## Intellectual Freedom at the Library
### A message from the library director

Poudre Libraries created a new strategic plan last year and added Intellectual Freedom to the list of values that guide our work. In addition to Curiosity, Collaboration, Inclusion, Innovation and Accountability, we believe that Intellectual Freedom—the rights of library users to read, seek information, and speak freely as guaranteed by the First Amendment—is core to our work and how we serve the community. We demonstrate this value not just by having a collection of materials that represents a wide range of ideas, opinions, and beliefs, but also through our programs, displays, and policies.

There were a record-breaking number of book challenges in libraries across the country in 2022. While Poudre Libraries did not have the level of challenges that many other libraries experienced, we do occasionally have customers who request that we remove an item from our collection, hide items that are on a display, or question why we have a certain program or policy. We respond to each request in a thoughtful and respectful manner. We have not removed anything from our collection in response to a challenge, but we have occasionally moved an item to a more appropriate area based on the intended audience.

If you are interested in learning more about Intellection Freedom issues and resources, the American Library Association provides extensive information on their website at ala.org/intellectualfreedom.

Each year, libraries celebrate the freedom to read and spotlight attempts to censor books during Banned Books Week. I invite you to visit your Poudre Libraries and discover exciting volunteer opportunities and more.

Diane Lapierre, Executive Director, Poudre Libraries

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### September Events

#### It's a Girl Thing - Registration Opens
- **All Day / Online**
- Registration opens today for the October 13 event. It's a GIRL Thing. This program for girls in grades 4, 5, and 6 and an adult woman companion includes book discussion, pizza and activities. Once registered, pick up your complimentary copy of Amina's Voice by Hena Khan - one per pair - at Council Tree Library.

#### Free Legal Clinic
- **2 - 3 pm / Old Town**
- Registration required
- 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.

#### Intermediate Genealogy Part 1
- **9:30 am - 12:30 pm / Harmony**
- Learn how to access and use the following records in depth: census records, church and government vital records, cemetery records, military records, and newspaper/obits in depth. Presented by Larimer County Genealogical Society.

#### Animal Afternoon
- **3 - 4 pm / Old Town**
- 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! For grades K-5. Presented by Larimer Animal People Partnership.

#### Labor Day Closure
- **All Day / All Locations**
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#### Teen Council
- **6 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree**
- 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.

#### Snack & Craft
- **2:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree**
- Drop in for a snack and try a new activity. This week we’ll be using block coding to tell robots what to do - and watching them do it!

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70 years of “Freedom to Read”

The freedom to read what you want – free of limitations, censorship, or consequence – is essential to our democracy and is one of the basic tenets of public libraries in the United States. When individuals or groups seek to remove or limit access to reading materials available in a library, they are attempting to suppress your right to read as guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution and the First Amendment.

In 1953, a group of professors, directors, librarians, publishers, and business professionals met to “discuss the current wave of censorship and attacks on books and libraries.” They created the “Freedom to Read” statement document that defined the responsibilities of publishers and librarians to protect Americans’ right to read. Since its inception, the statement has been altered during times of violence and prosecution to defend the reading choices of readers.

Seventy years later, the “Freedom to Read” statement remains a rallying proclamation for public libraries, individuals, and groups who trust that individuals can make their own decisions about what they read and believe and who believe it is in the public interest to provide books that enrich the quality and diversity of thought and expression.

The full “Freedom to Read” statement is online at ala.org/intellectualfreedom.
BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Drop in Tech Help
5:30 - 6:30 pm / Old Town
Get computer and device help on the 1st Wednesday evening of every month.

Let’s Talk in Spanish
5 - 5:45 pm / Harmony
Meet local Spanish language learners for conversation and fun! Make new amigos as you practice speaking. For intermediate and advanced speakers. Facilitated by TE3 Español Without Stress.

Harmony in the Round Music Concert
7 - 8 pm / Harmony
Beth Gubbaw Celtic Trio featuring the angelic voice of Beth, Sandra Wong (violin/fiddlæ & nyckelharp) and Stevé Mullins (guitar & mandolin) presenting Irish folk music.

Using MyHeritage’s Website
9:30 am - 12:30 pm / Harmony
Learn about MyHeritage’s international and local database website and their many features. Presented by Larimer County Genealogical Society.

