

based on the struggles of an actual colony of pioneers should capture the attention of “10 and up” readers.

Howl: Of Woman and Wolf

By Susan Imhoff Bird (Torrey House Press) \$15.95

Drawn to wolves' inherent resilience, Bird sets out to understand the ecology and politics that drive wolf management and to get to know the people who love or hate the wolf. She traveled the Northern Rockies interviewing ranchers and hunters, wolf watchers and biologists and un-

covered reactions, ranging from admiration and reverence to vitriol and anxiety. While also dealing with her own self-doubt and loss, Bird discovers that wolves, wild places, and a willingness to listen may lead, finally, to healing.

Bus Ride

By Marianne Dubuc (Kids Can Press) \$15.95

Clara is excited to be taking the bus to her grandmother's house today. It's the first time she's going on her own, and little does she know that there will be a whole cast of in-

teresting animal characters keeping her company. The ride just might be more of an adventure than she imagined!

Why not celebrate Small Press Month by picking up a unique book that may never make the bestseller list but could be the most interesting and/or thought-provoking book you've ever read?

Until next month, happy reading.

The staff at Covered Treasures Bookstore can be reached at books@ocn.me.

March Library Events

Libraries offer special programs during spring break

By Harriet Halbig

Both the Monument and Palmer Lake libraries will offer special programs during spring break, in addition to special celebrations of Dr. Seuss.

Family programs

March's Family Fun program at Monument is a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on Saturday, March 12 at 2:30. Think wacky, wild, and wonderful and you'll be ready for our crazy and colorful party! All ages welcome.

Legos Club will meet from 10 to 11:30 on Saturday, March 19. We provide the Legos and you bring your imagination.

There will be a Spring Break Music Program on Monday, March 21 from 3 to 4. Eric West's *Music for Kids* is an audience-involved musical adventure. He comes with a trunk full of homemade, ethnic and “found” instruments, dancing “limberjacks,” and puppets. Along with his guitar, banjo and repurposed instruments, his original and traditional songs are sure to delight.

Tuesday, March 22 from 4 to 5 will be a Spring Break Puppet Program, the *Reading Rocket* presented by Rocky Mountain Puppets. Come for a space-age adventure of exploration, being transported to worlds of fantasy and fact aboard the spacecraft the UES Booklastic piloted by Commander Ray Mind.

Thursday, March 24 from 3 to 4, the Millibo Art Theatre presents *Art Guffaw* unraveling the mysteries of fine art in a magical studio where the easels speak, the drawings come to life, and the paintings dance. With a little help from Van Gogh and Picasso, master clown Jim Jackson creates a circus of art that inspires us to look at the world

through the eyes of an artist.

Tween programs

Make a fabulous FuzzBuddy—a small, round, happy fleece creature during Tween Time, Friday, March 18 from 4 to 5:15. Registration is required.

Make a light saber that really lights on Friday, March 25 from 4 to 5. Registration is required.

Teen programs

Need extra help with math? Grab your homework and head to the library from 3:30 to 7 on Mondays for free help from experienced math tutors. No appointments necessary. AfterMath will not be available on March 21 due to spring break.

Adult programs

Join us for our new Coloring for Adults program, the first Friday of each month from 2 to 3:30. Coloring pages and utensils will be provided. Come enjoy a relaxing time with like-minded individuals.

Join Pikes Peak Library District's first established yoga group at the Monument Library every Thursday from noon to 1. Classes are held following D-38's calendar.

In honor of National Quilting Month, the second Thursday Craft on Thursday, March 10 from 2 to 4 will be *English Paper Piecing*. Learn the traditional craft of piecing quilts using accurately cut pieces of paper and fabric scraps. It's a portable, habit-forming activity. We will make the traditional Grandmother's Flower Garden block with hexagons and discuss other ideas and possibilities. All materials will be provided and no experience necessary. If you have small scissors, please bring them. Registration is required. See the sample at the library.

On the second Friday of each month from 9 to 10 a.m., come to the library for answers to your computer questions. Please register online, call 488-2370, or see a staff member.

The Muse: Science Fiction, Fantasy, Creative Fiction and Poetry is the introduction of a writing group for ages 16 and older. No registration is required for this meeting on Wednesday, March 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, March 18 to discuss *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg.

On the walls and in the display cases during March will be works by the Palmer Divide Quiltmakers.

