The Space to Be

Welcome to the space to be in 2024!
- To all the opportunities available at the library, big and small.
- To the connections that strengthen our community.
- To a place where every story can be told.

Each month we’ll spotlight unique library services, programs, and resources that foster learning, spark inspiration, and strengthen community connections — making Poudre Libraries the space to be in 2024!

The Space to Be Creative
Calling all DIYers, crafters, and makers! Nurture your creative soul at the Library.

Creativebug
Your library card gives you unlimited access to thousands of video classes, tutorials, and series hosted by recognized artists and design experts. It’s an easy way to practice your craft everyday or try a new skill, from drawing and illustration to fiber arts to jewelry creation. There are even classes for kids!

Visit PoudreLibraries.org/research to log in to Creativebug with your library card number and PIN.

3D Printing
Did you know that 3D printing is available for all ages at Old Town Library? You don’t need a library card to submit a 3D print project or to watch items being printed. Staff can direct you to free 3D modeling software and ready-to-print designs, or you can create something completely from your own imagination.

Learn more about 3D printing, get inspiration and ideas, and submit a print project at PoudreLibraries.org/3dprinting. And check out our online events calendar for upcoming 3D printing classes.

Arts + Crafts Programs
Your libraries host a variety of artsy programs each month that spark creativity and connect you with other crafters. Take a look at programs like the weekly Snack and Craft for teens, our monthly Crafternoon meetup with fellow crafters and connect you with other crafters. Take a look at programs like the weekly Snack and Craft for teens, our monthly Crafternoon meetup with fellow crafters and make headway on your work-in-progress. The monthly newsletter and online events calendar give details for all of our creative programs.

