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Snowflakes Adorn the Library - 2013 Loveland Lights Celebration

The weekend of December 7- 8, the library was transformed into a Winter Wonderland, with snowflakes hanging everywhere. The eighth annual Loveland Lights Celebration once again was a crowd pleaser for children of all ages.

Over the weekend, nearly 3,000 people walked through the doors of the library. The ever- popular Kids Gingerbread Workshops welcomed over 200 children during the numerous sessions.

Purple glitter snowflakes were hidden all over the library for children to find and count in the "Find the Snowflake Contest". New this year were activities for the Teens that included Shadow Boxes led by Rose Watson, a Larimer County Environmental Educator, and a Gingerbread Workshop where 40 teens made amazing Gingerbread creations. The Holiday Book and Bake Sales once again proved a favorite. \$950 in profits will support the Friends' projects for the library.

Loveland Lights is for kids of ALL ages. Musical entertainment was offered throughout the weekend, as well as holiday food demonstrations and samples, and gift giving ideas. Informative presentations on Snowflakes and Laura Ingalls Wilder's Christmases were well attended. The Gingerbread Challenge had eighteen spectacular entries, each a unique work of art. *(Continued on p. 2)*



Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting



Over 90 members and guests gathered at the First United Methodist Church on the evening of January 20 to socialize with friends old and new, and to conduct the business of the Friends. A delicious meal was prepared by Main Street Catering. Our guest speaker, Dr. Phil Goodstein, regaled everyone with his unique wit and little-known facts of local history, including our own William A. Loveland.

The members approved the proposed budget for 2014 and elected Gene Fender as our new Board member for a three-year term. President Carol Morganti reported on the activities of the Friends for the past year, as well as those planned for 2014. She expressed her appreciation for all the members, volunteers and donors who helped make 2013 a success. Marcia Lewis, Library Director, concluded the meeting with comments about the many contributions from the Friends; these help the library to provide so many services, activities and projects that would not be possible otherwise.

Save These Dates:

April 25-27--Spring Used Book Sale at "The Ranch"

2013 Loveland Lights Celebration

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Thank you to Betty Hill and the Loveland Lights Committee Members, to the library staff and to all the volunteers who made this event happen. Without your help, Loveland Lights would not be possible.

We value your input regarding our event and are interested in your ideas for planning future events and programs.



Gingerbread Entry - Youth Category

Adieu, SweetNight



After much deliberation, the SweetNight committee has decided to discontinue the annual SweetNight event in favor of moving on to a different type of fundraiser. SweetNight was a fun event and succeeded in its role as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Loveland Library. But after 11 years, we decided it was time to try something different in hopes of generating new enthusiasm and even raising more money.

We are sorry to those who looked forward to this annual Valentine event.

Several ideas for a new fundraiser have been considered (one involving microbrews), but a final decision will not be made until February. Stay tuned for the next newsletter, or go to the Friends' website in March for an announcement. If you have been looking for an opportunity to help the Friends in some capacity, getting in on the ground floor of this exciting new event is a perfect opportunity. We would love to have more people on the planning committee. No experience required! If you are interested, please contact Doug Stratton at dougstratton@ymail.com, or 970-412-4614.

Loveland Loves to Read Announces Book & Author for 2014

Mark your calendars for this fall's author event for our One Book-One Community Read. The Loveland Loves to Read committee has chosen Alexandra Fuller and her NY Times Bestseller: *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood*. Critics hail this book as "lively and rambunctious... compulsively readable, ...full of crazy, at times hilarious, tales of daily drama and misadventure", and "by turns mischievous and openhearted, earthy and soaring... hair-raising, horrific, and thrilling."

It is truly a book you won't soon forget.

Author Alexandra Fuller is a captivating storyteller whom you won't want to miss.

The date of her appearance is Sunday, **September 21**, 7:00 p.m. at the Rialto Theater. Check our newsletters or website for more information.



Author Alexandra Fuller - Photo by Ian Murphy - FACE

Volunteer Corner



Wanted—it will soon be time to sign up the volunteers for our

Spring Used Book Sale. Many of you who have helped in the past will be receiving a call or email from Barb Franke or Nancy DeLap. If you have not already expressed an interest in helping and are available **April 21-April 27**, we need you! Sign up online or call Nancy at 669-2325.

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Volunteer Corner

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Wanted—Public Relations Chairman and committee members. Duties include helping with the preparation and distribution of the bimonthly newsletter; helping with updating the website and Facebook; maintaining displays for FOLPL in the library; helping develop posters, bookmarks and other public relations material; coordinating and networking with other organizations. If interested, contact Carol Morganti at 970 613-2000 or 3morganticj@comcast.net.

