

SPECIAL
EVENTS:

July 19 6:30 p.m.—
Presentation of \$2,000,000
to City of Loveland for the
library addition at City
Council Meeting in City
Council Chambers

August 31—Deadline for
purchasing a customized
brick for the library addi-
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The Need to Know

The Newsletter of

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JULY—AUGUST 2011

Business as Unusual at the Library

If you've visited the Loveland Public Library any time in the past 10 months, you know it's far from "business as usual" around here. We are in the middle of a huge expansion, nearly doubling the size of our building. Distant rumblings have become the soundtrack of our days. Our space is in flux as bookshelves and staff desks shift to accommodate temporary walls and daily projects. Outside, big trucks are constantly on the move.

Even in our state of limbo, the benefits of this expansion outweigh the inconvenience. While staff areas have condensed, this has made our workspaces more social and made us feel stronger camaraderie. Meanwhile, we have a unique opportunity to reorganize and rethink all our processes from scratch. And of course it's exhilarating to see our ambitious plans for all the new space coming to fruition. As a librarian in the Information Technology department, I'm excited by the broadband Internet cables, all the wireless Internet connection points, and the new public computers we're currently testing.

(Ultimately, we'll have 48 of them.) But my less geeky colleagues are just as thrilled about the new storytime room, more space for bookshelves, a big area just for teens, the fireplace reading room, the children's interactive area, the space to feature our special local history collections. It goes on and on.

Since I've been in charge of our construction update newsletter, "Renovation Tales," I've become a bit of a construction groupie, always asking what's going on behind the green construction fence. Fortunately, Bernie Marzonie, the construction superintendent, patiently takes the time to give me the latest information and escort me through the site to take pictures. It's been really fun to see every step of the building process such as what holds up the second story, what lives inside the brick walls, and what will power our computers. The last time I walked through the new addition, workers were just finishing the walls and windows around the new kids' Homework Room. This enclosed area will collect in one space all the children's reference books, homework computers, and

tables for quiet group work. It is very spacious, and looks wonderfully bright and airy (especially in contrast to the tiny, windowless room we have now).

The kids who visit our library have enjoyed monitoring the progress too. Early on, we were able to arrange for the Children's department to have windows into the construction zone as well as stairs to boost the little ones up high enough to peek in. Their excitement about the construction is contagious and a constant reminder of how cool this whole project is.

We hope everyone in our community will take full advantage of our new resources when the expanded Loveland Public Library is finished. But I hope you stop in while it's still "business as UNusual." I'd love to show you all the fascinating construction projects going on—in steel, pipes, wires, dry-wall, glass, and wood. You can also see just how much we are changing and join us in anticipation of our beautiful new building.—

Tyera Fulberg,
Information Technology
Librarian, Loveland Public
Library

Spring Book Sale Adds \$6,861.00 To Capital Campaign

We want to express our congratulations and sincere thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers who put together the Spring Used Book Sale; 1,589 boxes of books were pre-sorted and taken to this sale.



Dick & Marlene Schilling at the Book Sale

We are excited to tell you that our gross sales were **\$27,444.00**, with 25% going to the Capital Campaign. After expenses of \$2,387.20, we have \$18,195.80 available for future use toward library programs, equipment and our operating expenses.

One hundred and fifty-three volunteers worked on this book sale, logging **3,775.75**

volunteer hours since our Fall Book Sale in October 2010. We logged 1,466.75 hours during the week of set up and sale alone, with 116 members of the Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation, Inc. participating in this sale. Of those members, 42 have helped with sorting since our Fall Sale. Thank you to the Staff of the

Loveland Public Library for your help and support.

A special thank you goes to our Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Franke, for her many hours of contacting and scheduling all our volunteers. This is one of the most time consuming activities prior to and during each book sale. Thank you again Barb!

