



poudre libraries

JULY '24

# [the space to be] SOCIAL

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

Saturdays, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Council Tree Library

### Community Scrabble

Saturday, July 20, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Old Town Library

### Wildlife Rescue! A Family Escape Room

Sunday, July 28, 1:00 - 2:00 pm and 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Council Tree Library

Registration required

## 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

Saturday, July 27, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Harmony Library

Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association

### NoCo Youth Group

Thursdays, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Old Town Library

For all LGBTQIA+ 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 [prfol.org](http://prfol.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](http://PoudreLibraries.org/volunteer) for additional information about volunteer opportunities with us.

## july events

mon 1	<b>Bleach Tie-Dye T-Shirts for Teens</b> 3 - 4:30 pm / Fossil Creek Park, 5821 S. Lemay Ave. <i>registration required</i> Express yourself with tie-dye! We will provide t-shirts and all the tie-dye supplies. Please indicate size when registering.	teens
	<b>Monday Morning Series: Las Dahlias</b> 10 - 10:30 am / Old Town, Library Park 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.	all ages
	<b>Sew Your Own Adventure!</b> 1 - 4 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Kids and their adult will learn to sew together in this adventure-packed, hands-on workshop. For ages 6-12 and an adult.	kids
	<b>Monday Meanderings</b> 1 - 4 pm / Council Tree Drop in for self-directed, hands-on activities including crafts, collective art projects, guest presenters, and more. For ages 5 - 10 with their caregivers.	kids
	<b>DIY Macrame Hanging Planters</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> Make your own Macrame Hanging Planter! Bring your own potted plant or snag one from our Plant Library, then we'll walk you through making your own Macrame Planter.	adults
tue 2	<b>Teen Council: Programming Committee</b> 6 - 7:30 pm / Harmony We meet once a month to plan fun programs for teens.	teens
wed 3	<b>BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Tech Help</b> 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.	adults
	<b>Harmony Book Club</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> This month, the Harmony Book Club reads and discusses <i>Bliss Montage</i> by Ling Ma.	adults
	<b>Digital Decluttering / Organización digital</b> 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> 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. <i>Manténgase organizado y concentrado en sus tareas al limpiar sus archivos digitales, aplicaciones, fotografías y correos electrónicos. Aprenda estrategias simples para mantener su contenido y sus cuentas en línea ordenados y sus dispositivos funcionando de manera eficiente. Traiga su propio dispositivo para organizar</i>	adults / adultos
thur 4	<b>Libraries Closed</b> All Day / All Locations	all ages
sat 6	<b>Friends &amp; Family Night</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Council Tree Drop in to enjoy DIY activities including games, puzzles, crafts, and creative upcycling projects. Occurs each Saturday of July.	all ages
sun 7	<b>Animal Afternoon</b> 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.	kids

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mon 8	<b>Amazing Race: Olympic Edition</b> 10 am - 12 pm / Twin Silo Park, 5552 Ziegler Rd. <i>registration required</i> Work together to be the best all around team as you compete in Olympic-inspired physical and mental challenges. For ages 12-18.	teens
	<b>Monday Morning Series: Salida Circus</b> 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.	all ages
	<b>Career Change: FRCC Scholarship Booth</b> 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.	adults
	<b>Monday Meanderings</b> 1 - 4 pm / Council Tree See description on July 1.	kids
	<b>Monthly Menders</b> 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.	adults
tue 9	<b>Kevin Cook: Views and Vistas Nature Series</b> 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.	adults
wed 10	<b>Tai Chi Chih</b> 2 - 3 pm / Harmony Join the second Wednesday each month for meditative movement.	adults
	<b>ESL Book Club</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Our book is <i>A Walk in the Woods</i> by Bill Bryson.	adults
thur 11	<b>Dramatime: Summer Adventures</b> 1 - 2 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> 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.	kids
	<b>Wood Puppets</b> 2 - 3:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration recommended</i> 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.	kids
	<b>BYOBook Club</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Prost Brewing Co., 1510 S College Ave <i>registration required</i> Our July theme is Cool Covers. Instead of a required book, you choose any book that falls into our monthly theme.	adults
	<b>NoCo Youth Group</b> 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.	teens
	<b>An Evening with Paolo Bacigalupi</b> 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town Join beloved Colorado author, Paolo Bacigalupi to celebrate the release of his newest book, <i>Navala!</i> 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.	adults
	<b>Forever Young Adult Book Club</b> 6:30 - 7:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> Join your fellow adult YA fans at the Forever Young Adult Book Club! This month we read and discuss <i>The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea</i> by Axie Oh.	adults
fri 12	<b>Nailed It! Sweet Edition</b> 2 - 3:30 pm / Council Tree <i>registration required</i> Demonstrate your decorating and snack shaping skills as you work together to make the most spectacular summer themed snacks. For ages 10 - 13.	teens
	<b>Bad Art Night!</b> 6 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree <i>registration required</i> 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.	teens / adults
sat 13	<b>DIY Digital Electronics</b> 1 - 3 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> 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.	adults