Meet Our New Board Member



Gene Fender joins our Board of Directors with his election at our annual membership meeting in January. He will be serving a three-year term.

Gene grew up in Iowa but moved to Colorado with his family in 1980. He worked as a USPS letter carrier for 36 years before retiring in 2009. His part-time job and many volunteer commitments have kept him actively involved. You will find Gene at the Sorting Place every week helping with the ongoing collection and packing of

books for the Friends' used book sales. He was recognized at the Friends volunteer appreciation breakfast for his willingness to pitch in whenever he is called upon. He is also involved with Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, the Larimer County Fair, and has worked as an election judge. In his spare time, he likes to get together with fellow musicians to play gospel bluegrass music several times a month. He enjoys reading, camping, metal detecting, and walking his Italian greyhound Callie.

Gene and his wife Sheri try to keep up with their family activities as well. With nine grandchildren between them, it is sometimes a challenge.

Upon accepting his nomination, Gene commented that he looks forward to serving and giving back to the community. He believes the library is one of the foundational stones for the community to thrive.

Welcome, Gene Fender!

A Record-Breaking Fall Book Sale

Congratulations and thank you to the outstanding volunteers who put the Fall Used Book Sale together. A record **1,809** boxes were pre-sorted and taken to this sale.

Our gross sales were \$33,275.64, with expenses of \$3,098.60, making **\$30,177.04** available for library programs and equipment and our operating expenses.

201 volunteers worked this sale; logging **3,951** hours since our Spring Sale last April. Of those, 54 sort on a regular basis, logging 2,399 hours. 183 volunteers logged 1,552 hours during the week of set up and sale.

We are especially grateful to Jami McMannes, Jamie Suess and the staff at United Way of Larimer County for coordinating the "Make A Difference Day" Project. Their dedication to helping organizations "Live United" provided us with 46 volunteers logging 190 hours.

The following individual students kept tables restocked and organized, helped customers locate books and carried out purchases: Sean F., Abigail S., Allison J., and Emily L.

Gratitude is extended to our individual book donors and business friends: Stephanie and Mark Stauder and staff of Anthology Book Company; Barbara Haynes, Ruth and Sam Chesher and staff of Book Haven Book Store; Theresa Bayless and staff of Booklover's Bookstore LLC; Vivian Tapp and staff from Barnes and Noble. Thank you to the Walmart Distribution Center for donating the boxes, paper, and labels that we use at our sorting facility and during the book sale. Also, thank you to the staff at "The Ranch"-Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex for your attention to our needs.

Our Spring Sale is **April 26 & 27**. We hope to see you there!

President's Report-Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation, Inc.

2013 was a busy and very successful year for the Friends of the Loveland Library. Our Fall Used Book Sale broke previous records for participants and profits. SweetNight "Brought It Back Home in Style", moving the venue of our annual Valentine's Dance and silent auction to the library. Loveland Loves to Read hosted Tom Franklin at our One Book-One Community author event in September to an enthusiastic audience. Loveland Lights delighted young and old with a snowflakes-themed holiday celebration in December.

In addition to the above activities, this year your Board of Directors accomplished the following:

- Established goals for the Friends.
- Added an evening with Kevin Cook session every month to accommodate his increasingly popular noontime programs at the library.
- Funded the iLearn Computer Classes and approved an additional 5 classes per month.
- Provided the Loveland Library with \$45,000 for its activities and programs not covered by budget, including the summer reading programs, e-Readers, teenscene and children's guest speakers/entertainers, and books for Priscilla's Bookshelf (book club bags).
- Helped purchase a 3-D printer for the library.
- Established an Art Selection Committee to provide various works of art in the Galleria display cases at the library, changed quarterly.
- Began a Facebook page.
- Provided a brunch in August at the Chilson Center to express our appreciation for our wonderful volunteers.
- Joined the Northern Colorado Nonprofit Resource Center and attended many workshops to improve our knowledge and networking as a nonprofit organization.
- Purchased electronic cash registers to improve checking out at our biannual used book sales.

Thanks to all of our members, donors and volunteers whose support and enthusiasm helped us achieve these successes!

2013 Income: \$93,734 (Budgeted: \$72,650)

2013 Expenses: \$73,146 (Budgeted: \$82,924)

**2014 Budget: \$81,400 Income
\$86,951 Expenses**

2013 Members: 399 paid, 6 honorary

2013 Volunteers: 293 people worked 10,297.5 hours!

More detailed reports from our Treasurer for 2013 income and expenses, the proposed budget for 2014 and reports from the various committees and activities can be found on our website.

