

Heroes

Teen Activity: Be a Hero - Volunteer!

You will need:
1 computer and time

Instructions:

1. Go to ppld.org/teens
2. Click on "Volunteer"
3. Check out the cool volunteer opportunities available at the library and other local organizations.
4. Can't find something you like? Visit dosomething.org to see other volunteer opportunities in the area.
5. Apply!

Summer is here and you want to get outside with your pets more often. Try this exciting training activity with your dog. Dogs love to retrieve objects and Frisbees are a favorite! You will have hours of outdoor fun with your pet!

Train your pet to retrieve a flying disc

Jean Fogle from dogchannel.com suggests these ideas for training your pet to retrieve a flying disc. She states to "try these tips to start your dog on his way."

- Give your dog a positive introduction to the disc by using it as his food dish.
- Begin by encouraging your dog to grab the disc while you slide it back and forth in front of him.
- Roll the disc on the ground and let him get it. This helps him learn to track the disc.
- Practice tossing the disc, but never directly at your dog. Hitting him with the disc in the beginning will scare him. Throw only short distances; don't be tempted to go for distance yet.
- Stand three feet in front of your dog, toss the disc in the air, and ask him to catch it. When he catches the disc, give him lots of praise.
- Teach your dog to go to the disc by standing next to him, then tossing it out in front of him. Praise your dog for returning it.
- Be sure to master the basics and get your veterinarian's okay before attempting fancier moves.

dogchannel.com/dog-activities/dog-competition/article_8566.aspx

Canines in the Library

Library resources are not only physical books, online books and resources, and assorted other databases. Library resources are sometimes surprising. What do you know about canines in the library? Did you know that most library locations have specially trained and certified dogs that come in on a regular basis with the sole purpose of listening to children read books? Every dog must be Canine Good Citizen certified, and then must go on for advanced training and certification as therapy dogs.

These Paws to Read dogs work very hard, listening to children read out loud. Stop by one of the following locations for a great experience.

Cheyenne Mountain ♦ Wed., and Thu. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
East ♦ Tue., Wed., and Thu. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Fountain ♦ 2nd and 4th Mon. ♦ 3 - 4 p.m.
High Prairie ♦ Thu. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Library 21c ♦ Wed. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Monument ♦ Mon. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ♦ Wed. ♦ 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Old Colorado City ♦ Tue. ♦ 4 - 5 p.m.
Penrose ♦ Wed. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ♦ Sat. ♦ 11 a.m. - noon
Rockrimmon ♦ Wed. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ruth Holley ♦ Tue. ♦ 4 - 5 p.m.
Sand Creek ♦ Fri. ♦ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Heroes - Teen Booklists

Fiction

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
CARD

The Fifth Wave by Rick Yancey
YANC

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
PFEF

Unwind by Neal Shusterman

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
PALA

Non-Fiction

1776 by David McCullough
973.3 M133S

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
 by Rebecca Skloot
616.02774 L141S

This Star Won't Go Out by Esther Earl
362.19699 E12T

Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation)
 by Laura Hillenbrand
940.547252 Z26H

Heroic Dog Stories for Kids

J-Fiction (chapter books)

GARF Follow My Leader by James Garfield

LARS Duke by Kirby Larson

LOND Strays by C. Alexander London

MESS Rescue on the Oregon Train by Kate Messner (Ranger in Time series)

REIS What the Dog Said by Randi Reistfeld

J-Easy (picture books)

