Some people may not picture the public library as a hive of social activity, but a recent study conducted by researchers from Portland State University and the American Library Association found that libraries are popular social hubs among Gen Z and Millennials. The researchers stressed the importance of libraries as “third spaces” in communities, “offering social connection amid challenges like the loneliness epidemic and teen mental health crises.” Interviews with library visitors revealed that public libraries offer “a relaxed environment, permitting social interaction during activities.”

With all the activities and programs available at Poudre Libraries – and not just for Gen Z and Millennials – the Library is the space to be social!

Make Social Connections
Come out for fun activities and even meet new people through Library programs and events. Here are a few happening this month:

Friends & Family Nights
Sat, July 20, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Old Town Library
Sun, July 21, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Old Town Library

Wildlife Rescue! A Family Escape Room
Sat, July 27, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Old Town Library

Find Your Community
Being part of a community is important for us to live healthy and fulfilling lives. It can even be an important source of support and acceptance based on common interests or needs.

Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group
Sat, July 27, 10:00 – 11:30 am, Harmony Library
Hosted by the Alzheimer’s Association

NoCo Youth Group
Thurs, July 25, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Old Town Library
For all LGBTQ+ youth and allies

Poudre Friends of the Library
Join the Friends and take part in activities that raise money for library programs. The Friends welcome volunteers and new members at any time. Visit pfrfol.org for more information.

Teen Areas at the Libraries
Each of the libraries has a dedicated Teen Area for local teens to hang out, read, interact, and just be themselves.

Volunteer at the Library
Volunteering with your favorite organization and giving back to your community can help you build relationships and support mental wellbeing. It also helps you learn new skills or advance your career.

Visit PoudreLibraries.org/volunteer for additional information about volunteer opportunities with us.

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<td>Bleach Tie-Dye T-Shirts for Teens</td>
<td>3 - 4:30 pm</td>
<td>Fossil Creek Park, 5821 S. Lemay Ave.</td>
<td>Express yourself with tie-dye! We will provide t-shirts and all the tie-dye supplies. Please indicate size when registering.</td>
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<td>10 - 10:30 am</td>
<td>Old Town, Library Park</td>
<td>Enjoy a performance by Las Dahlias, a Colorado-based female music group that performs music from their Mexican and LatinX heritage. Please bring a blanket or something to sit on. Sponsored by The Youth Clinic.</td>
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<td>Kids and their adult will learn to sew together in this adventure-packed, hands-on workshop. For ages 6-12 and an adult.</td>
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<td>Digital Decluttering / Organización digital</td>
<td>6 - 7:30 pm</td>
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<td>Stay organized and on task by clearing out your digital files, apps, photos and email. Learn simple strategies to keep your content and online accounts clear of clutter and your devices running efficiently. Please bring your own device.</td>
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**Monday Morning Series: Salida Circus**  
10 - 10:30 am / Old Town, Library Park  
Salida Circus is Colorado’s most unique troupe of stilt walkers, aerialists, acrobats, magicians, jugglers face painters, and balloon twisters! Please bring a blanket or something to sit on. Sponsored by The Youth Clinic.

**Career Change: FRCC Scholarship Booth**  
12 - 1 pm & 2 - 4 pm / Harmony  
Drop by the pop-up FRCC Admissions & Recruitment booth at Harmony Library to apply for new scholarship opportunities that can help you update your skills and access childcare while you attend class.

**Monday Meandersings**  
1 - 4 pm / Council Tree  
See description on July 1.

**Monthly Menders**  
5:30 - 7 pm / Harmony  
Ever wondered how to repair your own clothes? Drop in to learn the basic skills needed! We have the supplies, the snacks, and the space. You bring the damaged clothes. Occurs the second Monday of each month.

**Kevin Cook: Views and Vistas Nature Series**  
1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town  
Geological events — abiotic processes — separated the world into oceans and continents, each of which supports its own community of life.

**ESL Book Club**  
5:30 - 7 pm / Old Town  
registration required  
Our book is A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson.

**Dramatime: Summer Adventures**  
1 - 2 pm / Old Town  
registration required  
Discover the fun and excitement of dramatic arts in our summer Dramatime series! We will read an adventurous story together and re-enact it using movement, emotions, props, costumes, and more! For ages 5-8.

**Wood Puppets**  
2 - 3:30 pm / Harmony  
registration recommended  
Create real and imaginary people and animals from found objects like sticks from trees, wooden spatulas and spoons, pencils, clothespins, and more. For ages 6-10.

**ByOBook Club**  
5:30 - 7 pm / Frost Brewing Co., 1510 S College Ave  
registration required  
Our July theme is Cool Covers. Instead of a required book, you choose any book that falls into our monthly theme.

**NoCo Youth Group**  
5:30 - 7:30 pm / Old Town  
Join this group for LGBTQIA+ teens and teen allies to make friends, build community, and connect with trained facilitators who are there to support them and offer resources. This program occurs every Thursday.

**An Evening with Paolo Bacigalupi**  
6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town  
Join beloved Colorado author, Paolo Bacigalupi to celebrate the release of his newest book, Novels! Following the talk, take the chance to meet the author and have books signed. Books can be purchased at the event. Presented in partnership with Old Firehouse Books.

