

Monument Board of Trustees, Jan. 20



Left: On Jan. 20, John Bailey, longtime Palmer Lake resident, was among 18 residents who spoke to the Monument Board of Trustees about the water rights issue with Palmer Lake. “ The one thing I never thought I would see in the Tri-Lakes area is an empty lake,” he told the trustees.

Right: Paul Banta, Palmer Lake trustee, was among 18 people who spoke at the Jan. 20 Monument Board of Trustees asking that Monument would choose to be “ good neighbors” instead of allowing litigation regarding the water rights issue with Palmer Lake to go forward. *Photos by Lisa Hatfield.*



February library events

Meet the raptors

By Harriet Halbig
Family programs

February’s Family Fun program on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 2:30 to 4 is Raptors! Meet some real owls, hawks, and vultures at your library, hear their stories, and make a small raptor puppet to take home. This program is presented by Nature’s Educators of Aurora.

The Legos Club will meet on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 to 11:30. All ages are welcome to be creative with our large collection of Legos. All pieces remain the property of the library.

Children are welcome to bring their favorite stuffed animal to the Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Friday, Feb. 27 from 4:30 to 5:30. Children can do a small craft and attend a story time run by teen volunteers. The stuffed animal only will spend the night at the library. Children will come to pick up their toy the next afternoon between 3 and 5 and receive a paper with pictures and details about what fun the animals had overnight.

Teen programs

Come to the library on Mondays between 3:30 and 7 for AfterMath, a free math tutoring program. Experienced tutors work with you on any level of math. Bring your homework and drop in for some help. No appointment is necessary. The program will continue each Monday through mid-May except for school or library holidays.

Interested in finding other Magic the Gathering play-

ers to interact with? Join us for a new gaming pastime here at the Monument Library every Monday night for teens and young adults from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Bring your cards and play, trade, enjoy.

Adult programs

Local video producer Jim Sawatzki will show his one-hour Emmy-nominated film Treasure of Cripple Creek at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8. No registration is necessary, and Jim will answer questions after the screening.

Learn some innovative strategies for taking care of yourself and reducing stress by attending Stress-Busters, a program from 2 to 3:30 on Sunday, Feb. 15. No registration required.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, Feb. 20 from 10 to noon to discuss Two Old Women: an Alaska Legend by Velma Wallis. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

On the walls of the library during February will be art

by Lewis-Palmer High School students. In the display case will be Depression Glass.

Palmer Lake Library events

Join the Fibernistas, a group of fiber artists who meet each Thursday from 10 to noon. Bring your own project and join like-minded crafters as you knit, crochet, or quilt the morning away. Crafters of all skill levels are welcome.

February’s Family Fun program on Saturday, Feb. 21 offers a chance to meet some special dogs from the Go Team. These are therapy-crisis dogs who will demonstrate some of their special abilities to help in emergency situations. You can also draw a picture of your favorite dog or have your picture taken with that dog. Adults, you might want to bring a camera.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library facilities will be closed on Presidents Day, Feb. 16.

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Above: Two young friends enjoy creating with a sewing machine. *Photo by Harriet Halbig*



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Above: Annie and Ningnie Qin practice using a sewing machine at the library’s first Makerspace event.. *Photo by Harriet Halbig*

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