New Online Events Calendar & Room Reservation System

We're excited to introduce our new online events calendar and meeting room reservation system! The new platform, called LibraryCalendar, is scheduled to go live mid-August.

LibraryCalendar provides a user-friendly experience that is both accessible and fully responsive for use on desktop computers and mobile devices. The modern, intuitive interface helps you find and register for library events and allows community organizations to easily request meeting room reservations at all three libraries.

The online events calendar includes filters to help you find programs and classes based on your specific interests. The filter feature has a keyword search and options for age groups, program types, and more. LibraryCalendar also provides a " reminded me" feature for upcoming events.

Library staff is currently working behind the scenes to customize LibraryCalendar for the community and will be testing the platform throughout the month. We don't anticipate any disruptions during this process, our current online calendar and room reservation system will be available through mid-August.

How to Apply

Applications are currently open. The deadline to apply online or in person is noon on Thursday, August 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 and appointment process and the role of the Library Board of Trustee is available online.
Everyone can become tech savvy! It’s all about knowing how to use a computer and other modern digital technologies effectively, efficiently, and safely. Even the younger generation – the digital natives – benefits from expanding their skills with coding, cybersecurity, and STEM solutions.

If you’re ready to build your tech skills and thrive personally or professionally in today’s digital world, stop by Poudre Libraries – it’s the space to be tech savvy!

Log on to LinkedIn Learning

One of the Library’s most popular resources for improving technology skills is LinkedIn Learning, an online platform filled with training video courses for learning technology, creative, and business skills. The videos and educational courses are free with your Poudre Libraries card.

Choose from thousands of tech courses including web development, video and audio production, animation, AI, cybersecurity, and much more.

Looking for introductory classes? LinkedIn Learning has courses on business software and tools like Microsoft Office basics, Adobe Acrobat, OneNote, Google Workspace, and many others.

Take a Technology Class at the Library

Poudre Libraries offer a variety of computer and technology classes each month focused on improving your digital skills, from introduction to computers to more advanced topics like coding and ChatGPT.

AUGUST’S TECH CLASSES AND SERVICES:

- BYOD Bring Your Own Device Drop-in Tech Help
  Wednesday, August 7, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Old Town Library
  Sunday, August 18, 12:30 - 1:30 PM, Old Town Library

- Library to Go / La biblioteca digital
  Wednesday, August 7, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Old Town Library registration required

- Grow Your Career with ChatGPT
  Wednesday, August 21, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Harmony Library registration required

