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EXPLORING YOUR Library



A fond farewell to *Exploring Your Library's* print edition

You hold in your hands the last printed issue of *Exploring Your Library*. Starting in April, Jefferson County Public Library will begin distributing its program and service news exclusively online. Those who already receive our monthly eNews via e-mail will be unaffected by the changeover. *Exploring Your Library* will roll into the eNews bulletin, expanding the electronic newsletter in size and coverage in the process.

Though we regret the necessity of discontinuing our print newsletter – a newsletter that JCPL has been proud to distribute for nearly 15 years – we are also eager to explore new opportunities in the coming months. Moving our newsletter online allows us to try formats and features previously unavailable in print.

We highly encourage subscribers of *Exploring Your Library's* print edition to sign up to receive eNews. You can sign up online by going to our web site at www.jeffcolibrary.org, clicking Library and Community Info, Current eNews and then [Subscribe Online](#). You can also call 303-235-5275 and ask to be signed up for our online newsletter.

Thank you for your years of readership and support of *Exploring Your Library*. Though circumstances have led us to discontinue this well-loved service, we at JCPL are still devoted to providing the best possible information about your Library. Though *Exploring Your Library* may no longer appear in your mailbox or at your local Accounts Desk, its spirit and the content it once shared will continue in eNews.

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Break Out of Boredom: Spring Break Programs

Instead of just sitting around and wondering why it's snowing during Spring Break, teens can come into the Library to hang out and learn some handy DIY crafts. Here are a few of the Spring Break programs taking place at Jefferson County Public Library this March:

Stained Glass Jars

Belmar Library

2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30

Teens are invited to Belmar Library to recycle old jars into stained glass, perfect for a decoration in your room or a gift. Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own jars and colored tissue paper if you wish.

Magazine Bowls

Columbine Library

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30

Learn a fun and practical craft at the Columbine Library. Using old magazines and glue, make your own sturdy, useable bowls.

Teen Time: Zombie Project Runway

Standley Lake Library

3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30

Teens will form teams to design the best zombie costume and perform a fashion show with their undead creations. A panel of guest judges will choose the most creative and ghoulish costumes.

Gaming Afternoon

Columbine Library

1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1

Come to Columbine Library this April to meet new people, get to know your library and play a variety of Wii and Xbox games.

Teen Time: Teen Storytime

Standley Lake Library

3-4:30 p.m. Monday, April 5

Teens are invited to the Standley Lake Library this April to enjoy a different kind of storytime. Sit back, relax and listen to short stories read aloud.

Library locations and hours

Reach each of our Jefferson County Public Library locations by calling one convenient number –

303-235-JCPL (5275)

Monday-Thursday – 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

10200 W. 20th Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80215
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ARVADA

7525 W. 57th Ave.
Arvada, CO 80002
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

BELMAR

555 S. Allison Parkway
Lakewood City Commons
Lakewood, CO 80226
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

BOOKMOBILE

10200 W. 20th Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80215
Call for Bookmobile information

COLUMBINE

7706 W. Bowles Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

CONIFER

Conifer High School, 10441 Hwy. 73
Conifer, CO 80433
Monday-Thursday 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.
CLOSED Friday

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TTY 303-275-2233

EDGEWATER

5843 W. 25th Ave.
Edgewater, CO 80214
Monday & Tuesday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
CLOSED Sunday

EVERGREEN

5000 Hwy. 73 (at Buffalo Park Rd.)
Evergreen, CO 80439
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

GOLDEN

1019 10th St.
Golden, CO 80401
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

LAKEWOOD

10200 W. 20th Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80215
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

STANDLEY LAKE

8485 Kipling St.
Arvada, CO 80005
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

WHEAT RIDGE

5475 W. 32nd Ave. (32nd & Chase)
Wheat Ridge, CO 80212
Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.
CLOSED Friday

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FREE Classes

Add a skill to your resume. Or, just come for the fun of it.



Registration required. Call 303-235-5275 to register for classes.

Arvada

Computer Basics

9 a.m. Saturday, March 6

E-mail Basics

10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 28

Belmar

Computer Training Center

Mouse Basics

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3

2:30–4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11

2:30–4:30 p.m. Monday, March 29

Keyboarding Lab

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2
6–8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

Introduction to Using Computers

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16

2:30–4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23

Introduction to the Internet

2:30–4:30 p.m. Monday, March 8

2:30–4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25

Searching the Internet

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23

Word Basics

2:30–4:30 p.m. Monday, March 1

2:30–4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9

E-mail Basics

2:30–4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9

2:30–4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

PowerPoint Basics

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Friday, March 5

Excel Basics

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

Practice Session

1:30–3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6

2:30–4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10

2:30–4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18

6–8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23

Genealogy on the Internet

6–8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10

Columbine

Computer Classes for Adults: **Computer Basics**, **Internet Basics** and **The Catalog**. Call 303-235-5275 for an appointment.

