November is National Native American Heritage Month

National Native American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were the original inhabitants, explorers, and settlers of the United States. The Federal Register recognizes 573 separate tribal entities living in the United States today. The more populous tribes include Cherokee (729,000+), Navajo (298,000+), and Choctaw (158,000+).

In honor of Indigenous culture, history and contributions, Poudre Libraries has pulled together a list of recommended reading and viewing. This is just a small sample of what is available through the library to learn more about Indigenous stories. For an online resource that includes images and digital exhibits, visit NativeAmericanHeritageMonth.gov, an online collaboration of the Library of Congress and partners.

**November events**

**KANOPY FILMS**

**More than a Word: Native American-Based Sports Mascots**

Through interviews with scholars, tribal leaders, lawyers, policy experts, activists, and Washington Redskins fans, the film explores the history of the slanderous term “redskin,” and delves into cultural stereotypes of Native Americans and their relationship to history.

**Once Upon a River**

Based on the best-selling novel by Bonnie Jo Campbell, the film is the story of Native American teenager Margo Crane in 1970s rural Michigan. After enduring a series of traumas and tragedies, Margo sets out on an odyssey on the Stark River in search of her estranged mother.

**Up Heartbreak Hill**

This documentary chronicles the lives of three Native American teenagers in Navajo, New Mexico—Thomas, an elite runner; Tamara, an academic superstar; and Gabby, an aspiring photographer—as they navigate their senior year at a reservation high school.

**ADULTS**

**Calling for a Blanket Dance by Oscar Hokeah**

Winner of the PEN American/Hemingway Award for Debut Novel. This novel follows the life of Ever Geimauasaddle, a young Native American, through the multigenerational perspectives of his family as they face policy corruption, threats of job loss, constant resettlement, and the pent-up rage of centuries of injustice.

**Crooked Half Elijah by Kelli Jo Ford**

Pimlont Prize Winner. This debut novel tells the stories of Justine—a mixed-blood Cherokee woman—and her daughter, Reney, as they move from Eastern Oklahoma’s Indian Country in the hopes of starting a new, more stable life in Texas amid the oil bust of the 1980s. However, life in Texas isn’t easy, and Reney feels removed from her family in Indian Country.

**no event dates**

**Internet Básico: Spanish Computer & Technology Classes**

5 - 6:30 pm / Old Town

Se recomienda registrarse

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

**Composer Talks**

12 - 1 pm / Old Town

Enjoy lectures before each Signature Concert to learn about the featured composers. Led by the Friends of the Fort Collins Symphony.

**Snack & Craft**

3:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree

Drop in for a snack or an activity. This week we’ll try watercolor techniques.

**Guided Spooky Fun Story Stroll**

4 pm & 4:30 pm / Old Town

Move, dance, sing, and read with a storyteller! Meet outside Old Town Library for a guided Spooky Fun Story Stroll through Library Park.
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Device Management

Winter Counts by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

Shortlisted for the Edgar Award for First Novel and a Best Book of 2020: NPR. A vigilante enforcer on South Dakota’s Rosebud Indian Reservation enlists the help of an ex to investigate the activities of an expanding drug cartel, while a new tribal council initiative raises controversial questions.

CHILDREN

Healer of the Water Monster by Brian Young

American Indian Youth Literature Award Winner. A debut novel inspired by Native-American culture follows the experiences of a boy whose summer at his grandmother’s reservation home is shaped by his uncle’s addictions and an encounter with a sacred being from the Navajo Creation Story.

My Heart Fills with Happiness by Monique Gray Smith

A board book that supports the wellness of Indigenous children and families, and encourages young children to reflect on what makes them happy.

Owl and the Two Rabbits by Nadia Sammurtok

When two rabbit sisters ignore their parents’ warnings and decide to play outside on the open tundra, a hungry owl soon spots them and decides they will make a delicious meal. As a chase ensues, the sisters must act quickly, using the owl’s own greed against him in order to get away. A traditional Inuit story and cautionary tale.

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT

Me (Moth) by Amber McBride

Moth, who lost her family in an accident, and Sani, who is battling ongoing depression, take a road trip that has them chasing ghosts and searching for ancestors, which helps them move forward in surprising, powerful, and unforgettable ways.

My Good Man by Eric Gansworth

Brian, a 20-something reporter on the Niagara Cascade’s City Desk, is navigating life as the only Indigenous writer in the newsroom, being lumped into reporting on stereotypical stories that homogenize his community, the nearby Tuscarora Reservation. But when a mysterious roadside assault lands Tim, the brother of Brian’s mother’s late boyfriend in the hospital, Brian must pick up the threads of a life that he’s abandoned.

Walking in Two Worlds by Wab Kinew

When Bugz, who is caught between the worlds of life on the Rez and the virtual world, meets Feng, they form an instant bond as outsiders and gamers and must both grapple with the impact of family challenges and community trauma.

Shutter by Ramona Emerson

Longlisted for the National Book Award. A forensic photographer working for the Albuquerque police force, Rita Todacheene, who sees the ghosts of crime victims, is caught in the crosshairs of one of Albuquerque’s most dangerous cartels when a furious ghost sets her on a path of vengeance.

There's the Story by Amy O’Shea

New York Times Bestseller and winner of the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize. A debut novel that charts the experiences of a boy whose summer at his grandmother’s reservation home is shaped by his uncle’s addictions and an encounter with a sacred being from the Navajo Creation Story.