Gratitude is extended to our individual book donors and business friends:

Stephanie and Mark Stauder of Anthology Book Company, Theresa Bayless of Booklover's Bookstore

LLC, Barbara Haynes, Ruth and Sam Chesher of Book Haven Book Store, and Vivian Tapp from Barnes and Noble, all whom have donated countless books to make our sale such a success. Thank you to Anheuser-Busch for supplying boxes, and to the Walmart Distribution Center for boxes, paper, and labels that we use during the book sale, and at our sorting facility. Thank you to the staff at "The Ranch" Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex for your attention to our needs.

We have resumed sorting on Wednesdays, preparing for the Fall Used Book Sale, **October 22-23**, Members Only Preview Sale on Friday **October 21**. – *Roberta Moyer*, Book Sale Chairperson



Financial Numbers for 2010

The following information was inadvertently omitted from the Friends of the Loveland Public Library Annual Report for 2010 published in the May-June issue:

Regular Sources of Income:

Membership Dues	\$5,475
Donations	\$6,017
Book Sales	\$55,261
Event Income	\$27,939

Balances as of 12/31/2010:

Cash	\$16,772
Credit Cards Receivable	\$285
Investments	\$13,402
<u>Brick Project</u>	<u>\$1,900</u>
Total Assets	\$120,600
Liabilities	\$0.00

Mission Accomplished!



Thank You! We are pleased to report that we have reached our goal of **\$2,000,000** in our Capital Campaign to support expansion and renovation of the Loveland Public Library. We are deeply grateful to our donors - corporations, foundations, groups, families and individuals. Donor gifts range from \$2 to \$400,000. Anonymous donors contributed over \$3,700 via the blue jugs at the library and/or by purchasing books at our used book sales. Others are continuing to contribute through the brick paver project which will continue through August 31. All donors were requested, by mail, to express their preferences regarding placement of their name[s] on the Donor Wall. Donors should return the postcard ASAP or call George Franke at 203-0904.

The accumulation of funds began in 2004, with the Building Legacies Fund. There was no specific target date for the expansion, but studies had shown the library to be already short of space and in need of updating to keep pace with computer resources and electronic media. The project almost doubles library size, provides more staff workspace, and significantly increases computer access.

Teens, genealogists, and people seeking business resources will have dedicated space for their needs.

The \$2 million raised by The Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation, Inc. will supplement the Capital Expansion Funds set aside by the City for library expansion. The City is providing additional funding from its capital budget to complete the project by the beginning of 2012. The cost of running the campaign (consultant, supplies and postage) is approximately \$130,000. Any funds received by the Friends in excess of the \$2 million will, in accordance with our campaign policies, be used by The Friends for future needs of the library.

Thank You to everyone who joined us in this accomplishment. —

George Franke, Capital Campaign Co-Chairman



City To Receive Capital Campaign Funds

Join the Capital Campaign Committee and The Friends of The Loveland Library as we present the City of Loveland with the "Big Check" on **July 19** at 6:30 p.m. for the \$2 million that was raised by our Capital Campaign. The presentation will take place during the City Council meeting in the

City Council Chambers at 500 East 3rd Street. It is recommended that you get there a little early to get a seat. We hope to have a good representation of The Friends in attendance at this fun event.—
Rose Anne Wheeler,
Capital Campaign Co-Chairman

From the President

When I was a schoolgirl, our teacher in elementary school required us to collect caterpillars, put them in a jar with green leaves and ventilate the top. We recorded the slow progress of that ugly worm into a cocoon. Then, one day, a beautiful butterfly emerged!



