



J-Easy

Wolf in the Snow
by Matthew Cordell

Love
by Matt de la Peña

Poe Won't Go
by Kelly DiPucchio

A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A Story about Knitting and Love
by Michelle Edwards

I Walk with Vanessa: A Story about a Simple Act of Kindness
by Kerascoët

Come with Me
by Holly M. McGhee

Be Kind
by Pat Zietlow Miller

If You Plant a Seed
by Kadir Nelson

You Hold Me Up
by Monique Gray Smith and Danielle Daniel

I Am Human: A Book of Empathy
by Susan Verde

Each Kindness
by Jacqueline Woodson

Chock-full of interesting information, this digital database offers a glimpse at what life is like for kids across the globe, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. What holidays are celebrated? What do people eat? What sports do they play? What's school like? **CultureGrams** provides insightful tidbits about daily life along with information about each country's economy, government, climate, and history. One way to raise empathetic children is to show them that no matter where we live, we are all humans who have the same needs — to eat and drink, have safe shelter, and form bonds with loved ones. This line of exploration will show your children we are all more the same than different. Challenge your family to find a fun fact about a country and share it over dinner. Recreate maps of places you're curious about. Pretend you are living somewhere and imagine what life would be like there, then journal a day in the life. Being curious about our world can help us to be more open-minded, which is key to living kinder lives. PPLD card holders can access **CultureGrams** for free (go to ppld.org/kids/homework and click on the "All Databases" button).

J-Fiction

Wishtree
by Katherine Applegate

The War that Saved My Life
by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley

Hello, Universe
by Erin Entrada Kelly

Wonder
by R.J. Palacio

Captain Superlative
by J.S. Puller

The Hero Next Door
edited by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

Counting by 7s
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Kid's Activity: Origami Kindness Fortune Tellers

1

Materials:

- Square sheet of paper
- Markers

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Now color each outside section a different color, put numbers on the inside sections, and write kindness tasks on the inside tabs.

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Kindness task ideas:

- Give a friend a compliment
- Share toys, games, etc.
- Write a thank you note to someone
- Help your mom or dad wash the dishes, fold laundry, or wash the car
- Tell someone how much you love them
- Let a friend go first
- Smile at everyone
- Feed and water your pet

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To use:

1. Pick a color and spell it out as you move the fortune teller back and forth.
2. Pick a number and move that many times.
3. Pick a new number, open flap for number, read, and complete kindness task.

Teen Activity: Operation Gratitude

Write a letter or send a card to an active or former member of the military through **Operation Gratitude!** You can find detailed instructions on their website: operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/write-letters/. Thanks for supporting our military!

- Here are a few things to note:**
- There is a special need for letters or cards to folks who are first responders, new recruits, or veterans, so consider addressing your card to them.
 - If you would like to send a holiday card, please make sure that Operation Gratitude receives it at least two months before the holiday as it takes time to process and send out.
 - Do not put the letters in individual envelopes, as they are all pre-screened.
 - Don't feel like writing? Drawings and multimedia cards are okay, but refrain from using glitter or confetti.
 - Visit the website for more information including details about how and where to send the letters.

J-Nonfiction

You, Me and Empathy: Teaching Children about Empathy, Feelings, Kindness, Compassion, Tolerance, Respect and Recognizing Bullying Behaviors
by Jayne Sanders 152.4 SAND

What Does it Mean to Be Kind?
by Rana DiOrio 177.7 DIOR

Putting Peace First: 7 Commitments to Change the World
by Eric David Dawson 303.66

Marley Dias Gets it Done: And So Can You!
by Marley Dias with Siobhan McGowan 305.23089 DIAS

Better Together: Creating Community in an Uncertain World
by Nikki Tate 307 TATE

You Are Mighty: A Guide to Changing the World
by Caroline Paul 361.2 PAUL

Be the Change! The Future Is in Your Hands
by Eunice Moyle and Sabrina Moyle 745.5 MOYL

