

## August and September library events

# All Pikes Peak Reads addresses emergency preparedness

By Harriet Halbig

Many thanks to all who joined us for treats and band music at our Ice Cream Social in early August. Special thanks to the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library for their sponsorship of this delightful event.

The 11th annual All Pikes Peak Reads program will kick off on Sept. 15. The theme of this year's program is "survival against all odds." Primary titles are *The Year of the Flood* by Margaret Atwood, *The Unthinkable* by Amanda Ripley, and teen title *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer.

We are very excited about this program and have planned some programs exclusively for the Monument Library.

On Sept. 21, from 10 to noon, the Monumental Readers will discuss *The Unthinkable* at the monthly meeting. At noon that day we will serve a light lunch and show the PBS film *Surviving Disaster* with Ripley. Patrons wishing to join us for lunch and the film are encouraged to register at the library.

On Saturday, Sept. 22, from 2 until 4, we will host emergency planner Kathy Russell from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office speaking on "Are You Ready for the Unthinkable?" Kathy will address emergency preparedness on the household level as well as the community level and will provide information to take home to help you make your own emergency plan.

Teen programs related to All Pikes Peak Reads will be offered in October.

## Adult programs

The AARP Mature Safe Driving Program will be offered on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. This is a refresher

course designed for motorists age 50 and older. Graduates may present their completion certificate to their insurance agents for a discount. Charge for the four-hour course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Space is limited and registration is required.

Another adult event during September will be *Travlin': Woody Guthrie's Life and Songs*. While most people remember Woody Guthrie's *This Land Is Your Land*, Daniel Blegen presents much more about Guthrie's life and times. Using Guthrie's own words and songs, Daniel reminds us of the rich history found in the folksongs about the Dust Bowl, the natural wonders of the West, labor unions, patriotism, and the "average Joes" who built a great country. The program will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2 to 3 p.m.

## Teen programs

The Crafty Teens program for September will be "Monsters and Aliens—the Seequel" on Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 3 until 4:30. Join us to make wacky soft creatures and enjoy a snack. Please call the library to register for this fun time.

The teen book club Book-Eaters will discuss *City of Masks* by Mary Hoffman on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 4



Above: Linda Fuqua-Jones of the Palmer Lake Library, Libby Theune of the Monument Library, and Gus Freyer of Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library serve a selection of ice cream to patrons at the annual Ice Cream Social on Aug. 4. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

to 5:30. This group for grades 7 and up enjoys snacks and a lively discussion. There is also a chance to win a book.

## Children's programs

September's Family Fun program on Sept. 8 at 1:30 will be "Raptor Survival." Real hawks, owls, and vultures (all raptors) encounter many obstacles in their quest to live in the wild. Meet some of these magnificent survivors, hear their stories, and make a small raptor puppet to take home. Presented by the Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo.

The Lego Club will meet on Saturday the 18th from 10:30 until noon. This club is open to all ages. You bring the creativity and we will supply the Legos. Remember to bring your camera to photograph your creation, because all Legos remain the property of the Pikes Peak Library District.

Join us for Fabulous Friday Fun on Friday, Sept. 21, from 4:15 until 5:15. We explore the Dewey Decimal System through fun activities and games. We always have snacks and rewards for finding answers. Every participant earns a free book! Suggested for upper elementary and middle school students.

On the walls of the library during September is *Rocky Mountain Splendor*, oil paintings by Nancy Batten. The Daughters of the American Revolution will provide items of historical interest in the display case.

## Palmer Lake Library events

New readers are invited to improve their fluency by reading to a Paws to Read dog. Misty, the Sheltie, will be in the library on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 4:30 to 5:30. Read to Misty and select a prize.

Read with Kirby, our golden retriever friend, on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 11 until noon.

The Family Fun program on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 is Raptor Survival. Real hawks, owls and vultures (all are raptors) encounter many obstacles in their quest to survive in the wild. Meet some of these magnificent birds and hear their stories. Make a small raptor puppet to take home. Presented by Nature's Educators of Aurora.

The Palmer Lake Library Knitting Group meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome. Bring your project and enjoy the company of other knitters. The group includes experienced knitters who are happy to assist you. Call 481-2587 for more information.

The Palmer Lake Book Group will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 5. New members are welcome and no registration is required at this monthly book club. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

Photographs by Claudia Godec will be displayed on the walls during September.

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