We are all witnessing, with patience, the metamorphosis of our beloved library going from the worm into the cocoon stage in order to celebrate the emergence of a beautiful new library in 2012. During the coming months, the staff will need, more than ever, the understanding of the patrons of the library during this transition time. Renovation work will continue to displace materials and work spaces to unfamiliar territory. When inconvenienced by on-going construction, we will need to see beyond the cocoon to envision the beautiful butterfly that is sure to emerge.— *Gemmy Brown*,
President, Friends of the Loveland Public Library

There Are Benefits To Being a Senior And Volunteering

Did you know that if you are a Loveland Public Library volunteer or Friends of the Loveland Public Library volunteer and you are 55 years old or better, you qualify for FREE federally funded benefits through Volunteers of America's RSVP Program? If you are not enrolled as an RSVP volunteer, you could be missing out. Loveland Public Library is a designated RSVP Partner Agency and all volunteers for the library or the Friends of the Library age 55 or better can take advantage of these great FREE benefits, including:



- ◆ Supplemental Accident Insurance
- ◆ Liability Insurance
- ◆ Excess Automobile Liability Insurance
- ◆ Life Insurance
- ◆ Special Invitations to Socials and Recognition Events
- ◆ And for those who qualify, mileage reimbursement.

Signing up is easy. To become an RSVP volunteer with Loveland Public Library or Friends

of the Loveland Library, just ask your Volunteer Coordinator for the short enrollment form. For the Library volunteers talk to Marcia Lewis, and for Friends of the Library volunteers talk to Barb Franke. If you have questions about becoming an RSVP volunteer call the Volunteer Program Coordinator at Volunteers of America, Mario Burton, at 970-476-9630. It's easy and it's FREE, so don't miss out!

Welcome New Members







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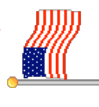





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Where And When Can I Donate Books During The Construction Phase of the Library?

There are two large blue donation bins located outside The Sorting Place at 1010 West 10th Street. You may drop off donations any time Monday through Sunday. These bins are for donations only. You will need to return your checked-out library materials to the library. If you need a tax receipt, please drop off your donations on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

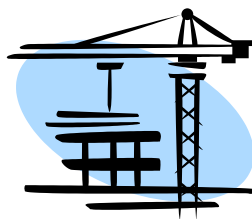


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Library News: Changes Coming Soon



This summer will be exciting and probably challenging, as the new addition to the library is completed and staff and services will move into the new spaces so the existing library can be renovated. At press time, the move into the new areas is scheduled for mid-July. The next phase will be blocking off the north half of the old building to remodel that area. Changes in the south half are scheduled to begin in October with the whole project finishing in January.

The new second floor will house the technology center which includes the iExplore center with 48 computers for public use and the iLearn training room. Also upstairs, there will be new meeting and conference rooms as well as administrative offices.

One of the most exciting areas in the new library is the *teenseen*, a space on the north side of the first floor designed for middle and high school aged youth. Be sure to check it out! Most of the children's area will also be open during Phase 2 including the new Mrs. Runschmunkel Reading Room where storytimes will be held.

The current entrance on the south side of the building as well as the Gertrude Scott Meeting Room will remain in use until Phase 3 starts in the fall. When the library is finished there will be more ExpressCheck stations where customers can easily check out their own items and a materials handling system with conveyor belts and sorting bins that will check in items from two book returns, a walk-up at the entrance and a drive through on the west side of the building. In order to accommodate these new features, circulating library materials will get new security tags that staff will be adding this summer.

Monthly *Renovation Tales* newsletters with updates and photos related to construction are available on the library website,
www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org

Library Receives Grant for Early Childhood Programs



The Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation in Denver awarded the library a \$15,000 grant to support its Every Child Ready to Read program that includes the storytime programs for pre-schoolers as well as parenting education on the importance of pre-literacy activities and learning for young children.

Early Childhood Programs, cont'd

The grant will fund new equipment and materials for storytimes, computers designed for preschoolers and special parenting programs when the library renovation is complete early in 2012, and partial funding for the interactive learning center that will be near the new storytime room. The Buell Foundation's Early Childhood Education and Development Grants fund projects that directly support the healthy development of very young children. The library staff that work with preschoolers both in the library and in our outreach programs are excited about the enhancements this grant will provide.