Discover the Unexpected

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SCANEZ STATIONS

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TECHNOLOGY GADGETS

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<td>Drop-in Art: Contour Drawing</td>
<td>12 - 3 pm / Council Tree</td>
<td>Drop in to sketch! We will have supplies for contour and blind contour drawing. Come solo or with friends and family to learn new skills and practice old ones. Artistic ability not required!</td>
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<td>Monthly Menders</td>
<td>5 - 7 pm / Harmony</td>
<td>Ever wondered how to repair your own clothes? Drop in to learn the basic skills needed! We have the supplies, the speakers, and the snack. You bring the damaged clothes.</td>
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<td>Kevin Cook: Views and Vistas Nature Series</td>
<td>1 - 2:30 pm / Old Town</td>
<td>Geological events -- abiotic processes -- separated the world into oceans and continents, each of which supports its own community of life.</td>
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<td>Tai Chi Chih</td>
<td>2 - 3 pm / Harmony</td>
<td>Join the second Wednesday each month for meditative movement and discussion.</td>
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<td>ESL Book Club</td>
<td>6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town</td>
<td>Registration required</td>
<td>For intermediate to advanced English learners. Limited copies of A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson available upon request. Check your email after registering to learn how to request a copy.</td>
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<td>Love Matters: Making Wise Insurance Decisions</td>
<td>6 - 7 pm / Online registration required</td>
<td>This educational seminar focuses on property insurance for your home and vehicles. Join us for a review of terminology, resources, and options that will help you be prepared and informed as a consumer.</td>
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<td>Forever Young Adult Book Club</td>
<td>6:30 - 7:30 pm / Old Town</td>
<td>Registration required</td>
<td>Join your fellow adult YA fans at the Forever Young Adult Book Club! This month we read and discuss Under a Painted Sky by Bill Bryson.</td>
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<td>Women’s Suffrage Walking Tour</td>
<td>9 - 11 am / Library Park, 200 Mathews St.</td>
<td>Learn about Fort Collins’ role in the Women’s Suffrage movement through this downtown walking tour with the City of Fort Collins Historic Preservation Services team. We’ll explore some of the places where Fort Collins women organized for the right to vote, discuss who benefited from those suffrage efforts and who didn’t, and consider what these places mean to Fort Collins today.</td>
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<td>Fort Collins Community Scrabble</td>
<td>9 - 11 am / 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>12:30 - 2 pm / Old Town</td>
<td>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>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>Teen Writers</td>
<td>4:30 - 6 pm / 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 have writing exercises, prompts for ideas, and peer editing.</td>
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<td>Snack &amp; Craft</td>
<td>3:30 - 5 pm / Council Tree</td>
<td>Drop in for a snack and try a new activity or craft every Wednesday. This week we make duck tape pencil cases. You are welcome to arrive at any time during the program. For students in middle and high school.</td>
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<td>Grow Your Career with ChatGPT</td>
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<td>Learn and explore how to use ChatGPT to improve your resume and cover letters. Bring your own device!</td>
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<td>Nature Lovers: The Power of Pollinators at Sugar Beet Park</td>
<td>6 - 7 pm / Sugar Beet Park, 607 9th St.</td>
<td>Registration required</td>
<td>Learn about the City’s efforts to increase wildlife habitat and make nature more accessible to the entire community through small urban projects.</td>
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<td>Sandwich Generation Caregiver Support Group</td>
<td>10 - 11:30 am / Harmony &amp; Online registration required</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>Teen Council: Open House</td>
<td>5 - 6:30 pm / Council Tree</td>
<td>Learn about the Poudre Libraries’ Teen Council. We’ll have examples of previous and upcoming projects, information about how to join, and current members on hand to answer questions.</td>
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<td>ESL Book Club</td>
<td>6 - 7:30 pm / Old Town</td>
<td>Registration required</td>
<td>Join the author of WALK - Snow Oven, Wake Up &amp; Connect at 1-3 Miles per Hour, Jonathan Stalls, for an optional community walk and subsequent book reading. Light snacks and drinks will be provided and books can be purchased at the event through Old Firehouse Books.</td>
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<td>Free to Read Book Club</td>
<td>6:30 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree</td>
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<td><strong>Fri 30</strong></td>
<td>Let’s Talk in Spanish</td>
<td>5 - 5:45 pm / Harmony</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><strong>Sat 31</strong></td>
<td>Books Build Boys Book Buzz</td>
<td>5:30 - 7:30 pm / Council Tree</td>
<td>Registration required</td>
<td>Designed for boys in grades 4 - 6, along with an adult male (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Neighbor, Mentor). Engage in a staff-led discussion of A Nest for Celestine by Henry Cole. The free event includes pizza and activities.</td>
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Check poudrelibraries.org/events for updates and additional details.
Summer Adventure ends August 12!

There are just a few more weeks left in the 2024 Summer Adventure! If you’ve completed a five-in-a-row Bingo already, be sure to stop by one of the libraries to pick up your completion prize (while supplies last).

- Ages birth - 17: choose another new, free book from the Summer Adventure display
- Ages 18+: collect a branded waterproof bag

Monday, August 12 is the last day to record Summer Adventure activities on your Bingo card, earn a completion prize, and be eligible for the “blackout Bingo” grand prize drawings.

When you complete the entire Bingo card adventure, you’ll be entered into the Grand Prize drawings to take place the week of August 12. Winners will be notified by phone or email and can pick up their prize at their chosen library.

- Kids ages birth - 11: 25 prize baskets filled with games and toys
- Teens 12 - 17: 15 gift card prizes - winner’s choice of $50 to Target, Human Bean, Downtown Fort Collins, or Jerry’s Artarama
- Adults 18+: 10 gift card prizes - winner’s choice of $50 to Target, Human Bean, Downtown Fort Collins, or Jerry’s Artarama

Keep the Adventure Going

Don’t let the Summer Adventure end! Use the Beanstack platform (poudrelibraries.beanstack.org) or the Beanstack Tracker App to continue recording your reading adventure throughout the entire year. Did you know that reading (or being read to) just 20 minutes a day paves the way to success?

Thank you to our partners!

Poudre Libraries is a proud sponsor of Fort Collins Comic Con!

See the event schedule, featured guests, and purchase your badge online at FoCoComicCon.com.

Fort Collins Comic Con
August 16 - 18, 2024 @ Fort Collins Senior Center

special storytimes

Friday, August 16
Timnath Storytime Express
10 am / Timnath Town Center, 4550 Signal Tree Dr.

Wednesday, August 7
Toddler Tracks with the Book Bike
9:30 am / Magpie Meander Natural Area, 520 Hickory St.
registration required

Wednesday, August 7
Storytime at The Gardens on Spring Creek
3:30 pm / The Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Ave.
registration required

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 entrepreneurial goals.
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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.

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.

weekly storytimes

Storytimes will take a break from August 11 - September 2.

Monday
Council Tree - All Ages
10 am & 11 am
Harmony Outdoor - Baby
10 am & 11 am

Tuesday
Council Tree - All Ages
10 am & 11 am
Harmony Outdoor - Bilingual / Bilingüe
10 am & 11 am
Old Town Outdoor - Baby
10 am & 11 am

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

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

Friday
Old Town Outdoor - 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.