardwalk from Harmony Road to Horsetooth Rd.

### CSU Lagoon Concert Series

June 14 & 28 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

## Special June Storytimes

### Book Bike Storytime at Greenbrier Park

Wednesday, June 7 & 21 | 9:30 AM  
730 E. Willox Ln.

### Toddler Tracks

Tuesday, June 14 | 9:30 AM  
Rolland Moore Park, 2201 S. Shields St.  
*registration required*

### Storytime at The Gardens on Spring Creek

Tuesday, June 14 | 3:30 PM  
2145 Centre Ave.  
*registration required*

### Timnath Storytime Express

Friday, June 16 | 10:00 AM  
Timnath Town Center

### Book Bike Storytime at Lee Martinez Park

Wednesday, June 27 | 9:30 AM  
600 N. Sherwood

## WEEKLY SUMMER STORYTIMES

Check the online events calendar for weather-related updates or cancellations.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>HARMONY</b> Baby Outdoor Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>COUNCIL TREE</b> All Ages Summer Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>COUNCIL TREE</b> Peek-a-Boo Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>OLD TOWN</b> Bilingual Storytime / Hora del cuento bilingüe 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>OLD TOWN ALL AGES STORYTIME</b> 10:00 & 11:00 AM
	<b>HARMONY</b> Bilingual Storytime / Hora del cuento bilingüe 10:00 & 11:00 AM	<b>HARMONY</b> All Ages Outdoor Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM		<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>OLD TOWN</b> Baby Outdoor Storytime 10:00 & 11:00 AM			<b>COUNCIL TREE</b> All Ages Storytime 10:00 AM

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