Lend a Hand: Poems about Giving
by John Frank 811.54 FRAN

Teen Booklist: Refugees

Fiction

Refugee
by Alan Gratz

Nowhere Boy
by Katherine Marsh

The Day of the Pelican
by Katherine Paterson

The Night Diary
by Veera Hiranandani

Illegal
by Eoin Colfer

Nonfiction

We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls around the World
by Malala Yousafzai 305.23092 YOUS

Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town
by Warren St. John 796.334092 S143OU

Ink Knows No Borders: Poems of the Immigrant and Refugee Experience
edited by Patrice Vecchione & Alyssa Raymond 811 INK

The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees
by Don Brown 956.9104 BROW

A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea: One Teen Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival
by Melissa Fleming 956.9104 ZAME

LOCATION KEY

- EA East Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7014
5550 N. Union Blvd.
- PE Penrose Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7015
20 N. Cascade Ave.
- LI Library 21c**
(719) 531-6333, x7014
5550 N. Union Blvd.
- CH Cheyenne Mountain Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7001
1785 S. 8th St.
- FO CyberShelf**
Open 24 hours a day,
7 days a week
- HI Fountain Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7002
230 S. Main St., Fountain
- MA High Prairie Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7003
7035 Old Meridian Rd., Falcon
- MO Manitou Springs Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7004
701 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs
- OL Monument Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7005
1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument
- PA Old Colorado City Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7006
2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.
- RO Palmer Lake Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7007
66 Lower Glenway St., Palmer Lake
- RU Rockrimmon Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7008
832 Village Center Dr.
- SA Ruth Holley Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7009
685 N. Murray Blvd.
- UT Sand Creek Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7018
1821 S. Academy Blvd.
- UT Ute Pass Library**
(719) 531-6333, x7011
8010 Severy Rd., Cascade

Building a Kinder World

In 2017, *Highlights* magazine conducted a survey that asked children: "What do you think is most important to your parents — that you're happy, do well in school, or are kind?" Almost half of the children responded their own happiness matters most, and about one-third said that it is most important that they do well in school. Only 23% thought being kind would matter most to their parents. The Harvard Graduate School of Education conducted a similar poll, and approximately 80% of respondents reported their parents cared more about their achievement or happiness than caring for others.



Children need positive models and deliberate instruction to help them to learn underlying principles of kindness and civility that are not always apparent in everyday human interactions. Parents can exemplify compassion and generosity toward others to teach their children how to go beyond simple tolerance to a deeper understanding of those who are different from them.

In addition, there are many good print and digital resources that show children the importance of kindness and encourage them to make a positive difference in their world.

For example, parents can incorporate Carol McCloud's *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids* (J-Easy) into their lessons about character and citizenship. The book's basic concept is to practice uplifting others rather than diminishing them. In the story, every person carries an imaginary dipper and a bucket that is continually filled or depleted by each positive or negative interaction throughout the day. This inspiring picture book reinforces positive behavior as children see how rewarding it is to engage in daily acts of kindness and affection. Use these resources and others to equip and empower your children to initiate kindness in their world.

Books

- UnSelfie**
Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World • Borba, Michele • (649.7 BORB)
- Young Enough to Change the World: Stories of Kids and Teens Who Turned Their Dreams into Action**
Connolly, Michael • (J-361.20835 CONN)
- How to Raise Kind Kids: and Get Respect, Gratitude, and a Happier Family in the Bargain** • Lickona, Thomas (649.7 LICK)
- Pay It Forward Kids: Small Acts, Big Changes**
Runstedler, Nancy • (J-303.484092 R943P)

Websites

- Doing Good Together** • DoingGoodTogether.org
- GenerationOn** • GenerationOn.org
- Making Caring Common Project** • Mcc.gse.harvard.edu/
- Random Acts of Kindness** • RandomActsofKindness.org
- Teaching Tolerance** • Tolerance.org



