

# MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2018



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## What's New



### New Classes

The Library's Technology and Innovation department has set up a partnership with the Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC) to provide job search, resume, interview, and skill-based classes/workshops. We will advertise each other's classes, registration processes, and LCWC will use our facilities.

### The Dust Has Cleared

The Children's department lowered all their shelving this month to allow better access by smaller patrons and to allow more light and better line of sight in the department.

The Adult Services department finally completed their huge project of weeding the collection and moving all reading materials to the south side of the Library Galleria.

The space that has opened up will be used for conversation groups, reading space and perhaps a table with chess and/or a puzzle available.

### The Homeless Population

Library staff participated in a one-hour program on the unique problems and solutions a public library faces when dealing with a homeless population. Alison Hade from the City Community Partnership Office facilitated a discussion after staff watched a video about the specific issues faced by libraries.

One of the points from the video that resonated with all the staff was just how important the library is to people experiencing homelessness. Doing something as simple as making eye contact, calling someone by their name and treating all our customers fairly and with respect can make a profound difference.



### Traveling with our Director

The Library Director attended the Colorado Library Directors' Retreat in Estes in May as well as the ALA National Legislative Day in DC.

Both were great opportunities to connect with colleagues and have some great conversations about issues that affect public libraries across the state and country.

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## Highlights



### Volunteering for History Days

Several Library staff and departments participated in the Loveland Museum's 2018 History Days for all Loveland second grade students. Some provided a Homesteader booth, sharing a story about the hardships of settlers moving west and another facilitated a section on Mariano Medina and the Arapahoe - and one even rang the school bell to keep everyone on time.

### Chinese Pronunciation

On May 7, Mind Your Q's and X's: Deciphering Chinese Pronunciations helped all of us learn the "secret code" of Chinese pronunciations and tackling Chinese names.

### The Wandering Botanist

The Library's wandering Botanist came by on May 8 to tell us all about a small stable country in Central America, Costa Rica, that has made ecotourism a priority. About the size of West Virginia, it is an easy place to see diverse tropical plant communities and their animals.

### An Evening with a Storyteller

Storyteller and photographer David Fanning presented Tales of Adventure in the Galapagos Islands at the Library on May 15.

He was joined by science teacher Carol Seemueller in describing flamingos and penguins in the wild, as well as giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, ferocious looking but gentle marine iguanas, sea turtles and sharks, and roaring sea lions.

They described an adventure that truly exceeded the hype.



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## Children's & Teens



### Teens Activities

The Library teens were busy making soda bottle greenhouses and mini light sabers. They made self-care kits and celebrated National Wildflower Week by planting wildflowers.

They also made Karakuri creations, an origami project taken up a notch to create a moving paper model.

The Teen Advisory Board sponsored an End of School party and the teen staff held a Volunteer Summer Reading Orientation, helping kids find a great way to spend their summer by volunteering at the Library.

Interviews were finished for the new teen member of the Library Board and we welcome Sarah Wolf as the first teen member to a Library Board in the state.

### Children's Activities

The children coming to the Library in May participated in the Kids Crochet Club and had fun with Brickmasters: Build with Legos.

They worked with Robots and came to the Loteria Family Event (a wonderful game of Bingo, Mexican-style.) And, of course, there were many storytimes, including Lapsit for 0-36 months, Toddlers (ages 2-3 years), Preschool (4-7 years), Family (age 3-7) and bilingual storytime.

There was Waggin' Tales (a chance to read to a licensed therapy dog) and Buddy Reading with volunteers to help. Music and Movement got them dancing and singing and Club 354 introduced them to science.



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## Honorable Mentions

### Book Clubs

On May 1 the Readmore Book Club discussed *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, a look at how medicine can comfort and enhance the experience of life even providing a good end.

The Buzzwords Book Group tackled *The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo* by Amy Schumer on May 10. Ranging from the raucous to the romantic, the heartfelt to the harrowing, the author is a woman with the courage to bare her soul and to stand up for what she believes in, all while making us laugh.

### Last of the Doughboys

On May 17, the Library held a program on *The Last of the Doughboys* by Richard Rubin. In 2003, 85 years after the end of World War I, Richard Rubin found dozens of veterans, aged 101 to 113, from Cape Cod to Carson City, who had served in World War I.

They shared with him their stories of America's Great War. This is 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.



### Practicing Spanish

Every Monday in May and June the Library's Spanish Librarian holds a session in Spanish to practice the language and learn about library resource for language learners.

Low to Intermediate Spanish is expected.