

Highlights



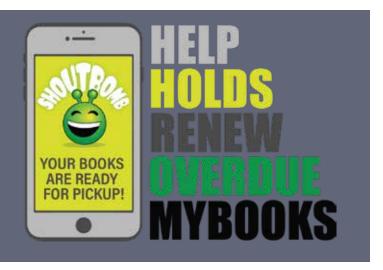
Art in the Galleria

The Library invites everyone to come look at new art in the Library Galleria. The first quarter showing began January 2 and runs for 3 months. The Library Art in the Galleria Committee juried all art submitted for consideration for 2018 in mid-November and art for all four quarters of 2018 were chosen. The Library is pleased to show only Colorado artists in its galleria showcase.

New Texting Service

A free texting notification service for library patrons has arrived.. All a patron needs is a library card and mobile phone with text messaging capabilities.

Patrons choose to receive notices such as due date reminders, hold notices, late notices, fees owed, and library closures – all by text message. Patrons can change their email or update their phone number – all via their cell phone. Additional information can be found on our Library website.





A Service to the Community

In December, the Library welcomed a new website called Lynda.com. It offers more than 6,300 video course that can teach anything from business, software or technology to songwriting,

photography, or fundamentals of the five-string banjo – all for the price of owing a library card.

As a follow-up to this amazing website, the Library had a chance to bring this offering to a local business.

The Library's Customer Service desk was contacted by a local business interested in using the new Lynda.com website for training their employees.

Customer Service, in turn, involved the Library's business librarian. He ended up going to their business and providing them with library cards to make it all work. Kudos for a great outreach opportunity.



Happenings



Library Feasibility Study

In an efforts to determine the location, configuration and costs of a new library branch location, the Library has contracted with Wember, Inc. to conduct a feasibility study. The first session was held on January 29 and included Library and City staff, Friends of the Library, and Library Board members. This session was a rehearsal for more to come all spring and summer.

The group learned something about other new library branches and what this feasibility process will involve. The participants then spent time looking at various aspects of a new branch (physical location / exteriors / interiors / programs / department needs and wants, etc.) followed by a general discussion and questions and answers.

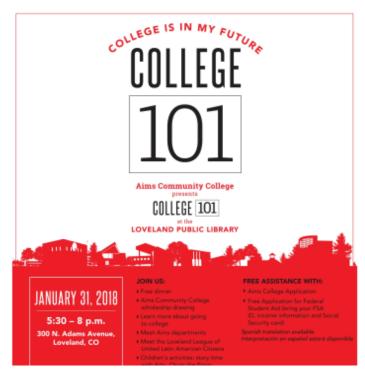
Wember, Inc. and the Library administration team will take the information learned from this meeting to modify future feasibility sessions in the coming months.

Reunión Comunitaria

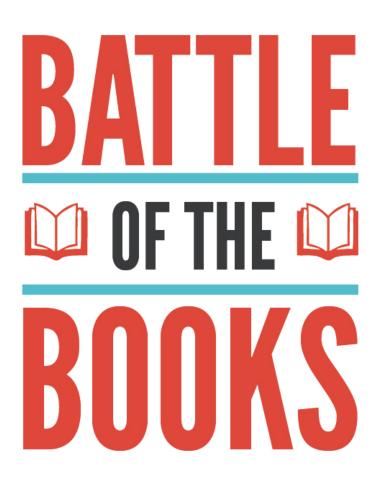
The Adult Services department teamed up in January with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in presenting a community meeting focusing on immigration issues and rights. Twenty-five people attended and met with an immigration lawyer to talk about their concerns.

College 101

Again, in partnership with LULAC and Aims College, the Library hosted a program called "College 101", inviting prospective students, parents, families and anyone wanting to learn more about going to college. Dinner was provided by AIMS, as well as assistance with college applications. The Children's department had several activities planned to keep the younger children busy.



Children's & Teens



English Language Night

The Library's Spanish librarian provided an information table at the Thompson School District's English Language Development Night. This event highlights children's programming, databases and materials for children with English as a second language. She also collaborates with the Thompson School District to teach Love & Logic parenting classes in Spanish at the Library.

Battle of the Books

The Library has been involved in this program for the last ten years with all the Loveland elementary schools. Teams from each school read the same twelve predetermined books and then have to answer questions about them in a competitive setting.

The top four teams will go to the Final Battle early in February. This program brought over 1,000 people to the library to watch the "battles".

Bake Sale & More

The Library teens had a busy month that included holding a hot cocoa bar and bake sale to raise money to purchase materials for their new 3D printer (enabling kids who cannot afford to print in 3D the chance to engage in this super activity.)

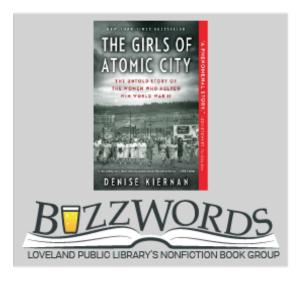
They also spent their last day of winter break with Cereal and Cartoons – watching cartoon favorites and snacking at a gourmet cereal bar.

The Teen Volunteer Service Project created Valentine's Cards for the community and then donated them to the Chilson Senior Center.





Featured Programs



Buzzwords

The Library's popular non-fiction book club, Buzzwords held their first meeting of the new year on January 11 at Verboten Brewing.

The book was Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan. On the second Thursday of each month, the book club will meet to quench their thirst for knowledge ... and beer.

No registration is required, no purchase is necessary and non-alcoholic beverages are available. You must be 21 to join.

Nature Talk

One of the most popular programs at the Library, Noontime Nature with Kevin Cook started this year by "Searching for Life in Colorado."

According to Kevin Cook, Colorado sprawls across three major landforms, and its lifescapes help define two major junctures: where biological north meets biological south and where biological west meets biological east.

From this emerges a fabulous wildlife diversity that gives Colorado a unique identity. So, what if Life itself became the destination for vacations?

Where could you go? What could you find? How would you find it once there? And how do you get started? Kevin will spend 2018 looking at the answers to these questions.

