

Books for Kids: J-Easy

- The Hike* by Alison Farrell
How to Apologize by David LaRochelle
Friends Are Friends, Forever by Dane Liu
Wolf Girl by Jo Loring-Fisher
How to Have Friends by Maryann Macdonald
Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away by Meg Medina
The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friendship by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali
The Pirate Tree by Brigita Orel
The Friendship Book by Mary Lyn Ray

J-Fiction

- Brand New Boy* by David Almond
Ivy + Bean by Annie Barrows (series)
Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros
Marcus Makes a Movie by Kevin Hart (series)
Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone by Tae Keller
Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian (series)
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Graphic Novels (J-741.5973)

- The Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell
Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Real Friends by Shannon Hale
Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer by Gillian Goerz
Twins by Varian Johnson

Books for Teens: Nonfiction

- BFF or NRF (Not Really Friends): A Girl's Guide to Happy Friendships* by Jessica Speer 177.62 SPEE
How to Start, Carry On and End Conversations: Scripts for Social Situations for People on the Autism Spectrum by Paul Jordan, Elizabeth Manning Murphy, and Anna Wierzbicka 616.85882 JORD
My Name Is Jason. Mine Too: Our Story, Our Way by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin 811.6 REYN
Devotion: (Adapted for Young Adults) An Epic Story of Heroism and Friendship by Adam Makos 951.904 MAKO
Undecided: Navigating Life and Learning After High School by Genevieve Morgan 378.198 M848U
The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2022: Billions of Dollars in Scholarships, Grants and Prizes by Gen Tanabe 378.34025 TANA 2022

Fiction

- The Gilded Wolves* by Roshani Chokshi
Message Not Found by Dante Medema
Early Departures by Justin A. Reynolds
Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
The Beauty That Remains by Ashley Woodfolk

Kid's Activity: Best Friend Quiz

How well do you and your BFF know each other? Find out using this multiple-choice quiz!

- What's your dream job?**
a. baker b. scientist
c. actor d. zookeeper
- What's your favorite food?**
a. pizza b. burger & fries
c. ramen d. PB & Jelly
- What's your favorite time of the day?**
a. morning b. evening
c. midday d. midnight
- What animal would you be for a day?**
a. dolphin b. puppy
c. tiger d. eagle
- What's your favorite season?**
a. spring b. summer
c. winter d. fall
- What are you most afraid of?**
a. spiders b. being embarrassed
c. ghosts d. being alone
- What do you listen to when you are in a bad mood?**
a. pop b. heavy metal
c. classical d. nothing
- What's your favorite weekend activity?**
a. hiking b. watching movies
c. sleeping d. playing a game

Teen Activity: Start a Club!

Starting a club is a wonderful way to get together and build friendships. Do you have a fun idea for a club? If so, try starting a club at your local library!

How to start a club:

1. Choose your club idea
2. Ask an adult to make a room reservation at the library
3. Advertise and tell your friends
4. Show up and have a fun time

Club Ideas:

- Book Club
- Board Game Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Homeschool Activities Club



Homeschool Connections

An Educational Resource Tool

SUMMER 2023

LOCATION KEY

- CA Calhan Library**
600 Bank St., Calhan (719) 531-6333, x7013
- CH Cheyenne Mountain Library**
1785 S. 8th St. (719) 531-6333, x7001
- EA East Library**
5550 N. Union Blvd. (719) 531-6333, x7014
- eLibrary**
ppld.org
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- FO Fountain Library**
230 S. Main St., Fountain (719) 531-6333, x7002
- HI High Prairie Library**
7035 Old Meridian Rd., Peyton (719) 531-6333, x7003
- HA The Hall at PPLD**
(formerly known as Knights of Columbus Hall)
20 W. Pikes Peak Ave. (719) 531-6333, x6142
- LI Library 21c**
1175 Chapel Hills Dr. (719) 531-6333, x7012
- MA Manitou Springs Library**
515 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs (719) 531-6333, x7004
- MLS Mobile Library Services**
ppld.org/mobile-library-services (719) 531-6333, x7702
- MO Monument Library**
1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument (719) 531-6333, x7005
- OL Old Colorado City Library**
2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave. (719) 531-6333, x7006
- PA Palmer Lake Library**
66 Lower Glenway St., Palmer Lake (719) 531-6333, x7007
- PE Penrose Library**
20 N. Cascade Ave. (719) 531-6333, x7015
- RO Rockrimmon Library**
832 Village Center Dr. (719) 531-6333, x7008
- RU Ruth Holley Library**
685 N. Murray Blvd. (719) 531-6333, x7009
- SA Sand Creek Library**
1821 S. Academy Blvd. (719) 531-6333, x7018
- UT Ute Pass Library**
8010 Severy Rd., Cascade (719) 531-6333, x7011



Homeschool Hub | ppld.org/homeschool-hub

Whether you are a veteran homeschooling family or just getting started, visit the PPLD Homeschool Hub to find Library events and sign up for eNewsletters. Click on the "Resources" tab to link to information on getting started, Colorado homeschool law, local enrichment programs, tutoring, extracurricular activities, and more.

All Together Now: Friendship

We can all agree that a good friend is invaluable. Friendship provides us with a way to vent, relax, and have fun. Some of us have lots of friends, and some of us have a couple. Friends come in all shapes and sizes, too: neighborhood friends, teammates, family friends, family who ARE your friends, friends who live nearby, friends who are far away, pen pals or video gaming friends you've never met, and the pinnacle of it all — the best friend!

It's helpful to remember that friendship doesn't always come easy. Making new friends and keeping friends takes some work. The same skills you use to build and maintain a friendship are useful for many other facets of your life.