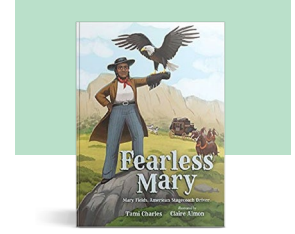
The New Bookshelf

Kid to Kid's Books: Fact-Filled Picture Book Biographies

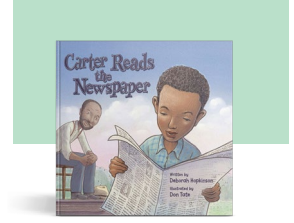
A Computer Called Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Helped Put America on the Moon
by Suzanne Slade
Katherine Johnson (1918-) was a mathematical prodigy. Her brain worked with numbers, shapes, and complicated things even when she was a small girl. Her story was told in Hidden Figures, the award-winning film about the women who did the math for the moon launch. Katherine worked for NASA from 1953-1986.
Ages 5-12; History, Biography, Space Race
(J-Biography 510.92 JOHN)



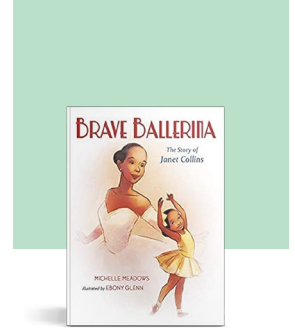
Fearless Mary: Mary Fields, American Stagecoach Driver
by Tami Charles
This is a story known by few people outside of Cascade, Montana. Mary Fields (1832-1914), a former slave, was hired to drive a stagecoach through treacherous country in her 60s. She beat out 40 younger cowboys for the job by hitching a team of six horses more quickly than anyone else. The story is set in 1895, and an author's note provides more information about Fields' story.
Ages 4-10; History, Biography
(J-Biography 388.3228 FIEL)



Carter Reads the Newspaper
by Deborah Hopkinson
Carter Woodson (1875-1950), an educator and civil rights leader, began what is now Black History Month in 1926. As a child, he read newspapers aloud to adults who could not read, so they would know what was happening in the world. At age 37, he earned a PhD from Harvard, the second African American to do so.
Ages 5-12; History, Biography
(J-Biography 973.049607 WOOD)



Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins
by Michelle Meadows
In the 1930s, Janet (1917-2003) dreamed of becoming a ballerina. The problem: Janet was a black girl, and segregation was the rule of the day. Find out how she became a prima ballerina in 1951.
Ages 4-10; History, Biography, Arts
(J-Biography 792.802 COLL)



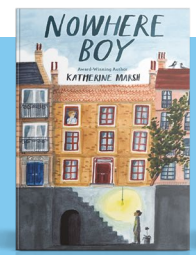
The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng
by Sophia Gholz
One boy changed an island in India by planting trees and bringing small animals and insects back to the area. In just 20 years his forest grew to 1,300 acres. Only the local people knew what Jadav was working on, and they would help him from time to time by supplying plants or animals for the growing forest. This is a simple version of Jadav Payeng's (1963-) mighty work, which still continues.
Ages 4-10; History, Biography, Nature Studies
(J-Biography 333.95 PAYE)



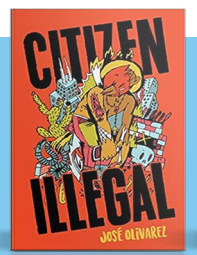
Little-Known Secrets: All Pikes Peak Reads



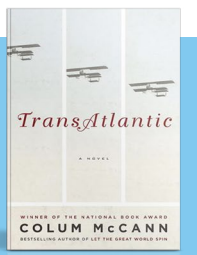
Ever wonder about the APPR books you see on display each year? Offered by the Pikes Peak Library District, this annual program is a regional effort to improve literacy and foster dialogue across social, cultural, and generational lines. Adult Services, Young Adult Services, and Children's Services teams select titles that discuss timely and relevant issues to our community. This year's titles explore themes of crossings, peace, multiculturalism, identity, friendship, and memory. What a great opportunity to open a conversation with your children about potentially difficult topics! Now in its 18th year, the 2019 APPR runs from September 9 – November 15. Programs are scheduled across the district throughout the APPR timeline and will include author visits by all three



Transatlantic
by Colum McCann



Citizen Illegal
by Jose Olivarez



Nowhere Boy
by Katherine Marsh

authors, film screenings, community discussions, panel presentations, theater productions, workshops, music programs, and more. Check the ppld.org calendar for program dates and times.

