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Media Advisory
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Library programs for teens and adults in February

All library programs are free unless otherwise noted.

For more information, visit ppld.org.

Celebrate a New Year of Books: 2009 Adult Reading Program
January 12 - March 9

Win prizes for reading at Pikes Peak Library District. Read eight books in eight weeks and you'll receive a free book bag, chocolate, Panera Bread coupon, a PPLD collectible coffee mug, and get entered into a Grand Prize Drawing. Pick up entry forms beginning January, or visit ppld.org for more information.

Friends Book Sale

Get quality used books, CDs, movies, and more at this huge book sale to benefit the Friends of the Library. Sale will be held at East Library.

Friends members and educators sale: Fri., January 30 from 4 - 7 p.m.

General public sale: Sat., January 31 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$5 bag sale: Sun., February 1 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wii Bowling for Adults

Play virtual bowling and other games with the Wii system at Briargate Branch. Free refreshments provided. No registration required.

Sun., February 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Thurs., February 12 and 26 at 7 p.m.

Fri., February 20 at 3 p.m.

Save the date: Talk with Author Helen Lester

The author of *Tacky the Penguin*, *Hooway for Wodney Wat*, *The Wizard*, *the Fairy* and *the Magic Chicken* will join us for a special presentation to talk about her hilarious, pun-filled picture books. Lester will also speak about her dyslexia, and how it impacted her childhood and career as a popular children's author. Books will be available for signing and purchase at this free event.

Mon., February 2 at 7 p.m. – East Library

Volunteer tutors wanted

Become a LitSource tutor and help an adult with limited literacy or English language skills. No teaching experience required; free training is provided. Registration is required. Call 531-6333, x2223 for information or to register. Mon., February 2, 9, 23, March 2 and 9 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. – Penrose Library.

Stitch in the Ditch Quilters

Quilters of all skill levels are welcome to join this quilting group. New members are welcome and no registration is required. Mon., February 2 and 16 at 6 p.m. – Fountain Branch

Talk Spanish

No registration is required for these free language classes. For more information, call 531-6333, x1030. All classes meet at East Library.

Level 1

Learn the basics of sentence pronunciation, sentence structure and shortcuts to verb conjugation.

Tues., February 3, 10, and 24 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Tues., February 3, 10, and 24 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Level 2

Students will continue to develop vocabulary and verb conjugation.

Mon., February 2 and 9 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Wed., February 4, 11, and 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Level 3

Practice Spanish conversation and review grammar and language use with fellow Spanish learners.

Thurs., February 5, 12, and 26 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Teen Advisory Groups

These groups meet to help Library staff plan the Teen Summer Reading Program and other teen events at the Library.

Thurs., February 12 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. – East Library (North Youth Advisory Council)

Ruth Holley Craft Group

Bring your handcraft (knitting, crochet, needlepoint, quilter or other small portable handcraft) and join the fun. Refreshments are provided.

Mon., February 9 and 23 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Ruth Holley Branch

Mother/Daughter Creations

Card artist Linda Plett will teach you to craft two unique valentines to take home. For ages 7 and older. Materials will be provided; registration is required. Register as a pair online at ppld.org or call 593-8000.

Thurs., February 10 at 4 p.m. – Rockrimmon Branch

Scribes and Bards

This is a writer's workshop for students in middle school through college. A published fantasy author will lead exercises, discussions, and writing lessons. Tues., February 10 and 24 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. – East Library

Talk German

This conversation group is for non-native speakers who wish to practice German. Some German language skills are recommended. For information, call 531-6333, x1315.

Thurs., February 12 and 26 at 6 p.m. – East Library

Genealogy at Old Colorado City Branch

Learn about free online sites for recording and sharing your gathered family history. Kincafe.com allows you to create a family tree, post photos and create an ongoing calendar, marking significant dates. The second site is a template for creating your family history in narrative and photos. To register, or for more information call 634-1698.

Fri., February 13 from 10:30 a.m. - noon – Old Colorado City Branch

Page #1 Teen Fiction Writer's Group

Participate in a critique group, talk with published authors, share ideas, and get information about writing contests.

Fri., February 13 and 27 from 4 - 5:45 p.m. – Rockrimmon Branch

The Yarnettes

Bring your crochet or knitting needles and some yarn and have fun with fellow crafters.

Fri., February 13 and 27 from 10 a.m. - noon – Briargate Branch

World Traveler Book Club

Travel the world without leaving home! If you're interested in other cultures and countries, this new book club is for you. We will be exploring a multitude of places through the written word. Meetings will be held every third Wednesday beginning in February. Call 531-6333, x1307 for more information.

Wed., February 18 at 3:30 p.m. – East Library

Reel History

Colorado Springs has a long, interesting history of professional and amateur filmmaking that documents the development of the city and its significant attractions. Many of these historic films are archived in PPLD's Special Collections and have been transferred to DVD format by PPLD's Video Center. Come enjoy popcorn and scenes from Colorado Springs' past.

Thursday, February 19 from 7 - 9 pm. – Carnegie Reading Room, Penrose Library

Guitar Hero Competition

Practice on President's Day and be ready to win the prize. Space is very limited, so register early. For youth in grades 6-12 only. Register after February 1 online at ppld.org or by calling 260-6882.