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See description on September 3.

Old Town Book Club
6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town registration required
Please join us for a discussion of this year’s Fort Collins Reads headliner book, The Violin Competency, by Brendan Stelcun.

Nonprofit Networking Group Featuring Mike Roque
9:30 - 10:30 am / Harmony
Mike Roque will share valuable information on how the nonprofit sector can work together to collaborate and grow the fundraising pie. Learn, ask questions and hear from experts in the Fort Collins nonprofit community!

Digital Decluttering
1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town registration recommended
Learn simple strategies to keep your content and online accounts clear of clutter and your devices running efficiently. Please bring your own device.

Kevin Cook: the Geography of Life in Colorado
1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town
This year’s series details Colorado’s wildlife diversity and explains how wildlife links together to create the lifescapes that we all treasure.

International Night
6 - 7 pm / Old Town
The Fort Collins International Center presents International Night, focusing on a different country or region from around the world monthly.

Rekindle the Classics
6:30 - 8:30 pm / Gryphon Games & Comics, 1119 W Drake Rd C-30
This month’s title is Play it as I Lay by Joan Didion. Join graduate students and faculty in lively and informative discussions of literature favorites.

Snack & Craft
2:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree
Drop in for a snack and try a new craft. This week we’ll be making art using leaves, paint markers, and crayons.

Dr. Emily Hardegree-Ullman: Women in Astronomy
6 - 7 pm / Old Town registration recommended
Our series of autumn astronomy events will kick off with Dr. Emily Hardegree-Ullman, astronomy professor at Colorado State University. She will present and discuss the myriad ways in which women have contributed to this fascinating and far-reaching field and highlight the indispensable impact women have had on the science of space!

Out & About with Natural Areas: River Restoration- Is it for the Birds?
5 - 6:30 pm / McMurray Natural Area, 445 Hemlock St. registration required
Join Natural Area staff at McMurry Natural Area to discover how biologists, botanists, and restoration staff work together to create healthier plant and animal communities.

Rocky Mountain Raptors
6 - 7 pm / Harmony
Birds of prey are coming to the Harmony Library Community Room. Learn more about these birds and conservation efforts in Colorado.

Friends of the Library Warehouse Sale
9 am - 3 pm / Civic Center Park, at Laporte & Howes
Fort Collins Community Scrabble®
9 - 11 am / Old Town
Whether you’re new to the game, a casual player, or a tournament player, this event is for you! Presented by Fort Collins Community Scrabble®

Club de lectura Café de Olla
10:30 am - 12 pm / En línea se necesita inscripción
Unez al club de lectura en español Café de Olla y acompañanos a conversar sobre Rodolica libros de Ross Beltran. Registre para recibir información de la reunión y solicitar el libro en caso de necesitarlo.

Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month: Ciclo de cine / Movie Series
11 am - 1:30 pm / The Lyric, 1209 North College Ave
Experience the work of female Latina/Hispanic directors in this movie series. Ana Muyleart (Braz), Julia Bonetto (Argentina), Fernanda Váldez (Mexico), and Maite Zubiaurre (Spain/USA) bring us closer to the daily life of housework, memory, nostalgia, and migration in the Hispanic world and the Latino diaspora. This session we will be showing “How long is the end?” (fín) by Ana Muyleart.

Word Basics: Computer & Technology Classes
1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town registration recommended
Learn and practice the basics of Microsoft Word. We will help you create, format, edit and save documents. All laptop equipment provided.

Larimer County Office of Emergency Management Listening Session
5 - 7 pm / Old Town
Participate in a public discussion and listening session focused on community resilience and preparedness hosted by Larimer County Office of Emergency Management.

Taller de cocina del mes de la herencia hispana y latina Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month Cooking Workshop: Mole Machamanteles
6:30 - 8 pm / En línea / Online se necesita inscripción / registration required
Celebra el mes de la herencia hispana y latina con esta clase de cocina bilingüe donde aprenderás cómo preparar mole “machamanteles”, a mole de fiesta.

Customer Service: Digital Decluttering
1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town
Learn simple strategies to keep your computer and online accounts clear of clutter and your devices running efficiently. Please bring your own device.

Book Club for Mortals
3 - 4:30 pm / Online registration required
For September’s program, we will be discussing It’s Your Funeral! Planning the celebration of a lifetime before it’s too late by Kathy Benjamin. Book Club for Mortals meets on the third Wednesday of every month for a conversation focusing on end-of-life themes.

Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month: Ciclo de cine / Movie Series
6 - 7:15 pm / The Lyric, 1209 North College Ave
See description on September 16. Showing Los días después, La niebla, and El cuarto de los espejos (cortos) de Julia Bonetto.

Money Matters: Road Trip to Car Buying
6 - 7 pm / Online registration required
The Money Matters series offers free financial education via a virtual class presented by experts in the field. September’s subject is Road Trip to Car Buying. Presented by Canvas and Ent Credit Unions.

The Scoop: NoCo Community Conversations
6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town registration recommended
These adventurous public discussions aim to showcase different viewpoints to keep our community in touch with the diverse range of backgrounds, positions and opinions that make us great. Each month, we choose a topic relevant to our local community.

How to Make Your Resume ROAR (Results Oriented & Relevant)
10 - 11 am / Harmony
Learn about resume formats and current resume practices that will help you communicate what you have to offer a potential employer. Presented by Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development.

Forever Young Adult Book Club
6:30 - 7:30 pm / Harmony registration recommended
Are you a reader of young adult fiction who is a little more "A" than "Y"? Join your fellow bookworms at the Forever Young Adult Book Club! This month we’ll be reading and discussing June Hur’s The Red Palace.

Let’s Discover 3D Printing!
1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town registration required
Check out a live demonstration of Old Library’s new 3D printer, the Dremel Digilab 3D45! Plus, play around with some 3D printed objects and learn something new about physics, animals, and more! For ages 8-11.
### Events

**School's Out Day: LEGOS**  
2 - 3:30 pm / Harmony  
Explore, create, and build something cool with LEGOS! For grades K-5.

**Star Party: Telescopes and Treats**  
7:30 - 9 pm / Old Town  
Observe the moon, Saturn, and the stars, and learn about telescopes and space with experts from CSU and the Northern Colorado Astronomical Society. Snacks and treats will make the night extra sweet!

**Introduction to Genetic Genealogy**  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm / Harmony  
Instructor Glenn York will discuss DNA testing and how the different tests can be used as additional tools in your genealogy toolbox. Presented by Larimer County Genealogical Society.

**Walking Tour of Tres Colonias: LatinX Residents & the Fort Collins’ Sugar Industry**  
9:30 - 11:30 am / Sugar Beet Park, 607 9th St, registration required  
Explore the stories of LatinX and Hispanic Americans in Northern Colorado on this guided tour with the City of Fort Collins Historic Preservation Services team. Explore the histories of Latinos e Hispanoamericanos en el norte de Colorado in this visit guided with the equipo de Servicios de Preservación Histórica de la Ciudad de Fort Collins.

**Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group**  
10 - 11:30 am / Harmony & Online  
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. See online calendar for Zoom link.

**Know Your Rights: Legal Assistance for Mobile Home Park Residents**  
12 - 4 pm / Old Town, registration required  
Colorado Poverty Law Project in partnership with La Familia/MiVoz invites you to participate in a day of training to learn about the rights of Mobile Home Park residents.

**Crafternoon: Bring Your Own Project!**  
2 - 4 pm / Council Tree  
Work on your project and enjoy the company of other crafters at this drop-in program. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Rocky Mountain Raptors**  
2 - 3 pm / Old Town  
See description on September 14.

**Messy Me at the Library**  
10 - 11 am / Old Town, registration required  
Messy fun for curious tots as they learn and explore through process art. For ages 1-4.

**BYOBook Club**  
5:30 - 7 pm / Wolverine Farm, 316 Willow St, registration required  
Our September theme is Latinx 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.

**Plant Friends: Plant Swap**  
6 - 7 pm / Harmony  
Bring 1 or 2 post-free seedlings, starts, clippings, seeds, or full-grown plants to swap with others. Dirt, small containers, bagsgie, and plant labels will be provided to help you take home your new plant baby.

**Word Beyond Basics: Computer & Technology Classes**  
1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town, registration recommended  
Learn and practice creating professional-looking documents using Microsoft Word. Laptops provided.

**Teen Writers**  
4:30 - 5:30 pm / Harmony  
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.

**History Comes Alive at FRCC**  
1 - 2 pm / FRCC Longs Peak Student Center  
Gail Beaton, historical performer, presents Rosie The Riveter.