Palmer Lake Library Events

The March Family Fun program on March 19 at 10:30 is Gardening. This program offers an opportunity for families to learn about gardening from an expert. Get your hands dirty and plant a seed to take home! This program is for all ages.

The Spring Break program on Wednesday, March 23 at 10:30 is a space-age puppet adventure of exploration. Be transported to worlds of fantasy and fact aboard the mind-altering universal spacecraft, the UES Booktastic, piloted by Commander Ray Mind. Hold on as he engages the after-learners. This program is presented by the Rocky Mountain Puppets.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District facilities will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 27.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, Feb. 18

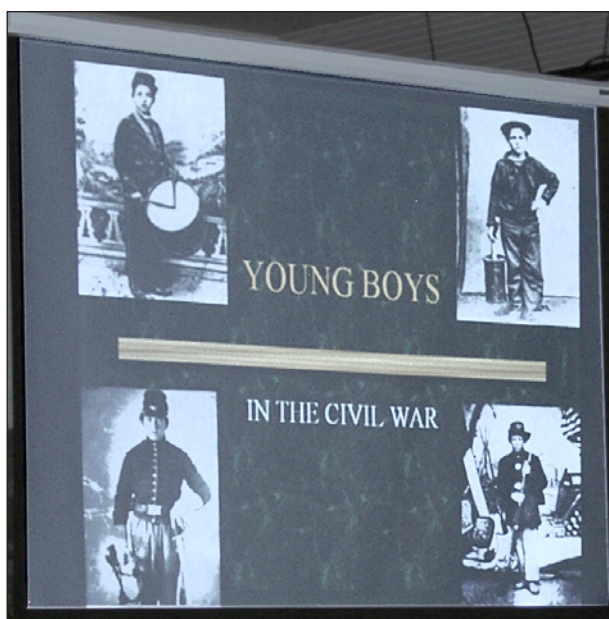
Boys who fought in the Civil War

By Sigi Walker

On Feb. 18, in the first program of the 2016 monthly History Series, members of the Palmer Lake Historical Society and guests gathered for a presentation on boys in the Civil War by local historian Benny Nasser. More than 100,000 boys less than 16 years old were part of the Union and Confederate Armies during the Civil War, Nasser said. The youngest was only 9 years old. Many lied about their age and enlisted under assumed names. They joined because they

wanted to fight alongside their fathers and brothers, or were runaways or orphans. They served as drummer boys, buglers, orderlies and hospital attendants, chaplain assistants, guards, flag bearers, grave diggers, stretcher bearers, water carriers, barbers, and mounted couriers or runners. Some died on the battlefield or were wounded. Almost 50 of these young boys received the Medal of Honor.

Nasser said that one young boy, Johnny Clem, after graduating from high school, returned to military duty to serve in the Army from 1871-1915. When he reached the mandatory retirement age of 64 on Aug. 13, 1915, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general, as was customary for American Civil War veterans who retired at the rank of colonel, becoming the last veteran of the American



Civil War to serve in the U.S. Army. On Aug. 29, 1916, he was promoted on the retired list to the rank of major general. He was 85 when he died in 1937 in San Antonio, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

During his presentation, Benny highlighted the personal experiences of some of these youngsters through photographs and biographical details. His interest in the Civil War is partially based on the fact that 13 of his relatives fought on the Union side. The photographs that Benny showed depicted small young boys in uniforms that were at least 1½ sizes too large or with drums that were almost as large as they were. They served in many of the major Civil War battles: Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Shiloh, and Antietam, and today you can find battlefield memorials to those young boys who served.

The Civil War Trust is working to preserve this histo-

ry. For more information, go to their website: <http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/children-in-the-civil-war/children-on-the-battlefield.html>

The next program in the Historical Society monthly History Series will be on Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. Dwight Haverkorn will present a program on “Early Automobiles of the Pikes Peak Region.” Learn about the first gasoline-powered vehicle at Palmer Lake and the early autos in the Pikes Peak Region, including the early Colorado Springs traffic ordinances, traffic controls, and licensing of drivers and vehicles and information about a 1903 auto race from coast to coast that passed through Colorado Springs and Palmer Lake.



Monthly History Series programs are free to the public. Light refreshments are served. For more information, visit www.palmerdividehistory.org or call 719-559-0837.



Above: Benny Nasser presented the program at the Feb. 18 meeting. Photo courtesy of the Palmer Lake Historical Society.