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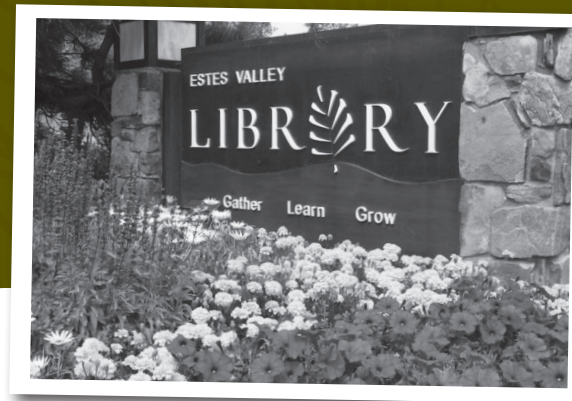
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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Those Bright New Days of Spring

Springtime in the Estes Valley is a gorgeous season that brings with it such a bright sense of newness. The spring season may be a little ways off at the time of this writing, but each day’s longer sunlight reminds us of the great days ahead. That “newness” of the season is very much in the air at the Library as well, as we focus on community needs, working to fulfill our promises of high-quality service to you.

Among the ways we’re striving to make library service convenient and effective is a program we call Book-a-Librarian. Launched last fall with a focus on helping customers access our eServices, **Book-a-Librarian** is expanding to assist you with an array of needs, from helping you find a good book, to landing a new job. All it takes is contacting us to book a half-hour appointment, and you’ll have our cheerful and undivided attention. Like our ongoing eServices trainings, we seek to elevate the sometimes impersonal world of high-tech through customer-focused high-touch.

We remain ever-mindful of the many ways in which innovative learning takes place in today’s world. That’s why, among other new offerings this season, you’ll find some exciting hands-on activities to inspire both creativity and imagination—two ideas perfectly suited to the library setting. Children will enjoy the “**Make-it Mondays**” launching in February, and all ages will delight in the “Random Acts of Culture” debuting in our atrium area during National Library Week in April. While our popular seated program events continue as strong as ever, these new offerings celebrate spontaneity and just might brighten your day as you stroll through the Library.

Peruse the pages of this edition of Gatherings and you too will be inspired by all the possibilities awaiting this season. And that’s just the beginning, with some exciting events planned for this summer and fall, including the development of much-awaited services for teens. Your Estes Valley Library is a place where great traditions and new possibilities meet. We invite you to be part of the learning and literacy, wisdom and whimsy—and may we bring many smiles to many faces in that process.

Sincerely,

Claudine

Claudine Perrault
Library Director

Need a Hand? Why not “Book-a-_____ Librarian?”

You fill in the blank

Book-a-Librarian is rooted in the idea that friendly, attentive one-on-one service is the ideal way to connect your unique and specific needs with library solutions. And now there are more offerings than ever. You'll get personal assistance from one of our staff specialists in a whole range of services to help you take advantage of the Library's powerful resources.

Need help finding a good book? Jump starting your small business? Money management counseling? Borrowing books from other libraries?

All it requires is an advance appointment and thirty minutes of your time.



Book-a-_____ ... Librarian!

- Find-a-Good-Read eServices/eBooks
- Personal-Finance
- Small-Business
- Jobseekers
- Healthcare-Market-Navigator
- Grants-Search

***Book-a-Librarian appointment
by visiting us or calling
(970) 586-8116.***

Pathways to Profits Workshops for Business Operators & Entrepreneurs

It's our goal to be the most financially literate small town in America!

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 5 & 26, APRIL 23

Small Business Resources 101

6:00pm Wasson Room

Cost: FREE

The Estes Park Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Estes Valley Library host a 90-minute overview of local resources for small business owners. Learn about free consulting, how to use library databases to research competitors and build a marketing list of potential customers.

Register at estesvalleylibrary.org



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Planning and Building an Effective Website

6:00pm Wasson Room

Cost: \$30

Ideal for small businesses that are building a new website or reworking their existing one. This 2-hour content-packed workshop will help turn clicks into calls.

Register at www.LarimerSBDC.org

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Pricing for Predicted Profit

6:00pm Wasson Room

Cost: \$30

Do you know the bottom-line profit built into each price you set? Are you able to strategically set prices to predict your profits? Find out how at this 2-hour workshop.

