



Above: A view of the 2013 annual meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society attendees. Many foods and desserts were brought and enjoyed by those present. *Photo by Bernard Minetti.*

Above: Photographer Michael Holmes, left, and Palmer Lake Society historian and member Jack Anthony flank the official photo taken by Holmes of the Palmer Lake Star from the vantage point of Mount Herman. This photo was a part of the presentation to the board governing admissions to the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. The register board accepted the Star for admission on the following day. *Photo by Bernard Minetti.*

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. The title of the presentation is, "Chief Manitou

and His Contributions to the Pikes Peak Region." Robert Cronk will discuss the life and times of "Chief Manitou," the name acquired by Pedro Cajete, who was a Tewa Indian from the Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico.

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January and February library events

By Harriet Halbig

January was an exciting month at the library, with almost 300 patrons coming to see the Storm Troopers on Jan. 12.

Our generous community donated dozens of coats, scarves, and hand-knit hats to the Teen Advisory Board-sponsored coat drive for Tri-Lakes Cares. Many thanks to all who participated.

Family programs

The Family Fun program for February is *Prince and Princess Day* on Saturday, **Feb. 9**, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Patrons are invited to dress as princes, princesses, knights, dragons, and other creatures of the realm. The day's activity will be Marshmallow Castle Building.

February's Lego Club meeting will be on **Feb. 16** from 10 to 11:30. All ages are welcome. The library will provide the Legos and you bring your creativity. Remember to bring your camera to record your creation because all pieces used to make the projects remain the property of the library district.

The AfterMath free tutoring program continues each Monday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Students of all ages are welcome to sit down with a volunteer tutor. No appointment necessary. Please note that the program will not be offered on Presidents Day, Feb. 18.

Children's programs

Tuesday Storytimes for children ages 3 and up on Tuesdays are now offered at a new time. The sessions begin at 10:30 and 11:15. The program encourages reading skills by engaging children with shapes, sounds, rhythms, and rhymes in a playful environment.

Teen programs

February's Crafty Teens Program on Wednesday, **Feb. 6**, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. is devoted to making valentines. Teens 12 and older are invited to enjoy snacks while they create. Registration is encouraged.

Adult programs

The 2013 Adult Reading Program, *Winter Wonderland*, began on Jan. 14 and will continue until **March 11**. Patrons 18 and older are invited to register to read and win prizes! Conventional books, eBooks, and books on CD all qualify for credit. After completing four books, patrons receive a tote bag, a Rocky Mountain Chocolate bar and a coupon for H&R Block tax services. Upon completing eight books, patrons receive a coffee mug and coupons for Wendy's and Louie's Pizza. There will also be a

grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. Register online at PPLD.org or come to your Monument or Palmer Lake Library.

Monument librarian Diane Sawatzki will read from and sign copies of her first novel, *Once Upon Another Time*, on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. The book is a time travel story set in 1863 in the Pikes Peak region. Copies will be available for purchase, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library.

The Monumental Readers book group will meet on Feb. 15 from 10 to noon to discuss *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

The AARP Mature Safe Driving program will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. The program is a refresher course for motorists 50 and older. Graduates may present their completion certificate to their insurance agents for a discount. Charge for the course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Class size is limited and registration is required.

On the walls in the library will be art by students of Lewis-Palmer High School. In the display case will be blue glassware from the Pikes Peak Depression Glass Club.

Palmer Lake Library events

Young patrons are invited to come to the Palmer Lake Library to read with our Paws to Read dogs. Kirby the golden retriever will be on hand on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 4:30 to 5:30. Sheltie Misty will be at the library on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 10:30 a.m. Read to a friendly dog and choose a prize.

The Family Fun program for February will be Chickens in the Library! Laura Foye will bring her favorite birds for you to pet and will entertain and inform you about these interesting animals. Hear amazing chicken tales and make a gadget that sounds like a chicken.

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. New members are welcome and no registration is required. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

There will be two art exhibits at the library during February. Enjoy nature photographs by local artist Claudia Godec and artwork by Palmer Lake Elementary School students.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District facilities will be closed on Feb. 18 for Presidents Day.

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