



News and programs from the Poudre River Public Library District issue 1 volume 1

DID YOU KNOW?



Book Bags For Sale

As a convenience to our customers, the Library District now has book bags for sale at each library. These reusable bags are made from recycled material and are 100% recyclable. They have an insert in the bottom so that you can carry to and from the library all those wonderful heavy books! The bags cost \$2.50 (tax included).

CONNECTIONS

by Holly Carroll, Executive Director

The library staff and I are pleased to begin the New Year by launching this community newsletter that highlights timely information about Library District services and resources. The newsletter also includes a handy list of the many events and programs offered each month. In an effort to adopt environmentally sound practices, the Library District will compile information here and electronically deliver it to interested residents. A limited number of copies will be printed for pick up at the libraries. The District will no longer be printing and distributing flyers announcing individual programs. Look for this newsletter every month online or in the library as your information source for Library District news and programs.

Council Tree Library Goes Platinum!

The new Council Tree Library has gained the LEED® Platinum Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. Council Tree Library is the first LEED commercial interior library in the U.S. to receive platinum status and the second library in the nation to achieve a platinum rating.



The Library District and the City of Fort Collins worked together to build a new library with a very high standard of environmental responsibility. The City's commitment to achieving a minimum of LEED Gold on the project, and Bayer Properties' impressive achievement of LEED Silver for the building as a whole, allowed us to go the final distance to achieving Platinum status.

Council Tree Library achieved LEED Platinum certification for excellence in energy, lighting, water and material efficiency as well as incorporating a

More news on back page...

KIDS



NEW Toybox Theatre: A Puppet Show Especially for Babies

Whenever parents tell us what they and their babies enjoy most about the libraries, puppetry, play, and music are always high on the list. These elements are combined in Toybox Theatre.

Kid Tidbits

- You asked for crafting! The Sleepyhead Storytimes (Tuesday and Thursday evenings, see the Children's calendar) will now feature a short and simple craft following the program.
- Critters come to Council Tree! Welcome LAPP to Animal Afternoons on the 2nd Sunday of each month (see Children's calendar for details).

Babies and their families will enjoy the very short puppet plays, special toys, and the variety of music, some of which was composed just for this show. Two of our talented teenage volunteers will be performing with staff to provide 30 minutes of just-right-for-babies fun.

Because of the need for extra play space and to ensure that the libraries do not run short of toys, free tickets will be given out starting 30 minutes prior to each show. For babies from birth through 24 months and their families.

**January 11 at 10:15 and 11:15,
Harmony Library**

**January 12 at 10:15 and 11:15,
Main Library**

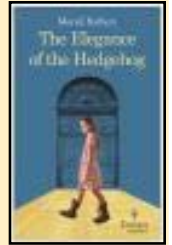
**January 13 at 10:15, 11:15, and
6:30, Council Tree**

Library Book Club:

Public is invited to attend!
Adults may join at anytime.
Call Sarah at 221-6380 for more information.

January:

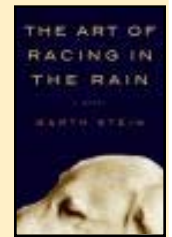
*The Elegance of the
Hedgehog*
by Murial Barbery



Main Library,
Jan 11, 7:00 pm
Council Tree Library,
Jan 18, 7:00 pm

February:

*The Art of Racing in the
Rain*
by Garth Stein



Main Library,
Feb 22, 7:00 pm
Council Tree Library,
March 8, 7:00 pm

"Join the library
staff as we escape
to the tropics!"



Tropic Time @ Your Library

Don't pack away your Hawaiian shirts, shades, and other fun-in-the-sun wear because the Poudre River Public Library District is holding a celebration to chase away the January winter blues!

It will kick off with a come-and-go, all ages celebration at Main Library on **Sunday, January 24** from 1-5 pm. There will be live music provided by the Island Time Band with light refreshments, quick and easy crafts, and games for all.

If the tropics are too far away, let Scott Allen and The Island Time Band bring that island magic to you. With Scott's fun and inspiring original music, upbeat humor, soulful voice and guitar, Scott and the talented Island Time players will perform songs of Hawaii and the Caribbean, Jimmy Buffett and beyond. Step in de conga line, limbo, and dance the afternoon away. Dey O!

