Gear up for Summer Adventure!

Pre-registration Begins May 1

Calling all trailblazers, nomads and thrill seekers, outdoor enthusiasts and happy campers! Embark on a Summer Adventure with Poudre Libraries. The annual Summer Reading Challenge is now Summer Adventure / Aventuras de verano! The new name reflects our goal to create lifelong readers AND learners. Learn more at PoudreLibraries.org/summer.

How it Works

1. START YOUR ADVENTURE
Pre-registration starts May 1! Sign up on the Beanstack website (PoudreLibraries.Beanstack.org) or download and use the Beanstack Tracker App for a convenient online way to track your progress. Or, go screen-free with a printed Summer Adventure guide available at the libraries or for download starting May 20.

   Pick Up Your Signup Gift
   • Must pick up in person starting May 20. Available while supplies last.
   • Ages birth – 17: choose a new, free book from our Summer Adventure display
   • Ages 18+: pick up a seed packet

2. READ AND EXPLORE
Choose your adventure, Bingo style! Complete at least 5 activities in a row on the Bingo Board (up, down, or diagonal). Bingo activities include art, nature, self-care, and of course, reading!

3. COLLECT A PRIZE
Collect a prize once you’ve completed a Bingo!
• Ages birth - 17: choose another book from the Summer Adventure display
• Ages 18+: collect a branded waterproof bag

4. ADD TO YOUR ADVENTURE
Eager for more? Complete your entire Bingo board (get a blackout) to be entered in a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer! We’ll give away 25 happy campers! Embark on a Summer Adventure with Poudre Libraries.

Key Dates to Remember

May 1 - online pre-registration opens at PoudreLibraries.Beanstack.org
May 20 – the Summer Adventure begins!
• Use the Beanstack website or Beanstack Tracker App to participate digitally.
• Get a screen-free option by visiting any library location or downloading and printing the materials from our website, PoudreLibraries.org/summer.
• Sign-up gifts are available to pick up while supplies last.

June 1 – Summer Adventure programs begin
Don’t miss any of the summer programs and events. Subscribe to our weekly programming email at PoudreLibraries.org/subscribe.

August 12 - Last day of Summer Adventure

Thank you to our sponsors!

