

Gorilla Loves Vanilla

By Chae Strathie and Nicola O'Byrne (Barron's Educational Series Inc.) \$11.99

Sam is the best at serving up sundaes to all the animals who come in his shop. He delivers special tasty treats for each animal: blue cheese ice cream for the mouse, fish finger ice cream for the cat, wormy ice cream for the chicken. But everyone changes their minds when Gorilla orders the tastiest treat of all! This silly book will have kids laughing and thinking up their own flavors.

Hoot and Peep

By Lita Judge (Dial Books for Young Readers) \$17.99

Hoot the owl is very wise. He's excited to teach his younger sister, Peep, all of his big brother knowledge. But as whimsical Peep explores the breathtaking Parisian cityscape, she comes up with a song of her own—one that breaks all of her brother's "owly" rules. Hoot doesn't understand why Peep won't follow his advice, until he pauses to listen and realizes that you're never too old to learn something new. This gorgeous read-aloud celebrates the

wonder found in little things—and in the hearts of dreamers, young and old.

Parachute

By Danny Parker and Matt Otley (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers) \$16

In this encouraging and heartfelt story about facing your fears, Toby, who is afraid of heights, always has his parachute with him. But one day, his cat Henry gets stuck in a tree. It's up to Toby to rescue Henry, but that leaves him stuck without his parachute in the treehouse. He must conquer his fears. The illustrations are great at showing height from a child's perspective. Toby gradually takes more chances and needs his parachute less and less.

My New Friend is So Fun! An Elephant and Piggie Book
By Mo Willems (Hyperion Books for Children) \$9.99

In this story from Willems' award-winning series, Gerald Elephant and Snake fear that Piggie and Brian Bat will have so much fun together they will no longer need their best friends. This multi-book early reader series addresses

many childhood fears and issues with gentle humor.

Giraffes Ruin Everything

By Heidi Schulz and Chris Robertson (Bloomsbury Children's Books) \$16.99

Friends come in all shapes and sizes. In case you were wondering, here's an incomplete list of things giraffes ruin: birthday parties, going to the movies, playing at the park, hide-and-seek, everything else. Yes, that's right ... giraffes ruin everything. But what happens when our narrator gets into a tricky situation? Perhaps he'll find giraffes aren't so bad after all.

The ability to read at grade level by the end of third grade is the most reliable predictor of success in completing high school. Make it a point to sit down and read with a young person. Until next month, happy reading.

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September Library Events**Fall begins with new opportunities**

By Harriet Halbig

As fall begins, there are many opportunities at the library to try a new skill or improve one you have. Join us for coloring, writing, quilting, and other things.

Children's and family programs

Peter Davison is an award-winning juggler, dancer, and kinetic comedian. His show includes a 6-foot-tall unicycle and ordinary objects that he brings to life in amazing ways. Join us for *Up in the Air* on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 2:30 to 3:45.

The Legos Club will meet on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10 to 11:30. We supply the Legos and you bring your imagination. All pieces remain the property of the library, so bring a camera to record your achievement.

Meet the original five American Girl dolls: Kirsten, Molly, Samantha, Felicity, and Addy, and see a few of their unique accessories. We'll also do some crafts associated with these dolls and have snacks. Register online or at 488-2370.

Teen programs

There will be a teen gaming session on Saturday, Sept. 3 from noon to 3. Join us for tabletop games, card games (like *Superfight!*), and Wii video games. We encourage attendees to bring any kind of game they would like to play. Please keep things age appropriate. For teens ages 12 to 18.

The Monument Teen Creative Writing Group will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 6 to 7:30. This group is

for ages 12 to 18 and no registration is required.

AfterMath free math tutoring will resume on Monday, Sept. 12 from 3:30 to 7. Tutoring by experienced teachers is offered each Monday afternoon. Bring your homework and drop by for help at all levels. No appointment required. Please note that *AfterMath* is offered according to the D-38 and library schedule. If schools are closed due to weather, *AfterMath* is also cancelled.

