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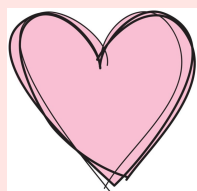
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Author Margaret Haddix Event - February 25 @ Bill Reed Middle School

Spring Used Book Sale - April 24-26 @ the Ranch



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February-March, 2015

THE FRIENDS' YEAR IN REVIEW

The New Year is always a good time to reflect on our past successes and look to our goals for the future. The Friends have so much to be thankful for, most especially the many, many volunteers who make possible the great achievements of our organization.

In 2014, some of our ongoing programs include the funding of the iLearn computer classes offered free many times a month for all levels of computer users and the ever-popular Kevin Cook nature series, now increased to three times per month. Additionally, we were pleased to introduce a new series offered by Board member Kathy Keeler as *The Wandering Botanist*.

To promote literacy, the Friends continued sponsoring the summer and winter reading program, an incentive to promote reading for all ages with activities, performers and guest speakers, and prizes. Additional support was provided to the Kids Read, a new library program to help at-risk families support and encourage reading in their homes.

Friends funding provided many programs and activities for the teenseen, including Computer Coding classes. We also made possible some training and conferences for library staff. Priscilla's Bookshelf added many Book Club bags due to our designated fund for that purpose. We contributed to the Little Free Library program in Loveland and we funded the historical digitization of the Reporter-Herald from 1915-1921.

2014 was a year of change for the Friends. The retirement of our long-term Book Sales Chair resulted in new management by committee and changes in policies at our fall Book Sale. As the Chair passes again in 2015, we look for new ideas and energy to continue the long success and popularity of our largest fund raising events. (Continued on p. 2)

Friends Year in Review

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Sweetnight, our second largest fund raiser for many years, transformed into Brats and Brews for Books, a night of music, dancing, and beer sampling by our local brewers. It proved to be a successful and fun evening for all participants.

Loveland Loves to Read welcomed Alexandra Fuller to a full Rialto Theater in September. She inspired everyone with her stories and philosophical thoughts on growing up in Africa and then experiencing freedom of speech as an American.

Last, but not least, Loveland Lights brought fun and entertainment to the library to celebrate the holiday season in December. The weekend is a perennial favorite for kids of all ages.

In addition to continuing all of the above programs in 2015, the Friends has approved additional funding for a library bike, microfilming of the last four years of the Reporter-Herald, purchase of 10 Kindles to provide preloaded books for checkout at the library, multimedia projectors for digital art displays, and sponsoring some popular young adult authors: Margaret Peterson Haddix in February and Amy Kathleen Ryan in April.

All of this is possible by the ongoing support of the Loveland community via the Friends of the Loveland Public Library. We rely on memberships and donations to the Friends, and the enthusiasm and energy of our wonderful volunteers. Sincere thanks to all who support our organization and the Loveland Library!



Volunteer Corner

The Friends are losing some key volunteers. We need some new help to keep our all-volunteer organization running smoothly. Please take a look at the following positions and consider donating your time and talent to our amazing organization. If you or you and a friend can make a difference, please join us.

Membership Chair: Maintain database for current memberships. Process applications and renewals for membership, issue cards and renewal reminders. Provide address labels for newsletter and other mailings, and group email for various notifications. If you have good computer database, spreadsheet and mail merge skills, this is the job for you!



Book Sale Chair/Co-chair:

Oversee the planning, set-up, and management of our semiannual book sales. The tasks are well-defined, and many/most tasks are assigned to other people. This job requires good management skills with the major time commitments at the end of April and October during the week of the sale. If you love working with people and staging big events, this is the job for you!

Chair Loveland Lights

Committee: Coordinate the programs, decorations, entertainment and presenters for our annual holiday weekend the beginning of December at the library. Current committee members are familiar with the planning and execution of the event, and the retiring chair is available to mentor. Without new leadership, this program may not continue. If you love the holiday season, have a creative bent and know how to throw a party for all ages, this is the job for you!

Assistant Newsletter Editor:

Work alongside our current editor to assist or substitute as needed with the bimonthly publication of the Friends' newsletter. Knowledge of desktop publishing programs is helpful but not necessary. If you enjoy writing and editing and have good computer skills, this is the job for you!