Respectfully submitted, *Carol Morganti*, President

Library News Old Favorites and Some New Adult Programs in 2014

The book discussion groups and the Great Ideas Discussions as well as the tatting, loom knitting and origami craft sessions continue. Noontime Nature and Nighttime Nature with Kevin Cook continue to fill the Gertrude Scott Meeting Room to capacity. March once again brings weekly gardening classes presented by CSU Master Gardeners. New is a monthly Alfred Hitchcock Film Night and several finance and health related programs.

Also watch for a special evening of Celtic music at 6:30 p.m. on **March 18** featuring Jerry Barlow. Barlow is a Celtic finger-style guitarist and storyteller whose repertoire incorporates favorite traditional pieces as well as his own Celtic-inspired compositions.



Tech Talk

Anyone who recently acquired an electronic device and needs a little instruction in using it is invited to attend the next Tech Zoo on Saturday, **February 15** 10 a.m.-2p.m. Library tech experts will provide free advice on use and operation of tablets, eReaders, cellphones and other devices on a first come, first serve basis.

The classes in understanding eReaders and downloading library eBooks have been restructured. Anyone owning a color eReader can attend sessions on Tuesday, **February 11** at 4:30 p.m. or Saturday, **March 8** at 10 a.m. Sessions on using black & white eReaders will be held Thursday, **February 20** at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, **March 8** at 12:30 p.m.

The February schedule of free computer classes is listed on the enclosed calendar. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. A similar schedule of classes will be offered in March. Visit the technology section of the library or <http://tinyurl.com/lovelandlearning> for more information. Instructors from the Education and Life Training Center with funding from the Friends of the Library Foundation teach most classes.

Springtime Dreaming: Gardening Classes

Once again Master Gardeners from CSU will present helpful information on aspects of gardening in northern Colorado on the four Wednesdays in March. Each class begins at 1 p.m. The dates and topics include Pruning on **March 5**, Mulch on **March 12**, Trees and Turf in the Landscape on **March 19** and Vegetables on **March 26**.



Kevin Cook's New Nature Series

After 20 years of Noontime Nature programs on the first Tuesday of each month, Kevin has become just too popular! Last year a Nighttime Nature repeat program was added on the first Wednesday of the month. In January both programs were filled to capacity. The library is investigating other options to meet the demand. In the meantime, anyone wanting to attend should arrive very early or be prepared to be turned away when the Fire Marshall's limit is reached. This year's topic will be *Echoes to Bugles: Stories of Colorado Mammals*. While we hope to accommodate all interested attendees in Loveland, Cook does present the same programs in Greeley and Fort Collins libraries.

Calling all Genealogists

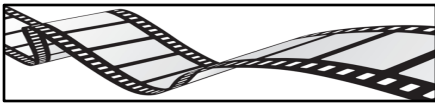
In conjunction with the Larimer County Genealogical Society, the library will offer two half-day classes. Pat Johnson will teach an "Introduction to Genealogy" class on Saturday, **February 22** from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. On **March 22**, "Land of Plenty-American Land Records and Their History" will be presented from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Participants wanting to attend these free classes should register at www.lcgsco.org. Volunteers from LSGS are available to assist family history researchers every Thursday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. in the library's local history room.

Library News

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Classic Film Nights

While the library's movie licensing contract does not allow us to publicize the titles of films outside the library, film buffs will want to see the films in the new **Hitchcock Classic Movie Nights**, presented the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Titles and more information are available on flyers in the library or by calling 962-2401.



Book Discussion Groups

The Library Adult Book Discussion Groups have been meeting for 15 years with Janice Benedict as the leader. Once a staff member, Janice now continues as a volunteer. The groups meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (note the new time!) and the following Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. in the Erion Room. The selections for February and March are as follows:

February 4 & 5 – *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich, winner of the National Book Award. Set on the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota, this is the story of a boy who seeks justice for a crime and understanding of the changes that crime has wrought. Part mystery, part coming of age story, completely compelling.

March 4 & 5 – *The Tenderness of Wolves*, a mystery by Stef Penney. The isolation of the 19th century Canadian wilderness is the backdrop for murder, but it is the search for the suspects and the web of human desires and relationships that holds the reader.

Three new book bags were added to Priscilla's Shelf during December: *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss, *The Places in Between*, by Rory Stewart, and *So Much For That* by Lionel Shriver. Priscilla's Shelf is a project of the Friends of the Library that provides funding for book bags containing ten copies of a title, along with background information and discussion questions. The book kits check out for six weeks. Lists of the 35 book club kits are available.



