

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
- 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.

The Spirit of Competition

Colorado is home to some unique contests.

Manitou Springs hosts two unusual annual competitions. In the Great Fruitcake Toss in January, individuals battle to see how far their cakes can fly and how good they taste. Kids can compete, too! The Emma Crawford Coffin Races take place every October to commemorate a beloved community member whose coffin, unfortunately, literally raced down the mountainside after some particularly heavy spring rains. Build your own cruising coffin and grab your friends to team up and push it to the finish line!


And believe it or not, that’s not the only coffin race in the state. Frozen Dead Guy Days, a weekend of events and competitions in mid-March, started in Nederland, Colorado. Check out the website (frozendeadguydays.com) to learn more about the story of Grandpa Bredo, originally preserved on dry ice and brought to Nederland by his grandson in 1993. In 2023, his body is housed at Stanley Hotel; the festival takes place in Estes Park more broadly.

For aspiring lumberjacks and lumberjills, the Man of the Cliff in Avon, Colorado, will test your mettle with log chopping, axe-throwing, and lots of heavy lifting.

And to finish off the strange competition fun, how about celebrating Mike the Headless Chicken Day with the town of Fruita in May? This critter famously lived for 18 months after his head was cut off in 1945. In addition to a 5K race, you can enter your headless chicken inspired artwork into an annual contest.


What a gallery that would be!





HOMESCHOOL

Curriculum Swap



Looking for new curriculum and/or educational materials? Have curriculum you don't need?

Homeschoolers can bring curriculum, educational materials, books, and more to give away to other homeschoolers at this once-a-year event. No selling. All sharing. Everything is free! You do not have to bring an item to participate.

tiny.ppld.org/curriculum

Fri., June 14
11 a.m. - noon
East Library
Community Room





The New Bookshelf

Big

by Vashti Harrison

2024 Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children. Big is a tenderhearted story about standing out and being big in a world that often values small. Words can hurt us; words can help us. Let us be kind to everyone and set that example. And remember that some kids are big – they are still kids who need love and understanding just like everyone else.

Ages 3 - 8; Kindness; Self-Acceptance

The Eyes & the Impossible

by Dave Eggers

2024 John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature. This is an adventure story, told from the perspective of a wild, happy dog who discovers his love of art, dreams of helping other animals, rescues a child, and much more. Read the physical book, then listen to the audio version. Both are great ways to experience this unique story.

Ages 8 - 12; Adventure; Stories Narrated by Animals; Humor

Fox Has a Problem

by Corey R. Tabor

2024 Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal for the most distinguished beginning reader book. Fox is a thoughtful guy. When he is faced with puzzling circumstances (a kite or two caught in the trees) he thinks about it, just as readers will when faced with fox's problem. The solutions that arise are a little silly at first, but ultimately satisfying.

Ages 3 - 8; Learning to Read; Reading Practice; Solving Problems; Humor

Henry, Like Always

by Jenn Bailey

2024 Schneider Family Book Medal for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience. Henry is content when every day follows a known and trusted schedule. He knows the schedule. He thrives with the schedule. When there is a change – a classroom parade – Henry does not find it to his liking. However, he eventually sees how other children are feeling about the parade and joins the celebration.

Ages 4 - 8; Children who Process the World Differently

Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir

by Pedro Martin

2024 Pura Belpré Medal honoring Latinx writers and illustrators whose books best portray, affirm, and celebrate the Latino cultural experience. Grab this graphic memoir and read about the author's family and their summer trips to visit relatives in Mexico. This is a typical long car trip, with kids needing things to do, small disasters along the way, and family members waiting at the end.

Ages 8+; Summer Travels; Car Trips; Family; Humor

The Educational Resource Center (ERC)

Summer Fun in the ERC!

In PPLD's unique Educational Resource Center (ERC), housed at East Library, we're gearing up for some friendly competition inspired by the spirit of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games! Families can discover fun and challenging games, kits, and activities that present endless possibilities for both competitive and cooperative exploration and play. Kids can follow their curiosity and apply their skills to build and code a robot, explore engineering through some "build it, wreck it" fun, make music with uncommon instruments, use their imaginations to launch a dinosaur invasion, cooperate with friends to solve a whodunit game, and more. Just like Olympic and Paralympic athletes, your kids will increase their skills, practice perseverance and tenacity, and use their best sportsmanship as they cheer on others.

The ERC (ppld.org/erc) is accessible Monday through Saturday. Reservations and an adult presence are required, so be sure to reserve a day and time online or with Library staff ahead of your arrival.



Educator Card

For Educators in El Paso County

Homeschool parents can apply for PPLD's new Educator Card! Bring a copy of your Notice of Intent letter with your child's name and address plus school district involved to any PPLD location. The card is valid for one year before requiring renewal, and allows for 50 checkouts at a time, with a loan period of 6 weeks and one renewal (if item is not on hold).





Guinness World Records: Kids (kids.guinnessworldrecords.com)

Explore a fun-filled site packed with stories, videos, and activities based on incredible feats by people, nature, animals, and more.



Sports Illustrated Kids (sikers.com)

This kid-focused site includes the latest sports news in football, baseball, soccer, tennis, and others; biographies of athletes; articles by kid reporters; and more!



FUNBRAIN: Math Baseball (funbrain.com/games/math-baseball)

Kids can “play ball” by answering math questions — they get a hit for every correct answer. There are a variety of difficulty levels, and questions can be set for addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, or all of the above.



Sports Science @ Exploratorium (annex.exploratorium.edu/sports/index.html)

San Francisco’s Exploratorium presents the science side of sports. Learn more about the science behind skateboarding, hockey, baseball, and even surfing!