The *Teens Arts and Crafts Open Studio* will be on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. Come use our Meeting Room as a space in which to create! You can draw, paint, papercraft, 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.

Adult programs

The *Second Thursday Craft* on Sept. 8 from 2 to 4 is a third installment of *English Paper Piecing*. This session we will work with half hexagons, a versatile shape for making three dimensional-appearing quilts. Paper piecing is an accurate, portable craft requiring little sewing experience. It's a good way to use up small scraps of fabric or may be carefully planned for a more formal appearance. All materials will be provided, but bring a small pair of scissors if you have them. Registration is required online or at 488-2370. Attendance at the previous classes is not required.

Have questions on the use of your computer? Come

to the *Computer Help Lab* from 9 to 10 on Friday, Sept. 9. Registration is required and opens one week before the class.

The *Monumental Readers* will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, Sept. 16 to discuss *Hidden America* by Jeanne Marie Laskas. This is a title from the 2016 All Pikes Peak Reads program. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

In the display cabinet during September will be Empty Bowls from the annual Tri-Lakes Cares Empty Bowl Dinner. On the walls will be works in black Sharpie and ink on white by Daniella Tabor.

Palmer Lake Library Events

Palmer Lakes Library's family program for September is *Super Dogs!* A Wiley Wolf is after Sienna's sheep. Will she be able to outsmart the wolf and save her sheep or will they become sheep stew? Learn how to train your dog to be a super dog in this fun interactive program on Saturday, Sept. 17 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Palmer Lake Book Group will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District facilities will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, August 6**Chautauqua brings history to life**

By Sigi Walker

The Palmer Lake Historical Society held its eighth annual "Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua" on Aug. 6. An adult education movement, Chautauquas began in New York state in 1874 and spread throughout rural America until the mid-1920s. Speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers, and specialists of the day brought entertainment and culture for the whole community.

Chautauqua attendees enjoyed a full day of demonstrations: tole painting by June Rutherford, quilting by Pam Devereux of the Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild, and spinning by Charlease Elzenga-Bobo. Nineteenth-century durable goods and educational materials were exhibited by Ken Aron, while Cindy Yeoman exhibited animal furs and Colorado Parks & Wildlife program information. Our proficient emcee was Chuck Loeffler.

Talented portrayals of early Colorado historic ladies and gentlemen included Denver's own Legendary Ladies, who gave us Molly Brown and Augusta Tabor and five other "legendary ladies." There were noted TB treatment pioneer Dr. John Fox Gardiner, portrayed by John Stansfield; buffalo hunter and frontiersman Buffalo Bill Cody, portrayed by Gene Johnson; and millionaire miner and philanthropist James "Jimmy" Burns, portrayed by Ron West.

Teddy Roosevelt, quoted as saying that Chautauqua is "the most American thing in America," opened and closed this year's Chautauqua, portrayed by Don Moon. A railroad motor car display reminded us that railroads



Above: Emcee Chuck Loeffler and 2016 Chautauqua portrayers Don Moon, Ron West, and John Stansfield. Photo by Doris Baker.

helped build the West. Through much of the day, the Fox Run band played bluegrass and contemporary music. The Friends of the Tri-Lakes Library held their annual ice cream social in the afternoon.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., when the Palmer Lake Historical Society presents author historian William (Bill) Reich on *Colorado Inventions and Inventors of the 19th century*. This fascinating program looks at Coloradoans who invented a variety of devices and processes to help them survive and prosper during the 19th century. The needs of folks immigrating to Colorado dur-



Above: The Legendary Ladies performed at the 2016 Chautauqua. Photo by Mike Walker

ing the 19th century brought new ideas and solutions to the many problems they encountered, helping them survive and prosper. There were patents for all kinds of devices: railroad, mining, bicycles, agricultural equipment, inventions by women, medical, and others.

Reich, a Colorado native who grew up in Wheat Ridge, graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Management and Mechanical Engineering. He spent his professional career in management of small, start-up, technically-oriented companies and in engineering product design. His books include *Colorado Industries of the*