GATHERINGS

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ESTES VALLEY LIBRARY www.estesvalleylibrary.org
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

Job Searching and Winning Resumés
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.

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.

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
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.

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).

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.

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.
**NEW for 2014**

**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._

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**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.

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**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.

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**Look for Special Displays**

**Honoring National Library Week**

_April 13-19_

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**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 snacktime cravings 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 Calendar**

- **Money Matters for Kids**
  - 4pm Hondius Rm

- **Planning/Building an Effective Website**
  - 6pm Wasson Rm

- **Movie: Lincoln**
  - 6:30pm Hondius Rm

- **Author Eric Rohmann**
  - 8:30am (2nd/3rd); 9:35am (K/1st);
  - 1:15pm (4th/5th)
  - EPHS Auditorium

- **Job Searching and Winning Resumés**
  - 10am Hondius Rm

- **Keeping the Books: Financial Book Discussion**
  - 7pm Wasson Rm

- **Great Decisions: Defense Technology**
  - 11:30am Wasson Rm

- **$Mgmt 1: Goal Setting & Financial Planning**
  - 7pm Hondius Rm

- **Pricing for a Predicted Profit**
  - 6pm Wasson Rm

- **At Home in the West: Author/Photographer William Sutton**
  - 3pm Hondius Rm

- **Rollercoaster Science**
  - 4pm Hondius Rm

- **$Mgmt 1: Key Investment Concepts**
  - 7pm Hondius Rm

- **Puppeter P. Mesner: “The True Story of the 3 Pigs, by A. Wolf”**
  - 10:10am & 12:45pm EPES Gymnasium
### March Calendar

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- **Money Mgmt Made Easy** 7pm Wasson Rm

**TUES 8**
- **Movie:** *Working Girl* 3pm Hondius Rm

**WED 9**
- **Nat’l Library Week: Make a Bookmark** 10-Noon Atrium
- **Great Decisions:** Turkey’s Challenges 11:30m Wasson Rm

**THURS 10**
- **Discovering Dinosaurs** 4pm Hondius Rm

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- **Great Decisions:** Turkey’s Challenges 11:30m Wasson Rm

**THURS 17**
- **Nat’l Library Week: Make a Bookmark** 2-4 pm Atrium

**FRI 18**

**SAT 19**

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**MON 21**
- **Movie:** *A Good Year* 3pm Hondius Rm
- **Paint a Piggy Bank** 10-Noon Atrium
- **Emergency Readiness** 6:30pm Hondius Rm
  - **Small Business Resources 101** 6pm Wasson Rm

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**WED 23**
- **Paint a Piggy Bank** 10-Noon Atrium
- **Emerging Readiness** 6:30pm Hondius Rm
  - **Small Business Resources 101** 6pm Wasson Rm

**THURS 24**
- **Poetry Café** 5:30-7pm EPES Cafeteria
- **Morningstar: Powerful Online Tool** 7pm Hondius Rm

**FRI 25**

**SAT 26**
- **Paint a Piggy Bank** 2-4 pm Atrium

**SUN 27**

**MON 28**
- **LEGOS: Into the Future** 4pm Hondius Rm
- **Legos 2: Key Investment Concepts** 7pm Hondius Rm

**TUES 29**
- **Movie Night:** *Money for Nothing: Inside the Federal Reserve* 7pm Reel Mountain Theater

**WED 30**
- **Discussion:** *Money for Nothing* 7pm Hondius Rm

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**THE ART UPSTAIRS**

- **Wapiti Adventure**
- **Photography by Annette Marshall**
- **Second Floor**

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**Every Thursday and Friday**
- **Preschool Storytime:**
  - 10am & 10:30am

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

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# CALENDAR

## SPRING 2014

### May

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

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

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Turning Memories into Memoir
3pm Hondius Rm | |

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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.

**DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY**
Tuesday, February 18  11:30am

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

**TURKEY’S CHALLENGES**
Tuesday, April 15  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.
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**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, 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.

**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, 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.

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.

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.
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

La hora del cuento
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 $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.
POSTAL PATRON

SPRING FULL OF POSSIBILITIES