sat 13	<b>Friends &amp; Family Night</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Council Tree See description on July 6.	all ages
sun 14	<b>Animal Afternoon</b> 3 - 4 pm / Council Tree See description on July 7.	kids
mon 15	<b>Monday Morning Series: Taiko Drumming</b> 10 - 10:30 am / Old Town, Library Park Experience ancient Japanese art forms including percussion instruments, and the booming Taiko drum. Please bring a blanket or something to sit on. Presented by the Arvada Center and sponsored by The Youth Clinic.	kids
	<b>Monday Meanderings</b> 1 - 4 pm / Council Tree See description on July 1.	kids
tue 16	<b>Teen Writers</b> 4:30 - 6 pm / Harmony 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.	teens
wed 17	<b>Garden Friends</b> 9:30 - 10:30 am / Webster House Pollinator & Sensory Garden, 301 E. Olive St. <i>registration required</i> Explore the new Library Pollinator & Sensory Garden and participate in a variety of garden and science activities. For ages 6-12.	kids
	<b>Career Change: FRCC Scholarship Booth</b> 12 - 1 pm & 2 - 4 pm / Harmony See description on July 8.	adults
	<b>The Scoop: NoCo Community Conversations</b> 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration recommended</i> 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.	adults
thur 18	<b>Safe Sitter Essentials</b> 10 am - 4 pm / Harmony <i>registration recommended</i> Learn the skills essential to becoming a great babysitter, including safety, childcare, first aid and rescue, and life and business skills.	teens
	<b>Mazes &amp; Stars: An Ozobot Double Feature</b> 1:30 - 3 pm / Old Town <i>registration recommended</i> Build your own mazes and help the clever Ozobots navigate them, or recruit an Ozobot to recreate your favorite constellations! For ages 8-11.	kids
	<b>Harness the Sun: Sun Prints, Solar Ovens &amp; S'Mores</b> 2 - 3:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration recommended</i> Harness the energy of the Sun to make sun art and the best snack ever invented, S'mores! For ages 6-10.	kids
	<b>NoCo Youth Group</b> 5:30 - 7:30 pm / Old Town See description on July 11.	teens
fri 19	<b>Art for Little Ones, Twos, and Threes</b> 10 - 10:45 am / Harmony <i>registration recommended</i> Explore a variety of visual art materials while developing fine motor skills, stimulating senses, exercising creativity and more.	kids
	<b>Books Build Boys Book Buzz</b> 5:30 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree Designed for boys in grades 4 - 6, along with an adult male (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Neighbor, Mentor). Engage in a staff-led discussion of <i>Knights of the Kitchen Table</i> by Jon Scieszka. The free event includes pizza and activities.	kids
sat 20	<b>Fort Collins Community Scrabble</b> 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.	adults
	<b>Artificial Intelligence (AI) Foundations</b> 1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town Learn what software applications are available for everyday use, a general overview of where AI stands today, ideas about where AI could be applied soon, and tips on how to identify computer assisted media. For ages 16+.	adults
	<b>Friends &amp; Family Night</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Council Tree See description on July 6.	all ages
	<b>Biblio Putt Putt</b> 6:30 - 8 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Teen Council presents mini golf after hours at the library! For ages 10 - 18.	

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<b>sun</b> 21	<b>BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Tech Help</b> 12:30 - 2 pm / Old Town See description on July 3.	adults
<b>mon</b> 22	<b>Monday Meanderings with Special Snacks</b> 1 - 4 pm / Council Tree This week's session features special guest and local cooking teacher Sapna Von Reich. Learn new ways to make easy, delicious and healthy snacks.	kids
	<b>Teen Council: Leadership Committee</b> 5 - 6:30 pm / Council Tree For grades 9 - 12. Help shape the teen collection, advise on library policy, and improve library services for teens.	teens
	<b>Diability Pride &amp; Activism</b> 6 - 7 pm / Harmony In honor of the historical passage of the Americans with Disability Act and continuing work to improve accessibility, FRCC Teaching Assistant Gentrice Petrie will talk about histories of disability pride and activism.	adults
<b>tue</b> 23	<b>Garden Friends</b> 9:30 - 10:30 am / Webster House Pollinator & Sensory Garden, 301 E. Olive St. <i>registration required</i> See description on July 17.	kids
	<b>Artsy Fartsy Craft Time (for Adults!)</b> 5:30 - 7:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Join this crafting series to try new things and make new friends. This month, we'll learn the basics of paper quilling. Supplies will be provided.	adults
<b>wed</b> 24	<b>ESL Book Club</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> See description on July 10.	adults
	<b>Nature Lovers: Conservation Agriculture at Kestrel Fields</b> 6 - 7 pm / Kestrel Fields Natural Area, 2540 W. Vine Dr. <i>registration required</i> 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.	all ages