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<td>Drop in for a snack and try a new activity or craft every Wednesday. This week we’ll make mini lightsabers in celebration of May the Fourth. You are welcome to arrive at any time during the program. For students in middle and high school.</td>
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<td>Google Accounts/Cuentas de Google: 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town registration required / se requiere registrarse</td>
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<td>Learn about great features you can access through a free Google account, from email services to document creation to photo storage. All laptop equipment provided. English and Spanish language speakers welcome.</td>
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<td>Craftnoon: Bring Your Own Project!: 2 - 4 pm / Council Tree</td>
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<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>Design Your Own T-Shirt: 4 - 5:30 pm &amp; 6 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree registration required</td>
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<td>Spend the afternoon designing your own graphic t-shirt! We will have computers and cutting machines on hand for you to create and cut out your designs. T-shirts will also be provided.</td>
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<td>Accessibility Technology &amp; You Panel: 2 - 3:30 pm / Old Town registration recommended</td>
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<td>Join us for an enlightening panel discussion on accessibility technology, tailored to benefit community members seeking practical solutions to enhance their lives.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Talk, Listen, Connect!: 6 - 7:45 pm / Harmony registration recommended</td>
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<td>Do you want to meet new people and have deeper conversations? This event provides conversation cards to foster small group conversations. Come meet a neighbor and start sharing stories from your life!</td>
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<td>Learn how to create a budget and use powerful Excel features to automatically calculate numbers and track data. Laptops are provided.</td>
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<td>Teen Council: Programming Committee</td>
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<td>We meet once a month to plan fun programs for teens. We are currently planning a Murder Mystery to be hosted in the spring.</td>
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<td>Composer Talks</td>
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<td>Enjoy lectures before each Signature Concert to learn about the featured composers. Led by the Friends of the Fort Collins Symphony.</td>
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<td>Tai Chi Chih</td>
<td>2 - 3 pm</td>
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<td>Tai Chi Chih is mindful movement that’s great for your mental and physical well-being. Join the veteran Wednesday each month for an hour of meditative movement.</td>
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<td>ESL Book Club</td>
<td>5:30 - 7 pm</td>
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<td>Our April and May book is Mornings on Horseback: The Story of an Extraordinary Family, a Vanished Way of Life and the Unique Child Who Became Theodore Roosevelt by David McCullough. Discuss books with other ESL students twice monthly in a supportive learning environment.</td>
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<td>May 9</td>
<td>Rekindle the Classics</td>
<td>6:30 - 8 pm</td>
<td>Gryphon Games &amp; Comics, 1119 W Drake Rd.</td>
<td>May’s title is Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison. Rekindle your love of classic literature with the CSU Department of English and Poudre Libraries!</td>
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<td>Teens presents: A Hunger Games Murder Mystery</td>
<td>7:30 - 9 pm</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>Join forces with your fellow party-goers to solve a shocking crime so you can get back to what’s truly important—having a marvelous time. Presented by the Teen Council for teens and adults ages 12 and up.</td>
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<td>Global Tales: Swedish and Swedish Sign Language</td>
<td>11 am</td>
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<td>Explore the rich tapestry of languages from around the world at Global Tales, featuring stories and activities in a different language. Planned and presented by various community members.</td>
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<td>Neurographic Art for Mental Health</td>
<td>12:30 - 3 pm</td>
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<td>Drop in and try art styles that help your brain. Neurographic art engages both emotional and aesthetic intelligence in a creative process that encourages our brains to make new neural connections.</td>
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<td>Accessible Tech on the Go</td>
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<td>Monthly Menders</td>
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<td>Ever wondered how to repair your own clothes? Drop in to learn the basic skills needed! We have the suppliers, the snacks, and the space. You bring the damaged clothes.</td>
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<td>May 13</td>
<td>Old Town Book Club</td>
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<td>Our book this month is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.</td>
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<td>Excel II</td>
<td>1 - 2:30 pm</td>
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<td>Learn how to create graphs and charts, make your data pop and clearly communicate the numbers. Participation in Excel I or some Excel experience recommended. Laptops are provided.</td>
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<td>Snack and Craft</td>
<td>3:30 - 5 pm</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>See description on May 1. This week we’ll make stress balls, bath bombs, and other handy crafts for de-stressing during finals.</td>
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<td>May 15</td>
<td>The Scoop: NoCo Community Conversations</td>
<td>6 - 7:30 pm</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>May 16</td>
<td>Nonprofit Networking Group</td>
<td>9:30 - 10:30 am</td>
<td>Harmony</td>
<td>Join Drew Bagby, Librarian at Front Range Community College’s Larimer Campus, for a practical dive into leveraging AI chatbots like ChatGPT, Bing, and Google Gemini for nonprofits.</td>
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<td>May 18</td>
<td>Fort Collins Community Scrabble</td>
<td>9 - 11 am</td>
<td>Old Town</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>Messy Me at the Library</td>
<td>10 - 10:45 am</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>Messy fun for curious tots as they learn and explore through process art. Enjoy stories, songs, and art making. For ages 12 months to 4 years old.</td>
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<td>May 21</td>
<td>Teen Writers</td>
<td>4:30 - 6 pm</td>
<td>Harmony</td>
<td>Are you ready to flex your creative brain muscles? 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>May 22</td>
<td>Reading Rainbow: LGBT+ Book Club</td>
<td>6:30 - 7:30 pm</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>This month, we read An Autobiography of Red by Anne Carson.</td>
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<td>May 22</td>
<td>Snack and Craft</td>
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<td>May 23</td>
<td>Tinker Tots</td>
<td>10 - 11 am</td>
<td>Harmony</td>
<td>STREAM program for you and your little ones ages 3-6! Program may include step-by-step science projects, color theory, experiments, crafts, and more. Wear clothes that can get messy.</td>
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<td>May 25</td>
<td>Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group</td>
<td>10 - 11:30 am</td>
<td>Harmony</td>
<td>This monthly support group provides time to 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>May 28</td>
<td>Teen Council: Leadership Committee</td>
<td>5 - 6:30 pm</td>
<td>Council Tree</td>
<td>For grades 9 - 12. Help shape the teen collection, advise on library policy, and improve library services for teens.</td>
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<td>May 30</td>
<td>Staying Active with Chair Yoga</td>
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<td>May 31</td>
<td>Let’s Talk in Spanish</td>
<td>5 - 5:45 pm</td>
<td>Harmony</td>
<td>Meet local, intermediate and advanced Spanish language learners for conversation time. Fun facilitated by 123 Español Without Stress.</td>
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Check poudrelibraries.org/events for updates and additional details
What’s the Buzz?

New Native Pollinator & Sensory Garden for Community Programs and Education Coming Soon

We’re excited to share that we’re installing a native pollinator and sensory garden onsite at our Administrative Center, located at 301 E. Olive St. We broke ground on the project in early February with Blue Spruce Horticulture (Laporte, CO) and are making steady progress rehabilitating and redesigning the land.

The garden is expected to open in Summer 2024, and we’re planning all sorts of fun grand opening activities. Stay tuned!

“The garden is a wonderful opportunity for us to provide a healthy environment for pollinators while also extending library spaces outdoors for community programs and learning,” said Diane Lapierre, Poudre Libraries executive director.

Deidre Hand, a library assistant at Poudre Libraries envisioned the project and is helping the garden bloom year-round.