KOVA Catie Copley's Great Escape by Deborah Kovacs

MONT Tuesday Tucks Me In by Luis Carlos Montalvan

REIS Hard Working Puppies by Lynn Reiser

STIE Barnaby the Bedbug Detective by Catherine Stier

J-Nonfiction

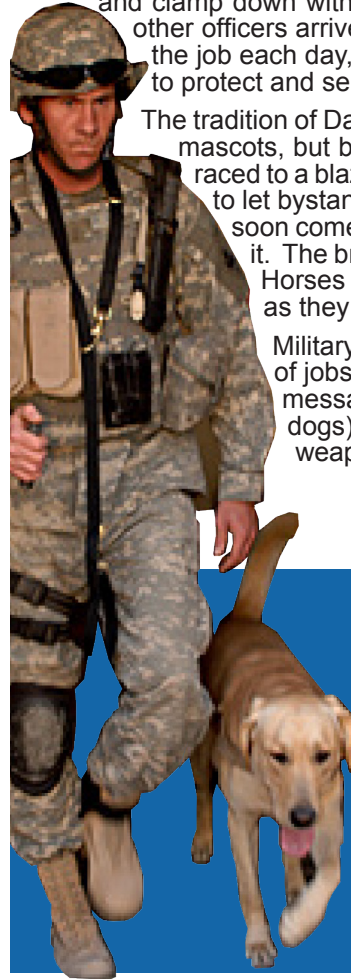
362.40483 G619P Prison Puppies by Goldfish Meish

362.4183 P295R The Right Dog for the Job by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

636.70835 B928D Dog Scouts of America by Shelley Bueche

various

"Amazing Working Dogs" series by Linda Bozzo



Hairy Heroes (grades 6 - 12)

Service Dogs from organizations like **Colorado Springs Police Department, Search and Rescue**, and more will be here to talk about what their dogs do, the training required, and more!

Tue., June 23 ♦ 3 - 4:30 p.m. ♦ Library 21c

Thu., July 23 ♦ 3 - 4 p.m. ♦ East Library



"A dog is man's best friend," or a child's or a woman's! But many dogs are trained and excel in providing much needed support services throughout our society. Closest to home, many of the libraries in tPikes Peak Library District offer a **Paws to Read** program (check on Kids Web for library locations). This program provides a relaxed and "dog-friendly" atmosphere, which allows children to practice the skill of reading.

The bond between dog and man dates back to early history, but it wasn't until recently that a correlation was acknowledged between this bond and the emotional health of humans. Studies have shown that a person holding or petting an animal will cause a lowering of blood pressure, the release of strain and tension, and can draw out a person from loneliness and depression. Therapy dogs are trained to provide assistance and companionship in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, schools, and shelters.

Today, police forces in most major cities use police dogs to do jobs human police officers can't do as well as a dog can. Their sense of smell is almost 50 times more sensitive than a human's. A dog can sniff out criminals, drugs, weapons, and bombs in situations where human officers would have to search every inch. The police dog's work isn't all about his nose. The intimidating growl of a well-trained German shepherd can cause many criminals to surrender instead of running or fighting. When a conflict does arise, dogs are faster and stronger than most humans, able to catch a fleeing criminal and clamp down with powerful jaws to apprehend the suspect until other officers arrive. While there are thousands of police dogs on the job each day, hundreds of police dogs have given their lives to protect and serve.

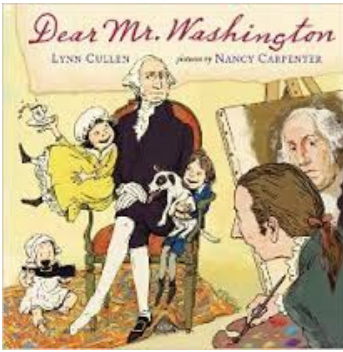
The tradition of Dalmatians in firehouses dates back more than a century. Today, they mainly serve as mascots, but before fire trucks had engines, Dalmatians played a vital role every time firefighters raced to a blaze. When a fire alarm sounded, the Dalmatians would run out of the firehouse, barking to let bystanders know that they should get out of the way because the firefighters' wagon would soon come roaring by. Once the wagon was out on the street, the Dalmatians would run beside it. The brave, loyal dogs also served an important purpose once the wagon approached a fire. Horses are afraid of fire, and the Dalmatians' presence could distract and comfort the horses as they pulled the wagon closer to a blaze.

Military Working Dogs are trained and cared for by their military human partner for a variety of jobs. These roles include fighting, logistics (transport supplies), communications (relay messages), unit mascot, medical research, detection and tracking, and sentries (guard dogs). Dino and his human army partner are pictured leaving a room after searching for weapons during an air assault mission in Al Mara, Iraq as part of Operation Swift Sword.