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<td>Winter Bingo Scavenger Hunt</td>
<td>All Day / All Libraries Pick up a BINGO picture game sheet in the library, and find the matching pictures hidden throughout the library. Bring your completed game sheet to a staff member to receive your prize!</td>
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<td>Jan 2</td>
<td>Registration Opens for Free to Read Book Club</td>
<td>All Day / Online registration required Exercise your freedom to read by joining our teen and adult book club featuring banned and challenged books. Register for the February 15 event to receive a free copy of the book — Heartstopper by Alice Oseman.</td>
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<td>Jan 3</td>
<td>Winter Break Drop-In DIY</td>
<td>10 am - 12 pm / Harmony Enjoy relaxing, hands-on fun together and take home your DIY creations.</td>
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<td>Jan 4</td>
<td>Babysitting 101</td>
<td>10 AM - 4 PM / Harmony registration required Gain top-notch babysitting skills at this fun and informative program. Learn how to do crafts with kids, administer basic first aid, and select books.</td>
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<td>Jan 5</td>
<td>Drop-In: Larimer County Court Resource Center</td>
<td>2 - 3:30 pm / Old Town Drop-in for help navigating the court/legal system and procedures and obtain forms you need. Cannot provide legal advice.</td>
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<td>Jan 6</td>
<td>Teen Council: Programming Committee</td>
<td>6 - 7:30 pm / Harmony This winter, we’ll be working on a Murder Mystery to be hosted in spring.</td>
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<td>Jan 8</td>
<td>Registration Opens for Books Build Boys</td>
<td>All Day / Online registration required Sign up for the March 8 event to secure your spot and to get your complimentary copy of the book — A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole.</td>
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<td>Jan 9</td>
<td>LEGO® Brick Build Club</td>
<td>10 - 11 am / Old Town Have fun creating, exploring and engineering with LEGO bricks! All ages welcome but designed for grades K-5.</td>
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<td>BYOBook Club</td>
<td>5:30 - 6:30 pm / Old Town Receive computer and device help from Library volunteers. Sign up is located at the library and is first come, first served; bring your own device.</td>
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<td>Jan 12</td>
<td>Exploring Snowflakes</td>
<td>1- 2:30 pm / Old Town Come ready to learn, create, and have wintertime fun as we explore all the wonders of snowflakes! All materials are provided.</td>
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<td>BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Tech Help</td>
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<td>sun 09</td>
<td>Craftnoon: Bring Your Own Project!</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>2 - 4 pm</td>
<td>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).</td>
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<td>sun 09</td>
<td>Design Your Own T-Shirt</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>2 - 3:30 pm</td>
<td>We provide shirts, computers, and cutting machines for you to create, cut out, and apply your designs. Select the size you need when registering.</td>
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<td>Wed 10</td>
<td>Animal Afternoon</td>
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<td>3 - 4 pm</td>
<td>Drop in to read to friendly animals and find your new book buddy! Presented by Larimer Animal Partnership.</td>
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<td>Internet for All; Accessibility Issues in Colorado</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>6 - 7:30 pm</td>
<td>The new digital accessibility law HB-1110 impacts both the public and anyone who provides digital content through a local or state government agency. Learn more about principles of accessibility, WCAG standards and how this law will improve access to digital resources for everyone.</td>
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<td>Fri 12</td>
<td>Snack and Craft: LEGO® Bricks</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>3:30 - 5 pm</td>
<td>Drop in for a snack and try a new activity or craft every Wednesday. This week we have LEGO bricks to build with!</td>
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<td>Mon 13</td>
<td>Más alla de Word para principiantes</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>5 - 6:30 pm</td>
<td>Aprenda y practique cómo crear su currículum y otros documentos con un propósito estándar utilizando Microsoft Word. Antes de asistir a esta clase recomendamos que usted esté familiarizado/unindo cómo crear, editar y guardar un documento en Microsoft Word. Estas habilidades se cubren en nuestra clase “Word para principiantes”.</td>
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<td>Wed 15</td>
<td>ESL Book Club</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>6 - 7:30 pm</td>
<td>Discuss books with other ESL students twice per month in a supportive learning environment. We read a single book over the course of several sessions to provide lots of time to read.</td>
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<td>Fri 17</td>
<td>Let’s Talk in Spanish</td>
<td>Harmony</td>
<td>5 - 5:45 pm</td>
<td>Meet local, intermediate and advanced Spanish language learners for conversation and fun! Facilitated by 123 Español Without Stress.</td>
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<td>Mon 20</td>
<td>Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Through Art</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>9 am - 6 pm</td>
<td>Drop in to help build a community art project in celebration of MLK Jr.</td>
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<td>Tue 21</td>
<td>Old Town Book Club</td>
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<td>6 - 7:30 pm</td>
<td>We read and discuss Miss Eliza's English Kitchen by Annabel Abbs.</td>
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<td>Wed 22</td>
<td>Teen Writers</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>4:30 - 6 pm</td>
<td>Welcome to Teen Writers, a support and critique group for teens who love to write. We will have writing exercises, prompts for ideas, and peer editing.</td>
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<td>Thu 23</td>
<td>Tech Buddy Program</td>
<td>Harmony</td>
<td>10 am - 12 pm</td>
<td>Join this tech clinic to receive support using your tech devices. Presented by Partnership for Age Friendly Communities of Larimer County.</td>
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<td>Fri 24</td>
<td>Book Club for Mortars</td>
<td>Online</td>
<td>3 - 4:30 pm</td>
<td>For January’s program, we will be discussing The Wisdom of Marron: Living and Aging Creatively and Joyfully by Marrie Schwartz.</td>
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<td>Sat 25</td>
<td>Snack and Craft: Beads</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>3:30 - 5 pm</td>
<td>This week we’ll make beaded keychains and bracelets. You are welcome to arrive at any time during the program.</td>
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<td>Mon 27</td>
<td>Citizenship Workshop / Taller de cuidanía</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>9 am - 5 pm</td>
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<td>Tue 28</td>
<td>Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>10 - 11:30 am</td>
<td>Come together in person and virtually to release stress, share experiences, give and receive encouragement, and feel understood. Hosted by the Alzheimer’s Association. Join online or in person.</td>
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<td>Thu 29</td>
<td>Friends of the Library Sale</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>9 - 11:45 am</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Fri 30</td>
<td>Reading Rainbow: LGBTQ+ Book Club</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>6:30 - 7 pm</td>
<td>This month we read and discuss Our Wives Under the Sea by Julia Armfield.</td>
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<td>Mon 02</td>
<td>New Year, New Habits: Executive Functioning Workshop</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>6 - 7 pm</td>
<td>Join us and learn about developing executive function skills; potential signs of EF challenges; how to improve EF skills; how to seek support for EF skills in school, work, and the community. Presented by Arc of Larimer County.</td>
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<td>Thu 05</td>
<td>Composer Talks</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>12 - 1 pm</td>
<td>Learn intimate aspects of the composers’ lives, their times, and works. Presented by the Symphony Association and the Friends of the Symphony.</td>
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<td>Fri 06</td>
<td>Snack and Craft: Photo Displays</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>3:30 - 5 pm</td>
<td>This week we’ll make photo displays and stands. You are welcome to arrive at any time during the program. For students in middle and high school.</td>
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### Get Ready for FoCo Book Fest

The annual Fort Collins Book Fest runs February 1 – 19 at venues throughout town. Don’t wait to make plans to attend, some sessions require pre-registration and spots are limited.

#### Early January

**Tickets Available for An Evening with Oscar Hokeah**  
Check FoCoBookFest.org for details. The Lincoln Center Box Office is located at 417 W. Magnolia St. and is open Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 - 6:00 pm. General admission tickets for Hokeah’s session are FREE.

**Monday, January 8 at 9:00 AM**  
**Writing Workshop Registration Opens**  
Register online via www.FoCoBookFest.org. Space is limited. Please cancel your registration if you are unable to attend so someone on the waitlist can take the space.

#### Available Now

**Book Festival Merchandise**  
Show your love for the book fest and help keep the event free to attend! Official festival merchandise is now available for purchase online. All sales proceeds directly help fund the event and bring amazing authors to town.  
Visit FoCoBookFest.org to see the various designs. Each design is available in a variety of styles, colors, and sizes. We have everything from t-shirts and sweatshirts to hats and gift cards.

