

to some of its most familiar places, as well as some of its most remote. Through the seasons, Erik captures the many moods of the park, emphasizing the beauty of its most dynamic and fleeting moments.

Roosevelt the Explorer; Teddy Roosevelt's Amazing Adventures as a Naturalist, Conservationist, and Explorer

By H. Paul Jeffers (Taylor Trade Publishing) \$18.94

No American president has been more enthusiastic in appreciating the wilderness and in conserving our nation's natural treasures than Theodore Roosevelt. In the book, Jeffers describes T.R.'s efforts, against fierce opposition, to establish an unprecedented system of national parks and to ensure the safety of America's vast federal forests and wetlands.

See America; A Celebration of Our National Parks & Treasured Sites

Illustrated by the Artists of Creative*Action*Network (Chronicle Books) \$19.95

To coincide with the anniversary of the National Park Service, the Creative Action Network has partnered with the

National Parks Conservation Association to revive and reimagine the legacy of Works Progress Administration travel posters. Artists from all over the world have participated in the creation of this new collection of See America posters for a modern era. Featuring artwork for 75 national parks and monuments across all 50 states, this engaging keepsake volume celebrates the full range of our nation's landmarks and treasured wilderness.

National Geographic Kids: National Parks Guide USA Centennial Edition: The Most Amazing Sights, Scenes, & Cool Activities from Coast to Coast

(National Geographic Society) \$14.99

From Acadia to Zion you'll discover the wonder and amazement of our country's majestic national parks in this fun, informative, and adventure-filled guide. Fully revised and updated, it has all you need to make your visit to these treasured parks an unforgettable experience. Features include vibrant photographs and maps, lively text and fun facts, checklists of "must-do" activities, cool excursions and best views, animals you might see, park ranger tips, and more.

Rocky Mountain National Park: Peril on Longs Peak

By Mike Graf (Falcon Guides) \$12.95

Join the Parkers, an intrepid family of four, as they head to Colorado to visit the stunning, high peaks of Rocky Mountain National Park. The family plans to hike up Longs Peak, but afternoon thundershowers and hailstorms pelt them during their training hikes. Will injuries, exhaustion, and dangerous weather take their toll? Each book in the exciting Adventures with the Parkers series for kids ages 8-13 explores a popular national park and is packed with adventure as well as engaging and educational facts about nature, outdoor safety, and much more.

Living in Colorado, you don't have to go far to celebrate our national parks. We're home to Rocky Mountain, Mesa Verde, and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Parks, and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. All four feature activities and programs year-round, and many are organizing special events to recognize the centennial. Until next month, happy reading.

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August Library Events

Summer Reading ends with a splash



Above: The Bare Bones Trombone Choir provided a musical backdrop for the Summer Reading party. They are, from left, Gary Gossage, Sam Smith, Roger Yunker, Christina Van Camp, special guest Spiderman, John Houston, and Nancy Nylander. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

By Harriet Halbig

The 2016 Summer Reading Program ended on July 30, topped off with a festive party at the Palmer Lake Village Green featuring many animals, games, and treats. During the summer program, over 2,000 babies, kids, and teens participated in the program at the Monument Library, and 200 participated in Palmer Lake.

We thank our many teen volunteers for their help during the program and at the party. We couldn't have done it without you! For those wishing to volunteer for next summer, watch for announcements around the time of spring break when we will begin to accept applications.

Monument's Story Times on Tuesdays will return to their regular schedule of 10:30 and 11:15 beginning the first

week of August. All summer reading programs have come to an end. AfterMath free math tutoring will resume after Labor Day.

Family programs

August's Family Program on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 2:30 to 3:45 is a presentation by Science Matters, a demonstration for all ages to show the charm of science with a Glowing Pickle, Rainbow Connection, and Elephant Toothpaste.

The Legos Club will meet from 10 to 11:30 on Saturday, Aug. 20. We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination.

