



NEWS & PROGRAMS

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CONNECTIONS

by Holly Carroll, Executive Director

Pardon our dust! Our construction projects are still in progress.

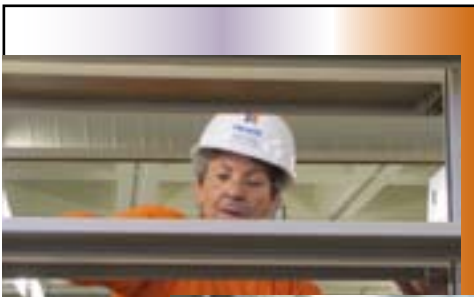
If you haven't visited our libraries in the past month, you will notice that two of our libraries, Harmony and Main Libraries look quite different as they continue to undergo updates. Poudre River Public Library District is in the midst of two separate construction projects. The Main Library expansion and remodel started December 1, 2011 and will continue through June 2012. The Harmony Library remodel also began in December 2011 and will continue through February 2012. Construction crews have been working at all hours of the day and night so that the two libraries can remain open for the remainder of the construction schedules.

Main Library was closed for six weeks beginning December 1, 2011 to allow for the completion of major interior improvements that would most disrupt service. You will notice upon entering the library a new front entrance and new floor covering. All public restrooms have been modernized to include new tile and fixtures. An expanded public computer area is in place. Patrons will also see temporary walls, unfinished interior areas as well as hear and see construction outside of the library. Some of the new furniture has arrived but much of the old, familiar furniture will still be in use for several months. Improvements to follow in the next two months include a new home for the children's collection in the northwest section of the library's first floor. The adult fiction collection will be moved to the first floor in the southeast corner of the building.

Harmony Library is also transforming to accommodate increased student traffic while maintaining a more open and welcoming atmosphere. Gone are the large circular service desks to make room for smaller service desks, express-check units and display furniture. New floor covering that also serves as wayfinding is being installed throughout and the public restrooms are being updated. Additional seating for students will be achieved by installing laptop bars with stools along some of the interior walls.

The best news of all is that all materials are available for borrowing and in-library use throughout the remainder of the construction period. To accommodate any inconvenience in the use of these two facilities during their make-overs, all materials not requested by other library users may be renewed up to 4 times for a total of 15 weeks.

Let us know what you think of all the changes. The staff has planned very carefully to continue to provide excellent customer service during the construction projects.



KIDS

STORY THEATRE



Sense and Cents Abilities

The Theatre Pals present "Sense and Cents Abilities," two hilarious stories from children's literature. For ages 5 and older.

Tuesday, February 21-6:30 PM, Harmony Library

Wednesday, February 22-6:30 PM, Council Tree Library

Thursday, February 23-6:30 PM, Council Tree Library



ADULTS

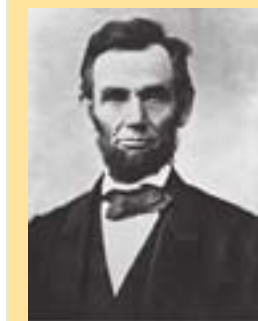
Stories, Songs and More with Storyteller Lois Burrell

Experience stories and songs from the African and African-American cultures with storyteller Lois Burrell. You will hear African folk tales, old Negro folk tales, slave stories, and poems. This free program is open to all ages.

Sat., Feb. 4, 2:00 PM, Council Tree Library



BLACK HISTORY Month 2012



Lincoln's Legacy of Equality & Liberty

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, Judge Dave Williams will use Lincoln's own words and the words of those who knew him to explain how Lincoln's commitment to the principles of equality and liberty transformed our nation.

Wed., Feb. 15, 7:00 PM, Council Tree Library



African Drum Gathering Workshop and Performance

The Black Hand Drum Ensemble will lead a workshop that gives the audience hands-on experience with African drums and percussion. Participants will learn about the spirit of the drums, how to play the language of the drum, and the role of the drum in the struggle against slavery. They will learn African dance choreography and how to feel the rhythm. Following the workshop, the Black Hand Drum Ensemble will share a performance.

Sat., Feb. 18, 1:00-3:00 PM, Council Tree Library



Film: The Color Purple

During Black History Month, please come for a free showing of the award-winning film *The Color Purple* on the library's big screen. Based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

Sun., Feb. 26, 1:00 PM, Council Tree Library

Who Are The Tuskegee Airmen?

The Tuskegee Airmen overcame segregation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of WWII. The Airmen's achievements, together with those who supported them, paved the way for full integration of the U.S. military. Among the brave men who served in the pursuit squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1941 was Lt. Col. John W. Mosley Jr. To learn about Mosley's adventures, heroism and important place in history, come hear his son Captain William "Eric" Mosley, a commercial pilot, retell the stories of his father and the other Airmen.

Tue., Feb. 28, 7:00 PM, Harmony Library



TEENS

Teens Create: Cool Valentine Crafts @ Your Library

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to sign up for this free Valentine's Day program. You will learn to make a variety of creative cards and envelopes for that special someone in your life. You will also learn the process for making truffles so that you make the day even more delectable. You can sign up for free; the program is limited to 40 teens. Drop by the Information Desk at any of the libraries to sign up or call 221-6740 to sign up.

Saturday, February 4, 1:30 PM, Harmony Library



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Here you will find U.S. news from local, regional, and national sources with full-text articles from over 1700 U.S. newspapers. Included are printed and online newspapers, blogs, journals, newswires, broadcast transcripts and videos. You can explore a specific issue or event through the detailed coverage provided by local reporting or compare a wide variety of viewpoints from across the country on topics such as politics, business, health, sports, cultural activities and people.

Most metropolitan papers are included and every state in the Union is represented. Searching is easy and straightforward and some of the articles date as far back as 1977. A nice feature is the ability to save articles to a list and then you can email them all at once to yourself to read later or to share with someone else. The recipient receives a single email with all the articles included.

From that same link on our eResources page you will also find America's Obituaries and Death Notices. This is a large and comprehensive collection that allows searching by name, date range, or text such as institutional name, social affiliation(s), geographic location(s), philanthropic activities, etc.

To take a trip "back home" with your Poudre River Public Library card, go to our 'eResources' webpage, click on the dropdown box then click on America's Newspapers/Newsbank.



Book Donations for Poudre River Friends of the Library will be taken at the Poudre Libraries Webster House Administration Center, 301 E. Olive during construction at Main Library. Please leave materials next to the building on the west side of the garage, look for signs.



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