Summertime and the Reading is Easy



The summer reading programs for adults, teens and children are in full swing. The *Raise A Reader* program for children is stressing reading and books this summer. Readers (and children being read aloud to) can win their own book prizes this year. Teen readers enrolled in the *You Are Here* program have chances to win prizes and

and adults in the *Dig Into Books* program can enter the weekly drawings for each book read. Of course, we all know reading is its own reward. The library does not prescribe what participants should read but librarians are certainly willing to help you find something interesting. Be sure to register in person or online and start having fun. The programs for teens and children end on **July 30** but, children's prize books can be picked up until **August 19**. The Ribbon Cutting finale for children is a Bob Aiken puppet show at Foote Lagoon at 6 p.m. on **July 29**. Teens who complete the program will have a Pool Party at Winona Pool on **July 29**. The grand prize drawing for the adult program will be **August 12**.

Adult Book Discussion Groups



Adults who like to discuss what they are reading should check out the monthly Adult Book Discussion Groups. Start with a leisurely float down the Mississippi! In July, the groups will discuss *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. In August, they move from late 19th century middle America to World War II, as experienced in London and Cape Cod with *The Postmistress* by Sara Blake.



For the annual picnic, the groups will read *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, Bill Bryson's memoir of growing up in mid-twentieth century Iowa.

Where and when:

July 5 & 6:

9 a.m. group meets in the City Manager's Conference Room, room #330 (top floor) of the Municipal Building.

7 p.m. group meets in the Gertrude Scott Room

Wednesday group meets at 9 a.m. in the Library Board Room.

August 2 & 3:

9 a.m. group meets in the Municipal Building, Main Floor Conference Room.

7 p.m. & Wednesday groups: **PLEASE CALL 962-2402 for locations.**

August 23: PICNIC!! At North Lake Park, shelter #1, 6-9 p.m. Please bring a dish to share, your drink and place setting.

Stories in the Park

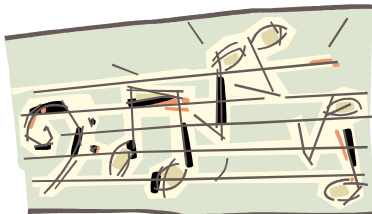


Not only are adults meeting in the park for library fun. The Travelling Storyteller will be presenting storytimes in local parks until **July 28**.

Each week, Tammy Cohoon will be presenting six programs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in local parks.

The programs are geared to children ages 3 – 8, but all ages are welcome. Dates, locations and themes are available on the library's website and there are brochures available at the library.

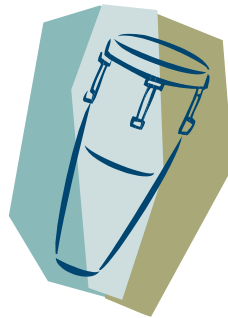
Magic and Music @ Foote Lagoon



The last two Tuesday family shows at Foote Lagoon are coming up in July. On **July 12** at 7 p.m., *Erica Sodos Enchanted Magic* will be presented. With her captivating stage presence, mystical demeanor and deep love of performing, Erica Sodos will

enchant you into a magical world where anything is possible. Erica's mission is to empower her audience by helping them discover their own personal power and magic. All of Erica's work is extremely theatrical and combines elements of magic, storytelling, pantomime and physical theater.

On **July 19** at 7 p.m., *Istari World Percussion* showcases music and drumming from around the world. Percussionists Chadzilla and Ed Contreras show the roots of modern American music from Africa and the Middle East to South America and the Caribbean. Audiences will enjoy the great drumming, education and humor that is Istari.



These Tuesday evening family programs are presented free of charge with funding from the Friends of the Library Foundation. They will move into the Gertrude Scott Meeting Room in case of inclement weather. For more information contact the children's department at 962-2587.

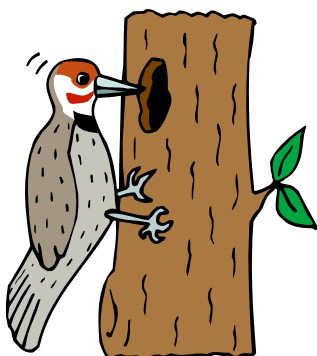
Noontime Nature

This year-long series presented the first Tuesday of each month spotlights mysteries regarding Colorado wildlife. Each program focuses on one particular wildlife species or on one particular wildlife encounter that has puzzled or outright vexed biologists and naturalists. Some of these mysteries have been solved; some have not, but each is a story unto itself.