**Book festival organizers continue to refine the schedule and add new authors. Check the event website for updates.**

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### Become a Poudre Libraries Sustainer

#### Easy, Automated Monthly Giving

Thank you to everyone who supported Poudre Libraries and the Library Trust during Colorado Gives. Your donations are appreciated and go a long way to ensuring the long-term success of your libraries. Every amount helps!

While public funding supports fundamental library operations, Poudre Libraries can’t truly meet the growing demands and interests of customers and transform communities without private support from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

Make your impact last all year by becoming a monthly sustaining donor to Poudre Libraries. A monthly gift is one of the best ways to support early childhood literacy, school readiness, workforce development, outreach to under-resourced neighborhoods, innovative community programming, and much more. Visit PoudreLibraries.org/donate to get started.

#### Why Give Monthly?

**Create Long-Term Success**  
Recurring donations allow the Library to build a foundation for future projects and initiatives and also respond quickly to emerging community needs.

**Pick the Amount that’s Right for You**  
Monthly gifts are convenient for you as a donor, while making a significant impact on the public library. Even a small monthly gift can lead to big success.

**Enjoy Special Perks**  
You’ll receive special library swag just for monthly donors, exclusive news and videos, and name recognition on our webpage and in our annual report.

Every donation helps, and we appreciate your continued support of Poudre Libraries. Your monthly donation means that you are part of the Poudre Libraries mission: to create opportunities and build connections to strengthen our community.

To learn more about all types of charitable giving with Poudre Libraries, contact our Development Officer at 970.818.2964 or donate@poudrelibraries.org.

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### recurring events

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| **Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center** | every mon | adults | 9 am - 12 pm / 2 - 5 pm / Old Town  
Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals.  
Asista a estas sesiones abiertas para recibir ayuda para alcanzar sus metas como empresario o los de su negocio. |
| **Outreach Fort Collins** | every wed fri sat | adults | 12 - 2 pm / Old Town  
Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues. |
| **One-on-One Genealogy Assistance** | every thu | adults | 1 - 3 pm / Old Town  
Receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers. |
| **Conversations in English** | first fri of the month | adults | 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. |
| **Free Legal Clinic** | every fri | adults | 2 - 3:30 pm / Old Town  
First come, first served. Waitlist opens at 12:45 pm. Volunteer attorneys answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for various legal issues via video conference. |
| **Homeward Alliance Resource Navigation** | every fri | adults | 2 - 5 pm / Old Town  
A resource navigator from the Murphy Center helps people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness access services and resources. |
| **Larimer County Community Justice Alternatives** | every fri | adults | 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 AHIPS. |

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Check poudrelibraries.org/events for updates and additional details.
Start Something New in 2024

Thousands of students head back to the classroom this month, ready to explore new ideas and practice new skills. But, you don’t need to sit in a classroom to find exciting learning opportunities for yourself and your family. You simply need to visit the library! It’s the space to be for discovery and connection.

Go Retro
Channel your inner 80s and 90s with retro gadgets like a record player, CD Walkman, and boom box. Plus, the Gadgets & Things Collection will feature equipment to help digitize your old family slides. Watch for these additions to the collection in January.

Join a Book Group
We promise not to tell if don’t finish the entire book in time for the discussion! Book groups are a great opportunity to read outside your regular genre, socialize with fellow book-lovers, meet new friends, and take part in interesting discussions. In addition to our monthly book group at Old Town Library, there are also special-focus discussions for all ages including BYOBook Club, Free to Read, Rekindle the Classics, Reading Rainbow: LGBTQ+ Book Club, an ESL Book Club, and many more.

And, this is just the beginning! What will you start in 2024?

holiday hours
Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2.
- Sat, Dec 30: close at 5pm
- Sun, Dec 31: closed
- Mon, Jan 1: closed

special storytimes
Thursday, January 4
A Winter Night’s Hygge Party / Fiesta Hygge en una noche de invierno
6 pm / Old Town Library

Saturday, January 13
Global Tales: Mandarin
11 am / Council Tree Library

weekly storytimes
Storytimes resume on Monday, January 8. 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
  10 am & 11 am

Wednesday
- Council Tree - Baby
  10 am & 11 am
- Harmony - All Ages
  10 am & 11 am
- Old Town - All Ages
  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

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.

Take on New Tech
Whether you’re new to computers or are ready to start coding your own software program, we have the classes and workshops for you. The Library’s winter schedule of computer and technology programs includes everything from Canva graphic design to mastering Microsoft Office, from learning about internet accessibility issues to streaming 101. You can also access tons of free online learning programs and tutorials using LinkedIn Learning.

There is in-library tech available including a new laptop kiosk checkout at Council Tree Library. Other options include public computers, Wi-Fi access, free printing, and ScanEZ photo imaging and document scanning stations at Old Town and Harmony Libraries.

Connect with Your Community
From monthly Scrabble games to a new conversation program, “Talk, Listen, Connect,” and from The Scoop: NoCo Community Conversations to Conversations in English, the library offers a multitude of programs and events that encourage conversation and strengthen community connection.

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