

MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2018



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Public Library**

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Highlights

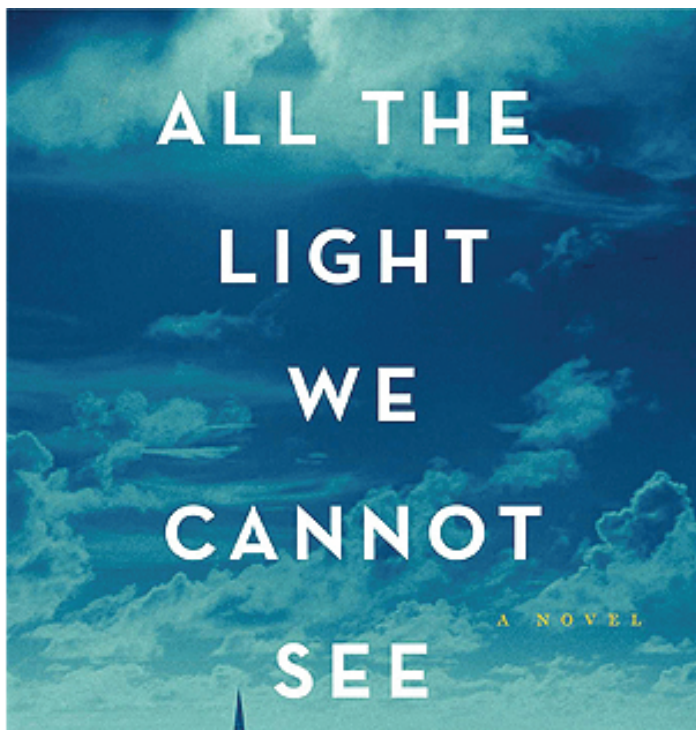
Flatirons Library Consortium

Congratulation to the Library!

We are celebrating our one-year anniversary of belonging to the Flatirons Library Consortium (FLC). This group includes the Boulder, Broomfield, Louisville, Longmont, Lafayette, and Loveland Public Libraries.

All of the libraries are separate organizations with separate funding and have formed a legal entity, enabling the sharing of almost all of the holdings of each library with each of the other member libraries.

A courier service delivers material every day to all six member libraries – greatly increasing the pool of available items to the Library's patrons. The number of items requested from other libraries in January was 6,853, an increase from last January of 54.6%.



Pulitzer Prize Winner in Loveland

The Friends of the Library, joined by the Loveland Loves to Read committee have proudly announced the Loveland Loves to Read 2018 author is Anthony Doerr, author of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize-winning *All the Light We Cannot See*.

He will attend a Meet & Greet at the Sweet Heart Winery and later speak at the Thompson Valley High School auditorium.

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Business Community



Our Busy Business Librarian

Our Business Librarian, Jack Dorr, works with job seekers, entrepreneurs and the business community to connect them with the tools and resources they need to find success.

Here's a sample of some of his February activities:

Work Habits Business Panel Discussion

Teachers from TSD learned what work habits and skills are currently in demand in the workforce. The Library highlighted the website Lynda.com as a resource.

Loveland Business Development Center Startup Class

Jack talked about resources and services available at the Library and how to request business research assistance.

Library Instruction at Mountain View H.S.

As part of the Entrepreneurship program for Thompson Valley School District.

Cashing in on Social Security

This successful program about what people need to know about Social Security. It was a huge success and the presenter will be back in March to talk about information on more retirement topics.

Money Matters: Hacked About ID Theft?

Patrons learned ways to minimize the risk of identity theft and all about data breaches, online safety practices, email scams, password tips, phone scams, and more.

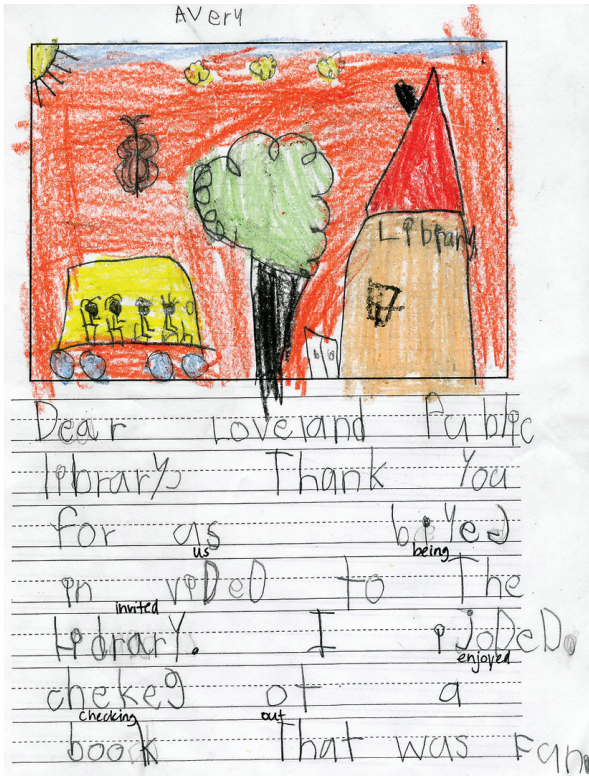
Fort Collins Startup Week

Library Resource Panel: a presentation about Loveland Library services and resources available to entrepreneurs and business owners.

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Children's & Teens



First Grade Field Trips

Starting in October of 2017 and ending in February of this year, the library hosted first graders from 19 Loveland elementary schools.

968 first graders went on a dinosaur hunt/tour of the children's area, were treated to a fun storytime and also received their very own library card and were able to check out a book.

Staff shared information with teachers, parents, and children about the phenomenal services and materials available to them at the Library.

A lot of effort went into coordinating the field trips. The thank you card we received from the first graders made it all worthwhile!



Youth on Board

The City Council unanimously passed an ordinance in February allowing a youth member on the Library Board. This commitment fits into the Library's objective of meeting the information needs of

patrons of all ages. It offers a powerful tool for the teenagers to engage in important community discussions.

Loveland is the FIRST public library in Colorado to have a designated spot for a youth on a Library board.

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Featured Programs



One of the Library's adult patrons let us know how much she loved seeing this creative book dress display. She said it brightened her day to learn all the wonderful things this space does for the teens in Loveland.

Rocky Mountain Raptors

Rocky Mountain Raptors presented a program on February 19 at the Library. There were 109 folks attending. They brought 3 owls including a barn owl, eastern screech owl, and a great horned owl. The crowd enjoyed seeing the birds and hearing details about each species.

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program serves northern Colorado communities through rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured birds of prey.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Series

In February, the Library presented the first of a three-program-series on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These programs focused on the Jim Crow laws, poverty, and the Vietnam War. The lectures and discussions are presented by Dr. George Stevens of Loveland's Martin Luther King Events Committee. The goal is to examine the issues of race through the lens of Dr. King. February's presentation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Challenges to Jim Crow, looked at Dr. King's reliance on nonviolence and efforts to alert the media, creating government awareness.

WWI in America

On February 15, the Library, in partnership with Colorado Humanities, hosted a discussion of the book *Testament of Youth* by Vera Brittain. In 1914, Vera Brittain was twenty and, as war was declared, she was preparing to study at Oxford. Four years later, her life - and the lives of her whole generation - had changed in a way that was unimaginable in the tranquil pre-war era.

This was part of the series *Where Do We Go From Here?*: America in the First World War, presented by the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Colorado Humanities, and the Colorado World War I Centennial Commission.