**Forever Young Adult Book Club**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm / Harmony  
registration required  
Join your fellow adult YA fans at the Forever Young Adult Book Club! This month we read and discuss The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea by Axie Oh.

**Nailed It! Sweet Edition**  
2 - 3:30 pm / Council Tree  
registration required  
Demonstrate your decorating and snack shaping skills as you work together to make the most spectacular summer themed snacks. For ages 10 - 13.

**Bad Art Night!**  
6 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree  
registration required  
Let go of pressure for art to be “good” and instead embrace making “bad” art! Zero skill required, just bring your creativity and leave your judgement.

**DIY Digital Electronics**  
1 - 3 pm / Old Town  
registration required  
Want to learn to make your own electronic devices? Use Arduino Uno and a breadboard to learn the basic components of digital electronics and how to use them for your own projects. No experience or knowledge required.
## Programs & Events

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<td>Monday Meanderings with Special Snacks</td>
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<td>This week’s session features special guest and local cooking teacher Sapna Von Reich. Learn new ways to make easy, delicious and healthy snacks.</td>
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<td>Teen Council: Leadership Committee</td>
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<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>Disability Pride &amp; Activism</td>
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<td>In honor of the historical passage of the Americans with Disability Act and continuing work to improve accessibility, FRCC Teaching Assistant Gentrice Patric will talk about histories of disability pride and activism.</td>
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<td>Nature Lovers: Conservation Agriculture at Kestrel Fields</td>
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<td>Take a closer look at what’s happening in the farm fields and how conservation agriculture restores the surrounding land to support the community, wildlife, and local agriculture.</td>
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<td>Garden Friends</td>
<td>Webster House Pollinator &amp; Sensory Garden, 301 E. Olive St. registration required</td>
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<td>Artsy Fortsy Craft Time (for Adults!)</td>
<td>Old Town</td>
<td>Join this crafting series to try new things and make new friends. This month, we’ll learn the basics of paper quilting. Supplies will be provided.</td>
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<td>Wildlife Rescue! A Family Escape Room</td>
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<td>Find the clues, solve the puzzles, and decipher codes to rescue an adorable animal in this escape room designed for children ages 6 to 10, and their caregivers. Presented by the Junior Volunteers.</td>
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### Road Tripping with Kids

Are you planning a summer vacation with your family? Hitting the road for some sightseeing adventure? Keep everyone happy and occupied during the road trip with one of the Library’s many fun (and educational) resources for kids.

#### Playaways

Everyone can listen to audiobooks, even if they don’t have a digital device! Playaways are pre-loaded audiobooks that you can take with you everywhere. No downloading or internet connection needed. All you need to do is add one AAA battery, plug in your own earphones, and enjoy! The Playaway collection includes fiction and nonfiction titles for children, teens, and adults. Search the online catalog using “playaway”

#### Wonderbooks

Readalongs like Wonderbooks are a combination of audio and print bound together in one book. Kids just press play to read along with their favorite books and then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun. You supply the headphones. Search “wonderbook” in the online catalog to find available titles.

#### Launchpads

Screen time can be fun and educational with a Launchpad! The Library offers pre-loaded tablets with content for kids. Each device includes a set of learning apps based on a special theme or skill such as “Adventures on the open seas” and “Outdoors.” They include videos, games, and other interactive learning and play. Browse the Gadgets & Things Collection to find available Launchpads.

Have questions about these or other kid-friendly resources? Visit PoudreLibraries.org or call our Answer Center, (970) 221-6740.

Have a good trip!
Key Dates to Remember

May 20 - August 12 - Summer Adventure

- 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.

Don't miss any of the summer programs and events. Subscribe to our weekly programming email at PoudreLibraries.org/subscribe.

Thank you to our sponsors!

special storytimes

Wednesday, July 3
Storytime with the Book Bike
9:30 am / Lee Martinez Park, 600 N. Sherwood St.

Wednesday, July 10
Toddler Tracks with the Book Bike
9:30 am / Red Fox Meadows Natural Area, 1809 Longworth Dr.
registration required

Wednesday, July 17
Storytime with the Book Bike
9:30 am / Greenbriar Park, 730 E. Wilcox Ln.

Friday, July 19
Timnath Storytime Express
10 am / Timnath Town Center, 4550 Signal Tree Dr.

Wednesday, July 24
Storytime with the Book Bike
9:30 am / Soft Gold Park, 520 Hickory St.

Wednesday, July 24
Storytime at The Gardens on Spring Creek
3:30 pm / The Gardens on Spring Creek, 2143 Centre Ave.
registration required

Saturday, July 29
All Ages Storytime with ASL
10 am / Council Tree Library

Wednesday, July 31
Storytime with the Book Bike
9:30 am / Lee Martinez Park, 600 N. Sherwood St.

recurring events

weekly

SummitStone Health Partners
Sundays @ 12 - 4 pm; Mondays @ 10 am - 2 pm;
Wednesdays @ 1 - 5 pm; Thursdays @ 10 am - 2 pm
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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.