

PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Media Advisory

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Library programs for teens and adults in April

All library programs are free unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit ppld.org.

Special Events:

National Library Week 2009: Worlds Connect @ your library®

Join us for National Library Week, April 12-18, and find out how you can connect with the world at your library. Visit your library throughout the week for refreshments, learn more about PPLD's services and programs, and help us by complete important surveys to guide the district's future. National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide.

2009 All Pikes Peak Reads

Cast your ballot for this year's All Pikes Peak Reads book! Go to ppld.org to select your favorite title. (Beginning March 16). Pikes Peak Library District will announce the selection for the 2009 All Pikes Peak Reads project at 8 p.m. Sat., April 4 at the Pikes Peak Center. The books that are on this year's ballot are:

Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam

Have Space Suit will Travel by Robert Heinlein

Community: The Structure of Belonging by Peter Block

The Space Tourist's Handbook by Eric Anderson

"Memories in the Making" Art Exhibit

A preview of the Alzheimer's Association *Memories in the Making*® will be hosted by PPLD in April. The art work is created by people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias as well as professional local artists. The art pieces were selected by a jury of art professionals. The East Library gallery will showcase all 40 of the juried watercolor pieces the entire month of April during library hours. For information visit www.alz.org or call the Alzheimer's Association at (719) 266-8798.

Open house reception: Sun., April 19 from 2 - 4 p.m. – East Library

An Evening with Sharon Waxman

Sharon Waxman will speak at the Fine Arts Center about her newest book, *Loot: The Battle over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World*. For those who are

fascinated by antiquity, who love to frequent museums, and who believe in the value of cultural exchange, *Loot* opens a new window on an enduring conflict. Presented by the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council, Pikes Peak Library District and the FAC.

Thursday, June 4 from 5-8 p.m. – Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center
\$17 for CSWAC and FAC members; \$25 for non-members

Save the date: May 2 - National Free Comic Book Day and Art Career Fair

May 2 is National Free Comic Book Day. PPLD will partner with Bargain Comics to hand out free comic books at the library. Pick up a free book, and explore careers in the arts. A local comic book artist will also join us for a drawing workshop. All events will be held in the East Teen Center.

10:30 a.m. – noon: pick up free comic books, free portrait with caricaturist

Noon - 2 p.m.: Art Career Fair with web designer, architects, landscape architects, civil engineers, art teachers, cartoonist, interior designer and web designer.

2 p.m.: Manga/comic book drawing workshop with local comic book artist Eric Winfield Scott, author of *If You Want to be a Pirate*

Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District Annual Meeting

Join us for the 2009 annual meeting. We'll have refreshments, membership table, and a Mobile Library tour along with the business meeting and volunteer recognition.

Sat., April 18 at 8:30 a.m. – East Library, Community Meeting Room

Monthly Library programs:

Genealogy on the Internet

Review free websites and library databases that may help with your genealogy research.

Thurs., April 2 at 7 p.m. – Fountain Branch

Teen Advisory Groups

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

Thurs., April 2 and 16 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. – Penrose Library (Penrose Super Squad for Teens)

Thurs., April 9 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. – East Library (North Youth Advisory Council)

If Your Walls Could Talk

Research the history of your house using Library resources. Registration is required; call 531-6333, x2253.

Thurs., April 9 from 2 - 4 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., April 6 and 20 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., April 7 and 14 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Tues., April 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Level 2

Students will continue to develop vocabulary and verb conjugation.

Mon., April 6, 13, and 20 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Wed., April 1 and 8 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Level 3

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

Thurs., April 2, 9, and 16 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Open Wii gaming

Play virtual bowling and other games with the Wii system. For all ages. Free refreshments provided. No registration required.

Thurs., April 9 and 23 at 7 p.m. – Briargate Branch

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., April 9 and 23 at 6 p.m. – East Library

National Poetry Month: Create Your Own “Found Poetry” and Altered Book

Make a poem using words and phrases selected from the text in a book.

Supplies will be provided. (For patrons 18 and older) Registration is required.

Thurs., April 9 from 1:30-3 p.m. – Briargate Branch

Genealogy at the Old Colorado City Branch

Want to learn more about using the digital photos you have on your home computer? Learn to download photos from your digital camera to your computer, and add them to other documents. You'll also learn to print images you find on the Internet. This class will cover some of the basics for those who love genealogy but need to improve their computer skills. Registration is required; call 634-1698 to register.

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

Page #1 Teen Fiction Writers' Group

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

Fri., April 10 and 24 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., April 10 and 24 from 10 a.m. - noon – Briargate Branch

Otaku

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

Sat., April 11 from 1 - 3 p.m. – Penrose Library

National Poetry Month Performance Workshop with OC3 and DragonsWing!

In this special workshop for teens, DragonsWing will help you write, express, and revel in the way of the word. DragonsWing is a consortium specializing in training and teaching the art and craft of poetry. Specializing in performance, and drawing on the experience of some 20 artists, we are working toward non-profit status and broadening our audience base.

Sat., April 11 and 25 from 2 - 4 p.m. – Old Colorado City Branch Community Room

Ruth Holley Craft Group

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

Mon., April 13 and 27 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Ruth Holley 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., April 14 and 28 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. – East Library

Preparing for Job Success

The Women's Resource Agency will discuss resume and interview techniques. No registration required.

Tues., April 14 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Fountain Branch

Books and Chocolate

Join this discussion group for all teens in 6th through 12th grade. This month's suggested book is *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin. Call 531-6333, x1317 for information.