Register at www.LarimerSBDC.org

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

I Need Financing; What Now?

6:00pm Wasson Room

Cost: \$30

Discover what to provide and what to expect when you approach a financial institution to meet your company's capital needs. 2-hour workshop.

Register at www.LarimerSBDC.org

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Taxes: Get Informed and Organized Now

6:00pm Estes Park EDC Office, Bank of CO Building

Cost: \$30

Learn how to get your taxes and record keeping organized and minimize your tax burden in the process. 2-hour workshop.

Register at www.LarimerSBDC.org

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS FOR JOB SEEKERS

Wednesday, February 19 & Tuesday, March 11 10:00 am **Cost: FREE**

Job Searching and Winning Resumés

Learn effective strategies for job hunting—then tailor your resumé for success. The first workshop, "JumpStart Your Job Search", takes place from 10 am to 11:45 am. The resumé workshop takes place from 12 pm to 1:45 pm. Led by Larimer County Work Force specialists.

Register at estesvalleylibrary.org



COMMON
CENTS
COUNTS 

Keep More of Your Hard-Earned Dollars

If you've been thinking about how to get a handle on your personal finances, 2014 is a great time to start anew—or to get a refresher. Many workshops are available locally, courtesy of a grant from the American Library Association and the FINRA Foundation.

Money Management: The Essentials in a Five-Part Series

These five workshops have formed the core of the Library's ongoing financial education series. Class instructor is Marsha Yelick, the Library's financial programs coordinator and a Chartered Financial Analyst, the highest accreditation in the industry. All classes are free, with no products to sell, ensuring unbiased information and clear steps to a positive future.

All Workshops are FREE

Held in the Library's Hondius Room

SESSION 1

Goal Setting and Financial Planning

Tuesday, February 18 7:00pm

Key Investment Concepts

Tuesday, February 25 7:00pm

Retirement Savings Vehicles

Tuesday, March 4 7:00pm

Common Investment Types

Tuesday, March 11 7:00pm

Managing Money During Retirement

Tuesday, March 18 7:00pm

SESSION 2

Goal Setting and Financial Planning

Monday, April 21 7:00pm

Key Investment Concepts

Monday, April 28 7:00pm

Retirement Savings Vehicles

Monday, May 5 7:00pm

Common Investment Types

Monday, May 12 7:00pm

Managing Money During Retirement

Monday, May 19 7:00pm

Register at estesvalleylibrary.org

Special Money Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Living on Less and Enjoying it More

7:00pm Hondius Room

Instructor Diana Laughlin explores the advantages of living a simple lifestyle avoiding the pitfalls of overspending. Attendees will have a chance to rethink some of the habits and practices that unknowingly can complicate our lives. An encore of last year's popular event. 90 minute workshop.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Your Child's Financial Future

7:00pm Hondius Room

What do today's economic trends mean for the next generation? Financial author Will Marshall joins money-management specialist Marsha Yelick for a thoughtful analysis of strategies that parents and grandparents should consider based on today's trends and projections. 90-minute workshop.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Money Management Made Easy

7:00pm Hondius Room

New ideas and motivation to help you get a better handle on personal finances. There's no one way to track investments, accounts and receipts, but there are many ways to make it easier. Examine the basic tasks and tools available to reduce time and worries when it comes to money.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Morningstar: a Powerful Online Tool

7:00pm Hondius Room

The Online Morningstar database is a premium tool available for library cardholders, in-library or at home. Learn about Morningstar's powerful resources on stock and bond analytics, mutual funds, ETFs, markets, calculators and much more.

All events held at the Library
Register at estesvalleylibrary.org



WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Financial Health Equals Physical Well-Being

7:00pm Wasson Room

The research is clear: clearing up financial worries will improve your health. Instructor Diana Laughlin discusses the relationship between health and the ways you manage your bill-paying, investing, debt, and decision-making. Diana will provide many ideas for making financial tasks easier, while reducing stress and feeling better.

KEEPING THE BOOKS:

Monthly Financial Book Discussion

What do books have to teach us about our money and the economy? Find out at this monthly discussion group which explores a different title each month. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Marsha at myelick@estesvalleylibrary.org in advance for more details. Held in the Library's Wasson Room.