Loveland Loves Origami

Beginners and experts alike are invited to the library's origami classes. Adults and children ages 8 and up with an adult may attend the Saturday classes from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month or the new After School Origami the first Wednesday from 2 -4 p.m. Retired teacher Janet Deen is the instructor and the person who beautifully decorated the white Christmas tree with origami ornaments in December.

Tatting Class Growing

Tatting or handcrafted lace is an old craft that is gaining modern supporters. The class is held the fourth Saturday of each month, 10 am-noon, but now a practice group meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-noon. Participants are learning to make lace edging as well as doilies, collars and necklaces.

Vicky's Knitting Loom Group

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 1 p.m., a busy group of crafters make hats using knitting looms. In the coming months other loom knitting techniques will also be presented. Special thanks to these knitters who decorated a library Christmas tree with their creations and then donated them to the House of Neighborly Services.

Health Talks

A new lunchtime series of health talks with Dr. Brian Flemming called *Making Loveland a Healthier Community* will be held monthly. On **February 20**, the topic will be *Don't Let Your Back Get Out of Whack!*, and on **March 20**, the topic will be *Headaches: Natural Approaches to Pain Relief*. Sessions are at 12 noon. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch – healthy, of course! And let's not forget the health of your pets. Veterinarian Dr. Cooney will discuss diseases affecting your pet and understanding pain on Wednesday, **February 19** at 6:30 p.m.

Smart Money Classes



Free financial workshops presented by Make Change NoCo will be offered monthly. Nancy Patton from Public Service Credit Union will teach *Must Have Homebuyer Information* on Tuesday, **February 18** at 6:30 p.m. This one-hour session will help. Learn about the home buying process, how to get your credit in top form, and what role the realtor, lender, inspector and appraiser play in the process.

During the **March 18** Estate Planning 101 at 6:30 p.m., workshop participants will learn what they really need to know about wills, trusts, and powers of attorney, and how to put them all together. Amy Rosenberg and Kate Smith will answer questions and help to create strategies that make sense.

Creativity and Fun in the Teenseen

A growing number of Loveland teens are discovering the library's teen area and its varied activities. Where else can middle school and high school students celebrate International Waffle Day (**3/25**), play charades (**3/27**) or Minecraft (**2/5, 2/19, 3/5 and 3/19**), learn about bees (**3/31**), learn to crochet (**2/5**) or make book flowers (**2/20**), sock puppets (**2/26**) and

throw pillows (**3/13**)? These are just a few of the activities scheduled. Some require advanced registration, as space is limited.

During *Book Buzz: Romance* from 4-5 p.m. on **February 6**, teens will celebrate the romance book genre with a contest for the worst romance novel title, candy hearts and DIY paper flowers. During the **February 11 Anti-Valentine Party** from 3:30-4:30 p.m., teens will make anti-valentine cards shaped like different organs: brains, lungs, kidneys...NO hearts allowed!



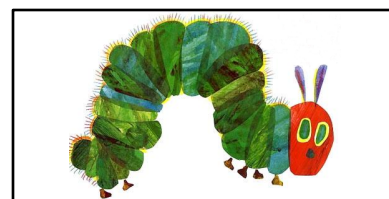
Mardi Gras will be celebrated with a party on March 4 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. On Equinox Earth Day at 4 p.m. on **March 20**, teens will celebrate our world with crafts and festivities.

Teens unfamiliar with the teenseen should stop by or check out the teen webpage. And, of course, there are great new teen novels and CDs available too! For more information call 962-2548.

Focus on Preschool Literacy

The Colorado State Legislature recognized the importance of early literacy and reinstated State Aid to Libraries with funding designated for books and materials targeted to pre-readers and beginning readers. More books will soon be arriving. Parents can learn how to help their

children become lovers of reading by bringing them to the storytimes presented at the library. Schedules, ages and themes are listed on the enclosed calendar.



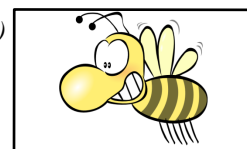
Read Aloud Loveland and the library invite four-year olds to the Fantastic Fours Reading Festival at 2 p.m. on Saturday, **March 8**. Read Aloud volunteers will read stories and there will be crafts and refreshments with a *Very Hungry Caterpillar* theme. Each four-year old child with an adult will receive a free book. Registration is not required but attendance is limited to 100 children.

Read Aloud Loveland is a volunteer non-profit organization that shares the love of reading with preschoolers in a variety of ways.

