Join the Library Board of Trustees

Applications due February 15 by noon

Poudre Libraries is seeking a motivated and engaged community member who wants to make a meaningful impact by serving on our Board of Trustees.

The seven-member volunteer Library Board is responsible for governing the district, including guiding its mission, providing policy oversight, and overseeing the budget. Library Trustees are advocates for the public library and its fundamental tenets including intellectual freedom, the right to read, privacy and confidentiality, and free and equal access. Trustees are committed to providing exceptional library service for a growing and changing community.

How to Apply

Applications open on January 22, 2024. The deadline to submit an application online or in person is noon on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

To apply online or download an application, visit PoudreLibraries.org/board.

Printed applications can be picked up and returned at any Poudre Libraries location during open hours.

Additional information about the application, appointment process, and the role of the Trustee is available online.

February Events

Howl of the Hearts: Poetry Contest

Submissions Accepted

Online submissions

Poudre Libraries and Front Range Community College are reviving a poetry contest, to kick-off National Poetry Month in April. Finalists will share their poems at a public poetry reading on April 9. Visit PoudreLibraries.org.

Indoor Story Stroll

Harmony

How to Fold a Taco / Cómo doblar un taco by Naibe Reynoso, ill. by Ana Varela. See the story unfold in front of you as you make your way through the library. This is a fun, interactive, family-friendly activity.

Registration Opens for Forever Young Adult Book Club

Online registration

Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book, The Cartographers by Amy Zhang, for the March 7 program.

Confronting Bigotry Workshop

11:30 am - 1 pm / Harmony registration required

An interactive workshop about supporting democratic norms and confronting bigotry. The presenter uses examples from the news to frame small group discussions and help participants practice skills to build inclusive communities. Presented by Western States Center.

BYOB Club

5:30 - 7 pm / Scrumpy’s Hard Cider Bar registration required

Our February theme is Black Future Month. Read any book that is written by a Black author and is futuristic, fantastical, or even aspirational.

Global Tales: Bengali

11 am - 12:30 pm / Council Tree

World languages storytelling presented in Bengali. All are welcome!

Craft Afternoon: Bring Your Own Project!

2 - 4 pm / Council Tree

Work on your project and enjoy the company of other crafters while you are at it! This event is drop-in and BYOP (bring-your-own-project), though we will have a basic craft available. An experienced knitter is on hand.

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! Presented by Larimer Animal People Partnership. For children in grades K-5.

IMAGINANTES-X: Get Prepped to Get Hired /
Prepárate para que te contraten

5:30 - 6:30 pm / Online registration required, se recomienda registrarse

Learn how to land your first job. Walk away knowing the tools you need to be successful in your job search from where to find opportunities, what you’ll need to apply, and how to highlight early experiences in a way employers will notice.

Acompañemos en esta presentación virtual donde aprenderás cómo conseguir tu primer trabajo. Aprenderás a equiparte con las herramientas que necesitas para buscar trabajo exitosamente, desde dónde encontrar oportunidades, hasta cómo destacar tus experiencias de una manera que los empleadores notarán.

Teen Council: Programming Committee

6 - 7:30 pm / Harmony

We meet once a month to plan fun programs for teens. This winter, we’ll be working on a Murder Mystery to be hosted in the spring.

Snack and Craft: Pop-up Valentines

3:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree

Drop in for a snack and try a new activity or craft, every Wednesday. This week we’ll have supplies and instructions out for making pop-up valentines.

Internet Basics / Internet básico

5 - 6:30 pm / Old Town

Learn and practice the basics of browsing the internet for research, jobs, or just for fun in this hands-on class. Plus, tips for navigating sign-up forms.

BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Drop in Tech Help

5:30 - 6:30 pm / Old Town

Computer and device help from Library volunteers.

Money Matters: Protect Yourself from Cyber Criminals

6 - 7 pm / Online registration required

Identify red flags that you’re dealing with a criminal and learn simple steps to protect yourself. Taught by Hazel Heckers, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

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Did you know that “curiosity” is one of the values that guides our work? We pride ourselves on exploring new ideas and knowledge to connect and engage with our customers.

**Curiosity Pass**

There’s a new museum available to visit with our Curiosity Pass! Museo de las Americas in Denver is a cultural treasure and the premier Latin American Art Museum in the Rocky Mountain region. Reserve a Curiosity Pass to visit Museo de las Americas and any number of other museums and cultural attractions along the Front Range, including Butterfly Pavilion, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and Fort Collins Museum of Art. Visit PoudreLibraries.org/things/curiosity to get started.