Evergreen

Computer Basics

10:15 a.m. Mondays, March 1 and 15

Word Basics

10:15 a.m. Mondays, March 8 and 22

Internet Basics

2 p.m. Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 30

E-mail Basics

1 p.m. Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17

Excel Basics

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Golden

Mouse Basics

9 a.m. Wednesday, March 3

Keyboarding Basics

9 a.m. Wednesday, March 10

Internet Basics

9 a.m. Wednesday, March 17

Word Basics

9 a.m. Wednesday, March 24

E-mail Basics

9 a.m. Wednesday, March 31

Standley Lake

Computer Basics

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 9

E-mail Basics

10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 18

Word Basics

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 31

Wheat Ridge

E-mail Basics

9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 10

The Library is here to help during tax season.

AARP Tax Help 2010

As Tax Day creeps ever closer, the AARP continues to provide free counseling and preparation assistance to all taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. Check with your local library for the times and dates of these popular sessions or view the entire schedule at www.jeffcolibrary.org/pdf/aarp.pdf. Though no reservations are required, space for each session is limited. Participants are encouraged to arrive early.

SRC-VITA Income Tax Assistance at Golden Library

12–4 p.m. Wednesday, March 31

The Seniors' Resource Center is happy to help take a little bit of the stress of the tax filing process off your back. Qualified representatives will be on hand at the Golden Library to give free general tax assistance.

Reservations are not required. Assistance is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to arrive early and sign up at the Golden Information Desk.

2009 marks another year of record library use for JCPL

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) achieved record service levels in 2009, with significant year-over-year increases in patron visits, item check-outs, computer access and the use of electronic resources:

- The number of items checked out grew to 7.1 million, up 10.6 percent;
- Patron visits grew to nearly 2.9 million, up 6.4 percent;
- The number of computers available for public use grew to nearly 300, with more than 355,000 hours of use recorded;
- Access to online databases grew to 218,869, up 12.2 percent; and
- Page views of the JCPL web site increased to 3.9 million, up 8.2 percent.

In 2009, JCPL registered nearly 34,000 new borrowers, bringing the total number of library cardholders to 311,408 – or nearly 60 percent of the Jefferson County population. During the year, JCPL also fielded more than 110,000 patron inquiries through its Call Center. In addition, JCPL offered 6,191 programs and classes, which were attended by more than 136,800 participants, a year-over-year increase of 18 percent and 9 percent, respectively. These programs were designed to address a broad range of community needs, including but not limited to:

- For pre-schoolers: JCPL's Traveling Children's Library, which brought 658 interactive, bilingual storytimes to preschoolers in more than 70 classroom locations;
- For kids: Summer Reading Club, which enabled more than 25,000 children, teens and adults keep up their reading skills during the summer months;
- For adults: Book clubs; workshops on home buying, caregiver survival skills, Spanish/English language skills; assistance with income tax preparation; and more;
- For job seekers: Free training on computer systems, software and the Internet; online resources to assist with job searches and applications; and the eTrain Mobile Training Lab, a joint project with Jefferson County Workforce Center, which provides free computer access and training to participants throughout Jefferson County; and
- For non-profits, entrepreneurs and small business owners: Free access to online databases, including The Colorado Grants Guide, Demographics Now and Business Source Complete, among others. These resources help patrons with demographic trends, market and competitive analysis, business planning, funding resources and more.

Executive Director Marcellus Turner and Library staff continue to evaluate how best to provide library programs and services in underserved areas of the county, and remain committed to addressing the needs of all Jefferson County citizens. Thank you for your continued support!



Great Decisions at Evergreen Library

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6

Evergreen Library will kick off its sixth year of the Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group with an informational meeting. Briefing books will be distributed, and the schedule and overview of topics will be discussed. New members are encouraged and always welcome to this free program. No experience is needed – only an interest in world affairs. Great Decisions meets every two weeks beginning April 13, using a curriculum from the Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org). Readings are traditionally completed before each class, but are not required.