**WEDNESDAYS
AT 7:00PM**

February 19

March 19

April 16

May 21



MONDAY MATINEES @ THE LIBRARY

FOUR MOVIE MATINEES HELD IN CONJUNCTION
WITH FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

Snacks & Refreshments courtesy
of the Friends of the Library.

Free Admission
at Library Matinees

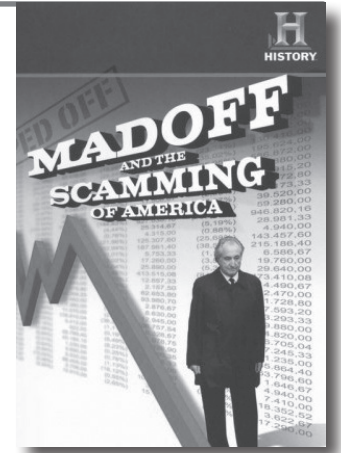
APRIL IS FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

The month of April spotlights the importance of good money management in our personal lives and in society. Enjoy special displays, workshops, movies, discussions, and more at the Library during this “dollars and sense”-themed month.

Ripped Off: Madoff and the Scamming of America

Monday, April 14 3:00 pm
Hondius Room

With the help of expert commentary and firsthand accounts from Madoff's victims, this documentary compares and contrasts the Madoff fraud with other infamous Ponzi schemes throughout history.



A Good Year

Monday, April 21 3:00 pm Hondius Room

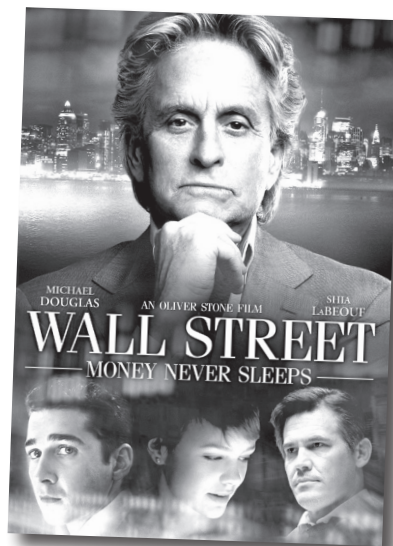
Based on the novel by Peter Mayle, *A Good Year* has Russell Crowe playing a failed London financier named Max Skinner who finds himself inheriting a vineyard. Life in Provence forces Skinner to evaluate the true priorities in his life.



Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps

Monday, March 31 3:00 pm
Hondius Room

Has Gordon Gekko learned his lesson and abandoned greed in favor of family? Or is he still after money power? Intrigue builds as we discover what Gekko is really up to this time around.



Working Girl

Monday, April 7 3:00 pm
Hondius Room

Melanie Griffith earned acclaim portraying a naïve secretary trying to work her way up the corporate ladder in a brokerage firm,



facing opposition from her boss (Sigourney Weaver) and an ally in her errant beau (Harrison Ford).

SPRING SPECIAL

Movie Event

Movie Night at Reel Mountain Theater: *Money for Nothing: Inside the Federal Reserve*

Tuesday, April 29 7:00 pm

Admission FREE with your Estes Valley Library card.

Special one-night-only screening of the new documentary that takes viewers inside the world's most powerful financial institution. “A slick, thoughtful and alternately infuriating-and-funny documentary” – Reuters.

Join us for post-movie discussion of *Money for Nothing* on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 pm at the Library



Random Acts of Culture for all Ages

Walk into the Library on certain days, and you just might discover a gathering of creativity and spontaneity. Dynamic hands-on programs are now here to complement our traditional sit-down learning events. Drop in anytime during these dates/times and join us for some library magic.

All events take place in the Library's atrium.

MAKE A BOOKMARK

Celebrating National Library Week

Tuesday, April 15 10am to Noon
Thursday, April 17 2pm to 4pm

Create a bookmark that's all your own—the perfect accompaniment to your next favorite read. We'll use craft materials including colorful Duct Tape for a book marker you'll make in minutes.