**February Events Cont.**

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<td>Fri 17</td>
<td>Registration Opens for It’s a GIRL Thing Book Club</td>
<td>Online registration. Our Spring 2024 event features Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan. Once registered, pick up your complimentary book at Council Tree Library. For grades 4-6 and an adult woman companion.</td>
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<td>Accessibility for Downloadable and Streaming Services</td>
<td>Would you like to learn more about how to make Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy easier to use? How to choose different font sizes, add dyslexic-friendly fonts, or high-contrast? Bring your favorite reading/listening device and we’ll go over simple changes you can make for a more comfortable experience with eBooks and eMedia.</td>
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<td>The Places Where Life Lives: Geological events separated the world into oceans and continents; each of which supports its own community of life. Colorado fits in there...somewhere!</td>
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<td>History Comes Alive: Marvin Jefferson as Martin Luther King, Jr.</td>
<td>The Black History Live! tour stops at Harmony Library and features the living-history portrayal by nationally acclaimed scholar/actor Marvin Jefferson as Martin Luther King, Jr.</td>
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<td>Sat 2</td>
<td>Fort Collins Community Scrabble</td>
<td>Play Scrabble! 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.</td>
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<td>Artsy Fartsy Craft Time (For Adults!): Recycled Book Art</td>
<td>This month we read Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien. Rekindle your love of classic literature with the CSU Dept of English and Poudre Libraries!</td>
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**Who are You? Explore Family History**

Curious about your ancestry and where you come from? The Library’s genealogy resources like Ancestry.com and My Heritage can help you start researching. Plus, volunteers with Larimer County Genealogical Society hold drop-in hours at Old Town Library every Thursday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm to assist you with research questions. LCGS also frequently hosts genealogy programs at the libraries.

**Wonderful Library Programs**

Library programs are all about learning something new, trying out a new skill, and even meeting new people. From International Night to Composer Talks, and from History Comes Alive to Global Tales, there is something to satisfy everyone’s curiosity. Subscribe to our programming newsletter and stay up-to-date on events at the libraries: PoudreLibraries.org/subscribe.
February events cont.

Monday

- **Teen Writers**
  - 4:30 - 6 pm / Harmony
  - Are you ready to flex your creative brain muscles? Short stories, novels, poetry, screenplays - whatever your passion, we're here to help and encourage with writing exercises, prompts for ideas, and peer editing.

- **Snack and Craft: LEGO®**
  - 3:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree
  - See description on Feb 7.

Wednesday

- **The Scoop: Noco Community Conversations**
  - 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town
  - registration encouraged
  - Public discussions that showcase diverse viewpoints. Presented by The Deliberative Journalism Project.

- **Tinker Tots**
  - 10 - 11 am / Harmony
  - A STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Math) program for you and your little ones ages 3-6!

- **Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group**
  - 10 - 11:30 am / Harmony or Online
  - This monthly support group provides time to come together to share experiences, give and receive encouragement, and feel understood. Hosted by the Alzheimer’s Association.

Saturday

- **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. Facilitated by 123 Español Without Stress.

- **Animal Afternoon**
  - 1 - 4 pm / Harmony
  - See description on February 4.

Cooking with Sapna: Easy & Healthy Meal Prep Ideas!
- 6 - 7:30 pm / Online
- Tips and tricks on how to plan ahead and prep different ingredients, sauces, and whole grains for the weak.

Teen Council: Leadership Committee
- 5 - 6:30 pm / Council Tree
- For grades 9 - 12. The Teen Council’s Leadership Committee meets once a month to help shape the teen collection, advise on library policy, and improve library services for teens.

International Night: Ukraine, Crimea & Russia
- 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town
- Professor Milt Garrett examines the economic complexity and the dynamics at play across Ukraine, Crimea, and Russia. Facilitated by The Fort Collins International Center.

Translation Tools & Technology
- 6 - 7:30 pm / Harmony
- Explore how to leverage your computer, tablet and smartphone to access translation help across multiple languages. We’ll highlight easy and free translation tools available through Microsoft, Google, Apple, and others.

Composer Talks with the Fort Collins Symphony
- 12 - 1 pm / Old Town
- Learn intimate aspects of the composers’ lives, their times, and works. Presented by the Symphony Association and the Friends of the Symphony.

Snack and Craft: Origami Creatures
- 3:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree
- See description on Feb 7.

ESL Book Club
- 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town
- registration required
- See description on February 14.

Special events for the month of February

- **Multicultural Business Center**
  - 9 am - 12 pm / Old Town
  - appointment required
  - Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals.

- **VITA Tax Assistance**
  - 1 - 4 pm / Old Town
  - Free, confidential, and secure preparation and e-filing of Federal and State income taxes. Senior citizens and those with income up to $60,000 may be eligible. Visit MakeChangeNoCo.org for details and forms.