The Ides of March (and some other days, too)

By Joyce Deming, Information Services Librarian, Golden Library

March didn't bode so well for Julius Caesar, but there are lots of other reasons to celebrate this month. If nothing else, March tends to be our snowiest month and what better excuse to hunker down with a few good books? Here are a few reading suggestions that highlight some March holidays, both the familiar and the not-so-well known.

March is Women's History Month and while it's nearly impossible to select just one or two books on the topic, here are a couple to get you started. In a college paper written in 1976, author Laurel Thatcher Ulrich first theorized that, "Well behaved women seldom make history." She went on to explore this topic in depth in her book by the same name, published in 2007. She looks at three prominent female figures in history: Christine de Pizan, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Virginia Woolf, then branches out from there. For a look at the lives of women from this neck of the woods, try [Into a New Country: Eight Remarkable Women of the Old West](#) by Liza Ketchum. In this book for younger readers, she brings to life the first woman physician in the Pacific Northwest, the Omaha Indian sisters who fought for their people's rights and the Canadian woman who explored the Klondike, among others.

March 11 is Johnny Appleseed Day and Hugh Nissenson has captured the essence of the eccentric John Chapman in his book, [The Tree of Life](#). Told in diary form, it's the compelling story of the hardships and heartaches faced by settlers in Ohio around 1812.

According to the Bizarre, Wacky and Unique Holidays web site (www.holidayinsights.com), March 14 is Learn About Butterflies

Day. Taking a break from his coverage of topics such as neo-Nazism, vigilantes on the Mexican-American border and the suffering of soldiers returning from Iraq, journalist Peter Laufer takes on the "lighter" topic of butterflies in his book, [The Dangerous World of Butterflies: The Startling Subculture of Criminals, Collectors, and Conservationists](#). He describes the controversy over the staged release of butterflies at public events, the nefarious world of butterfly collecting that threatens species worldwide, and the still unsolved mystery of metamorphosis, in which every cell of the caterpillar's body liquefies before reconstituting itself into a butterfly. For a fictional look at the world of turn-of-the-20th century butterfly collecting, try Rachel King's [The Sound of Butterflies](#).

When I read that March 31 is National Clam on the Half Shell Day, I was reminded of the science fiction favorite [Venus on the Half-Shell](#) by Kilgore Trout (aka Philip Jose Farmer). It's the story of Simon Wagstaff, Space Wanderer, who travels from planet to planet in search of an answer to that eternal question: "Why did God create man just to suffer and die?" It's fun, fast paced and a little silly, but a good read nonetheless.

You can check out these titles and many more at any Jefferson County Public Library location. Look for them on our web site, or talk to your librarian for more recommendations.



Book Sale, March 5-6

Check out the March Madness Used Book Sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 5-6 in the Standley Lake Library meeting room.

Hardback fiction (normally \$2.25) and paperbacks will sell for just a \$1. Nonfiction books will be priced from \$1 to \$2.25.

Children's books will run from 50 cents to \$1.

Also available will be a selection of audiobooks,

DVDs, CDs, videos and books on CD from 50 cents to \$5. There will be more than 5,000 books to choose from, including a small section of finer books priced as marked. More information is available on book sales and events at www.friendsofjcp.org.



Especially for **ADULTS**

Choices are tough today. The Library makes it easy with an abundance of free programs and events.

Arvada

Monday Night Book Group

7 p.m. March 8

[Miles from Nowhere](#) by Nami Mun

Belmar

Thursday Night Book Group

7 p.m. March 4

[The Whistling Season](#) by Ivan Doig

Art Wall

Creighton Middle School

Columbine

Tuesday Afternoon Book Group

2 p.m. March 2

[Scorched Earth](#) by David L. Robbins

Great Decisions

The Global Financial Crisis

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3

The Persian Gulf

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17

Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31

Evergreen

Thursday Night Book Group

7 p.m. March 11

[The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story](#)

by Diane Ackerman

Caregiver Survivor Skills

4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25

"Financial and Insurance Issues: Preparing Yourself for Difficult Decisions"

Elk Run Assisted Living Community
31383 Frost Way, Evergreen

A program of the Mountain Caregivers Resource Group, including Jefferson County Public Library, Mt. Evans Hospice and Home Health Care, Life Care Center of Evergreen, and Seniors' Resource Center, Evergreen. For more information, call Mt. Evans Hospice – 303-674-6400.

Exhibit Case

Evergreen Chamber Orchestra

Art Exhibit

Photography by Peter K. Link

Golden

Tuesday Night Book Group

7 p.m. March 23

[Moloka'i](#) by Alan Brennert

UFOs

6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 10 and 24

Work on and talk about your UFOs - Unfinished Objects. Crafters of all types are welcome.

