



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 Intellectual 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 during October 1 - 7 to see displays of materials that have been targeted for removal or restriction in public libraries and schools, and check out a title to read for yourself. This year's Banned Books Week theme is "Let Freedom Read" and encourages us all to stand up for the principles we believe in and to unleash the power that resides inside every book.

Diane Lapierre, Executive Director, Poudre Libraries

september events

fri 1	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 <i>Amina's Voice</i> by Hena Khan - one per pair - at Council Tree Library.	kids
	Free Legal Clinic 2 - 3 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</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.	adults
sat 2	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.	adults
sun 3	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.	kids
mon 4	Labor Day Closure All Day / All Locations	all ages
tue 5	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.	teens
wed 6	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!	teens

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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.

wed 6	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.	adults
fri 8	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 I23 Español Without Stress.	adults
	Harmony in the Round Music Concert 7 - 8 pm / Harmony Beth Gadbaw Celtic Trio featuring the angelic voice of Beth, Sandra Wong (violin/fiddle & nyckelharpa) and Steve Mullins (guitar & mandolin) presenting Irish folk music.	adults
sat 9	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.	adults
sun 10	Animal Afternoon 3 - 4 pm / Council Tree See description on September 3.	kids
mon 11	Old Town Book Club 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Please join us for a discussion of this year's Fort Collins Reads headliner book, <i>The Violin Conspiracy</i> , by Brendan Slocumb.	adults
tue 12	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!	adults
	Digital Decluttering 1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration recommended</i> Learn simple strategies to keep your content and online accounts clear of clutter and your devices running efficiently. Please bring your own device.	adults
	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.	adults
	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.	adults
	Rekindle the Classics 6:30 - 8:30 pm / Gryphon Games & Comics, 1119 W Drake Rd C-30 This month's title is <i>Play it as it Lays</i> by Joan Didion. Join graduate students and faculty in lively and informative discussions of literature favorites.	adults
wed 13	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.	teens
	Dr. Emily Hardegree-Ullman: Women in Astronomy 6 - 7 pm / Old Town <i>registration recommended</i> 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!	all ages
thur 14	Out & About with Natural Areas: River Restoration- Is it for the Birds? 5 - 6:30 pm / McMurray Natural Area, 445 Hemlock St. <i>registration required</i> 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.	adults
	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.	all ages
sat 16	Friends of the Library Warehouse Sale 9 am - 3 pm / Civic Center Park, at Laporte & Howes	all ages
	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®.	adults

sat 16	Club de lectura Café de Olla 10:30 am - 12 pm / En línea <i>se necesita inscripción</i> Únete al club de lectura en español Café de Olla y acompáñanos a conversar sobre <i>Radicales libres</i> de Rosa Beltrán. Regístrate para recibir información de la reunión y solicitar el libro en caso de necesitarlo.	adults
	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 (Brazil), 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 United States. This session we will be showing <i>Que horas ela volta?</i> (film) by Ana Muyleart. <i>En este ciclo de cine con motivo del mes de la herencia hispana y latina celebraremos el trabajo de diferentes directoras latinas/hispanas. Ana Muyleart (Brasil), Julia Bonetto (Argentina), Fernanda Váldez (México) and Maite Zubiaurre (España/EE.UU) nos acercan a la cotidianidad del hogar, la memoria, la nostalgia y la migración en el mundo hispano y de Estados Unidos. Presentando Que horas ela volta? (largometraje) de Ana Muyleart.</i>	adults / adultos
tue 19	Word Basics: Computer & Technology Classes 1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration recommended</i> Learn and practice the basics of Microsoft Word. We will help you create, format, edit and save documents. All laptop equipment provided.	adults
	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.	adults
	Taller de cocina del mes de la herencia hispana y latina Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month Cooking Workshop: Mole Manchamanteles 6:30 - 8 pm / En línea / Online <i>se necesita inscripción / registration required</i> Celebra el mes de la herencia hispana y latina con esta clase de cocina bilingüe donde aprenderás cómo preparar mole "manchamanteles" o mole de fiesta. <i>Celebrate Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month with this bilingual cooking class where you will learn to cook mole "manchamanteles" (sloppy mole).</i>	all ages / todos las edades
wed 20	Snack & Craft 2:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree Drop in for a snack and try a new craft. This week we'll have a mini escape room set up for you to puzzle your way out of.	teens
	Book Club for Mortals 3 - 4:30 pm / Online <i>registration required</i> For September's program, we will be discussing <i>It's Your Funeral!: Planning the celebration of a lifetime before it's too late</i> by Kathy Benjamin. Book Club for Mortals meets on the third Wednesday of every month for a conversation focusing on end-of-life themes.	adults
	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 <i>Los días después</i> , <i>La niebla</i> , and <i>El cajón de los espejos</i> (short films) by Julia Bonetto. <i>Ver 16 de septiembre. Presentando Los días después, La niebla y El cajón de los espejos (cortos) de Julia Bonetto.</i>	adults / adultos
	Money Matters: Road Trip to Car Buying 6 - 7 pm / Online <i>registration required</i> 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.	adults
	The Scoop: NoCo Community Conversations 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration recommended</i> 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.	adults
thur 21	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.	adults
	Forever Young Adult Book Club 6:30 - 7:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration recommended</i> 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 <i>The Red Palace</i> .	adults
fri 22	Let's Discover 3D Printing! 1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Check out a live demonstration of Old Town 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.	kids

