

The month ended with cooler conditions as temperatures were at or below normal for most of the days from the 21st through the 30th. This happened as the strong ridge of high pressure in the Four Corners region finally broke down and allowed more of a northwesterly flow to take over. This allowed cooler air to filter in from the north/northwest, but this flow generally resulted in downsloping winds for us. The meant mainly dry and cool conditions but resulted in lots of snow falling in the mountains. Temperatures were warmest toward end the month on the 21st, 25th, and 26th, when we managed to

reach into the 50s, and coldest over the last three days of the month, when we failed to reach above freezing on the 29th and 30th.

November 2016 Weather Statistics

Average High	52.5° (+3.9°)
100-year return frequency value max	55.5° min 38.5°
Average Low	24.4° (+4.1°)
100-year return frequency value max	27.5° min 14.1°
Monthly Precipitation	.58" (-0.11")
100-year return frequency value max	3.80" min 0.16"

Monthly Snowfall	5.1" (-5.7")
Highest Temperature	68° on the 15th and 16th
Lowest Temperature	5° on the 18th, 30th
Season to Date Snow	6.2" (+11.6") (the snow season is from July 1 to June 30)
Season to Date Precip.	6.23" (-0.28") (the precip season is from July 1 to June 30)
Heating Degree Days	796 (+70)
Cooling Degree Days	0 (0)
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Snapshots of Our Community

Support local artists



Above: Artist markets and pop up shops abound for the season, continuing through the end of the year. Here, Andrew Johnson shares information on his wares at the Palmer Lake Art Group annual Holiday Sale in early October, with proceeds helping artists and local high school seniors each year. Many local artists and shops have innovative gifts and original art and greeting cards for sale all December via holiday markets, pop up shops, bazaars and more, and can be found on Nextdoor.com, Facebook, and corner pop up signs around town. *Photo by Evelina Stoyanova, caption by Janet Sellers.*

Paws to Read, Nov. 2



Above: Doophus, a 3-year-old Newfoundland, was the center of attention at the Paws to Read visit at the Monument Library on Nov. 2. Volunteer Jean Nichols said children can practice reading with a Paws to Read dog every Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Monument Branch of the Pikes Peak Library District, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Drive. No registration is required. Call 488-2370 with questions or see www.ppld.org. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield. Also see our monthly library events column on page 27.*

AfterMath, Nov. 14



Above: Alex Tice, left, and AfterMath volunteer coordinator Marie R. Yelle worked together on finding the slope of a line at the Monument Branch of the Pikes Peak library on Nov. 14. Across the room, Kirsten Cooley studied for her Navy officer's test with AfterMath volunteer Jon Epperson, who has taught university-level math for 40 years. AfterMath's free drop-in math assistance program for all ages and levels happens in Monument each Monday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The experienced volunteers, some of whom are retired military members or retired teachers, can help you improve your grades and take the stress out of math. To find out more about tutoring for students (no appointment is necessary), or how to volunteer, call 488-2370 or see www.ppld.org. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield. Also see our monthly library events column on page 27.*

Novel Writing Class, Nov. 5



Above: These writers participated in the Award-Winning Novel Beginnings class at the Monument Library on Nov. 5. Author Annie Dawid helped students analyze the components of a compelling novelistic start as they began to write their own. Back row: Kim Gerstenschlager, left, and Kathy Kemp. Front row: Beth Balser, left, and Dawid. For a list of events, see Local Library Events in Our Community Calendar on page 29, or call the Monument Branch Library at 488-2370 or see www.ppld.org. *Photo by Tommy Olson. Also see our monthly library events column on page 27.*

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