Reading & Film List Continued

Ultimate Puzzle: Jigsaw Competition & Puzzle Swap

Device Management

An Evening with Author Kevin Hearne

Teen Council

“Fifth Brain Collective” Writing Workshops with Frankie Rollins

Snack & Craft

An Evening with Author J. Scott Savage

ESL Book Club

Celebrate Willa Cather

Let’s Talk in Spanish

Harmony in the Round Music Concert

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Kevin Cook: The Geography of Life in Colorado

International Night

Money Matters: Unwrap A Low Stress Holiday

Rekindle the Classics

Book Club for Mortals
Snack & Craft  
3:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree  
This week we’ll be making travel tic tac toe kits—in time for holiday travel!  

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.

Tinker Tots  
10 - 11 am / Harmony registration required  
A STREAM program for you and your little ones ages 3-6! Program may include step-by-step science projects, crafts, and more.

“Fifth Brain Collective” Writing Workshops with Frankie Rollins  
6:30 - 8 pm / Harmony registration required  
See description on November 2. This session’s topic is “Getting Lost”—reclaiming losing your way for writing growth.

Forever Young Adult Book Club  
6:30 - 7:30 pm / Old Town registration required  
Join your fellow adult YA fans at the Forever Young Adult Book Club! This month we’ll be reading and discussing Ruta Sepetys’ Out of the Easy.

Up-cycle your Old T-shirts!  
6 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree  
Drop in and bring in your unwearable t-shirts and we’ll help you re-purpose them! Make market bags, dog toys, t-shirt “yarm,” re-usable gift bags, headbands, wine-bottle gift bags, and more! For ages 14+.

Fort Collins Community Scramble  
9 - 11 am / Old Town  
Whether you’re new to the game, a casual player, or a tournament player, this is for you! Bring your board if you have one. Clocks are optional.

Crafternoon: Bring Your Own Project!  
2 - 4 pm / Council Tree  
Work on your project and enjoy the company of other crafters while you’re at it. This event is drop-in and BYOP (bring-your-own-project).

Lego® Brick Build Club  
2 - 3:30 pm / Old Town  
School is out, so let’s have fun creating, exploring and engineering with Lego® bricks! All ages welcome but designed for grades K-5.

BYOBook Club  
5:30 - 7 pm / Wrennick Farm Publick House, 316 Willow St. registration recommended  
Our November theme is Indigenous American Authors. Instead of a required book, you choose any book that falls into our monthly theme.

Early Closure  
1 pm / All Locations  

Libraries Closed  
All Day / All Locations

Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group  
10 - 11:30 am / Harmony and Online  
Come together in person and virtually to release stress, share experiences, give and receive encouragement. Led by the Alzheimer’s Association.

Animal Afternoon  
3 - 4 pm / Harmony  
See description on November 5.

Teen Writers  
4:30 - 6 pm / Harmony  
Flex your creative brain muscles! We’ll have writing exercises, prompts for ideas, and peer editing. Bring a piece you’ve already been working on to share with the group or start something brand new!

Library on the Go: Computer & Technology Classes  
6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town registration recommended  
Learn to use library digital resources at home or on the go. Please bring your own device.

Snack & Craft  
3:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree  
This week we’ll make pam pam key chains - make one for yourself and another to give as a gift.

ESL Book Club  
6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town registration required  
See description on November 8.

"Fifth Brain Collective" Writing Workshops with Frankie Rollins  
10:30 am - 12 pm / Harmony  
See description on November 2. This session’s topic is “Writing’s First Home is Inside the Physical Body”—investigating what rituals and settings are needed for your individual writing practices.

Check pouderlibraries.org/events for updates and additional details

recurring events

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. Assist each other in your venture, obtain ideas, or seek help using resources.

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device Drop-In Tech Help  
5:30 - 6:30 pm / Old Town  
Computer and device help from Library volunteers. Sign up is located at the library and is first come first served. Bring your own device.

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.

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.

Free Document + Photo Scanning Available

The new ScanEZ document and photo scanning stations are a great addition to the Library’s public-use technologies, providing you with a one-stop solution for digitally preserving papers, books, and photos. The ScanEZ stations, located at Harmony Library and on the second floor of Old Town Library, have an easy-to-use touchscreen interface that is accessible to all users. It also includes options for restoring color, contrast, and clarity in old photographs and aging documents. You can send scans to email, USB, or Google Drive. Scanned files can be saved as a PDF, searchable PDF, Word, TIFF or JPEG.

Additional features

- High-speed scanning
- Image enhancement
- Copying functions
- Editing capabilities
- Multilingual interface available in 21 languages
- Multilingual translation services to text and audio

The scanning stations were generously funded by the Poudre Library Trust and individual community donors.
weekly storytimes

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

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special storytimes

Friday, November 17
Timnath Storytime Express
10 am / Timnath Town Center, 4550 Signal Tree Dr.

Mark Your Calendar for Colorado Gives Day
Support the Poudre River Library Trust

What if there was a day that as Coloradans, we got to celebrate the impact of coming together and lifting up our local communities? A day that we joined arm in arm with our neighbors, jumped into the pool of positivity together, and set forth a wave of generosity to ripple out across the state?

Well luckily for all of us, there is such a day, and it’s called Colorado Gives Day.

Mark your calendars:
· Colorado Gives Day is December 5, 2023
· Early Giving Opens November 1
· Visit Coloradogives.org/organization/PoudreRiverLibraryTrust to donate

As you plan your end-of-year charitable giving, please consider donating to Poudre River Library Trust. In addition to raising funds for their Library Endowment, the Trust is focused on creating accessible and affirming library spaces for children and teens with new furniture and equipment and redesigned areas. Your donation will help foster positive intellectual, emotional, and social development for tomorrow’s adults.

where is evie?

Visit PoudreLibraries.org/evie to find out where our mobile library is each day, or view the online events calendar for the full list of stops for the month.