

MONTHLY REPORT SEPT 2018



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Public Library**

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What's New



Anthony Doerr and Diane Lapierre

Loveland Loves To Read

On September 24, Pulitzer Prize winning author, Anthony Doerr, wowed an audience of approximately 900 people as this year's selection for Loveland Loves to Read.

The Friends of the Loveland Public Library sponsors this annual event that fosters a love of reading in the community. Library Director Diane Lapierre had the pleasure of spending time with the author and stated, "What an amazing talent! He shared stories from his past highlighting the influences that shaped his writing and answered a wide array of questions from the audience about his Pulitzer Prize winning book, *All the Light We Cannot See*. He was such an engaged, energized and humble person."

One of the Library Board Members said "What an excellent, thought-provoking, polished yet genuine presentation.... Big shout-out to the Friends and the whole community who made the event a huge success. Hats off to the wonderful choice of Anthony Doerr and the collaboration of the team who pulled off a powerful community gathering."

CALCON

Loveland Library staff joined library professionals from across the state for the the Colorado Association of Libraries Annual conference (CALCON), held at the Embassy Suites from September 13 - 15.

CALCON is a great way for library administrators, professionals, para-librarians, and trustees to share information. This year the Loveland Public Library hosted some extracurricular events for the participants including a dine-out evening at local restaurants and Loveland Loves Librarians on Friday night. The after-hours open house for conference attendees filled the Library with music, art and beverages donated by Verboten.

The event coincided with the monthly art walk downtown and the feedback from participants was excellent. Many conference attendees from across Colorado were able to truly experience Loveland – and loved it.



The Library artistic team participated in the Pastels on 5th again this year on Saturday, September 8.

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Highlights



Loveland Loves Librarians Workshop

Local Author Showcase

Registration opened for the Library's Fourth Annual Local Author Showcase.

By the end of the month, registration was full and a wait list was forming for this popular event scheduled for November 10.

City's Art in Public Places

Thanks to our friends in Cultural Services, the Library is home to a new edition to the City's Art in Public Places.

BRAIDS AT HANGING LAKE BY MARTIN LAMBUTH

A recently purchased painting, titled *Braids at Hanging Lake* by Colorado artist Martin Lambuth, was installed in the Loveland Public Library's Fireplace Room. This is Martin Lambuth's first work to be included in the City's public art collection.



Braids at Hanging Lake,
Martin Lambuth, 2018

A Group Effort

As a part of Loveland Loves Librarians, local artist Scott Freeman held a drop-in workshop where everyone painted a separate tile then we put them all together on a board and created this picture!



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Programs



Nature

Kevin Cook presents Noontime/Nighttime Nature programs each month at the Library.

He has a BA in biology from Western State College and an MS in wildlife biology from Colorado State University.

He is currently the longest running columnist for the Fort Collins Coloradoan and teaches natural history at CSU.

He also teaches more than a dozen seminars for the Rocky Mountain Conservancy at RMNP and guides nature tours along the Colorado Rockies.

On September 4 and 5, Kevin talked about Searching for Life in Transition.

Book Discussions

The Read More Book Club, in preparation for the Loveland Loves to Read author, Anthony Doerr, discussed All the Light We Cannot See on September 4 and 5.

The Buzzwords Book Group looked at The Rise of the Robots by Martin Ford on September 13.

Noteworthy

On September 5, Tony Koski, CSU Professor and Extension Turf Specialist discussed how to help your lawn recover from the stress of summer and wake up the next spring in great condition.

On September 12, Edie McSherry, Larimer County Extension Educator for Food Safety Programs, talked about Basics of Preserving Food Safely, with an overview covering basic methods of food preservation: canning, freezing and dehydration.

On September 11, the Wandering Botanist began her fall programming with a visit to Tuscany, an astoundingly beautiful place in western Italy that has a history as colorful as its landscape.

Folks who came to the presentation on September 10 learned about Mendelssohn Symphony 3: "Scottish".

Our Spanish Services Librarian is conducting a beginner's level ESL class in partnership with Aims Community College every Tuesday and Thursday at the Library.

The Money Matters series on Student Loan Strategies was presented on September 18 dealing with options for repaying, reducing, or avoiding student loans.



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Children's & Teens



Teens Activities

In September, teens celebrated Banned Books Week by writing or tweeting their favorite banned author. They also celebrated National Comic Book Day, competed in a Nailed It challenge, played Wizard's Chess, and created Poke Ball Terrariums with sculpted clay and natural materials.

Members of the YOUmedia Community of Practice were on site at the end of the month to observe the Teenseen and review the Library's application for membership in the YOUmedia Learning Labs Network.

YOUmedia is an open community of educators and mentors who share knowledge, ask questions, and collaborate across the network.

After spending a day learning about all the Library does to provide teens a safe, inspiring and engaging space, the Loveland Library's Teenseen was officially accepted as a member of the YOUmedia family.

To learn more about YOUmedia, visit <http://community.youmedia.org/home>

Children's Activities

The Children's Division of the Library hosted a pilot "Sensory-Friendly Storytime" on September 4. This program was aimed at supporting children on the autism spectrum, but no one was turned away. Some of the accommodations included reducing the amount of stimulation overall by lowering the lights, reducing the number of people in the space, and ensuring neutral color.

Programming accommodations offered arts-based sensory activities, reducing the number of transitions, building in more time to dig into those experiences, creation of a "messy" space for those who are sensory seeking, and offering "clean" physical work for those who are sensory avoiding, offering the opportunity for open ended, experiential activities.



Other activities enjoyed in the Children's area included Chess Club, Family Story Time and a drop-in Tech Tuesday, where families try out some of the library's cool technology including Ozobots, Cozmo, and Cubelets.

One Saturday afternoon each month the Library has added a Messy Art program. For September participants created masterpieces – somehow involving walking on paint with bubble wrap booties....