

# January and February library events



**Above:** Spanish-speaking librarian Sofi reads to children during her new story time in Spanish. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

By Harriet Halbig

Our new Spanish language story time was a success and will continue in February. Please watch for dates and times.

The Monument Library had enrolled over 400 adults in the 10th annual Adult Reading Program as of Jan. 23. Please join us and read books for prizes! The program continues until March 12. Remember that the prizes include a 10th anniversary book bag, a commemorative coffee mug, and Rocky Mountain Chocolate! Grand prize is a Kindle Fire.

### Family programs

February's Family Fun program is Drumming with Bob Hall on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1:30. Join Bob as he traces African-American musical traditions derived from African drumming. Learn about other rhythms from around the world as well. Come prepared to have fun and make some noise!

The Legos club will meet on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 to 11:30. All ages are welcome. We provide the Legos and you bring the creativity. Please don't bring your own Legos but do bring your camera so you can record your creation. All pieces used remain the property of the library district.

This month's homeschool program, Beyond Limits, will provide an exciting afternoon of building Lego Mindstorms robots and programming them to do fun missions! This program is great for beginners, and all kids will get hands-on experience with the robots and computers. More experienced kids may attempt advanced challenges to see how far they can go. Note: This is recommended for ages 8-13, but younger children are welcome to observe. The time of the program is 1 to 2:30.

### Teens and tweens

The crafty teens program on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 3:30 to 5 is Valentines! Come make valentines for those you love or someone you secretly admire. All materials are provided and no reservations are necessary. The program is for ages 12 and up.

AfterMath free math tutoring continues on Mondays from 3:30 to 7. No appointment is necessary and all ages are invited to take advantage of this program.

### Adult programs

The AARP Smart Driver course will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. This is the nation's largest

classroom driver refresher course especially designed for motorists 55 and older. Graduates may present their course completion certificate to their insurance agent for a discount. Charge for the four-hour course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. Preferred payment is in the form of checks made out to AARP, but cash is accepted. Persons of any age are welcome to attend, but the discount applies to those 55 or older only. Court-directed persons (those who need a class to regain a driver's license) are welcome. Instructors are authorized to sign off on related court documents.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 a.m. until noon on Friday, Feb. 21, to discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

There will be a class on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 2 to 3:30 on dealing with dementia in the family. Learn what dementia is, how it is different from Alzheimer's, and how to adapt to an ever-changing home situation. Camilla Wetzell, *The Geriatric Navigator*, has experience steering families through this difficult time.

On the walls of the library will be artwork by Lewis-Palmer High School students. In the display case will be Depression glass from the collection of Roberta Hankins.

On March 1 at 2 p.m. there will be a special program on *Underwater Beauty in the Indian Ocean*, presented by nationally known underwater videographer Dr. Patrick Shahan. Dr. Shahan will narrate his video of flora and fauna in the waters surrounding the Maldives Islands and will bring along his diving gear and cameras and describe their use. Attendance is free, and punch, coffee, and goodies will be served following the program.

### Palmer Lake Library events

Palmer Lake's Family Fun event on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10:30 is Pigeon Party! This is the 10th anniversary of Mo Willems' *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*. Learn to draw the pigeon! Hear this all-time favorite story about the pigeon who wants more than anything to drive a bus. We will celebrate 10 years of silliness with a great party. Plus meet a real pigeon!

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.

Drop by the Palmer Lake Library for a morning of fiber fun with the Fibernistas. Share and learn new techniques of knitting and other fiber arts. All interests are welcome! Start a new project or bring one in progress every Thursday from 10 until noon.

The art exhibit on the walls of the library is *Beauty from Ashes*, photos of photographer Laurisa Rabins' family property after the Black Forest Fire. These personal images are Laurisa's way of processing the loss that she

experienced. She hopes that they will offer hope to those who are discouraged or grieving, no matter the cause.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District facilities will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, for Presidents Day.

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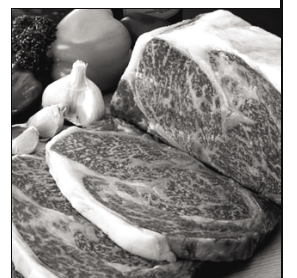
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