PAINT A PIGGY BANK

Celebrating Financial Literacy Month

Wednesday, April 23 10am to Noon
Saturday, April 26 2pm to 4pm

Remembering to save money is at the core of sound personal money management. Get inspired to save by painting your own ceramic piggy bank to take home.



***Look for Special Displays
Honoring National Library Week
April 13-19***



HEALTHY SNACKING IDEAS

Monday, May 12 11am to 1pm
Wednesday, May 28 2 pm to 4 pm

Join community health educator Chazz Glaze for ideas on how to keep your snacking healthy and guilt-free. You'll make a few creations you can sample right on the spot. In partnership with Salud Family Health Center.

FEBRUARY



Preschool Storytime dates are marked with this symbol.

					SAT 1	SUN 2
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MON 3	TUES 4	WED 5	THURS 6	FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9
			Money Matters for Kids 4pm Hondius Rm ☼	☼	☼	
MON 10	TUES 11	WED 12	THURS 13	FRI 14	SAT 15	SUN 16
Author Eric Rohmann 8:30am (2nd/3rd); 9:35am (K/1st); 1:15pm (4th/5th) EPHS Auditorium		Planning/ Building an Effective Website 6pm Wasson Rm Movie: Lincoln 6:30pm Hondius Rm	☼	☼	☼	
MON 17	TUES 18	WED 19	THURS 20	FRI 21	SAT 22	SUN 23
Library Closed Presidents' Day	Great Decisions: Defense Technology 11:30am Wasson Rm \$\$ Mgmt 1: Goal Setting & Financial Planning 7pm Hondius Rm	Job Searching and Winning Resumés 10am Hondius Rm Keeping the Books: Financial Book Discussion 7pm Wasson Rm	☼	☼	☼	At Home in the West: Author/ Photographer William Sutton 3pm Hondius Rm
MON 24	TUES 25	WED 26	THURS 27	FRI 28		
Rollercoaster Science 4pm Hondius Rm	\$\$ Mgmt 1: Key Investment Concepts 7pm Hondius Rm	Pricing for a Predicted Profit 6pm Wasson Rm Living on Less & Enjoying it More 7pm Hondius Rm	Puppeteer P. Mesner: "The True Story of the 3 Pigs, by A. Wolf" 10:10am & 12:45pm EPES Gymnasium	☼		

MARCH



Preschool Storytime dates are marked with this symbol.

					SAT 1	SUN 2
					Young Chautauqua: Starring Local Students 10am Town Board Rm	
MON 3	TUES 4	WED 5	THURS 6	FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9
	\$\$ Mgmt 1: Retirement Savings Vehicles 7pm Hondius Rm	Small Business Resources 101 6pm Wasson Rm	Captain Vic presents "Bubbly Bonanza" 4pm Hondius Rm 		Eleanor Roosevelt in "What We Are Fighting For" 3pm Estes Park Museum 	
MON 10	TUES 11	WED 12	THURS 13	FRI 14	SAT 15	SUN 16
	Job Searching and Winning Resumés 10am Hondius Rm \$\$ Mgmt 1: Common Investment Types 7pm Hondius Rm	I Need Financing; What Now? 6pm Wasson Rm				Aprons: the Stories in Fabric 3pm Hondius Rm
MON 17	TUES 18	WED 19	THURS 20	FRI 21	SAT 22	SUN 23
	Great Decisions: Israel & US 11:30m Wasson Rm \$\$ Mgmt 1: Managing \$ During Retirement 7pm Hondius Rm Book Discussion: Epitaph for a Peach by Masumoto 7pm Wasson Rm	Keeping the Books: Financial Book Discussion 7pm Wasson Rm				
MON 24	TUES 25	WED 26	THURS 27	FRI 28	SAT 29	SUN 30
LEGOS: Things That Go 4pm Hondius Rm Your Child's Financial Future 7pm Hondius Rm	Emergency Readiness Workshop 6:30pm Wasson Rm	Small Business Resources 101 6pm Wasson Rm				