fri 22	School's Out Day: LEGOS 2 - 3:30 pm / Harmony Explore, create, and build something cool with LEGOs! For grades K-5.	kids
	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!	all ages
sat 23	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.	adults
	Walking Tour of Tres Colonias: LatinX Residents & the Fort Collins' Sugar Industry 9:30 - 11:30 am / Sugar Beet Park, 607 9th St. <i>registration required</i> 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. <i>Explore las historias de Latinos e Hispanoamericanos en el norte de Colorado en esta visita guiada con el equipo de Servicios de Preservación Histórica de la Ciudad de Fort Collins.</i>	adults
	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.	adults
	Know Your Rights: Legal Assistance for Mobile Home Park Residents 12 - 4 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> 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.	adults
	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.	adults / teens
sun 24	Rocky Mountain Raptors 2 - 3 pm / Old Town See description on September 14.	all ages
	Animal Afternoon 3 - 4 pm / Harmony See description on September 3.	kids
mon 25	Messy Me at the Library 10 - 11 am / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Messy fun for curious tots as they learn and explore through process art. For ages 1-4.	kids
	BYOBook Club 5:30 - 7 pm / Wolverine Farm, 316 Willow St. <i>registration required</i> 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.	adults
	Plant Friends: Plant Swap 6 - 7 pm / Harmony Bring 1 or 2 pest-free seedlings, starts, clippings, seeds, or full-grown plants to swap with others. Dirt, small containers, baggies, and plant labels will be provided to help you take home your new plant baby.	adults / teens
tue 26	Word Beyond Basics: Computer & Technology Classes 1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration recommended</i> Learn and practice creating professional-looking documents using Microsoft Word. Laptops provided.	adults
	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.	teens
wed 27	History Comes Alive at FRCC 1 - 2 pm / FRCC Longs Peak Student Center Gail Beaton, historical performer, presents Rosie The Riveter.	adults
	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.	teens

thur 28	QSA 5 - 6 PM, Old Town 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.	teens
	Legal Literacy 101 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Old Town Learn the basics of our legal system with the Court Resource Center.	adults
	Hello, Neighbor! Deep Conversations with New Friends 6:15 - 7:50 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> In honor of National Good Neighbor Day, come say hello to your neighbors! Conversation cards will be provided to foster small group conversations.	adults
fri 29	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!	adults / teens
sat 30	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.	adults
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	Front Range Chamber Players, Tunji and the Giant 11:30 am - 12:15 pm / Old Town	all ages
	Library to Go: Computer & Technology Classes 3 - 4:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration recommended</i> 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.	adults

weekly events

every mon	Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center 9 am - 12 pm / 2 - 5 pm, Old Town 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>	adults
every wed & fri	Outreach Fort Collins 12 - 2 pm / Old Town Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.	adults
every wed	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.	adults
every thur	One-on-One Genealogy Assistance 1 - 3 pm / Old Town Drop in to receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.	adults
	Conversations in English 7 - 8:30 pm / Online <i>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.	adults
every fri	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.	adults
	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.	adults

Check poudrelibraries.org/events for updates and additional details

VOTER REGISTRATION @ THE LIBRARY

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.



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

weekly storytimes

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

Monday	Council Tree - Toddler 10 am & 11 am Council Tree - Ages 4+ 10 am & 11 am Harmony - Baby 10 am & 11 am
Tuesday	Council Tree - Toddler 10 am & 11 am Council Tree - Ages 4+ 10 am & 11 am Harmony - Bilingual / Bilingüe 10 am & 11 am Old Town - Baby Outdoor 10 am & 11 am
Wednesday	Council Tree - Baby 10 am & 11 am Harmony - All Ages 10 am & 11 am Old Town - All Ages Outdoor 10 am & 11 am
Thursday	Old Town - Bilingual / Bilingüe 10 am & 11 am
Friday	Old Town - All Ages 10 am & 11 am
Saturday	Council Tree - All Ages 10 am

special storytimes

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

Friday, September 15
Timnath Storytime Express
10:00 am / Timnath Town Center, 4550 Signal Tree Dr.



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 II Senior Living Community 9:30 - 11 am Oakbrook I Senior Living Community 1 - 2:30 pm
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