

around the world. Whether you're walking in the country or city, along a coastline, or by night, this is the ultimate resource on what the land, sun, moon, stars, plants, animals, and clouds can reveal.

***An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us***

By Ed Young (Random House) \$30

The Earth teems with sights and textures, sounds and vibrations, smells and tastes, electric and magnetic fields. But every animal, including humans, is enclosed within its own unique sensory bubble, perceiving but a tiny sliver of our immense world. Ed Young coaxes us beyond our own senses, bringing the joy of discovery to encounter fish that fill rivers with electrical messages, what bees see in flowers, what songbirds hear in their tunes, what dogs smell on the street, and so much more. He tells of pivotal discoveries as well as the many mysteries that remain unsolved.

***The Hawk's Way: Encounters with Fierce Beauty***

By Sy Montgomery (Atria Books) \$20

When falconer Nancy Cowan allowed Sy Montgomery to work with her magnificent birds of prey, it was the start of a deep love affair for Montgomery with hawks. Montgomery spent time getting to know their extraordinary abilities and instincts. Hawks are deeply emotional animals, quick to show anger and frustration, and can hold a grudge for years. But they are also loyal and intensely aware of their surroundings. This mesmerizing account features 16 pages of color photographs.

***The Secret Network of Nature: Trees, Animals, and the Extraordinary Balance of All Living Things***

By Peter Wohlleben (Greystone Books) \$17.95

Master storyteller and forester Peter Wohlleben introduces us to the latest scientific discoveries and recounts his insights from decades of observing nature, showing us how to recapture our sense of awe and see the world around us with new eyes. Wohlleben describes the interplay between animals and plants and answers such questions as: How do they influence each other? Do lifeforms communicate across species? And what happens when this finely tuned system gets out of sync?

***Slow Birding: The Art and Science of Enjoying the Birds in Your Own Backyard***

By Joan E. Strassmann (Tarcherperigee) \$27

Evolutionary biologist Joan E. Strassmann introduces readers to the joys of birding. This guide features detailed portraits of bird species and the scientists who have discovered and observed them; what to look for when slow birding, so that you can uncover clues to the reasons behind specific bird behaviors; bird-focused activities to open your eyes to the fascinating world of birds and how their behaviors change from day to day and season to season.

Until next month, happy reading.

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**February Library Events**

**Winter Adult Reading Program is underway**

By Harriet Halbig

The 2023 Winter Adult Reading Program will run from Feb. 1 to March 31. Patrons who register and log 30 days of activities will receive a Rocky Mountain Chocolate bar and a program mug.

Each day you read for 30 minutes or more, do activities such as join a book club, read a new author or genre, write a review, or attend one of a list of library programs—log that day on the game card you can pick up at the library.

Those who complete 30 days of activities or reading are also entered in a drawing for the grand prize. Three Samsung tablets with covers will be awarded. Or pick up the latest edition of *District Discovery* magazine for all the details.

To register for the program, stop by the library or go to our web site, [ppld.org](http://ppld.org).

Do you love the library? In celebration of National Library Lovers Month, the library is encouraging patrons to submit a letter telling us what you love about the library. Submit entry forms at the library and be entered for some great prizes including tickets for four to the Olympic and Paralympic Museum or dinner for two at a restaurant at the Broadmoor. One entry per person, please.

The library will be open on Presidents Day, Feb. 20.

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**Palmer Lake Historical Society, Jan. 19**

**Historical Society holds annual meeting**

By Marlene Brown

The Palmer Lake Historical Society (PLHS) held its annual Potluck and Membership Meeting at the Palmer Lake Town Hall on Jan. 19. It was the first Potluck and Membership Meeting since the pandemic began in 2021. The mission statement of PLHS is to preserve, protect, promote, and provide access to historical data, artifacts, and other items of significance relating to the Palmer Divide area. The area includes Palmer Lake, Monument, School District 38, the United States Air Force Academy and east to Table Rock.

PLHS supports and maintains the Lucretia Vaile Museum, 66 Lower Glenway St., through its programs throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help at the museum and other events. Contact Roger Davis, museum director and curator, at [palmerdividehistory.org/volunteer-opportunities/](http://palmerdividehistory.org/volunteer-opportunities/).

Monthly events include the Father's Day Ice Cream Social in June, Chautauqua in August, the Palmer Lake Chili Supper and Star Lighting in November, and the Palmer Lake Yule Log Hunt and Ceremony in December.

After nominations and the membership voted, Diane Kokes joined the board as the new vice president. Jim Sawatzki surprisingly resigned as president earlier in the day, so the position is now open.

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The meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30, at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. For more information, go to [palmerdividehistory.org](http://palmerdividehistory.org).

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**Above:** The Palmer Lake Historical Society resumes the Annual Potluck and Membership Meeting for the first time since 2021. *Photo by Diane Kokes.* **Below:** The PLHS board was reinstated at the annual meeting. Diane Kokes, the new vice president, is on the far left. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*



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