**Snack & Craft**  
2:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree  
Drop in for a snack, and try a new craft. This week we’ll be painting with oil pastels and we’ll have ARTober kits ready to pick up.

**QSA**  
5 - 6 PM, Old Town  
QSA is a safe space for all LGBTQQIP2S+ 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.

**Legal Literacy 101**  
5:30 - 6:30 pm / Old Town  
Learn the basics of our legal system with the Court Resource Center.

**Hello, Neighbor! Deep Conversations with New Friends**  
6:15 - 7:50 pm / Harmony, registration required  
In honor of National Good Neighbor Day, come say hello to your neighbors! Conversation cards will be provided to foster small group conversations.

**ARTober Kick-off event!**  
5 - 7 pm / Council Tree  
Drop in to our ARTober Kick-off event to grab supplies, sketch, and participate in group drawing activities. All levels are welcome – no artistic skill required!

**Intermediate Genealogy Part 2**  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm / Harmony  
Learn to access and use directories, land records, immigration, passenger, and naturalization records, court records, and lineage societies. Presented by Larimer County Genealogical Society.

**Club de lectura Café de Olla**  
10:30 am - 12 pm / En línea  
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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.

**Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center**  
9 am - 5 pm / Old Town, registration required  
Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals. Asista a estas sesiones abiertas para recibir ayuda para alcanzar sus metas como empresario o de su negocio.

**Outreach Fort Collins**  
12 - 2 pm / Old Town  
Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.

**Food Bank for Larimer County Outreach**  
1 - 3 pm / Old Town  
The Food Bank for Larimer County helps those facing food insecurities by connecting them to SNAP and other government benefits or community resources.

**One-on-One Genealogy Assistance**  
1 - 3 pm / Old Town  
Drop in to receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.

**Conversations in English**  
7 - 8:30 pm / Online, 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 - 5 pm / Old Town  
A resource navigator from the Murphy Center will help people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness access services and resources.

**Larimer County Community Justice Alternatives**  
2 - 4 pm / Old Town  
Check in with your case manager from Larimer County Community Justice Alternatives, work with Competency Services, Bridges or check in with pre-trial services or MHIPS.

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Check poudrelibraries.org/events for updates and additional details.
Did you know that 1 IN 4 PEOPLE who are eligible to vote are not registered? Or aren’t sure they’re registered?

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 19. If you’re not registered, have changed your name or moved recently, or you’re a new U.S. citizen, now is the time to register to vote!

You don’t have to wait until National Voter Registration Day. GO ONLINE OR VISIT YOUR LIBRARY LOCATION to check your existing registration, make name changes, and more.

To complete or renew your voter registration online, visit Go Vote Colorado at sos.state.co.us/voter. It takes just a few minutes!

See details listed for specific days and times to complete your registration at the Library.

**weekly storytimes**

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

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**Wednesday, September 13**
**Toddler Tracks with the Book Bike**
9:30 am / McMurtry Natural Area, 445 Hemlock Street
registration required

**Friday, September 15**
**Timnath Storytime Express**
10:00 am / Timnath Town Center, 4450 Signal Tree Dr.

The League of Women Voters will be at each location to assist with registration and updates, answer questions, and hand out non-partisan information to help with voting.

**Council Tree Library**
Saturday, September 16
10:15 am - 12:30 pm

**Old Town Library**
Tuesday, September 19
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Harmony Library**
Monday, September 18
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**where is evie?**

September 7  Parkwood Estates Senior Living
2 - 3 pm

September 9  Larimer County Farmer’s Market
9 am - 1 pm

September 11  Aspen Memory Care
1:45 - 2:45 pm

September 15  Timnath Storytime Express
10 - 11 am

September 16  Nueva Vida Mobile Home Park
1 - 3 pm

September 18  Murphy Center
1 - 2:30 pm

September 19  Oakbrook Il Senior Living Community
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September 21  Stove Prairie Community Visit
10 am - 12 pm

September 23  Timnath Fall Festival
11am - 3 pm

September 24  Open Streets Fort Collins
10 am - 3pm

September 26  Livermore Elementary School Community Event
9 - 11 am

September 30  Collins Aire Mobile Home Park
1 - 3 pm

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