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APRIL

April is Financial Literacy Month

MARCH 31	TUES 1	WED 2	THURS 3	FRI 4	SAT 5	SUN 6
Movie: <i>Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps</i> 3pm Hondius Rm			Discovering Dinosaurs 4pm Hondius Rm ☼	☼	☼	
MON 7	TUES 8	WED 9	THURS 10	FRI 11	SAT 12	SUN 13
Movie: <i>Working Girl</i> 3pm Hondius Rm	Money Mgmt Made Easy 7pm Wasson Rm		☼	☼	☼	
MON 14	TUES 15	WED 16	THURS 17	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20
Movie: <i>Ripped Off: Madoff & the Scamming of America</i> 3pm Hondius Rm	Nat'l Library Week: Make a Bookmark 10-Noon Atrium Great Decisions: Turkey's Challenges 11:30m Wasson Rm	Keeping the Books: Financial Book Discussion 7pm Wasson Rm	Nat'l Library Week: Make a Bookmark 2-4 pm Atrium ☼	☼	☼	
MON 21	TUES 22	WED 23	THURS 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27
Movie: <i>A Good Year</i> 3pm Hondius Rm \$\$ Mgmt 2: Goal Setting & Financial Planning 7pm Hondius Rm		Paint a Piggy Bank 10-Noon Atrium Emergency Readiness 6:30pm Hondius Rm Small Business Resources 101 6pm Wasson Rm	Poetry Café 5:30-7pm EPES Cafeteria Morningstar: Powerful Online Tool 7pm Hondius Rm ☼	☼	Paint a Piggy Bank 2-4 pm Atrium ☼	
MON 28	TUES 29	WED 30	☼ Every Thursday and Friday Preschool Storytime: 10am & 10:30am Every Saturday Spanish Storytime 10am Regular Storytime 10:30am			
LEGOS: Into the Future 4pm Hondius Rm \$\$ Mgmt 2: Key Investment Concepts 7pm Hondius Rm	Movie Night: <i>Money for Nothing: Inside the Federal Reserve</i> 7pm Reel Mountain Theater	Discussion: <i>Money for Nothing</i> 7pm Hondius Rm	THE ART UPSTAIRS Wapiti Adventure Photography by Annette Marshall Second Floor			

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MAY

☼ Every Thursday and Friday
Preschool Storytime:
10am & 10:30am

Every Saturday
Spanish Storytime 10am
Regular Storytime 10:30am

THURS 1	FRI 2	SAT 3	SUN 4			
Captain Vic "The Sky's the Limit" 4pm Hondius Rm Taxes: Get Informed 6pm EDC Office, Bank of CO Bldg ☼	Library Closed Staff Development Day	☼				
MON 5	TUES 6	WED 7	THURS 8	FRI 9	SAT 10	SUN 11
\$\$ Mgmt 2: Retirement Savings Vehicles 7pm Hondius Rm		Financial Health Equals Physical Well-Being 7pm Hondius Rm	☼	☼	Emergency Preparedness for Evacuations 8:30am Hondius Rm ☼	
MON 12	TUES 13	WED 14	THURS 15	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18
Healthy Snacking Ideas 11am-1pm Atrium \$\$ Mgmt 2: Common Investment Types 7pm Hondius Rm			☼	☼	Workshop: Turning Memories into Memoir 3pm Hondius Rm ☼	
MON 19	TUES 20	WED 21	THURS 22	FRI 23	SAT 24	SUN 25
\$\$ Mgmt 2: Managing Money During Retirement 7pm Hondius Rm Emergency Preparedness for Evacuations 8:30am Hondius Rm	Great Decisions: Islamic Awakening 11:30m Wasson Rm Book Discussion: Fat Chance by Lustig 7pm Hondius Rm	Keeping the Books: Financial Book Discussion 7pm Wasson Rm	Summer Reading Program for Kids Kickoff ☼	☼	☼	
MON 26	TUES 27	WED 28	THURS 29	FRI 30	SAT 31	
Library Closed Memorial Day		Healthy Snacking Ideas 2-4pm Atrium	☼	☼	☼	

DISCUSSION GROUPS



READING

is doctor recommended

A book discussion held every other month focusing on the best in health-related reading. Register online at estesvalleylibrary.org. Limited number of book copies available for early registrants. Books made possible by Salud Family Health Center Foundation.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Book Discussion:
Epitaph for a Peach
by David Mas Masumoto
7:00pm Wasson Room

A yearlong account of life on author Masumoto's family farm as he tries to find a market for his Sun Crest peaches, exploring the value of sustainable agriculture and locally-available food.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Book Discussion:
Fat Chance by Robert Lustig
7:00pm Wasson Room

Lustig presents strategies for regulating hunger for a healthier lifestyle, arguing for societal changes to improve the health of the next generation.