<b>thur</b> 25	<b>Not a Box</b> 2 - 3:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> It's "not a box" but what is it? You decide! Create "not a box" projects using a variety of supplies and your imagination. Based on the Antoinette Portis book, <i>Not a Box</i> .	kids
	<b>NoCo Youth Group</b> 5:30 - 7:30 pm / Old Town See description on July 11.	teens
<b>fri</b> 26	<b>Friends of the Library Book Sale</b> 9 am - 6 pm / Old Town	all ages
	<b>Nailed It! Savory Edition</b> 2 - 3:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> Demonstrate your decorating and snack shaping skills, and learn new ones! Work together to make the most spectacular summer themed snacks. For ages 10-13.	teens
<b>sat</b> 27	<b>Friends of the Library Book Sale</b> 9 am - 5 pm / Old Town	all ages
	<b>Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group</b> 10 - 11:30 am / Harmony & Online 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.	adults
	<b>Friends &amp; Family Night</b> 5:30 - 7 pm / Council Tree See description on July 6.	all ages
<b>sun</b> 28	<b>Friends of the Library Book Sale</b> 12 - 5 pm / Old Town	all ages
	<b>Wildlife Rescue! A Family Escape Room</b> 1 - 2 pm & 3 - 4 pm / Council Tree <i>registration required</i> 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.	kids
	<b>Animal Afternoon</b> 3 - 4 pm / Harmony See description on July 7.	kids

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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](http://PoudreLibraries.org) or call our Answer Center, (970) 221-6740.

**Have a good trip!**

mon 29	<b>Monday Meanderings</b> 1 - 4 pm / Council Tree See description on July 1.	kids
tue 30	<b>Fearless Readers</b> 6 - 7:30 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> Book club for grades 4 - 6 and an adult companion. Enjoy making new friends, discussing the book, and engaging in hands on activities. A light dinner will be provided. Once registered, pick up your complimentary copy of <i>The Wild Robot</i> by Peter Brown.	kids
	<b>Intro to Etsy</b> 6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town <i>registration required</i> Want to sell your own homemade artwork, jewelry, models or other creations? Learn to create an account, browse the website, set up a shop, and all the other great features this site has to offer.	adults & teens
wed 31	<b>Tech Buddy Program</b> 10 am - 12 pm / Harmony <i>registration required</i> Join this tech clinic to receive support using your tech devices. Presented by Partnership for Age Friendly Communities of Larimer County.	adults



## 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](https://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](https://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. Wilox 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, 2145 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	<b>SummitStone Health Partners</b> Sundays @ 12 - 4pm; Mondays @ 10 am - 2pm; Wednesdays @ 1 - 5pm; Thursdays @ 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.	adults
every mon	<b>Drop-In Hours: City of Fort Collins Multicultural Business &amp; Entrepreneur Center</b> 9 am - 12 pm / 2 - 5 pm / Old Town <i>appointment required</i> Receive help meeting your business or entrepreneurship goals. <i>Asista a estas sesiones abiertas para recibir ayuda para alcanzar sus metas como empresario o las de su negocio.</i>	adults
every wed fri & sat	<b>Outreach Fort Collins</b> 12 - 2 pm / Old Town Drop in for consultation and resources related to housing, food, healthcare, and other critical issues.	adults
every thur	<b>One-on-One Genealogy Assistance</b> 1 - 3 pm / Old Town Drop in to receive family history research assistance from Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers.	adults
	<b>Conversations in English</b> 7 - 8:30 pm / Online <i>registration required</i> An informal setting for English language learners to practice and connect with others. Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom meeting link.	adults
every fri	<b>Homeward Alliance Resource Navigation</b> 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.	adults
	<b>Larimer County Community Justice Alternatives</b> 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.	adults



# where is evie?

Visit [PoudreLibraries.org/evie](https://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.

## weekly storytimes

Check the online calendar for updates & schedule changes

Monday	<b>Council Tree - All Ages</b> 10 am & 11 am <b>Harmony Outdoor - Baby</b> 10 am & 11 am
Tuesday	<b>Council Tree - All Ages</b> 10 am & 11 am <b>Harmony Outdoor - Bilingual / Bilingüe</b> 10 am & 11 am <b>Old Town Outdoor - Baby</b> 10 am & 11 am
Wednesday	<b>Council Tree - Baby</b> 10 am & 11 am <b>Harmony Outdoor - All Ages</b> 10 am & 11 am
Thursday	<b>Old Town Outdoor - Bilingual / Bilingüe</b> 10 am & 11 am
Friday	<b>Old Town Outdoor - Mindful Movement</b> 10 am & 11 am
Saturday	<b>Council Tree - All Ages</b> 10 am