- **Outreach Fort Collins**
  - 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**
  - 1 - 3 pm / Old Town
  - Receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.

- **Conversations in English**
  - 7 - 8:30 pm / Online
  - 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**
  - 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**
  - 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**
  - 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.

Weekly storytimes

- **Monday**
  - 10 am & 11 am
  - Council Tree - Toddler
  - 10 am & 11 am
  - Council Tree - Ages 4+

- **Tuesday**
  - 10 am & 11 am
  - Council Tree - Toddler
  - 10 am & 11 am
  - Council Tree - Ages 4+

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

- **Thursday**
  - 10 am & 11 am
  - Old Town - Bilingual / Bilingüe

- **Friday**
  - 10 am & 11 am
  - Old Town - All Ages

- **Saturday**
  - 10 am
  - Council Tree - All Ages

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.

Special events for February

- **Old Town Sensory Storytime**
  - 1 pm / Old Town Library
An Evening with Oscar Hokeah, Author of Calling for a Blanket Dance
Free tickets for the headline session are available through the Lincoln Center Box Office. Doors open at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 17. Hokeah’s session starts at 7:00 pm with book sales and signing to follow courtesy of Old Firehouse Books.

Acclaimed Authors
Festivalgoers will be thrilled with the variety of interesting topics and books being discussed during the event by authors including Camille T. Dungy (Soil: The Story of a Black Mother’s Garden), Ramona Emerson (Shutter), David Heska Wanbli Weiden (Winter Counts), Gabriella Miranda (National Student Poet for the West), Laura Pritchett (Playing with (Wild)Fire), and others. Be sure to also check out comic book creator R. Alan Brooks (The Burning Metronome) presented in partnership with Fort Collins Comic Con.

Just for Kids
Among the many family-friendly activities at Book Fest, you won’t want to miss meeting two internationally-acclaimed children’s authors: Uma Krishnaswami and Malia Maunakea.

Writing Workshops
All writing workshops are free but required advance registration. Visit FoCoBookFest.org for complete details and links to register.

- Writing Home: Your Words, Our Community with the Community Literacy Center
- Using Elements of Poetry to Improve your Prose with Deborah Taffa
- Crossing the Field: Poetry and Photography with Brad Vogler
- Collaborative Poetry with Meca’Ayo
- How I Learned to Love Revising and Reject Rejections with Uma Krishnaswami
- Finding Literary Voice through Regionalism with Oscar Hokeah
- Poetry for the Stage, Drama for the Page with Sommer Browning

Support the Festival
Show your book fest love with custom event merchandise, available at FoCoBookFest.org. Click on “SHOP” to get to our online store. All sales proceeds go directly to the festival and help us bring great authors and presenters each year. Thank you for your support!
FEATURED AUTHORS

OSCAR HOKEAH
Oscar Hokeah is a regionalist Native American writer of literary fiction, interested in capturing intertribal, transnational, and multicultural aspects within two tribally specific communities: Tahlequah and Lawton, Oklahoma. He was raised inside these tribal circles and continues to reside there today. His debut novel, Calling for a Blanket Dance, won the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award in 2023.

MEET OSCAR AT A WORKSHOP + TALK ON FEBRUARY 17

CAMILLE DUNGEY
Camille T. Dungy was born and raised in the western United States though she has lived in many other regions. She attributes some of the energy in her writing to both her delight in going new places and meeting new people and the good fortune of having a beautiful place to root down and call home. In much of her writing, Dungy considers history, landscape, culture, family, and desire. Her book Soil: The Story of a Black Mother’s Garden is one of 2023’s “best-of” books by Hudson Booksellers, Booklist, and Library Journal.

MEET CAMILLE AT AN AUTHOR PANEL ON FEBRUARY 17

UMA KRISHNASWAMI
Uma Krishnaswami is the author of more than twenty books for young readers, from picture books, through novels for young readers. Twenty years after its first publication, her traditional story collection, The Broken Tusk: Stories of the Hindu God Ganesha, continues to be a definitive introduction to Hindu mythology for young readers.

MEET UMA AT KIDS + ADULTS WORKSHOPS ON FEBRUARY 10

DAVID HESKA WANBLI WEIDEN
David Heska Wanbli Weiden, an enrolled citizen of the Sicangu Lakota Nation, is the author of Winter Counts (Ecco, 2020), which was nominated for an Edgar Award for Best First Novel. The novel is included in Time magazine’s list of the 100 best mystery and thriller novels of all time and won many other awards. He lives in Denver with his family and is a professor of Native American studies and Political Science at Metropolitan State University of Denver.

MEET DAVID AT AN AUTHOR PANEL ON FEBRUARY 4

BOOK FEST READING LIST
Read the Book — Meet the Author!

