

MONTHLY REPORT AUG 2018



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Public Library

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What's New



The Business Community

Helping our community businesses thrive is the work of our Business Librarian, Jack Dorr. He is now a certified business consultant with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). His expertise in market research helps nonprofits, startups or small business owners bring their ideas to fruition.

The Loveland Library, in conjunction with Fort Collins and Estes Park, is presenting three one-day workshops titled Development Officer Training Series, aimed at non-profits in Northern Colorado. Each session is held at a different library.

August 15, Loveland Library hosted 45 people with the program Principles of Fund Development and

Individual Giving. On August 23, Poudre River Library dealt with Diversified Funding and Donor Engagement, and the final workshop will be September 5 at the Estes Park Library, entitled Major Gifts & Planned Giving.

August 15 was also the date for a program on The Inside Edge of Hiring: Meet and Greet with Local Businesses.

This event was especially helpful for those doing career exploration, making career transitions, and anyone wanting to be better prepared in their job search. The local businesses included Food Service of America, Larimer County Sheriff's Department, and Smucker's Uncrustables.

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Outreach

Library Technology & Innovation

On August 14 and 25, LTI held an iCreate Open House, unveiling their new Virtual Reality carts. Folks of all ages (including adults and seniors) had a great time playing games and experiencing virtual worlds.

They introduced patrons to a variety of technology and maker items, such as Carvey and the 2D digitizer. Learning these skills empowers patrons to come back and create something on their own. On August 15, they began offering First Steps: New to Computers for everyone who is starting from scratch with computers.

Corn Roast Parade

Saturday, August 25, Library staff rocked in the Corn Roast Parade, doing a rendition of "We Will, We Will ROCK You!"



Community Meet and Enjoy

Wednesday, August 29 folks from the community and Library Staff met at the Loveland Ale Works for Pints for People, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. This involved an evening of good fellowship with \$1 from each pint sold going to the Friends of the Library.

Reaching Out to teens

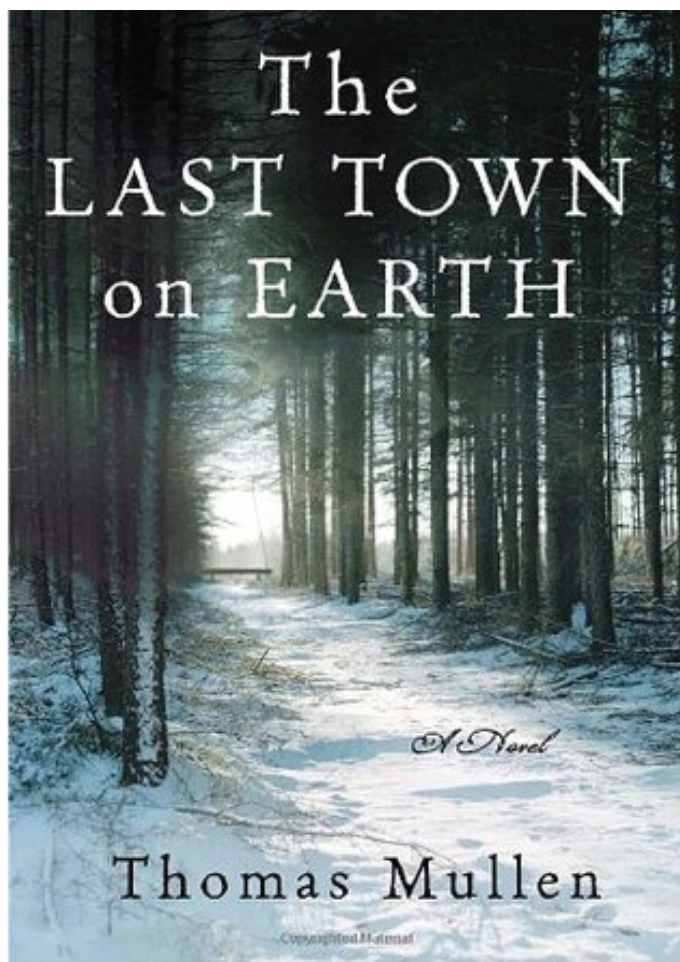
Another way the Library is reaching out to the community is the Kids' Café, in partnership with the Larimer County Food Bank. The Library Teen Division offers free homemade, nutritious snacks to teens on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school during the school year. They also helps teens with volunteer opportunities. Teens can complete volunteer hours for school or outside organization and gain valuable skills to prepare themselves for their first job.

Food Bank Visit

Two of our librarians visited the Lincoln Avenue Fresh Food Share location of the Food Bank for Larimer County. They talked with 52 people and registered 11 new library cards.



Noteworthy



Poetry

The Library hosted local Loveland poet Bhanu Kapil on August 3 where she gave a poetry reading for 30 people. The next day, 40 inspiring participants attended her workshop entitled “Writing a Poem Before It Arrives.”

All About Nature

The Master Gardeners: Late summer Series on August 29, presented Tree Selection about buying trees, specimens for curb appeal and energy saving tips. Kevin Cook’s Noontime and Nighttime Nature series explored Searching for Life That Went Away.

Book Discussions

On August 23, the Library held a discussion on *The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen. 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.

More book discussions included our Readmore Book Group on Aug 7 and 8, looking at *Nora Webster* by Colm Tóibín and *Buzzwords*, the non-fiction book discussion about *The Gene* by Siddhartha Mukherjee.

Looking forward to the Pulitzer Prize author, Anthony Doerr coming to Loveland in September as part of the Loveland Loves to Read event, the Readmore group held their annual potluck on August 21 and discussed his collection of short stories, *Memory Wall*.

Crafting

Crafting at the Library is ongoing and very popular. These crafting opportunities include: Woolly Knitters, Tatting, The Loomy Knitters Charitable Group, and Hookin’ Up Crochet Class.



Children's & Teens

Teens Activities

Teens continue to enjoy the Library's "teenseen" area devoted to 11-17 year olds. In August they had programs that let them make their own GORP, etch glass for a reusable water bottle, create a stylish pouch using the heat press machine and make back-to-school binders. They repurposed 3D printer spools into shelves, made quirky key chains, and created pencil holders. There was a Minecraft Speed Building Challenge and they watched the movie Napoleon Dynamite (with popcorn provided.) To help with the transition from summer freedom to school, there was a back-to-school party with creative, fun treats for 45 kids.



Children's Activities

Children's activities in August included on-going story times for babies, toddlers, preschool, bilingual and families.

Take 'n Go drop-in craft activities were offered weekly and the Children's Chess club met all summer.

Waggin' Tales (a chance to read to a licensed therapy dog) continues to be extremely popular as does Bright by Three, offering free tools, resources and information for new parents.

Our Lotería Family Bingo night, Spanish style is also a big hit.