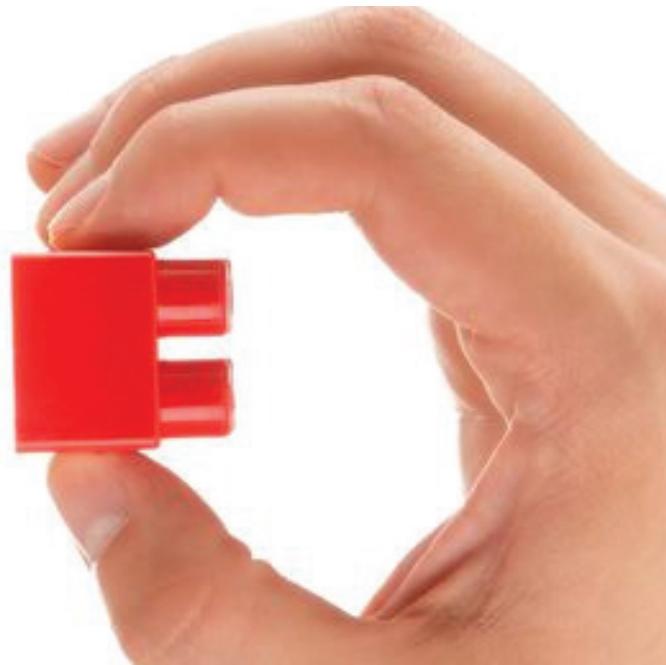


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What's New



What is "Sensor Friendly"?

With an increase of neurodiversity programming being offered by US libraries and after hearing a number of requests from Loveland patrons, several Library staff began researching the unique needs of children on the autism spectrum in northern Colorado.

They met with organizations and community partners, developing three pilot programs. The goal of these programs is to support children who are on the autism spectrum who may not be able to attend a typical program because of their challenges around sound, physical stimulation, and "traditional social cues".

The first program was held on July 23 for elementary aged students and it was a success! Working alongside the Children's Speech & Reading Center staff, the Library held a "Sensory-Friendly LEGO Night".

Children not only created with LEGOs in a less stimulating environment but were also intentionally supported in relationship building (which can be especially challenging for children on the spectrum).

Fourteen children attended plus their caregivers. A number of environmental accommodations were offered, including noise cancelling headphones and "social stories" that provided step-by-step tips on how to address challenging social situations.

At the end of the program, attendees were asked if they liked the LEGO night and they shared their opinions by adding a sticky note to a poster.

Thirteen kids liked the program and only one child "sort of liked" the program (which we even took as a success because he initially didn't seem to want to be there at all!) The next two sensory-friendly programs will be storytimes for 3-6 year olds on the spectrum, on September 4 and November 3.

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Highlights

Eremotherium Bones

On July 10, Greg McDonald, Regional Paleontologist for the Bureau of Land Management, shared with Library patrons the discoveries of giant ground sloths and other animal fossils dating back to the Ice Age that were found in submerged in caves and cenotes deep within the tropical jungles of America.

Art in the Galleria

The Library Galleria began its third quarter juried art show of Colorado artists, running from July through September. This show includes photography, oil paintings and an intriguing collection of horses.

Book Discussions

Readmore Book Discussion tackled Elie Wiesel's Night on July 10 and 11. The discussion explored the author's guilt at having survived the holocaust as a teenager and his anguished questioning of God and the meaning of existence.

There was a special treat in July as the book group discussed Pulitzer Prize winner Anthony Doerr's The Shell Collector on July 24. The group examined this collection of short stories in preparation for Anthony Doerr's visit in September as part of the Loveland Loves to Read programs.

On July 12, Buzzwords looked at The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Kolbert. She told us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet and compels us to rethink the fundamental question of what it means to be human and the responsibilities that carries.



Visits to Lago Vista

The Library's Spanish Services Librarian, Claudeth Castellanos, is partnering with the Colorado Trust to offer weekly library visits at Lago Vista Mobile Home Park this summer.

Claudeth brings materials, issues library cards, and builds relationships with residents and community members who live in the area. Visitors to the library satellite site can use iPads to access the Library website and find information about Library programs and events as well as check out books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music on CDs.

All services are bilingual English/Spanish. Providing these services at Lago Vista informs, enriches and inspires Loveland residents who may not be able to visit the downtown location.

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Summer Fun



Lotería

The final Lotería in the Park Family Event was held on July 26 at the Fairgrounds Park Pavilion, with 35 folks attending. The evening included food, fun and some bingo.

Camp READ

Library staff brought summer reading fun and activities to all eight Thompson School District Camp READ sites this summer. Camp READ is an invitation only camp for Thompson School District students entering 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade in the fall.

The camp bridges the literacy gap during the long summer break by incorporating science and fun that sparks learning. Library staff brought Ozobots and Cubelets to give hands-on robotics experiences and gave out 545 prize books provided by the Friends of the Library to celebrate all the minutes the students read this summer.

Shake, Shimmy, & Read

As a finale to the Summer Reading Program, the Library held Shake, Shimmy, & Read on July 27, with 250 people attending.

Activities at the Library moved indoors because of weather and included Kona Ice, and live music by The Tiny Polkas. Teens who completed the summer reading program celebrated with a Pool Party at Chilson Recreation Center and enjoyed pizza, Kona Ice and prizes.

Thanks to our neighbors at the Chilson Center for welcoming the teens when the bad weather necessitated a last-minute change from Winona Pool.

This year 2,138 children participated and during the eight-week program, they read 10,950 hours. Through the Friends of the Library financial support, we gave out 4,000 prizes.



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Children's & Teens

Teens Activities

Teens styled their own fanny packs and made night-lights with retro cassette tapes. They created a painting Bob Ross style and went to the Humane Society for a tour.

They built a DIY Fortuneteller 8 Ball and watched the 1980s movie The Neverending Story (complete with popcorn and drinks). Some teens went to the Lulzbot 3D company for a tour while others ate their own personally created Dunkaroo Bars.

Teens also held a Moon party and participated in a Rock Band Tournament.



Children's Activities

Activities for children during July included creating musical instruments from household items, a drop-in robot showcase and LEGO challenge, and panning for gold with geologist Peter Price.

Families were entertained with the House of Joy and their musical journey around the world. Throughout the month, families participated in Storytime in the Park at various locations around Loveland.

Every Thursday there was a Summer Adventure Club for kids including an hour of fun activities from Rocks to Robots to Rock and Roll.

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Enrichment

College 101

In collaboration with Aims College, the Library held a College 101 night on July 31 for students and family.

In addition to a free dinner, participants received information about going to college, transferring degrees, scholarships, financial aid and free assistance with Aims College applications.

Computer Classes

Computer classes held in July included Excel / Design Thinking / HTML & CSS / Typing / iPhone / Social Media of Business / Tinkercad - Tinkercad for Kids / Windows Basics / Word / Wordpress Websites / Young Adult Resume Workshop.



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Money Matters

On July 17, Money Matters presented a program to help understand Social Security, answering questions such as - When should I start collecting Social Security? Will the Social Security Fund last? What impact will my decision have on my income taxes?

Answers to these and many other questions helped patrons make well-informed decisions about their retirement.