So, what makes a good friend? Being a good listener is important — and being a good sharer. Sharing your thoughts, stories, and feelings means you trust your friend and can build a stronger relationship. Being flexible means weathering conflicts and compromising, and valuing your differences and the things that make your friend unique. Being a good friend also means making time and space for your friend in your life, and placing empathy and kindness above all else.

But what if you're just looking to meet some new friends? Look at the people you see every week, or every day. Hunt for someone who has shared experiences or shared interests. Try something new that would let you meet people your age.

Here are some ideas:

- Try a sports camp
- Join a Dungeons & Dragons group
- Start a book club
- Volunteer for a cause you believe in
- Find a homeschool meet-up group
- Sign up for a special craft, art, or cooking class



HOMESCHOOL Curriculum Swap

THU., JUNE 15

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

East Library
Community Room



tinyurl.com/curriculum-swap



The New Bookshelf

A Seed Grows

by Antoinette Portis

Picture books can cover science topics simply and effectively. Learn about the life cycle of a sunflower seed through bright illustrations. More information is included at the end of the story. Read this engaging offering over and over again with your preschooler. 2023 winner of a Theodore Geisel Honor for beginning reader books and a Sibert Informational Book Honor.

Ages 3 - 8
Science; Plant Growth; Seeds
 J-575.68 PORT

Different: A Story of the Spanish Civil War

by Mónica Montañés

Simple, highly illustrated chapter books are a remarkable way to learn about world history that is often glossed over. This very readable book includes notes at the beginning and end to help readers better understand what happened in Spain during this time period. It is well worth reading and talking about.

Ages 8 - 12
World History; War and Family
 J-Fiction

Farmhouse

by Sophie Blackall

Picture books often tell family stories. Sophie Blackall did extensive research about the house that was abandoned and falling down on her purchased property. The family that lived there was big: 12 children who worked together, ate together, measured height on the back hall wall, and much more. A lovingly created offering from a two-time winner of the Caldecott Award for distinguished picture book.

Ages 4 - 10
Family Stories; Art
 J-Easy

Digestion! The Musical

by Adam Rex

Strong readers in your house may be able to pick up this picture book and perform the musical that is written within. Preschoolers might enjoy the performance, but it is the school-aged kids who will have the most fun with the story. A glossary describes body parts that star in the book.

Ages 6 - 16
Human Digestion; Anatomy; Musical; Fun and Humor
 J-Easy

The Real Dada Mother Goose: A Treasury of Complete Nonsense

by Jon Scieszka

This book is for kids who know their nursery rhymes and are intrigued by writing in code, as well as those with a sense of humor. It's full of all kinds of mental puzzles that could be read and immediately put to use. A fun offering from the author of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* and *The Stinky Cheeseman*.

Ages 6 - 16
Mental Puzzles; Codes and Ciphers; Fun and Humor
 J-Easy

PPLD Resources: Community Building and Friendship

Northstar Digital Literacy

ppld.org/databases/northstar-digital-literacy

Northstar Digital Literacy provides a way for you to learn how to use computers and the internet. You can learn at your own pace by using modules and tests. The goal is to help you become a responsible digital citizen. After you take a test, you'll get personalized instruction on using technology like social media or reading the news. To get started, you'll need to create an account if you're a new user.



Library Programs for Kids, Tweens, Teens, and Families

ppld.org/summer-adventure

Meet new friends at the Library! Sign up for one of our many reading, art, or STEM-related programs throughout the summer where you can meet new friends and families with common interests. Attending any program counts as an activity towards our Summer Adventure program.

Please visit ppld.org/summer-adventure to discover a wide variety of fun programs across the Library District!

CultureGrams

ppld.org/databases

Learn about all different countries and cultures with CultureGrams! This database includes more than 200 reports on countries and cultures and has state reports outlining the diversity and history of each U.S. state and the District of Columbia. Designed for upper elementary-aged children. (type in CultureGrams in the search bar; free with your library card and pin #)



Did You Know?

We know that friends provide companionship, fun, a listening ear, etc., but did you know that having friends, whether it's a few very close friends or a large group of friends, is good for your health? Strong friendships can help you live longer and have a better quality of life. Check out some of the benefits that friendships provide.

1. Less loneliness and social isolation
2. Reduced stress
3. Emotional support
4. Personal development/Providing a good example
5. Increased sense of belonging
6. Extra support through challenges



Friends = Fun in the ERC

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Imagine an hour or two in a one-of-a-kind space where you can have fun with family members and other friends challenging and inspiring each other, sharing ideas, engaging in friendly competition, learning from and taking pride in each other's skills. The Educational Resource Center is just that kind of extraordinary place to spend time exploring, discovering, and creating — especially with friends!

Among the ERC's extensive collection, you will find the innovative **Rigamajig** for collaborating with friends to build simple or complex structures. From basic to sophisticated **Marble Runs**, you can problem solve together to make the next design bigger and better! Or try your hand at a game like **Outfoxed!** (A Cooperative Whodunit Game), working together to outwit the fox before he flies the coop. If numbers are your game, you

and a friend might enjoy some friendly competition with a colorful round of **Prime Climb**. And budding engineers will find dozens of electronic projects like building a security system, writing a circuit-powered LED message, or building an AM radio as you explore together using our variety of **Snap Circuits** sets!

Housed on the second floor of East Library, the ERC offers a thoughtfully curated collection of resources for all areas of learning. You can access the ERC during library open hours by reservation (go to ppld.org/erc for advance reservations or drop in for immediate use, depending on availability). Bring a buddy!



HOMESCHOOL GAME DAY

Fri., Aug. 25
 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 George Fellows Park
 (behind East Library)

ppld.org/homeschool-hub



DISCOUNT DAYS

Enjoy free entry, discounted tickets, and more this summer with your Culture Pass!



Learn more at ppld.org/discountdays