Thurs., February 19 at 7 p.m. – Briargate Branch

Books and Chocolate

Join this discussion group for all teens in 6th through 12th grade. This month's group will read *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar Call 531-6333, x1317 for information.

Thurs., February 19 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. – East Library

East Chess Club

Teens of all skill levels are welcome to come learn and play chess. No registration required. For more information call 531-6333, x1317.

Fri., February 20 from 4 - 5 p.m. – East Library

Otaku

Share your drawings and ideas at this club for fans of anime and manga.

Sat., February 21 from 1 - 3 p.m. – Penrose Library

Mother-Daughter Book Club

Read and discuss books in this new mother-daughter book club! Open to girls in 6th – 9th grades and their mothers. Two book titles will be selected each month. The club will meet on the third Saturday of each month. No registration is required. For more information, call 531-6333, x1317.

Sat., February 21 from 10 - 11 a.m. – East Library

Sit and Stitch

Come visit with other crafters while working on your favorite needle craft. Knitters, crocheters, cross-stitchers, quilters, etc. of all ages are welcome. Informal knitting instruction may be available upon first request. Classes will be held on the last Wednesday of every month.

Wed., February 25 from 4 - 5 p.m. – Rockrimmon Branch

Literati and Beyond

An ongoing writing workshop for all active and aspiring writers who want to join others to learn, teach, and enjoy the experiences of sharing a writer's life.

Wed., February 25 at 7 p.m. – Monument Branch

History Buffs Book Discussion Group

Enjoy a trip through history with other history lovers. New members are welcome and no registration is required.

Wed., February 25 at 1 p.m. – Monument Branch

Grantseeking

Learn how to identify foundation and corporate giving programs for nonprofit organizations using free online databases accessible through Pikes Peak Library District's website. Successfully search the Foundation Directory Online, Colorado Grants Guide, and other online databases.

Registration is required, please contact Amy Rodda at 531-6333 X2335 to register.

Thurs., February 26 at 8 a.m. – Penrose Library

Teen Homework Help

Stumped on those math equations? Got questions about biology? Get free homework help in the East Teen Center. Drop-ins are welcome; no registration required.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m.

Sundays from 1-3 p.m.

Teen Only Laptop Wednesdays

The community room and laptops are reserved every Wednesday for teens.

Wednesdays from 3 - 6:30 p.m. – Old Colorado City Branch

Advanced French Conversation Group

This free discussion group, led by volunteers, is open to new members. For more information contact Donna Becker at 598-4038 or Ann McCrary at 520-5340.

Fridays at noon – Penrose Library

TALK English!

TALK English!, informal conversation circles for adults who want to improve their skill and comfort speaking English, meet weekly at various libraries. Check your library for schedules. No registration is required.

Adult Basic Skills Collection

Check out materials designed to help adults learn English, learn to read, or improve reading comprehension and writing skills. Adult Basic Skills materials are available at Penrose and East libraries, and Briargate, Cheyenne Mountain Fountain, Monument, and Ruth Holley branches.

Book Clubs @ your library®

New members are welcome and no registration is required at these monthly book clubs. Book groups meet for about one hour.

Fountain Book Club

Eat Pray Love by Elizabeth Gilbert at 11 a.m.

Thurs., February 5 at 11 a.m. – Fountain Branch

Cheyenne Mountain Fiction Book Club

Before You Know Kindness by Chris Bohjalian

Thurs., February 5 at 2 p.m. – Cheyenne Mountain Branch

Palmer Lake Book Group

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Fri., February 6 at 9 a.m. – Palmer Lake Branch

Page Turners Book

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

Tues., February 10 at 7 p.m. – Briargate Branch

Briargate Book Club

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

Wed., February 11 at 10 a.m. – Briargate Branch

Adult Great Books Club

The Unknown Masterpiece by Honore de Balzac

Thurs., February 12 at 6:45 p.m. – Penrose Library

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Group

M.Y.T.H Inc. in Action by Robert Asprin

Tues., February 17 from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. – Penrose Library

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Local author Robert Spiller will discuss his new book, *Irrational Numbers*.

Wed., February 18 at 2 p.m. – Cheyenne Mountain Branch

Bridges Intergenerational Reading Group

Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Thurs., February 19 at 3 p.m. – Briargate Branch

Monumental Readers

Pope Joan by Donna Cross

Fri., February 20 at 10 a.m. – Monument Branch

Classics Café

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

Wed., February 25 at 7 p.m. – Briargate Branch

Old Colorado City Book Group

American Home Front by Alistair Cooke

Thurs., February 26 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Old Colorado City Branch

PPLD locations:

Briargate Branch, 9475 Briar Village Point
Cheyenne Mountain Branch, 1785 S. 8th St.
East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

Fountain Branch, 230 S. Main St., Fountain
Monument Branch, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Drive, Monument
Old Colorado City Branch, 2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.
Palmer Lake Branch, 66 Lower Glenway, Palmer Lake
Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave.
Rockrimmon Branch, 832 Village Center Drive
Ruth Holley Branch, 685 N. Murray Blvd.
Sand Creek Branch, 1821 S. Academy Blvd.
Ute Pass Branch, 8010 Severy Road, Cascade