“This garden space will provide myriad benefits to both community members as well as the local ecology by providing a variety of ecosystem services,” said Stuart Shoemaker, owner and founder of Blue Spruce Horticulture.

Blue Spruce Horticulture is helping renovate an existing 1,500 square foot plot of land located on the southwest side of the administration building, near Mathews and Olive Streets. The planned garden will feature 26 different native plant species, more than 380 individual plants, multiple ADA-height raised garden planters, benches, area for programs and events, and sensory elements.

“This garden space will provide myriad benefits to both community members as well as the local ecology by providing a variety of ecosystem services,” said Stuart Shoemaker, owner and founder of Blue Spruce Horticulture. “The plant species were selected for regional adaptability, providing food and habitat for insects, birds, and small mammals through wood, berries, foliage, and nectar. The sensory elements of the garden including wind chimes, grasses, and a boulder fountain will create an auditory experience while other plants will provide tactile and scent sensations.”

The garden is made possible by a Nature in the City grant from the City of Fort Collins.

“The Library’s vision aligned perfectly with the goals of the Nature in the City Program,” said Kate Rentschlar, Environmental Planner with the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas. “This project will increase native habitat for wildlife in the heart of our city while also providing easy access to nature for our community. We are especially excited that the Library will be actively using this space to expand their programming and really creating a hands-on experience for participants.”

Hey Kids! Name the New Garden!

Kids ages 6–12 are invited to submit a name for the new garden. Submissions will be accepted April 15 – May 5, and can be done online or in-person in the children’s area of any of the three libraries locations.

The winning name will be chosen by library staff and the winner will be notified by May 31. For details and rules about the naming contest or to submit an online suggestion, visit PoudreLibraries.org.

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**recurring events**

**weekly**

SummitStone Health Partners  
Sundays @ 12 - 4pm; Mondays @ 10 am - 2pm;  
Old Town  
Find crisis support, assistance with a difficult life situations, mental health and other medical services, shelter or housing, food assistance, clothing, job options or education and training options

**every mon**

Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business & Entrepreneur Center  
9 am - 12 pm / 2 - 5 pm / Old Town appointment required  
Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals  
Asista a estas sesiones abiertas para recibir ayuda para alcanzar sus metas como empresario a lo su negocio.

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

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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.

**every fri**

Homeward Alliance Resource Navigation  
2 - 5 pm / Old Town  
A resource navigator from the Murphy Center will help people experiencing 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.
special storytimes

Sunday, May 12
Sensory Storytime
1 pm / Old Town Library registration required

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

Fridays
Mindful Movement Storytime
10 & 11 am / Old Town Library

weekly storytimes

Storytimes will pause from May 19 to June 2.

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 - Mindful Movement
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.

What do you like to do to recharge your mind and body when you feel drained?

We live in a fast-paced world where being busy is often worn like a badge of honor. But being worn-out isn’t healthy. If you’re looking for ways to recharge your personal battery or even a quick pick-me-up, come to the Library. It’s the space to be re-energized!

Renew Your Mind

You can be transformed simply by reading! Books are not just a source of knowledge, but are catalysts for growth and inspiration. Reading can reduce stress, stimulate the brain, and nourish your body and mind. Whether you’re looking for an uplifting memoir, a story of spiritual journey, an introduction to meditation, or a light-hearted comedy, there’s a book that can re-energize you!

Sign up to get personalized reading recommendations through SelectReads (poudrelibraries.org/subscribe) or visit a library to browse book displays and find your next great read.

Listen to Music

Find your energy boost with streaming music from Hoopla. The free online platform has your favorite artists and albums, plus some new finds (and no commercial interruptions). Whether your pick-me-up sound is electronic or dance music or you’re a die-hard Swiftie, get ready to sing and dance. Discover “New Music Friday” on Hoopla and explore the latest album releases in pop, country, rap, jazz, and more.

Boost Body + Mind

Library programs are a great opportunity to learn something new and meet new people. This month, there are also opportunities to re-energize your body and mind through movement. Don’t miss these upcoming events:

Thursday, May 2 & 30
Staying Active with Chair Yoga
10 – 11 AM, Old Town Library registration required

Wednesday, May 8
Tai Chi Chih
2 - 3 PM, Harmony Library

Saturday, May 11
Neurographic Art for Mental Health
12:30 – 3 PM, Council Tree Library

Get Outside

Fresh air or a simple walk around the block is sometimes enough to reinvigorate yourself. If you’re looking for more outdoor energy, check out a State or Local Parks Pass from the Gadgets & Things Collection and visit nearby parks and open spaces with family and friends. Take a bird watching kit or star finder kit with you.

Walking the dog or out on your bike? Download an audiobook to your mobile device or try a pre-loaded Playaway audiobook.