

## Tri-Lakes Cares and Hangers Thrift Shop benefit Tri-Lakes area

Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC) hosted an Awareness and Informational Get-Together on June 4 to tell about all the services it brings to the community to improve people's lives through emergency, self-sufficiency, and relief programs.

One hidden treasure is Hangers: Your Thrift Store (pictured at right) benefiting TLC, 245 Jefferson St., next door to TLC's building. The Hangers Thrift Shop sells gently used women's, men's, and children's clothing, accessories, and household items. Hangers is a nonprofit organization, and all its proceeds benefit TLC's operations. Hangers depends on donations of items from the community to sell in the thrift store. Look for Hangers coupons in *Our Community News*. Hangers is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations are accepted 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Photo by Lisa Hatfield.



### June library events

## Summer programs kick off

By Harriet Halbig

School is over for the year, and the library is offering a summer of entertainment and new experiences for all ages. Our well-trained teen volunteers began on June 1 to register toddlers, children, and teens for summer reading programs. We thank them in advance for their time and dedication.

### Children's programs

Some of our children's programming will continue during the summer. These include Toddler Time on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:15, Paws to Read on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 and Wednesdays from 4:15 to 5:15, and book breaks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30.

On Mondays, programs for ages 7 and up are available. June 16 from 2:30 to 4 will be Kandinsky for Kids, an art class using oil pastels. June 23 will be a hands-on science program, and on the 30th will be an art class on drawing and painting robots—wear an old shirt!

Replacing our regular story times on Tuesdays will be special programs each week at 10:30. On June 10, the program will be the Space Alien's Big Bang Magic and Juggling Show. On June 17 there will be alpacas from Las Bonitas Alpaca Ranch. On the 24th Denise Gard and her border collie, Sienna, will tell tales about the stars and constellations (recommended for ages 5 and up).

Each Thursday afternoon at 2:30 will be a story and craft session.

Legos club will meet on Saturday, June 21 from 10 to 11:30. Bring your creativity and we provide the Legos. All pieces remain the property of the library, so bring your camera to record your creation.

### Tween and teen programs

New this summer will be a series of computer classes for teens and tweens. During June these classes will address web design. Web Design 1 was June 4; Web Design 2 will be on June 18 at 4 p.m. Bring a flash drive with your own pictures or media loaded (optional) and your own laptop (also optional). This program is for ages 10-18. Registration is required at 488-2370.

Crafty Teens will meet on Friday, June 27 at 2 p.m. for Flip Flop Fun—decorate a pair of flip flops with colorful balloons. The program is for ages 11 and up. All materials provided or you can bring your own flip flops if you have hard-to-fit feet. No registration required.

### Adult programs

Adult discussion groups will continue at their usual time during the summer. Socrates Café meets on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 and Senior Chats meets on Wednesday from 10 to noon.

The Monumental Readers Book Club will discuss *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh on Friday, June 20 from 10 to noon.

New computer classes will be offered for adults this summer. The first is Everything Google on June 11 at 4 p.m. Learn about Google products for email, cloud storage, and searching. On June 18, the subject will be staying connected. Learn how to use websites like Facebook, Twitter, and Skype to stay in touch. Bring your own laptop if you'd like. Registration is required for each class at 488-2370.

The AARP Smart Drivers Course will be offered on Saturday, June 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost for the course

if \$15 for members of AARP and \$20 for non-members. Please call 495-5022 to reserve a space.

On the walls during June will be acrylic paintings by Gary Snyder. In the display case will be trains by Malcom Grimes.

### Palmer Lake Library events

Palmer Lake's scheduling will also change during the summer.

On Wednesdays at 10:30, instead of the regular story time, there will be special program each week. On June 11, Beth Epley will sing songs about the Slime. On the 18th there will be a puppet show, Alien Blee-boo and the Moo that Flew, a retelling of the story *The Little Engine that Could*. Can a cow achieve her dreams with the help of some simple machines and a chemical reaction? On June 25, there will be a magic show with Bruce Black teaching some magic tricks.

Palmer Lake's Lego Club meets on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 to noon. Please don't bring your own Legos—we will provide all you need!

Toddler Time will continue to be on Fridays at 10:30.

The Fibernistas will continue to meet on Thursdays from 10 to noon. Bring your own project and share some time with others as they knit, crochet, and enjoy other fiber arts.

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

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### Palmer Lake Historical Society, May 15

## Maggie went west for the cure

By Tom Van Wormer

Presenter Mary Ann Davis told the tale of her grandmother's life in "Maggie: She Went West for the Cure" at the May 15 meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society. The historical presentation was a tale of early Colorado, emphasizing a primary reason why people came to the Pikes Peak Region: health. Mining and farming and ranching were the other two main reasons.

As a teenager, Maggie left her family home in Missouri to gain relief from consumption that Colorado was supposed to provide with its clean, dry air. Davis told of Maggie's trip from Denver to the ranch of Mel Perry, to whom she carried a letter of introduction. She was able to adapt to the thin, dry air at the high altitude and prepare herself for the final push into Colorado Springs. She made it as far as Palmer Lake but became ill with scarlet fever, and a ranch family took her in and cared for her until she

was able to recover enough to make the trip into Colorado Springs.

She spent the next several years in Gardner Tent, supporting herself by cooking and cleaning for various families in the city. She grew healthy enough to move up Ute Pass to Cascade, where she found employment and married Frank Hart, a local handyman. They moved to Green Mountain Falls and established a store. During the next 30 years, Maggie Hart and her daughter, Dorothy, became central figures in the life of Green Mountain Falls with her store, starting a Homemakers Club and the Library Circle.

Maggie Hart died in 1928 and was honored with a citation from the Homemakers that was read as a final capstone of a life well lived and appreciated.

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- **June 10** at 7 p.m., John Putnam will present a commentary on the "Interface with the Insurance Industry." The information might help residents understand the problems and solutions for making insurance claims in a fire or possible fire event. Palmer Lake Town Hall at 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake.
- **June 15** is the Fathers' Day Ice Cream Social on the Palmer Lake Village Green from 2 to 4 p.m.
- **June 19** at 7 p.m., in "Dragoons in the Revolution," historian and re-enactor Brent Brown will bring his collection of weapons and discuss how soldiers brought their European war skills to the American Revolutionary War. Palmer Lake Town Hall at 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake.

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