TODAY'S IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Designed by the Foreign Policy Association, this monthly discussion group explores today's urgent issues. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Newcomers are welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch if you choose.

All discussions held in the
WASSON ROOM

DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY
Tuesday, February 18 11:30am

TURKEY'S CHALLENGES
Tuesday, April 15 11:30am

ISRAEL AND THE U.S.
Tuesday, March 18 11:30am

ISLAMIC AWAKENING
Tuesday, May 20 11:30am

Storytelling in the Chautauqua Tradition

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Young Chautauqua: Starring Local Students

10:00am Town Board Room

For the last several months, local students in the Young Chautauqua club have been learning the craft of historic character re-enactment. These students will bring history alive as they perform a variety of personages and answer questions “in character” during this special performance for the public. Co-sponsored by Colorado Humanities. **Adults and children are invited to come and support our local young performers.**



SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**Eleanor Roosevelt in
“What We Are Fighting For”**

3:00pm Estes Park Museum

Cost: FREE

In celebration of Women’s History Month and the 75th Anniversary of World War II storyteller Susan Marie Frontczak, professional storyteller and performance coach for the Young Chautauquans, performs in her own re-enactment from the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. It is late 1942. Mrs. Roosevelt has recently returned from England where she visited with soldiers, generals, royalty, and the working people. Find out how the First Lady feels about the individual’s role in a world torn by war, hardship, and uncertainty. Hear how Mrs. Roosevelt both affected and was affected by a world at war.



Emergency Preparedness Workshops

EMERGENCY READINESS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 25 6:30pm Wasson Room

Wednesday, April 23 6:30pm Hondius Room

Two-hour workshop covering evacuation checklist; preparations for the loss or illness of a spouse; and computer backup. **Advance registration required.**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
FOR EVACUATIONS

Saturday, May 10 8:30am Hondius Room

Monday, May 19 12:00 pm Hondius Room

A 45 minute workshop focusing on just the essentials.

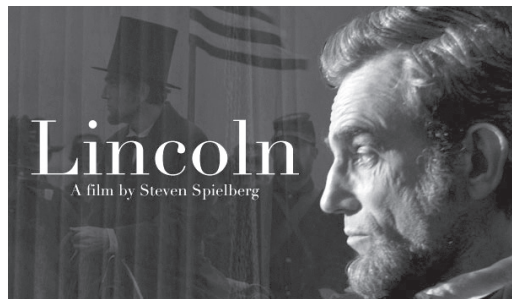


Spring is an excellent time to work through your home checklist to ensure you’re as ready as possible in the event of an emergency. Join professional organizer Shellie Tressell for this season’s series of free workshops and place “readiness” on your spring to-do list.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Movie Event: *Lincoln*

6:30pm Hondius Room



On Abraham Lincoln's birthday, a special screening of the film that earned Daniel Day-Lewis a Best Actor award for his portrayal of the iconic leader. Set amid the dark days of the Civil War,

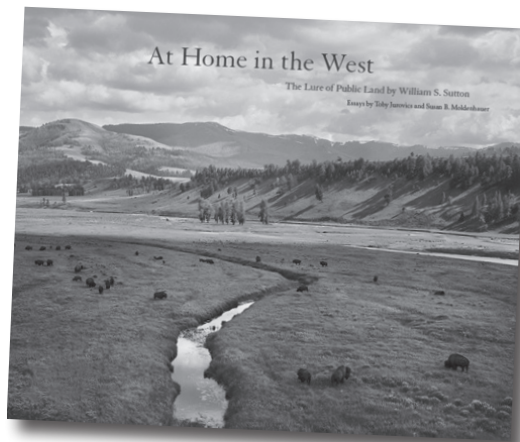
the President fights with many inside his own cabinet on his decision to emancipate the slaves. Rated PG-13.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

At Home in the West: The Lure of the Public Lands Author-Photographer William Sutton

3:00pm Hondius Room

Colorado photographer William Sutton has documented the story of the American West as told in the awe-inspiring topography of its public lands, from vast national parks to remote historical sites and wild and scenic rivers. His book *At Home in the West: the Lure of Public Lands* was published last summer. Join Sutton as he tells the stories of where he has taken his camera and the adventures along the way.



SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Aprons: the Stories in Fabric

3:00pm Hondius Room

An emblem of the Great Plains, aprons have served practical purposes while reflecting their times, from Depression-era embroidery to brightly-colored fabrics after World War II. Join fiber artist Roxanne Storlie for a presentation on the history of aprons and their meaning.



SATURDAY, MAY 17

Workshop: Turning Memories into Memoir

3:00pm Hondius Room

Dr. Kayann Short will read selections from her new book, *A Bushel's Worth: an Ecobiography*, and discuss techniques for writing personal and family stories of important life experiences. She invites participants to write about the recent flood, sharing ideas from her own flood story. A retired faculty member from the University of Colorado, Dr. Short teaches ecobiography workshops at her farm in Colorado.

Register at
estesvalleylibrary.org



**Where “After School”
is Prime Time for Discovery.**

One-hour programs for children ages 5-11. Advance registration required.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Money Matters for Kids:
Earn, Save, Spend, Share**
4:00pm Hondius Room

Kids and their parents are invited to learn basic money skills and awareness with special guest Marsha Yelick of the Library’s financial project, joined by the Youth Services team. Kids will have a smile as they learn about choices involved with saving, spending, investing, and sharing.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Captain Vic presents “Bubbly Bonanza”
4:00pm Hondius Room

It changes from solid to liquid when you touch it. It’s called a non-Newtonian fluid. Kids will also learn how to use a liquid polymer to blow bubbles bigger than a beach ball. Chemistry and bubbles will create some exciting hands-on experiments for all, in support of science education.



THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Discovering Dinosaurs
4:00pm Hondius Room

Just how many teeth did a T-Rex have? How did Stegosaurus protect itself from Allosaurus? And why did Diplodocus swallow stones? Through hands-on experiments with fossils and casts, Students will get a deep appreciation for Earth’s famous occupants from the past.



MAKE-IT MONDAYS @ 4pm

Hands-on creativity to encourage learning and imagination.
One-hour programs for children ages 5-11.

February 24 (*Roller Coaster Science*)

March 24 (*Building with LEGOS: Things that Go*)

April 28 (*Building with LEGOS: Into the Future*)

*All take place in the Hondius Room
Advance registration required.*

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Captain Vic presents “The Sky’s the Limit”
4:00pm Hondius Room

Explore the basics of powered and non-powered flight with former helicopter pilot and current science wizard Captain Vic. Kids will learn about aerodynamics and the steps to build a super-powered high-flying machine.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Author Eric Rohmann visits Estes Park

8:30am (2nd & 3rd grades)

9:35am (K-1st grades)

1:15 (4th & 5th grades)

Homeschoolers welcome.

Estes Park High School Auditorium

The Library is pleased to welcome author-illustrator Eric Rohmann to Estes Park. Eric has won numerous awards, including the Caldecott Honor for *Time Flies* and a Caldecott Medal Award for *My Friend Rabbit*. He will share the inspirations behind his stories to local students.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27



Puppeteer Paul Mesner presents "The True Story of the 3 Pigs, by A. Wolf"

10:10am and 12:45pm

Homeschoolers welcome

Estes Park Elementary School Gymnasium

Recommended for ages 5-11. Special guest and acclaimed puppeteer Paul Mesner performs his version of the popular book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Poetry Café

5:30 to 7:00pm Estes Park Elementary School Cafeteria

Celebrating National Poetry Month

Children in grades 3-5 along with their families are invited to this celebration of kids and performance poetry with live poetry readings. Attendees may perform or just listen. Performers should have two poems memorized. Stage lights and a microphone will inspire the poetry café atmosphere. Pizza included.