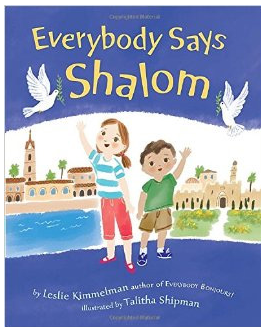
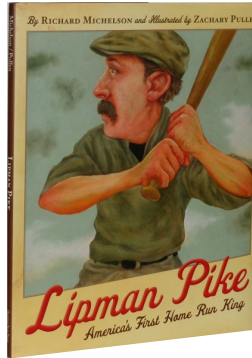
books are treasures, waiting to be discovered. Enjoy!

The ^{new} BookShelf



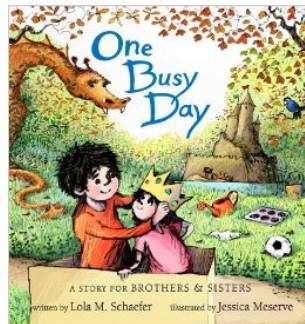
Dear Mr. Washington (2015)
by Lynn Cullen
President Washington comes to Gilbert Stuart's house to have his portrait painted. George Washington's Rules of Good Behavior are shared with the somewhat wild children of the artist. The results make a great picture book, which is based on a real event.
Ages 4 - 10; historical fiction

Lipman Pike: America's First Home Run King (2011)
by Richard Michelson
This picture book biography chronicles the beginning of baseball and the author includes notes about the changes in America and the world that were occurring at the same time. Great book for anyone who loves baseball.
Ages 5 - 10; history, biography

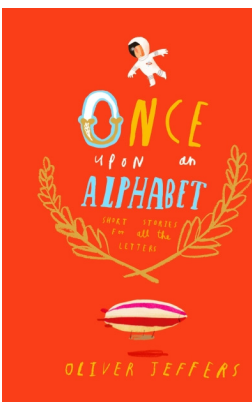


Everybody Says Shalom (2015)
by Leslie Kimmelman
Travel to Israel with this simple picture book. Author includes information in end papers about each location visited in the pages of the book.
Ages 4 - 8; geography, travel, other cultures

One Busy Day: A Story for Brothers & Sisters (2014)
by Lola Schaefer
I am partial to "family" stories and this is delightful. Big brother Spencer is too busy to play with little sister Mia. So she finds other things, interesting things to do. Eventually, Spencer joins Mia and they play together.
Ages 4 - 8; family story, siblings



Once Upon an Alphabet: Short Stories for All the Letters (2014)
by Oliver Jeffers
This is the type of book a homeschooling family could take home, read, and end up creating hours and hours of learning activities, maybe even without a plan. I love Oliver Jeffers, and in this BIG picture book, he has written and illustrated a very, very short story for each letter of the alphabet. The stories are all standalone, so there is no need to follow an overarching storyline. Should your family begin their own alphabet adventure, drop me a line and share how it went. mphilbrick@ppld.org
Ages 4 - 10; alphabet, writing, and maybe illustrating



Little-Known Secrets



Primary Sources – Easy Access to Local Information

Looking for a way to integrate primary sources into your history curriculum? Not sure where to start? PPLD has an excellent Special Collections Department where you and your child can gain access to great local primary sources. Located in the 1905 Carnegie Library at Penrose Library, Special Collections staff is ready to assist patrons in navigating their collection which includes **Gazette** newspaper articles, city directories dating back to the 1800s, maps, aerial photographs, and a variety of historical books containing information on the Pikes Peak region.

In addition to the in-library assistance Special Collections has to offer, they have put together a number of useful online sources. **Pikes Peak NewsFinder** allows patrons to complete topical searches of back issues of local newspapers. Once patrons find an article that interests them, they can request the article through email or come into the 1905 Carnegie and look at the article on microfilm. Special Collections has also put parts of their collection online in their Digital Collections. The Digital Collections contain photographs from local photographers, maps, and many oral histories.