LOVELAND LIGHTS 2014

A Celebration of Winter Holiday Traditions

Loveland Lights, held December 6 & 7 at the library, was a festive, successful and well-attended event with nearly 3000 people passing through the library doors during the weekend. Library patrons were greeted by six-foot tall nutcrackers, the irresistible aroma of holiday baked goods, a dozen holiday decorated trees, incredible gingerbread houses of every description and holiday music resonating throughout the library. The always-popular Children's Gingerbread Workshops saw over 325 very excited children joyfully creating their own gingerbread houses. On Saturday afternoon, over 30 teens got the opportunity to create their versions of gingerbread houses in the teensen. 185 children looked high and low throughout the entire library in search of the hidden nutcrackers in the "Find the Nutcracker" Contest. Over a dozen children found all the nutcrackers! Twenty-three gingerbread creations entered in the Gingerbread Challenge were displayed down the middle of the library's Galleria this year. What talented people reside in Loveland!

THANK YOU to the library staff who so graciously welcomed the event, and THANK YOU to the army of Friends volunteers without whose help this event would not have succeeded.

I and three other longtime Loveland Lights Committee members retired after this event. To insure that this tradition continues to bring holiday spirit to the Loveland community, a new chairman and several more committee members are needed, as well as someone to organize and implement the Gingerbread Challenge. We hope to pass the torch on to members of the Friends who will continue this wonderful holiday celebration. If you have any questions about the Loveland Lights Committee or have any interest in joining, please contact me.

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Nutcracker Greeter



Gingerbread House Delights



Origami Christmas Tree

Spring Book Sale

April 24-26 are the dates of our spring book sale at the Ranch. Watch the Friends' website for more details.

We are always accepting donations of your used books, DVD's, CD's, as well as non-book items, such as games or puzzles. You can drop items off at the Sorting Place, 1010 W. 10th St., any time using the blue bins at the front door, or Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for large donations or to obtain a receipt.

Thanks for your support!

Kudos To:

David Blythin, our unofficial photographer, who has attended every event and program for many years, carefully recording each activity with his professional-quality photos. Enjoy his work in our newsletters, on our website, and at our annual membership meeting with his composite slide show. Thank you, David!

Bob and Susan Burton who assumed the job of managing the Sorting Place. This involves the week-to-week book sorting, packing, overseeing the volunteers, and many more details to ensure all is ready for our semiannual book sales. This is a huge commitment and the Board sends our huge thanks to you both!



Social Media Specialists Needed

The Friends are learning to use social media. If you regularly post to Facebook or Twitter or Pinterest, please consider helping the Friends by becoming one of the administrators on our social media sites. We simply need people to find and post things of interest to the Friends, such as stories about books, stories about authors, stories about libraries and Friends organizations, humor about any of those. If you are interested in participating even occasionally, contact Kathy Keeler khkeeler8@gmail.com, 970-622-8883. Kathy is often found at the Sorting Place late morning to early afternoon.



Friends Bring Children's Author to Loveland

Readers of all ages will want to head to Bill Reed Middle School Auditorium on Wednesday, **February 25** at 6:30 p.m. to hear Margaret Peterson Haddix, author of kids' favorites including the *Shadow Child* and *The Missing* series. The program is free of charge and no registration is necessary. Haddix' stories are suspenseful and often include time travel and mysterious adventures. The Friends of the Library, library staff and the school district are collaborating to bring this special author event to Loveland. Call 962-2548 for more information.

Library News

Major Library Accomplishments of 2014

- Library Strategic Plan that will provide direction for service priorities was developed.
- Library joined the Prospector Consortium of Colorado libraries to provide access to over 12 million items and faster interlibrary loaning and borrowing. Prospector partnered with a similar consortium in Missouri so we now have access to over 42 million items. Loveland lent 8717 items since joining in May and has borrowed 5868 items for Loveland citizens.
- The library received \$15,773 for educational resources for children from the first Colorado State Aide grant in ten years. The library will receive \$15,602 for the 2014-15 grant.
- The library provides an expanding collection of downloadable resources including eBooks. Circulation has increased more than 25%. A subscription to One Click Digital added over 4,000 downloadable audiobooks to the collection. The library began circulating 14 preloaded Nook eReaders. Ten pre-loaded Kindle eReaders will be available early in 2015.