ADULTS

The Last of the Best - The Last Animal Unit in the Military

Historically the animal units were used in major military campaigns.

The primary purpose of the Mule Pack Artillery Battery was to transport the 75 mm pack Howitzer into battle in support of the infantry. It consisted of several hundred mules. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the last years of the Mule Pack Artillery and 35th Quartermaster Pack Company. The program will be presented by Robert E. Keiss, the last unit commander of an animal unit in the U.S. Army.

January 6, 7 pm, Main Library



The History of Bent's Fort

William and Charles Bent built the original fort in 1833 to trade with trappers and Native Americans. For much of its history, the adobe fort was the only major permanent white settlement on the Santa Fe Trail between Missouri and the Mexican settlements around Santa Fe, New Mexico. The fully reconstructed fort is near present day La Junta, Colorado. Step back in time and enjoy a slide show program on the history of Bent's Fort. Bob Sakata, author of *Bent's Fort: Crossroads of Cultures on the Santa Fe Trail* will present the program. Bob will also provide a live mini-concert of songs actually played at the historic trade center. **January 25, 7 pm Main Library**



TEENS

Check out the Teen Lounge website at www.PoudreLibraries.org. This bodacious website provides tons of ways to find everything a teen wants to read, hear and view! If you are in 7th grade to 12th grade, you can join the Interesting Readers Society (IRS) which meets monthly to discuss some awesome books you read throughout the month. Also, there is a YA Galley Form where IRS members can post comments about books they have read. The comments will be sent to the book's publisher! Here's a list of all the great things you can do at the Lounge:

- Search – look for any book you want! Sweet!
- Happenings – the IRS place to chill and get informed
- Hot Reads! – what's new and awesome for a teen reader
- Blog Connection – post what's on your mind, read others' comments
- Homework Help – quick and easy advice
- Teen Tube! – check out the videos
- Winners! – the newest teen book awards
- Booklist for Teens – super duper ideas for books you want to read
- Online Magazines – games, gossip, and celebrity tidbits!
- Cool Links – things to do, movies to see, books to read

JANUARY EVENT CALENDAR
www.poudrelibraries.org

variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, patrons and the larger community.

Council Tree was awarded 43 points, one over the minimum required for Platinum. The project achieved 7 points in Sustainable Sites, 2 in Water Efficiency, 10 in Energy & Atmosphere, 6 in Materials & Resources, 13 in Indoor Environmental Quality, and 5 for Innovation & Design. A sample of the green design and construction features include:

- 26% Lighting energy savings
- 55% Water Savings
- 92% Construction Waste Recycled
- 85% Certified Sustainable Wood Products
- 21% Overall Recycled Content in Materials
- 97% Energy Star Equipment
- The Library is located in a LEED Silver Certified Core and Shell building in Front Range Village.
- Natural light is used throughout the Library, adding to human comfort and reducing electric lighting costs
- Indoor air quality is protected with high rates of outside air ventilation, high efficiency air filters, low-emitting interior finishes and a comprehensive green cleaning plan that won an innovation credit.
- Furniture, shelving and custom casework are made of recycled content materials, often up to 100% post consumer.
- The green features were integrated into a design that is colorful, full of natural light and views to the outside and responsive to the needs of Library patrons.



Three New Book Returns

As a service to residents of the Library District that live or travel outside Fort Collins city limits, the Poudre River Public Library District has installed three new book returns. The locations include the south parking lot of the Poudre Valley REA (7649 REA Parkway, off of Hwy. 392 and Fairgrounds Ave.), the west corner of the parking lot at the Chapel of the Annunciation (290 E. CR 56. on Hwy. 1) and the town square of Timanth, north of the Post Office (4100 Main Street). These sites were selected based on traffic patterns, distance from existing libraries, population density and drive-up options. Remote book drops continue to provide a convenient way to return items and the library is confident that the additional sites will be appreciated by the public. Look for the square silver boxes with the Library District's logo. Locations of the other five returns can be found on our website.



Survey Says

Many library patrons and remote users have taken time to complete short surveys to help library staff obtain information on customer satisfaction with our services and programs. These questionnaires were conducted in person and online. This data will help the library improve our operations and develop programs and collections that are meaningful to our public. Thank you for participating in this effort.

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