The topic on **July 5** is *The Case of the Invisible Beast*. Armed with venomous stinging cells, the tentacles droop from the body like arms of death, but only for the hapless and the puny. This creature, far from being one of the great beasts of the oceans, defies stereotypes and inhabits inland freshwaters. Its tiny size and erratic occurrence make it nearly invisible and hence virtually unknown as part of Colorado's wildlife. Such details embellish the surprise that we have our own jellyfish. But how did it get here?

Noontime Nature, cont'd.



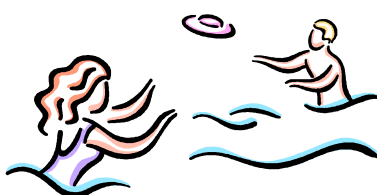
On **August 2**, naturalist Kevin Cook will present *The Case of the Forgotten Bird*. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas went flyfishing in the Colorado wilderness. While there, he found a magnificent woodpecker, and subsequently described the occasion, the location and the bird in one of his books. A quarter century later, a committee voted to purge the species from the state bird list. Now, a half century later, this woodpecker has vanished — as if it was never here and is all but forgotten.

These Noontime Nature programs will be presented at 12 noon in the library's Gertrude Scott Room. For more information contact Marcia at 962-2404.

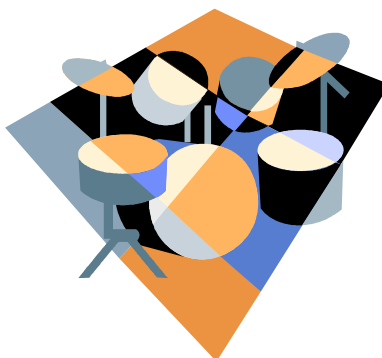
Teens are Here

The new teenseen area of the library will have lots of activities for youth in middle and high school. Monthly

Friday evening game nights continue and there are other programs in addition to the You Are Here Pool Party at Winona Pool on **July 29** for all teens who complete the summer reading program.



At 3 p.m. on **July 7**, teens will have fun playing Tick Tock Beat the Clock, the library's own "Minute to Win It" game. The July DIY project at 3 p.m. on **July 15** involves decorating and personalizing your own luggage. Before the Istari Percussion Group performs for the library's Foote Lagoon family concert at 7 p.m. on **July 19**, the group will present a drum workshop for teens from 4 – 5 p.m.



On **August 9** from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, local photographer Steve Stoner will instruct teens on how to create stop motion films. **August 17** at 3 p.m. will be the next Teen Advisory Board meeting.



For more information about teen events and the new teenseen space, contact Teen Librarian Beth Gudmestad at 962-2548. Check out the website or friend her on *Facebook*.

PAVING THE WAY TO THE FUTURE

Deadline for Brick Purchase

August 31 is the last day that customized bricks may be purchased for the library's new addition. For details, visit www.friendsofthelovelandlibrary.org.



Author C. J. Box

Loveland Loves to Read

Mark your calendars for **Loveland Loves to Read 2011** featuring noted Wyoming author, C.J. Box. We are featuring his Edgar Award winning book, *Blue Heaven*. The Friends of the Loveland Public Library will sponsor an evening with the author at the Rialto Theater on Wednesday, **November 5** at 7 p.m. Copies of *Blue Heaven* can be purchased at Anthology Books at a 20% discount.

The Need to Know is a bi-monthly newsletter published by the Friends of the Loveland Public Library. Its editor is Pauline Denning. Pauline can be reached at 970-215-8713 or by email at paulinedenning@msn.com.

Is It Time to Update Your Membership?

JOIN (OR RENEW) WITH THE FRIENDS:

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