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Major Library Accomplishments of 2014

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- This summer the library participated in a collaborative effort to improve the reading skills of elementary-aged children. Kids Read, a local nonprofit, developed a reading game that young readers and adults can play together. In conjunction with B.F. Kitchen Elementary School, Lago Vista Trailer Park and the library's Outreach Librarian, parents, library staff and volunteers were trained to use this game, targeting reluctant readers. The game and Buddy Reader volunteers are available at the library. A scaled-back program is continuing through the school year and will be expanded again next summer.
- Collaboration with other outside organizations increased. Primary examples include the Loveland Center for Business Development, the museum, the Larimer County Genealogical Society, Loveland CreatorSpace, Read Aloud Loveland, United Way and the Colorado Eagles.
- The number and variety of in-library programs continued to grow. The library is becoming a vital community center for life-long learning. While the number of items checked out is down slightly, 400,750 visitors to the library

were counted by the security gates (a 2% increase) and over 38,000 attended the 1154 programs offered in the children's division.

2015 Plans

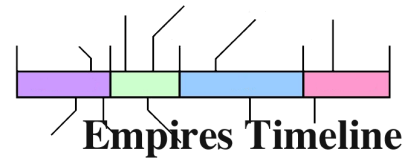
Based on the goals of the strategic plan, library employees will be focused on

- data collection to identify users and non-users in order to build collections and provide services that meet changing needs
- improving marketing and promotion including building a library bicycle with wi-fi that will be at local events around town
- expanding and targeting services to teens, younger adults, Spanish speakers, local businesses while maintaining quality services for current users
- building and strengthening partnerships with local organizations

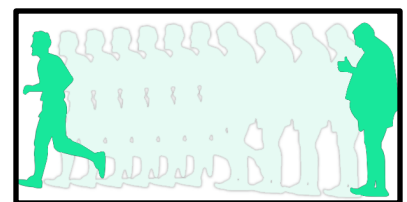
Adult Programming: a Mix of Traditional & New

Retired Loveland teacher Jim Found will present two new and unique programs. The first, *Mind Your Q's and X's*, on **February 17** at 6:30 p.m. will be a one-hour lesson on how to decode the Chinese names often in the news. His second topic will be an interactive course on world history where participants will create a timeline that shows the

connections between the empires of the past 4000 years. *World History on One Page* will be offered on **March 17** at 6:30 p.m.



Toni Gammage holds a Master's degree in adult and special education and has a passion for books that provide an intelligent, science-based and practical approach to weight loss and maintenance. Toni will be leading the *Healthy Weight Book Club* that will meet at the library on **February 5** and **March 5** and the first Thursdays of succeeding months at 6:30 p.m. This is not a diet club and no products will be sold or endorsed. This will be a chance to talk about books focusing on moving to a healthy lifestyle.



Dr. Jerod Dawson is also interested in creating healthier families in our community. Starting on **February 26** with "Ironclad Immunity," Dr. Jerod will present a health topic on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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With the Larimer County Office on Aging, the library is co-sponsoring a 6-week workshop, *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* on Mondays, **January 26 - March 2** from 3-5 p.m. It is an educational program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for others. The class is free but registration is required. Call 962-2402.



While teens have had access to gaming in the teenseen for years, library staff in the adult services area will be giving adults over age 18 a chance to have fun with video games at LPL Game Day, Saturday, **February 28** from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kevin Cook's new nature series, *Writing Colorado*, features twelve books that reveal the essential character of Colorado. Colorado's landscapes and lifescapes have inspired many writers over time. Cook's consistently interesting talks are presented the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon and 2 p.m. and the first Wednesday at 6 p.m. Authors Bayard Taylor and Wallace Stegner will be discussed in February and March, respectively.

Kathy Keeler, the retired University of Nebraska biology professor known as the *Wandering Botanist*, presents the curious stories of familiar plants at a new time this year. Her programs will be the third Wednesday of each month at

6:30 p.m. The February stories include willows, snowdrops and more. The **March 18** topic is spring flowers.

Pat Johnson and the Larimer County Genealogy Society will be presenting another *Introduction to Genealogy* class Saturday, **February 14** from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Register for this free class at www.lcgsc.org.

