



What's New



Commitment to the Community

In October, the Library highlighted two partnerships to better help the Loveland community. On October 25, a partnership with the Larimer County United Way was launched with over 25 people attending an open house.

Staff from United Way will have office hours in the Library two days a month, allowing them to connect with Loveland non-profits and to help individuals connect with groups supported by the United Way.

For over a year, the Library has hosted a caseworker from SummitStone Health Partners on Tuesday afternoons to provide support and services to people experiencing homelessness and anyone else who needs help.



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Successful Sale

The weekend of October 26, 27 and 28 was devoted to the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale at The Ranch. Every spring and fall this major fundraiser provides revenue for the many programs the Friends sponsor at the Library throughout the year. Early reports indicate it was another very successful sale! Revenue from the Friends book sales support library programs for all ages.



First Grade School Visits

In October, the Library started a series of field trips for every first grader in the school district. 195 first graders from four schools have toured the building and received their own library cards so they can check out a book to take home. On their tour, they look for hidden potatoes and hear a story about a mutant potato. Six more school have planned visits in November.

First grade school visits supports emerging readers in not only learning about all the library has to offer, but also gives them the tools they need to be frequent library users, no matter their circumstances.

Since the pilot program began during the 2016-17 school year, there have been approximately 42 tours of the library and 1400 first graders have received a library card.



Highlights



Business Help

Northern Colorado is home to some of the greatest breweries and microbreweries in the country! The Library hosted Crafting a Biz: What's on Tap? with some of our finest brew masters and business owners in Loveland to discuss starting a business and microbreweries in general – while patrons tasted a few "samples" from their taprooms.

Good Times

On October 27, folks gathered to experience a Virtual Reality Party, where they could enter the world of virtual reality (VR), watch a hit "VR" movie and enjoy snacks. In Adult Services people are having fun with our Vinyl Listening Area, complete with two turntables and over 100 vinyl records. (One staff member mentioned that he had to teach some teens how to use a 'record player'.)

Haunted Harmonies

On Sunday, October 21, the Library joined with the Loveland Orchestra to begin a series of talks designed to bring deeper knowledge of the intricacies of a symphony orchestra - based on their upcoming concert for that month. "TLO Talks" (The Loveland Orchestra) began with Haunted Harmonies for October. A note from the Orchestra pointed out that families will love the upcoming Winter Magic in December and songs from Harry Potter and Star Wars in April.

Walking Dead Day

The Library and community participated in the Walking Dead Day on October 13. We received a fan kit from Diamond BookShelf full of giveaways. Folks received gifts by coming to the Customer Service desk to share their favorite character or moment. They also gained some "swag" by visiting and sharing information on the Library Facebook.



Staff get into the Halloween Spirit.



Programs

Nature

Kevin Cook presented his Noontime/Nighttime Nature program in October, talking about fabulous wildlife diversity that gives Colorado a unique identity. On October 2 and 3, he looked at Searching for Life in Autumn.

The Wandering Botanist, our widely traveled plant expert, Kathy Keeler, took patrons on a visit to the American Tallgrass Prairie. Once covering six states, this area has essentially vanished as an ecosystem, so the audience found out what it used be like and where to see what remains of the tallgrass prairie.

Book Discussions

In October, the Library's ReadMore Book Group discussed *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett and the Buzz Words Non-fiction Book Discussion looked at *Shark Drunk*, by Morten Strøksnes.



Crafts

The Library offers many crafting workshops. October classes included Woolly Knitters Group (a fun knitting group); The Tatting group (every level of skill is welcome); The Loomy Knitters Charitable Group (learn new stitches, new ideas, and make new friends); Hookin' Up: Crochet Class and Group (all levels welcome for a BYOP [bring your own project]) and Card and Coffee: Paper Crafting. Also popular is the Mahjong Group, who meet twice a week.

Alexander the Great

In October, Jim Found again provided patrons with World History on One Page. This installment focused on Alexander the Great, the countries that were once part of the Roman Empire, and how to find the who, what, when, and where of specific eras in history.

Writer Workshops

With the Fourth Annual Local Author Showcase coming in November, the Library held two workshops for budding authors in October.

Jamie Raintree presented WordPress Websites for Authors for those authors in need of a webpage or wanting to update an existing one. Later in the month, Chuck Barrett provided information on Novel in a Day: Writing Workshop helping folks get started with characterization, plots, and settings.



Children's & Teens



Teens Activities

The Teen division staff visited the Platte Valley Youth Detention Center that serves five districts in Northern Colorado, including Larimer County. They drop off discarded books, visit with the incarcerated youth and encourage literacy. Teen staff also work closely with Loveland High School and middle schools by making monthly visits to present information about the Library, drop off informational materials and discarded books and give presentations about research tools, Banned Books Week, Teen Tech Week and Teen Read Week.

General library activities for our teens included Maker Monday, Trivia Tuesday, Chess Club, Book Chat, Teen Advisory Board, Snack Attack, and Fandom Friday. They created Franken Toys, Zombie Body Scrub, Googly-Eye Pumpkin Wreaths and Doll Head Planters.



They participated in a Teen Service Project to create scarves and hats to be given out to Loveland Connect as well as Fandom Friday, a Meese Game and Five Nights at Freddy's Tournament.

Children's Activities

On October 11, a representative from the Rocky Mountain National Park presented a program on Elk in the Fall for the whole family.

Read Aloud Loveland hosted Pajama Night at the Library on October 16. Preschoolers came to the library in their PJs and heard a story. Each family received a free copy of Bear is Not Tired by Ciara Gavin.



General activities for children visiting the Library included a variety of storytimes, and monthly programs including Bright by Three offering free tools, information and resources for parents of children 0-3 yrs. We offered Brickmasters where kids build with the Library's Legos and have them displayed for a month, Robokids, which is a drop-in play with a variety of robots and Lotería Night, a Family bingo, Spanish style.

Weekly programs included Music and Movement, Monday Makers (a different drop-in craft or activity every week), Tech Tuesdays (drop in to play with technology), Chess Club, Club 345 (activities for kids in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Themes vary weekly, including arts, technology, science, literature, and crafts.) We provided Waggin' Tales on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to let children read to a licensed therapy dog.