

MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2018

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Highlights

Library Feasibility Study

Community input was collected for the Library Feasibility Study that will help determine potential locations, facility size and scope as well as costs to build and operate a second library location.

Library staff along with consultants from Wember Inc. met with community members at two off site information gathering sessions on March 20 and 24 as well as gathering information from library customers in the Galleria.

Our final public input session was on April 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Library in the Gertrude Scott Room. An online tool is also being created to allow community members to share their preferred site location and ideas for the next Loveland Public Library.



Be Ready Preschool Fair

Saturday, March 24 found the Library filled with 385 parents and young children meeting local groups who offered ways to prepare for preschool. Partnering with United Way's Be Ready Organization, the fair showcased local

preschools and other entities that work with child development, vision screenings, dental care and SNAP. There were hands-on activities, including touch a truck, yoga storytime, bilingual storytime, sensory bottles, and a bean bag toss.



Business Community



A Busy Month for Business

The Library's Business Librarian attended the Lunch N'Learn meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in March and discussed services and resources available at the library.

He focused on how to use library databases and other "tricks of the trade" to find information related to business research.

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Children's & Teens



Children's Day 2018

Friday, March 9 was Colorado Children's Day with celebrations all around the City. The Library provided storytime, face painting, Dr. Seuss activities and early childhood resources.

Park Rangers

Kids found out what park rangers do on March 12 as they talked to a park ranger from Rocky Mountain National Park about his occupation.

Teen Employment Night

On March 21, the Library presented Teen Summer Employment Night with 135 people attending. There was a job panel offering suggestion for work during the summer and teens had the chance to talk with employers and learn some of the best practices for hiring and job seeking.

Getting Craftsy

The Library teens were busy in March making a mini motor with a battery, a magnet and some wire. They created a beautiful watercolor on a book page and made Easter egg rockets.

They celebrated the first day of spring by decorating a planter pot with fun faces and held an Iron Chef Challenge. They used the teenseen green screen to make their own short movies and used science to make a lava lamp-like snow storm in a mason jar.

The children visiting the Library in March were busy making wind catchers and shaving cream Easter eggs. They learned how to solve Rubik's cubes and played chess.





Featured Programs



Knitting for Charity

It started with just one volunteer at the Library Woolly Knitter's class with the baby hats she knitted for charity.

By the time the group decided to take on this project and get patterns, several women had already knitted some hats.

After just one month, the group donated 104 baby hats to the Medical Center of the Rockies.

The last we heard, some knitters are still making hats and have added "knitty knockers" for mastectomy patients.

The group welcomes anyone who wants to come knit baby hats ... or any other project.

Genealogy Help

Anyone stumped about how to begin their genealogy research or just can't find that great, great grandfather? The Larimer County Genealogical Society volunteers offer one-on-one help every Thursday afternoon in the Library's genealogy area. This is a drop in service so no reservation required.

Celtic and Scottish Music

On Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, the Library was filled with the sound of grand Celtic music from the group, Once Upon a Tune. Folks were dancing in the galleria and everyone enjoyed the fiddle, guitar and primal bodhran (drum) of this Irish trio.

Spring has Sprung

CSU Master Gardeners Series took place at the Library every Wednesday during March. Participants learned about growing and utilizing cut flowers, growing and maintaining a sustainable and manageable landscape, how to enhance that landscape with shrubs, and the Emerald Ash Borer that is a non-native insect destructive to our ash trees.