

MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2018



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Highlights



National Poetry Month

April was National Poetry Month - the largest literary celebration in the world. Fifty-two people attended Poetry Reading: Everyday Raptures with Lisa Zimmerman on April 6 and on April 7 the Library had 36 participants in Lisa's Poetry Workshop: Odes, Elegies, and Raptures, Oh My!

These events, sponsored by the Northern Colorado Chapter of the Columbine Poets, the Metaphors, the Writing Lab, and the Friends of the Loveland Public Library, were inspiring and just plain fun! Teens celebrated with International Haiku Poetry Day on April 17 and throughout the month the Library Galleria was home to the Poetree, where anyone could add a poetry leaf and everyone could enjoy them.



Spring Used Booksale

Congratulations to the Friends of the Library! The spring 2018 book sale was the highest grossing sale in their history. They broke the prior record (Fall 2017) by \$649 with a total income from book sales of \$34,739. With other income from online

sales, memberships at the sale, book cart, sorting place and donations, they have a good chance of exceeding \$40,000 income by the end of June. The funds the Friends raise are reinvested in library programs, materials, technology and staff training.

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Business Community

MONEY SMART WEEK®



APRIL 21-28, 2018

National Money Smart Week

Started in 2001, the week featured presentations by community groups, financial institutions, government agencies, educational organizations, and various financial experts.

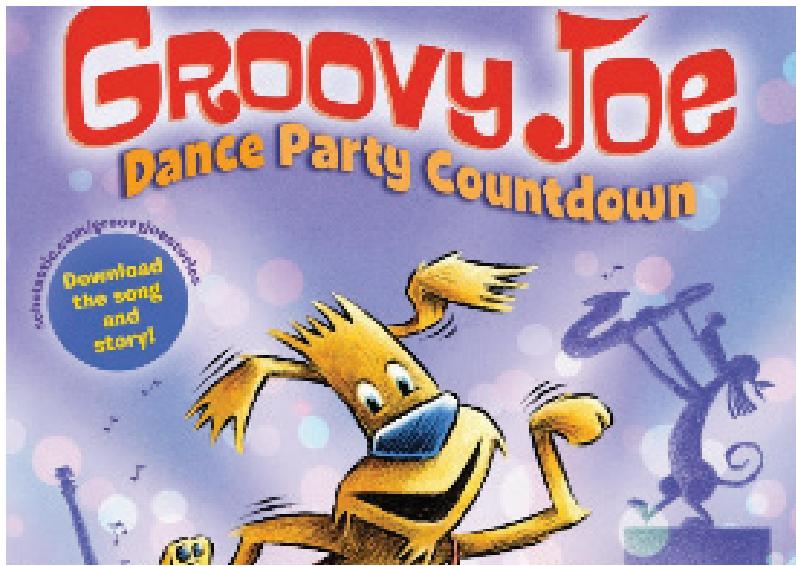
Programs included information to help folks climb out of debt, buy or refinance a home, and how to cash in on Social Security. The week ended with a look at Medicare options.

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Children's & Teens



Teens

There were MOSS Bot Building kits for modular robotics; the Teen Advisory Board baked treats for their annual bake sale; the Chess Club met and the teens made Sheikah Slate Notebooks .

April 7 and 8 they held their Teen Volunteer Service Project Annual Bake Sale and later in the week they had a DIY Cherry Blossom Branch program where they brought the gorgeous flowers to Loveland using sticks and paper.