Teen programs

There will be a meeting of the Teen Advisory Board on Friday, Aug. 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. Help us plan future events and parties for teens at the Monument Library. Meet us in the study room for snacks and conversation. You must fill out a volunteer application to get credit for volunteer hours.

Join us for a Teen Arts and Crafts Open Studio on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. Come use our Meeting Room as space to create! You can draw, paint, paper craft, write—whatever your heart desires. Extra supplies will be provided as available; however, feel free to bring whatever materials you are currently working with and use the space. No registration required.

Come join the new Monument Teen Creative Writing Group, which meets the first Wednesday of each month (Sept. 7) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the study room. This group is for ages 12 to 18. No registration required.

Adult programs

The Second Thursday Craft on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. is Jewelry Making. We will create beaded jewelry. Registration is required and opens one week before craft day.

Having challenges with your computer? Come in every second Friday of the month (Aug. 12) from 9 to 10 for help with your questions during our Computer Help Lab. Registration is required and opens one week before class.

Friday evening, Aug. 12 from 8 to 10 p.m. there will be a concert at the Pikes Peak Brewing Co., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Drive, with music by Grant Sabin, sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., come to the library for a free concert by Mike Clark, with music sponsored by the Friends of the Library and beer provided by the Pikes Peak Brewing Co.

Yoga at the Monument Library will resume on Thursday, Aug. 18 from noon to 1. This is the library district's first established yoga group and meets every Thursday. Classes are held following D-38's calendar.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, Aug. 19 to discuss Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

In the display cabinet during August will be Depression Glass from Roberta Hankins, and on the walls will be oils/pastels/fabric by Le Veda Frasier.

Palmer Lake Library Events

Children's story time and crafts for ages 3 and older are offered on Wednesdays at 10:30, and Toddler Time, stories and activities for 1- and 2-year-olds, is offered on Fridays at 10:30.

The Palmer Lake Book Group normally meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. They will meet on the second Friday in September due to the Labor Day weekend. All patrons are welcome to attend. Please call 481-2587 for the latest selection.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, July 21

The legacies of Charles Goodnight

By Sigi Walker

On July 21, Larry Schlupp of Historic Douglas County Inc. presented "The Goodnight Legacies" to the Palmer Lake Historical Society as part of its Monthly History Series. It was the premier showing of the program in its entirety, two years in the making and incorporating much original research, although some portions had been presented before.

Just like the fictional character in Larry McMurtry's *Lonesome Dove*, Charles Goodnight was primarily a self-educated man and a key contributor to the growth of the cattle industry in the mid-19th century West. Goodnight's strong moral character, far-ranging insight, inventiveness, and his ability to attract and establish beneficial relationships established the foundation of what today is the oldest ranch in the Texas Panhandle, the JA Ranch, which also had operations near Pueblo, Colo. One of the original barns on the site near Pueblo is being restored.

Interestingly, we learned that Goodnight developed the chuck wagon. He adapted a Studebaker metal-frame

wagon to support all of the cowboy gear, supplies, food, and cooking utensils needed and to withstand the rigors of the trail.

Schlupp incorporated many details of Goodnight's early life (his father died when Goodnight was 5), his education (formal schooling ended at age 9, when his mother began to home-school him), and the many different types of jobs he worked before he began ranching. The presentation was professionally illustrated and included photos of longhorn cattle drives from Texas to the railheads in Cheyenne, Wyo., (the Goodnight-Loving Trail), and Abilene and Wichita, Kan., (the Chisholm Trail).

The Goodnight-Loving Trail entered Colorado over Raton Pass, where "Uncle Dick Wooten" exacted 10 cents a head for them to travel over his toll road. From there the trail passed through Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Palmer Lake, and Larkspur on its way through Denver to Cheyenne, much the same route as I-25.



Above: Larry Schlupp, right, and Palmer Lake Historical Society President Tom Baker talk following Schlupp's program. Photo by Mike Walker.