Programs for Elementary Ages

Library activities for school-aged children are designed to show that library activities are fun and educational. School Out Science at 3 p.m. on **February 17** will focus on bees and beekeeping for ages 5-10 while School Out Science at 3 p.m. on **March 31** will be for ages 8 and up. Representatives from the Northern Colorado Beekeepers Association will be the presenters.

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Programs for Elementary Ages

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Craft programs include making pencil pals for yourself or Valentine's Day gifts on Saturday, **February 8** at 2 p.m. and Mosaic Art on Saturday, **March 8** at 10 a.m. The Brickmasters Lego Club is a monthly favorite. Drop-in Chess for children ages 5-10 is every Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. During Waggin' Tales, beginning readers can practice reading to registered therapy dogs. Fifteen-minute time slots are available on a first come, first served basis.

Message from Marcia

"2013: The Only Constant is Change" is the slogan I use to describe the last year at the library. We had exciting, positive staff turnover but also sadness at the death of Administrative Assistant Patty Goodwine in the flood. We honored Customer Service Manager Lupe Saldana as she retired after 46 years at the library. Longtime librarians Joan Stephenson and Diane Hansen also retired in 2013.

2013 was our first full year in the renovated space and while we have adjusted, there were changes and improvements made throughout the year. I am most proud of the dramatic increase in volunteer hours donated to the library. These hours are equivalent to three full-time employees! We couldn't do it all without these fantastic volunteers.

Circulation of library materials was stable, down less than one half of one percent. The number of programs and attendance has not been calculated yet but certainly has seen an increase. Additional computer classes were added and were usually full. Over 41,000 children attended storytimes and other programs.

The library staff has increased outreach and promotion outside the library with visits to high school Back to School Nights, increased cooperation with the Loveland Center for Business Development, special outreach to children at Lago Vista Mobile Home Park in conjunction with R2J teachers, collaboration with the Loveland Museum and Gallery to provide programs related to the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf as well as participation in Homeless Connect, the NoCo Mini-Maker Faire, McKee's Health Fair, Halloween Festival, Battle of the Books, Children's Day and Public Works Day.

More citizens are learning about the technology resources in the library and are using the iCreate content creation lab with its digital editing equipment and very large printer. The LoveLibrary app makes access to the library catalog and eBooks easier. With support from the Friends of the Library and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, the library now has a Lulzbot 3D printer.

More exciting changes are planned for 2014. The contract has been signed and the library will soon be joining Prospector, the Colorado online catalog and interlibrary cooperative system that includes 42 other libraries and access to millions of titles. The staff and board will continue to work on the strategic plan that kicked off with a daylong planning retreat last August. With the generous support of the Friends of the Library and the community, the library will continue to offer excellent customer service.

Marcia Lewis, Library Director



Donate Your Gently Used Books to the Library!

WHERE? **THE SORTING PLACE**, 1010 West 10th Street, Loveland, CO 80537

WHEN? Donations accepted on Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

After hours donations: please leave items in the blue metal book drops located on either side of the front doors.

Please return your library books to the library!

Book Donation Reminders

Before donating books to the Friends of the Library, please check them one more time. Make sure that you have not borrowed them from someone or have checked them out from one of the local libraries. We receive thousands of books during the course of a week. It is difficult, sometimes impossible to locate a book donated by accident. We appreciate your donations; they are the foundation of our fundraising. But we only want your donations. Thank you!

We do not accept: business, computer or text books that are older than three years, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias, books with broken spines, missing pages, water damage, mold, highlighting or underlining, or magazines of any kind.

We no longer accept: VHS movies, or books and movies on cassette tape. Please donate these items to ARC, Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army or one of the local thrift stores.

Due to copyright law, we cannot accept: dubbed or copied music CDs or DVDs.

Is it time to update your membership?

JOIN (OR RENEW) WITH THE FRIENDS: Membership category

(check one):

☐ **Senior individual (\$10)** - 60 yrs. & over

☐ **Senior couple (\$15)** - both at least 60

☐ **Individual (\$15)**

☐ **Family (\$25)** - all members same household

☐ **Student (\$5)** - 18 yrs & under

Additional optional contribution designated for the:

\$ ☐ General Fund - FOL operating expenses

\$ ☐ First Friends Fund - youth/children programs

\$ ☐ Anna V. Duffield Fund - equipment & programs

\$ ☐ Priscilla's Book Shelf Fund

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It is the mission of this organization to support the Loveland Public Library's work as the information center of the community by advocating for the public support and use of the library, by generating current and long-term funding, and by developing volunteer involvement.

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