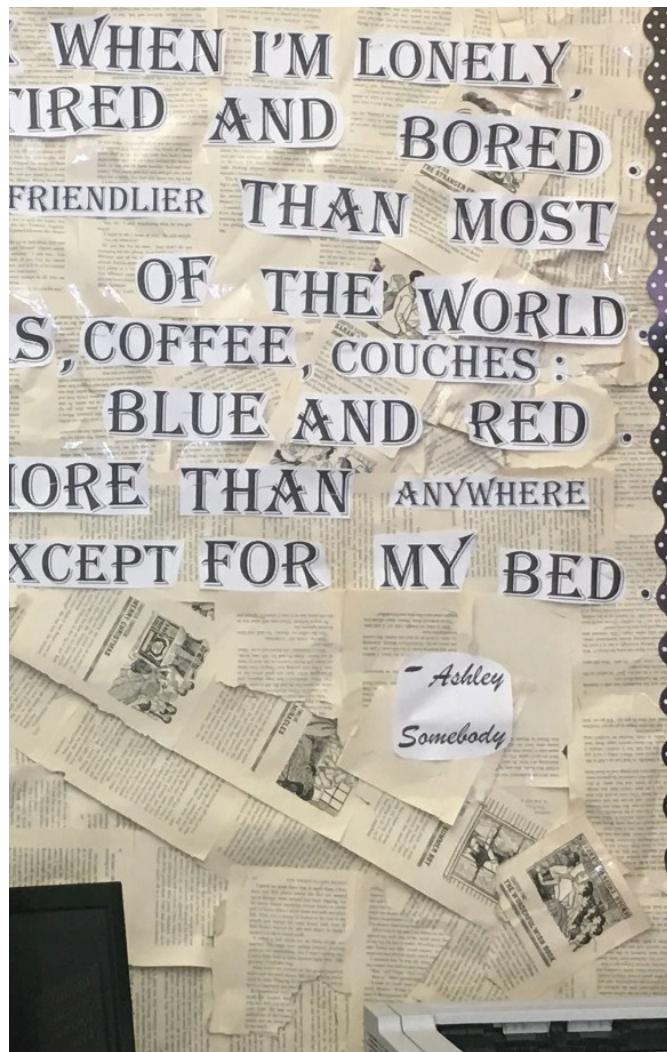
There was the Peeps Engineering Challenge – making a boat using peeps, toothpicks and paper, and a time to make Peach Cobbler in a Mug. They created Fruit Bulletin Boards by designing and making a fruity corkboard for their walls. They held an International Haiku Poetry Day as well as an NBA2K18 Tournament.

To celebrate National Poetry Month, they had a Poetry Slam – Bring In Your Own Writing. Teens also partnered with the Senior Center to create Mother's Day centerpieces, logging 66 volunteer hours in a single day.

Children's Activities

Of course, the Library has story times for children, including a Bilingual Storytime, Storytime at the Outlet Mall, baby, toddler and preschool storytime, as well as Family Storytime and parent and child playgroups after some of the storytimes.

On April 14 the Children's department held More Than Storytime that included activities and snacks and every 4 year old received a free copy of the One Book 4 Colorado.



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Honorable Mentions

MLK Jr. Lecture and Discussion

The final lecture and discussion in the series on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took place on April 11.

Dr. George Stevens shared his thoughts on Dr. King's views of the Vietnam War.

This was a time when the U.S. commitment of financial and human resources was competing with the country's desperate War on Poverty.

Kudos to Library Staff

Two of our Reference librarians, Dixie Huff and Bobbi Benesh were helping some folks from out of town with a search using microfilm.

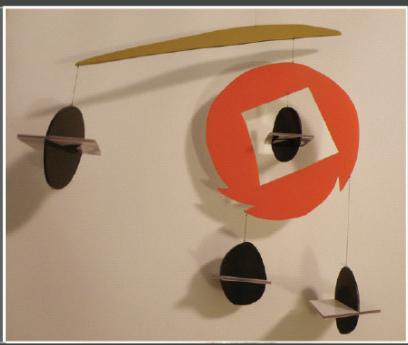
When finished, the patrons gave them a \$1000 check for the Library and said they loved the service and wanted to make a donation.

Way to go, Dixie and Bobbi!

Lolly Light chaired this year's City Food Drive that raised over \$4,500 for the Larimer County Food Bank.



**Art
in the
GALLERIA**



Art in the Galleria

Look for the second quarter new art in the Library Galleria, running through June.

The Library is pleased to show only Colorado artists in its galleria showcases.