

December and January library events



Above: Rita Carswell of Monument Creative Arts Program poses with her students Robert Hamer, Jared Rhymer, Hayden Griffin, April Hamer, Cathy Douglas, Harrison Hamer and Beza Douglas with the mural they created for the Monument Library. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

By Harriet Halbig

The library's Cookies and Claus and Holiday Harps programs were well attended and brought family cheer as the year came to a close.

We thank all of our patrons for their good wishes and for bringing some of their out-of-town guests to introduce them to the library.

A special new addition to the library is the large mural above the study room windows. Created by the Monument Creative Arts Program, the mural commemorates the library and Tri-Lakes Cares, with artwork of ducks and pond, Paws to Read, and the Empty Bowl Dinner.

For those who attend the children's story time on Tuesdays, please note that the times for the program are now 10:30 and 11:15.

Family programs in January

The Family Fun program for January is Meet the Star Wars Storm Troopers from the 501st Legion. Come meet this dedicated group and learn how their light wands and other Star Wars weapons work. You will make a Star Wars craft to take home. Bring your camera for a great photo op! The program will be on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The Lego Club will meet on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10 to 11:30. Legos enthusiasts of all ages are welcome to bring their cameras and creativity for this monthly session. Please do not bring your own Legos. All pieces used to make projects remain the property of the library.

The AfterMath free math tutoring program returns on Mondays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. This program is open to all ages to sit down with our volunteer tutors to smooth out trouble spots. No appointment is necessary.

Adult programs

The Adult Reading Program for 2013 will kick off on Monday, Jan. 14. Adults are rewarded with prizes and goodies when they participate in the eight-week Pikes Peak Library District Adult Reading Program. This year's theme is Winter Wonderland. Come in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 14th to register, receive your reading log, and enjoy a customized winter drink from the Hot Chocolate Bar!

All patrons are welcome to attend the Monumental Readers monthly book club. This month's selection is *Unbroken, a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand. The club meets on Friday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Ever wonder what to do from a tax perspective for

your working teenager? Is your working income offset from by having a preschooler in daycare? Find out from master tax advisor Deborah Mullica. She will offer a presentation on these and other tax issues to maximize your return. Question-and-answer session to follow. The program will be on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Teen programs

The Crafty Teens program for January is Make a Scarf/ Give a Scarf. Make a fleece scarf for yourself and one for Tri-Lakes Cares as part of our Teen Advisory Board's winter clothing drive. Enjoy snacks while doing something nice for your community. The program will be on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 3:30 to 5. Register online at the library or call 488-2370.

The Teen Advisory Board is conducting a winter clothing drive for Tri-Lakes Cares until Jan. 16. It is seeking new or gently used coats, scarves, gloves, and hats. Please hang the coats on the rack in the teen area and put the other items in the box above it. Receipts will be available at the front desk.

On the walls during January will be art work from the students of Palmer Ridge High School. In the display case will be a variety of spindles for spinning yarn.

Western Museum of Mining & Industry, Dec. 28

Burros mingle at museum



Above: WMMI staff member Brad Poulson talked about the museum's mascots and explained the history of donkeys in the mining industry to visitors at the museum's Winter Break with the Burros event. *Photo by David Futey.*

By David Futey

On Dec. 28, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry held Winter Break with the Burros. This event was an opportunity for museum visitors to meet the museum's mascots, Nugget and Chism, and learn a little bit about the role donkeys played in mining history. Visitors could also play pioneer children games and "shop" at the prospector store to gain an understanding of costs of food, shelter, and mining equipment in the 1880s.

Information on upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org.

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Palmer Lake Library events

Studies have shown that young readers can increase their fluency by reading to a quiet and patient dog. Come to the library on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 4:30 to 5:30 and on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. to noon to read to one of our Paws to Read dogs, Kirby the golden retriever or Misty the Sheltie.

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of every month. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection. New members are welcome.

January's Family Fun event at the library is the Bestway Super-Hero Trash Recycler. Meet the amazing MRF Man from Bestway Recycling who will teach you all about recycling the 50 tons that Colorado Springs recycles every day! Learn what trash can be reused and recycled from your home. Plus, you can make a great craft from recycled items to take home. The program will be on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10:30 to noon.

New works by Palmer Lake Elementary School artists will be presented by their teacher, Kelly Blake, on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 4 p.m. New works of art will be presented each six weeks. In the main area of the library, enjoy nature photographs by local artist Claudia Godec.

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