Special Collections has one online resource designed specifically for middle and high school students. Located in the PPLD CyberShelf, Special Collections has four books of primary source exercises created by local teachers using local collections. The books contain letters, official government statements, photographs, and handwritten speeches all pertaining to Western history with a special focus on Colorado. Titled **Cultural Crossroads, Liberty and Equality, Hands on History, and Technology and History**, the books include a variety of subjects from multiple time periods and perspectives. Because these books were designed for use by students, you are encouraged to print these activities off to use with your child. To access these books, go to ppld.org, click CyberShelf, then search "primary sources."

HOMESCHOOL EVENTS



FREE! Curriculum Swap
You don't have to bring something to take something.
Revitalize your family's learning resources or start your homeschool library! Bring curriculum items you no longer need or find gently used items other families are ready to part with. This is a totally free event. No money will be exchanged. Contact Gail at gsohns@ppld.org or (719) 531-6333, x1409 if you plan on bringing curriculum to swap so we can reserve a table for you. Hope to see you there!

Thu., June 18 • 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
East Library

Homeschool Resource Fair

Visit with local organizations and learn how they can help you educate your children. We'll have enrichment programs, scouting, lessons, field trip destinations, support groups, and other resources presented.

Fri., Aug. 14 • 9 a.m. - noon
Library 21c



Game Day

Play outdoor games with your family and other homeschoolers in George Fellows Park behind East Library. Bring a kite (if it's windy), favorite game equipment, and a picnic lunch if you want. We'll provide balls, jump ropes, chalk, bubbles, and ideas for some fun games. In case of bad weather, game day will be cancelled. Contact Gail at gsohns@ppld.org or (719) 531-6333, x1409 with questions.

Fri., Aug. 28 • 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
East Library (George Fellows Park)

Other Events & Programs

Family LEGO Time

Elementary aged LEGO enthusiasts and their families can join the fun and build some awesome creations. (Community Meeting Room)
Tue., June 9 and Mon., July 27 • 2 - 3 p.m. • East Library

Summer Reading Program
June 1 - July 31, 2015

Two reading programs for kids this year
Every Hero Has a Story
for babies and toddlers" (ages 0 - 2) and ages 3 and up.

For the younger children, parents will read and do some fun activities with their little ones. Older kids will keep track of the amount of time they read. Participants in both programs earn prizes along the way, including a free book to take home!

Visit our "Every Hero Has a Story" web page from ppld.org to register and find dates and locations of our fun summer programming.

Real Heroes: Do You Have What It Takes?

Meet real police officers and firefighters and see if you have what it takes. Teen cadets from both departments will talk to you about the Explorers program. Learn how to finger print and more. (ages 12+)

Thu., June 11 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Old Colorado City Library

Tue., June 16 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Sand Creek Library



Trivia "Nights" grades 6 - 12 only

Know all about heroes? Get a team together and show the world! No team? No problem! We will pair you up on the day of the event!

Thu., June 18 • 6 - 8:30 p.m. • Penrose Library

Tue., July 7 • 3 - 4:30 p.m. • Library 21c

Thu., July 9 • 2 - 5 p.m. • Old Colorado City Library

Thu., July 23 • 3:30 - 5 p.m. • Ruth Holley Library

Teen Summer Reading (grades 6 - 12)

Kickoff Party

Celebrate the beginning of the Summer Reading Program

Mon., June 1
1 - 5 p.m.
Library 21c



Teen reading program Unmask! grade 6 - 12

Up for grabs are coupon sheets for free food and games, books or journals, T-shirts, and chances to win indoor climbing lessons and even a tablet! Join other teens at your library and participate in many different programs being offered throughout the summer including a hero-themed kickoff party, game and tech days, craft and make programs, movie screenings, and more!

Visit the teen webpage (ppld.org/teens) for event times and locations and for online registration. Please keep in mind that some teen programs do require registration and may have age restrictions.