Another spring tradition at the library is to invite Master Gardeners to discuss gardening topics. This year's series will be Wednesdays **March 4 - 25** at 1 p.m. **March 4:** Growing Vegetables in Low Water Conditions;

March 11: Problems Our Trees are Facing; **March**



18: Heirloom Plants: Nostalgia in the Garden; **March 25:** Spruce Up your Lawn This Spring.

Joe Bowden continues his war talks programs focusing on the Cold War Wednesday, **March 11** at 6:30 p.m.

Two *Meet and Greet with the Author* programs will be held in February. On Tuesday, **February 10** at 6:30 p.m., Cate Cabot will discuss her new book, *Uncharted: a Journey Along the Edge of Time and Survival*. On Thursday, **February 19** at 6:30 p.m., local author Marie Evergeen will unveil her newly published book, *Quinn*. Marie has led the local National Novel Writing Month sessions and *Quinn* is the novel she wrote during the 2009 session.

On **February 17**, Laurel Kubin will present *Money Matters: Life Reimagined* at 6:30 p.m. This is a step-by-step approach backed by decades of research to making changes in your life, including financial changes.

Last year the *Classic Movie Nights* featured Hitchcock films and in 2015 twelve western movies have been selected. Free movies and popcorn are presented the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Pick up a flyer with the film titles next time you are in the library.



Great Ideas Discussions continue every other Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the library. Readings and handouts are distributed in advance, but newcomers are always welcome to join the lively discussions of philosophical questions.

The discussion group begun last summer and led by Drs. James and Julie Burnett resumes on Tuesday, **March 24** at 5:30 p.m. Their new six week course, called the *Purpose of God's Conscious Universe and Yourself*, will be held **March 11** and **25** at 5:30 p.m. as well as two Wednesday evenings in April and May.

The Library's Adult Book Discussion Groups meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., **February 3 & March 3** and on the following Wednesday at 9 a.m., **February 4 & March 4**.

Adult Programming

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February's book, *Burial Rites*, by Hannah Kent, is an historical novel set in Iceland in 1829. A maid is condemned to die for murdering her former master. Based on a real incident, the reader comes to know the full story as the maid awaits execution.

March's selection is Ivan Doig's *Sweet Thunder*. Explore the latest adventure of Morrie Morgan whom we first met in *The Whistling Season*, the Loveland Loves to Read title of 2007. Morrie is now an investigative reporter in Montana, championing the rights of local copper miners.

Robotics, Chess, Art, Writers & Fun in the Teenseen

The activities in the teenseen may make adults envious. A new EV3 Robotics hands-on and building session with assistance from the Loveland High School Robotics Club will be presented on



the third Thursday of each month from 4-6 p.m. for ages 8-17. Registration is required.

TeaInk, a new teenseen writing group, will meet the second Tuesday of the month starting Tuesday, **March 10** from 4-5 p.m. Enjoy tea, a snack, and some creative writing challenges. No writing experience required, just an open mind!

Other teen activities include chess (**February 4 & March 4**), a text abbreviation game (**February 5**), candy Valentine cards (**February 13**), Anime Junkies (**February 18 & March 18**), scratch art (**February 26**), Bad Art Show (**March 5**), Balloon Tennis (**March 27**) and Banana Tattoos (**March 31**). The Teen Advisory Board meets **February 20** and **March 20** at 4 p.m. to help plan teen activities and recommend book purchases. For more information about teenseen check out the website, Facebook, Instagram or call 962-2548.

Activities in the Children's Area

In addition to the regularly

scheduled storytimes and playgroup activities, preschooler ages 2-5 will want to participate in Tiny Trekkers, a winter nature program presented by Larimer County Natural Resources on Tuesdays, **February 3 & March 3** at 9:15 a.m.



Ongoing programs for school-aged children include the Lego Brickmasters sessions (**February 23 & March 23**), School Out Science (**February 16 & March 13**), Knitting Club (**February 14 & March 14**), Chess Club (every Tuesday at 4 p.m.) and Buddy Reading (every Thursday at 4 p.m.). Buddy Reading is an opportunity for beginning or reluctant readers to play a reading game with an adult volunteer. Waggin' Tales is the fun program where a child can read with a trained therapy dog. Call 962-2587 for information about children's programs.

The Battle of the Books final competition will be Saturday, **February 7** between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Teams of third – fifth graders from local schools will be testing their knowledge of a books.

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