Events: Teens

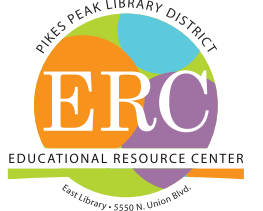
Make Your Own Surrealist Art
Inspired by the 2019 All Pikes Peak Reads title *Nowhere Boy*, teens will create a multimedia painting in the style of Magritte. Programs will take place across the district. See our online calendar at ppld.org for details.

Teens Make: Intro to TinkerCAD
Learn the basics of this free 3D modeling software by designing your own holiday ornament! Designs will be printed in a PPLD Makerspace at a later date.
Sand Creek Library
Tue., Nov. 5 • 4 - 5 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18
East Library
Thu., Nov. 21 • 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Ages 9 - 15
Library 21c
Thu., Nov. 21 • 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18

AfterMath
Is math homework getting you down? Do you need to brush up before the ACT, SAT, or GED? Our experienced math tutors can help improve your grades and take the stress out of math. Drop in – no appointment needed.
Monument Library
Mondays • 3:30 - 7 p.m.
Sand Creek Library
Tuesdays • 5 - 6 p.m.
Library 21c
Wednesdays • 3:30 - 6 p.m.
East Library
Thursdays • 4 - 6 p.m.

Making Music in the ERC

From the pure pleasure of listening to soothing sounds and rhythmic harmonies to gaining new language and social skills, music energizes and enriches our lives. To help bring children and music together, the Educational Resource Center offers interactive music kits and materials for kids of all ages to engage in hands-on experiences.



If you're looking for opportunities that will enhance your children's music study and exploration, stop by the ERC and explore what we have to offer. Your family will be inspired as everyone learns about instruments, listens to music, and above all, expresses themselves by making music. Visit ppld.org/erc for hours and more info.



Music Box Kit
The Music Box Kit contains seven miniature hand-crank, acrylic-cased music boxes perfect for various activities.
• Have children turn the crank to control song tempo, discover variations with each tune, and refine small motor skills.
• Use them as a song identification activity.
• Sing familiar songs and use the kits as accompaniment.
• Watch music as it's made while you listen along.



Musical Instruments Kit
The Musical Instruments Kit is a great place to begin if your children are learning about common band and orchestra instruments. These kits include miniature replicas of some instruments, along with photo cards and labels that will help children learn related vocabulary.



Multicultural Rhythm Instruments Kit
Our brand-new Multicultural Rhythm Instruments Kit includes instruments from several countries. Your family can make music with an African thumb piano, a Caxixi shaker, a Stone Age-inspired scraper, a West African banana bell, a Peruvian stone-filled gourd ocean drum, and a half moon tambourine that produces a lively bottle cap jingle.



Music Masters CDs Kit
The Music Masters CDs Kit helps to introduce children to classical musicians like Bach, Mozart, and Vivaldi. Each composer is brought to life through dramatic stories told in words and music. You can check out our CD player and a CD and use a Library study room to get the most out of this experience.

Events: Kids

Homeschool Science
These awesome monthly programs, each featuring a different science topic, offer kids an engaging variety of learning experiences. Homeschooled students of all ages and their parents are encouraged to participate. Contact jfleishhacker@ppld.org or check online at ppld.org for more information.
East Library
Fri., Sept. 20 • 1 p.m.
East Library
Fri., Oct. 11 • 1 p.m.
East Library
Fri., Nov. 15 • 1 p.m.

Old-Time Square Dancing
Join veteran square dance caller Andy Scheer for a special session of good times – and American heritage – set to music! This program is designed for ages 7 and up.
Rockrimmon Library
Thu., Sept. 12 • 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
East Library
Fri., Oct. 18 • 1 - 2 p.m.

Monthly Homeschool Programs
Enjoy activities and learning opportunities with other homeschool families at these monthly events at various PPLD locations. See our online calendar at ppld.org for specific dates and details.
1st Fridays • East Library • 1 p.m.
2nd and 4th Mondays • Monument Library • 1:30 p.m.
2nd Tuesdays • Library 21c • 2 p.m.
2nd Thursdays • Rockrimmon Library and High Prairie Library • 1:30 p.m.
2nd Fridays • Palmer Lake Library • 1 p.m.