Thurs., April 16 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., April 17 from 4 - 5 p.m. – East Library

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Enjoy music while you read! Musicians from the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs will present an informal concert of delightful music. Come pull up a chair and listen, or enjoy the music as you browse and read at the library.
Sat., April 18 from 11 -11:30 a.m. – Penrose Library

Sea Anemone Light

In this craft project for teens in grades 6-12, make ultra cool hanging lights. Bring two green, two-liter soda bottles. The library will provide the rest of the materials. Space is limited and registration is required. Register online or by calling 260-6882.

Sat., April 18 from 2 - 4 p.m. – Briargate Branch

Mother/Daughter Creations

Make your own wire candle hangers. For ages 8 and older. Materials will be provided; registration is required. Register as a pair online at ppld.org or call 593-8000.

Tues., April 21 at 4 p.m. – Rockrimmon 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; call 531-6333, x2335.

Wed., April 22 at 8 a.m. – Penrose Library

Literati and Beyond

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

Wed., April 22 at 7 p.m. – Monument Branch

Celebrating Shakespeare's Sonnets

On Shakespeare's birthday, join us at the Old Colorado City Branch to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of Shakespeare's poems. The evening will begin with a brief presentation about the publication and history of the sonnets and the possible identities of the Fair Youth, Dark Lade, and Rival Poet that are subjects of the 150 sonnets. Then attendees will be able to share their favorite sonnet with others. Light refreshments will be served. Call the branch for more information.

Thurs., April 23 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. – Old Colorado City Branch

Genealogy Level 1

Basic workshop covers genealogy standards, terminology and forms; workbooks and filing systems; vital records and census records.

Sat., April 25 at 9 a.m. – East Library

LiveWell class

Join LiveWell Fountain in a series of classes designed to help you understand sustainable living concepts. This month's topic is water harvesting. Classes are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Cost of class is \$10. Register through LiveWell at 382-7837.

Tues., April 28 at 6 p.m. – Fountain Branch

Teens Gaming Afternoon

Drop by after school and check out a library laptop for online gaming, or enjoy a board game with a friend. Open to all teens; no registration is required.

Wed., April 29 from 3 - 5 p.m. – Penrose Library

Sit and Stitch

Come visit with other crafters while working on your favorite needle craft. 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., April 29 from 4 - 5 p.m. – Rockrimmon Branch

How a Second Grader Beats Wall Street

Come learn Allan Roth's golden rules for successful financial goals. His recently published book, *How a Second Grader Beats Wall Street*, outlines how investors can use information learned by the second grade to simplify their financial lives and get far greater return. Roth is the founder of Wealth Logic, LLD, a financial planning and investing advisory firm.

Wed., April 29 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. – East Library

Social Media for Nonprofits

Twitter, facebook, blogs, flickr – what are they and how do they apply to nonprofits? Learn about social media (Web 2.0) tools and how they can help nonprofit organizations in the area of communications, advocacy, fundraising and more. Registration is required; call 531-6333, x2335.

Thurs., April 30 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!

Join this informal conversation circles for adults who want to improve their skill and comfort speaking English. No registration is required.

Mondays at 1 p.m. – Penrose Library

Mondays at 7 p.m. – Cheyenne Mountain Branch, Monument Branch

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – East Library

Thursdays at 9 a.m. – East Library

Thursdays at 7 p.m. – Ruth Holley Branch

LEARN English! class

This class is for adults with little or no knowledge of English. Classes and registration begins on Tuesday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Sand Creek Branch. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through December 17 at Sand Creek Branch. For more information, call 491-6281.

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.

Parent/Child Book Discussion Group

Open to children in third through sixth grade with a parent. Enjoy crafts, activities, and games that complement the monthly book. Call the Rockrimmon Branch at 593-8000 for schedules and more information.

Cheyenne Mountain Fiction Book Club

The Alchemist by Paul Coelho

Thurs., April 2 at 2 p.m. – Cheyenne Mountain Branch

Palmer Lake Book Group

Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian

Fri., April 3 at 9 a.m. – Palmer Lake Branch

Rockrimmon Mostly Fiction Book Club

Red Tent, by Anita Diamant

Tues., April 7 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Briargate Book Club

Rocket Boys by Homer H. Hickam, Jr

Wed., April 8 at 10 a.m. – Briargate Branch

Adult Great Books Club

The Man Who Would Be King by Rudyard Kipling

Thurs., April 9 at 6:45 p.m. – Penrose Library

Fountain Book Club

Jane Austen Book Club by Karen Fowler

Thurs., April 9 at 11 a.m. – Fountain Branch

Page Turners Book Club

Eat Pray Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

Tues., April 14 at 7 p.m. – Briargate Branch

World Traveler Book Club

Call 531-6333, x1307 for this month's title.

Wed., April 15 at 3:30 p.m. – East Library

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Discuss any forensic mystery

Wed., April 15 at 2 p.m. – Cheyenne Mountain Branch

Bridges Intergenerational Reading Group

Into The Wild, by Jon Krakauer

Thurs., April 16 at 3 p.m. – Briargate Branch

Monumental Readers

Broken for You by Stephanie Kallos

Fri., April 17 at 10 a.m. – Monument Branch

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Group

The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud

Tues., April 21 from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. – Penrose Library

Old Colorado City Book Group

I See You Everywhere by Julia Glass

Thurs., April 23 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Old Colorado City Branch

Sand Creek Branch Hard Core Book Club

Read any fiction or nonfiction book about Colorado.
Thurs., April 30 from 10:30 a.m. - noon – Sand Creek 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