Intercambio/Language Exchange

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 2 and 16

Join us for an opportunity to improve Spanish/English skills in an informal setting.

Lakewood

Tuesday Night Book Group

7 p.m. March 9

[The Known World](#) by Edward P. Jones

Tuesday Afternoon Book Group

1 p.m. March 23

[Smaldone: The Untold Story of an American Crime Family](#) by Dick Kreck

Intercambio/Language Exchange

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 8 and 22

Join us for an opportunity to improve Spanish/English skills in an informal setting.

Standley Lake

Thursday Night Book Group

7 p.m. March 11

[Orange Mint and Honey: A Novel](#)

by Carleen Brice

Author Carleen Brice will attend this discussion.

Artists Wanted

We are currently seeking artists to display their artwork at the Standley Lake Library. If you are interested, please contact the Library at 303-235-5275.

Wheat Ridge

Thursday Morning Book Group

9 a.m. March 18

[To Kill a Mockingbird](#) by Harper Lee

Bonfils Blood Drive

The Bonfils Bloodmobile will be available at the following library parking lots. Call 303-363-2300 to make an appointment or register online at www.bonfils.org.

Standley Lake Library 10-11:40 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, March 8

Golden Library 10-11:40 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, March 8

Evergreen Library 1-6 p.m. Monday, March 22

Columbine Library 1-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23



Golden

Jobs for Teens 101

4 p.m. Monday, March 1

Our popular Jobs for Teens 101 program continues in March.

Lakewood

Teen Time: Duct Tape Wallets

4 p.m. Tuesday, March 2

Come and explore your creative side with a roll of duct tape. Teens can drop by the Lakewood Library to learn how to make simple duct tape crafts like a wallet or a rose. Discussion topic: Have you tried listening to an audio book? What's your favorite?

Columbine

Jobs for Teens 101

4 p.m. Thursday, March 4

The final Jobs for Teens 101 program in 2010!

Teen Tech Week: Photo Scavenger Hunt

Don't forget to vote on your favorite Photo Scavenger Hunt collage during Teen Tech Week, March 7-13. Go to the Teen Blog at www.jeffcolibrary.org/teenblog and get voting!



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

and family fun! Entertaining and educational, these programs provide a great time for all.

Arvada

Art Display

Lawrence Elementary

Belmar

Write Club

6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays

A club for kids who like to write. Just bring a spiral notebook, pen or pencil and your imagination. For ages 8 to 13.

Art Wall

Devinney Elementary

Columbine

Art Wall

Summit Ridge Middle School

Evergreen

Art Display

Rocky Mountain Academy of Evergreen Elementary School

Golden

Homework Help

3-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays (except March 17 and 18)

Art Display

March 1-15 – Foothills Academy

March 16-31 – Front Range Waldorf School

Lakewood

Young Readers' Fun Club

4 p.m. Tuesday, March 16

[Here Lies the Librarian](#) by Richard Peck

Art Display

Jefferson County Open School
(younger children)

Standley Lake

After School Fun

"Get Crazy with SCIENCE!"

4 p.m. Thursday, March 11

Join us for fun and wacky science experiments.

This program is for children grades 1-6. Free tickets are required and available starting Feb. 25.

Break Up the Boredom

Monday, March 29-Friday, April 2

Stop by the library any time during spring break week to enjoy special activities for kids and check out a book or movie.

Art Display and Display Case

Music Teachers Association student projects

Wheat Ridge

Art Display

Teen Tech Week – Wheat Ridge Middle School



Read Across America

Tuesday, March 2 is the 2010 Read Across America Celebration! The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 14th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships and reading resources. This celebration of reading coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss on Tuesday, March 2. This year, all of our libraries will be participating with storytimes, crafts and other events. To find out how your local library is participating, call 303-235-5275 for more information.

Storytimes are now printed on bookmarks for your convenience and are available in the libraries and online at www.jeffcolibrary.org—select Kids, then [Storytimes](#).

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Save the Date: A Rare and Novel Experience - Al Fresco at the Arvada Library

5:30-9 p.m. Saturday, April 24

The Jefferson County Library Foundation is pleased to announce a spring evening of good food, great company and excellent books. Mark your calendars for an after-hours party and auction at the Arvada Library. All proceeds from the event will go to help fund children's literacy programs like the Traveling Children's Library and Summer Reading Club. Tickets are \$50 apiece.



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