Readers may come as they are or, better yet, dress up in beatnik black with a funny hat. **RSVP to youth_services@estesvalleylibrary.org to reserve a slice of pizza.**



SATURDAYS 10:00AM

A 30-minute weekly Spanish storytime celebrates early literacy, led by Aracely Thomas. For children ages birth through 6 years and their families.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Every Week

Thursdays and Fridays 10am and 10:30am Saturdays 10:30am
Hondius Room

Thirty minutes of storytelling and activities to encourage early literacy. For children ages birth through 6 years, and their parents and caregivers. No registration required. Stay afterward for lively Early Childhood Music Workshops at 11:00 am on selected dates, led by music therapist Nancy Bell.

Note: No storytimes on February 27 or May 2.

Year End Gifts

And a New Donor Recognition System

A letter from Jerry Kennell, Library Development Officer

I had the good fortune to join the Estes Valley Library staff at the end of May 2013. Mine is a typical Estes Park story. I started coming to the National Park as a child in 1958 and came as often as I could ever since. Finally, in 2004 my wife Leonor and I moved here part-time, changing that to full-time in 2009. Needless to say, this is a community we love!

What I did not know firsthand until living here was how much the community loves its library. We, like so many others, made use of the library's welcoming services on our visits. Leonor used the children's collection extensively for her classrooms while teaching in Fort Collins.

But since May, every time I tell someone I work for the library, I am granted the pleasure of hearing a story. I call them Stories of Library Love. People light up and talk about their great experiences at the library. One of the best parts of every story is the part that includes the name of a staff member for whom they have special appreciation. It's the books and materials, it's the place, and it's the people, programs and services. Library love. Amazing!

My position is new. I am the development officer, charged with raising the 15% of the library budget that comes from charitable support. I get to see how Library Love translates into gifts that give the library its special edge. I am amazed, in this challenging year, that December contributions for the library are up 25% over last year, totaling nearly \$20,000. And the number of people giving in December has increased 38% over December 2012. We are grateful and so fortunate to have this enthusiastic support.

Today I want to share with you a change in how the Estes Valley Library Foundation, which receives and manages gifts for the library, will recognize gifts on the donor wall, just inside the library entrance. In the past, donors were recognized for lifetime cumulative giving after their gifts reached a total of



Jerry Kennell (left) stands before the donor wall with John Krueger, president of the Estes Valley Library Foundation, whose mission it is to raise and manage charitable support for the library.

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\$500. Cumulative gift recognition will continue, although in different categories, and we will add recognition for every gift of any amount received each year. We are calling the new recognition system Curators of Literacy. Here is how the new system works:

CURATORS OF LITERACY

Story Tellers

Recognizing total gifts from a donor during the past year

- Story Circle \$10 - \$249
- Romance \$250 - \$499
- Adventure \$500 - \$999
- Anthology \$1,000 - \$2,499
- Legend \$2,500 +

Vision Keepers

Recognizing cumulative lifetime and estate giving

- Verity \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Knowledge \$10,000 - \$24,999
- Insight \$25,000 - \$49,999
- Wisdom \$50,000 - \$99,999
- Sage \$100,000 +

Let's get acquainted. You can contact me at jkennell@estesvalleylibrary.org.

RANGERS OF THE ESTES VALLEY A Special Way to Honor a Loved One



Jo Persons and Library Director Claudine Perrault (left) view the newly installed Ranger of the Estes Valley memorial for Rev. Al Persons. The Persons memorial is the second in the new Rangers program, through which monetary gifts will support the library's major capital improvements and honor those who loved the Estes Valley.

For further information on the program, contact jkennell@estesvalleylibrary.org.



SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Reading Program for Kids

Begins Thursday, May 22

Children and teens ages 0-18 may come to the Library to pick up a reading log beginning May 22.

Summer Reading Program for Adults

Watch for the first-ever summer reading program for adults to encourage and celebrate summertime reading with special incentives and activities.

Our Wonderful World: the 2014 Series

This popular weekly travel-adventure series enters its eighth season, celebrating the personal storytelling of those who have journeyed to extraordinary destinations.

Stories of the Flood of 2013

Summer will offer workshop opportunities for residents to write their flood stories with the assistance of a guided writing instructor. Preserve your memories and help chronicle this event for the history of our Estes Valley.

Summer Used Book Sale

Mark your calendars for the annual used book sale, organized by the Friends of the Library, taking place August 8-10 at the Conference Center.





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