

Ice Cave Trail Project, June 8



Above: Ice Cave Creek Volunteer Trail Project participants worked June 8 to restore and improve the Ice Cave Creek Trail above Palmer Lake. The project was led by Tom Mowle, Colorado Mountain Club representative. The workers were all volunteers. The project will continue July 13 and Aug. 10. See www.wildconnections.org/events.html to register. Photo by Emma Gaydos.

13th Annual Concerts in the Park



The Historic Monument Merchants Association (HMMA) sponsors the event series with new co-sponsor Challenger Homes. The event continues the favorite concessions of hot dogs, burgers, cookies, and freshly made gelato. Proceeds from refreshments help support the concerts. These free concerts ran Wednesdays through July 31 (except July 3), 7 to 9 p.m. at Limbach Park in downtown Monument. **Pictured:** June 26, from left, the D-Day band's singer/harmonica player David Day and saxophone player Gabriel with bass guitarist Ryan Colon and drummer Dennis McCarthy, played original jazz tunes to a packed audience on the green. Photo by Dave Futey.

June and July library events

Summer reading is in full swing

By Harriet Halbig

Since June 1, our cheerful teen volunteers have been on hand during all library hours, registering children and teens for summer reading and awarding prizes to celebrate their success. We are proud to have such a responsible group of teens to represent the library.

As of June 27, the teens have registered 1,417 children, 604 teens, and 124 babies into the program in Monument, and 128 children, 64 teens, and 24 babies in Palmer Lake.

There will be many more special programs during July, ending with our spectacular party on the Palmer Lake Village Green on July 30 from 10 to noon.

Children's programs

Each Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. we offer a different program related to the children's summer reading program, "Dig into Reading." These programs include African folk tales, Digging Animals, and a fantasy play about digging for treasure.

Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. feature a read-aloud of stories followed by a craft for ages 5 to 8.

Friday, July 12, from 2 to 3 p.m. is a program on painting with tempera paints. Wear an old shirt because this will get messy! This class is for children age 7 and older.

The Legos club will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20. Legos fans of all ages are welcome to bring their creativity. Please do not bring your own Legos, but bring a camera to capture your creation!

Flyers for all programs are available at the circulation desk.

Teen programs

The teen summer reading program, "Beneath the Surface," presents a visit by the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's Zoomobile on Saturday, July 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please register at the desk or call 488-2370.

Registration is open for the very popular Henna Tattoo Workshop for those in fifth to 12th grades on Aug. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration and a permission slip are required. Register early to ensure a space!

Adult programs

There will be a Henna Tattoo Workshop for adults on Aug. 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Learn about the ancient art of henna, practice the technique, and get your own temporary henna tattoo! Space is limited and registration is required.

The Life Circles group meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. Life Circles is a support group to provide discipline and structure for those writing their memoirs. The group meets at 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the community room.

As part of its Library Outdoors! program, the Monument Library is sponsoring a walking tour of historic Monument. Local historian/filmmaker Jim Sawatzki makes the "days gone by" in Monument come to life with his colorful stories and facts about Monument's early history. Participants will receive a brochure about the sites he discusses on the 1-mile stroll. Register your contact information at the library in case of inclement weather or call 488-2370. The tour will take place on Thursday, July 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.. Meet at Limbach Park (151 Front St.).

The Monumental Readers will discuss *The Thir-*

teenth Tale by Diane Setterfield on Friday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

On the walls of the library in July will be oil paintings by Sharon Tymes. In the display case will be the many hats of Daisy Quackers.

Palmer Lake Library programs

Special summer reading programs will be presented at the Palmer Lake Library on Wednesdays at 10:30. See the library newsletter or flyers for program information.

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of every month. Please call 481-2487 for the current selection.

A new display of photographs, *Risa's Rabbits* by Laurisa, will be on the walls of the library in July.

Special events

Everyone is invited to the Monument and Palmer Lake Library Summer Reading Party **July 30** from 10 to noon! We'll have a gigantic inflatable obstacle course, a Frisbee-playing robot, a live falcon from the Air Force Academy, face painting, a soccer challenge, a bean bag toss and water balloon throw, crafts, a toddler area, cool treats, and more. Don't miss the fun!

The whole family is welcome to attend our Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social in Palmer Lake on Saturday, **Aug. 3**, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. This year there will be live bluegrass music by the Countyline Ramblers and free ice cream from the Rock House. This is an event our seniors love, too. Families are encouraged to bring their elders and step back to a time when an ice cream cone was all you needed for a perfect summer afternoon.

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Gray Matter

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