FICTION
Calling for a Blanket Dance
BY OSCAR HOKEAH
Shutter
BY RAMONA EMERSON
Winter Counts
BY DAVID HESKA WANBLI WEIDEN
Playing With (Wild) Fire (published 2-6-24)
BY LAURA PRITCHETT
Cowboys and East Indians
BY NINA MCCONIGLEY

NONFICTION
Soil: The Story of a Black Mother’s Garden
BY CAMILLE DUNGEY
Western Journeys
BY TEOW LIM GOH
Mud, Blood, and Ghosts
BY JULIE CARR
Whiskey Tender (published 2-27-24)
BY DEBORAH TAFFA

COMICS
The Burning Metronome
BY R. ALAN BROOKS

CHILDREN
PICTURE BOOK
Two at the Top: A Shared Dream of Everest
BY UMA KRISHNASWAMI

MIDDLE GRADE
Threads of Peace
BY UMA KRISHNASWAMI
Lei and the Fire Goddess
BY MALIA MAUNAKEA

POETRY
Word Toward (published 3-5-24)
BY CINDY JYOUNG OK
Whale Aria
BY RAJIV MOHABIR
Good Actors
BY SOMMER BROWNING
an identity polyptych
BY MECA’AYO
Thine
BY KATE PARTRIDGE
Quietly Between
BY BRAD VOGLER, MEGAN KAMINSKI, LORI ANDERSON MOSEMAN & SARAH GREEN
Fort Collins Book Fest Kick-off Party 6:15 - 7:45 pm / Old Town Library registration encouraged

Drink hot cocoa, play word games, snag some swag, and participate in book giveaways as we celebrate all things literary. There will be a special performance by The Story Bakers from 6:15 to 7:15 pm!

IMAGINANTES-X: Flavors & Tales / Sabores & historias 11 am - 2 pm / Old Town Library registration required, no registrants needed

Experience food preparation and creative writing in this bilingual workshop with Franklin Cruz. A delicious opportunity to learn about some food and their stories, home and family.

Creating Community with the Word 4:30 - 5:30 pm / Art Lab, 239 Linden St.

Meca/Ayo, Teow Lim Goh, Deborah Taffa, and Arvin Rampagialam discuss what it means to create and be part of western communities that uplift and nourish their participants despite intimate knowledge of inhume histories embedded in the land. Moderated by Viniyakka Prasad of The Word | A Storytelling Sanctuary.

Against and Because of Borders 3 - 4 pm / Old Town Library

Between human and animal, illness and health, call and response, partitions of all kinds can be violent or generative, mythic or experienced. Two poets live in, collapse, and question these borders: Rajiv Mohabir (Whale Aria) and Cindy Joy-Juay Ok (Word Toward).

Finding Literary Voice through Regionalism Workshop 7 - 8 pm / Peculiar Ales (Fort Collins), 831 E. Mulberry

Seeking Justice, Finding Self 7 - 8 pm / Peculiar Ales (Fort Collins), 831 E. Mulberry

Acclaimed writers Ramona Emerson (Shutter) and David Heska Wanbli Weiden (Winter Storm) discuss how they use the mystery and thriller genres to explore questions of justice, Native American identity, and intergenerational trauma.

Climate Change / People Change 4:30 - 5:30 pm / Location TBA

Where urgency meets enlightenment—panellists Camillie T. Dungy, Kimberly Reyes, and Kate Partridge illustrate a world at a crossroads. What changes do our hearts need? What songs could we sing? What laments must we wait? What actions can we shift? What is it that we are saving? What is precious here?

The Story of the People with Gabriella Miranda 1 - 2 pm / TAC 212 W. Mountain Ave., registration required

Your words make a difference. Write poetry for the people in this teen workshop with National Student Poet and fellow teen Gabriella Miranda. Gabriella guides you through writing poetry to fight injustice, change perspectives, and improve your community.

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Adult Storytime Time / Location TBA

Embrace your inner child and enjoy some imaginative readings and theatrical interpretation by storytellers from Poudre Libraries. Bring your sense of humor and wonder!

How I Learned to Love Revising and Reject Rejection (For Adults!) 9:30 - 10:15 am / Council Tree registration required

Children’s Author Uma Krishnaswami talks about her writing journey, what it takes to build a writing life, and why children are an audience worth caring about. Includes snippets from her books and time for Q & A.

Who’s Telling the Story? (For Kids!) 1 - 1:45 pm and 2:30 - 3:15 pm / Council Tree registration required

For our young writers ages 8-12. Explore how you can tell the same story from different points of view in this hands-on workshop with author Uma Krishnaswami. Each child who registers and attends will receive a free copy of Two at the Top: A Shared Dream of Everest.