National Geographic Kids (natgeokids.com/uk/category/play-and-win/)

This interactive site is packed full of games and competitions that will challenge kids’ knowledge of the natural world! Check out quizzes, memory games, and more!



Paris 2024 Olympics (paris2024.org)

The Olympic and Paralympic Games is the world’s largest sporting event. The official website of the Paris 2024 Olympics features a countdown clock, news articles, a map of the Olympic Torch relay, a history of both events, and more.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Junko Tabei was the first woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, Earth’s highest mountain, on May 16, 1975.
- Pack Burro Racing is the official State Summer Sport of Colorado. Skiing and Snowboarding are the official Winter Sports.
- In 1978, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee relocated to Colorado Springs. Approximately 15,000 athletes train in Colorado Springs each year.
- NFL referees who work the Super Bowl get Super Bowl rings. However, their rings are not as large or as valuable as the ones the players get.
- The action time in a baseball game is only about 18 minutes.

- Lloyd Maritn, a Special Olympics athlete from Great Britain, won a spot in the Guinness World Record Books by completing the TCS London Marathon on April 21, 2024.
- The NBA’s single game scoring record of 100 points by an individual was set by Wilt Chamberlain on March 2, 1962.
- Before setting three world records in track in the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, Wilma Rudolph overcame childhood pneumonia, scarlet fever, and polio. Doctors thought she would never walk again.
- Two sports have been played on the moon. Astronaut Alan Shepard Jr. hit several golf balls and Astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell threw a javelin in 1971.
- Wheelchair basketball was played in the Inaugural Paralympic Games in 1960.

- There is a real-life version of Quidditch (from the Harry Potter books) in which players use brooms and run instead of flying.
- Cal Hubbard is the only person in both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Tiger Woods was 8 years old when he hit his first hole in one.
- The home NFL team must provide 36 footballs for an outdoor game. They provide 24 for an indoor game.
- The longest tennis match in history lasted over 11 hours. John Isner and Nicolas Mahut played it over the course of three days in 2010.
- Located at the site of an abandoned cog railway, the Manitou Incline has 2,768 steps up a 45-degree, mile-long hill gaining 2,000 feet in elevation. Over 180,000 people use this trail each year.

Books for Kids: J-Nonfiction

On Your Mark, Get Set, Gold! An Irreverent Guide to the Sports of the Summer Games by Scott Allen

Illustrated Sports Encyclopedia
by Abigail Ellis

Ready, Set, Run! The Amazing New York City Marathon by Leslie Kimmelman

More Than Just a Game: The Black Origins of Basketball by Madison Moore

The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field
by Scott Riley

How to Solve a Problem: The Rise (and Falls) of a Rock-Climbing Champion
by Ashima Shiraishi

The Science of Sports: The Math, Physics, and Mechanical Engineering Behind Every Grand Slam, Triple Axel, and Penalty Kick by Jennifer Swanson

My Book of Gymnastics
by Vincent Walduck

Books for Kids: J-Fiction

Off the Bench by Fred Bowen

Lila Goes for the Gold by Erin Falligant

Backcountry by Jenny Goebel

The Ultimate Goal by Tommy Greenwald

Walk-off by Derek Jeter

Surely Surely Marisol Rainey
by Erin Entrada Kelly

Slugfest by Gordon Korman

Wheelchair Rugby Rush by Jake Maddox

Books for Kids: J-Easy

Wei Skates On by Nathan Chen

Sports Are Fantastic Fun!
by Ole Könnecke

The Way Champs Play by Naomi Osaka

The Field by Baptiste Paul

I Got Next by Darla Peoples-Riley

On the Ball by Brian J. Pinkney

When You Can Swim by Jack Wong

Books for Teens: Nonfiction

The Race of the Century: The Battle to Break the Four-minute Mile by Neal Bascomb

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin

Proud: My Fight for an Unlikely American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad with Lori L. Tharps

The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics by Daniel James Brown (adapt. by Gregory Mone)

Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team that Awakened a City by Phillip Hoose

Books for Teens: Fiction

The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander

Take by Jennifer Bradbury

Chessboxer by Stephen Davies

Golden Arm by Carl Deuker

Rez Ball by Byron Graves

Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez

We Are the Wildcats
by Siobhan Vivian

A Season of Daring Greatly
by Ellen Emerson White

Activity: Colorado Springs Family-Friendly Hikes

Hiking is a great way to enjoy our beautiful area and get some exercise, and it is budget-friendly!

- Garden of the Gods – There are 21 miles of hiking trails available throughout the park, with trails ranging from beginner to advanced. Some are paved, but many are not. The Siamese Twins trail is an easy one-mile roundtrip with only a small elevation change. Guides and advice are available at the visitor center.
- Red Rock Canyon Open Space – There are many trails at this open space. Try the Quarry Trail, a 0.6 mile out and back trail with an 82-foot elevation gain. The quarry was established in the 1800s and its remains are fascinating.
- Fountain Creek Nature Trail – This 0.7 mile loop trail at Fountain Creek Regional Park is a wonderful habitat for wildlife.
- Paint Mines Interpretive Park – A hidden gem in Calhan, this park features hoodoos and other amazing geology along its four miles of trails. Check out PPLD's newest library, Calhan Library, after your hike!
- Ute Valley Park – This park offers a variety of trails featuring diverse wildlife, a hogback formation, and an interesting mix of geology and vegetation. There's even an arch to hike through!

Read, Explore, Create, and WIN
with the Library this summer!

May 31 - July 31

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