It’s your LUCKY DAY
Imagine walking into the Library and finding today’s hottest bestsellers on the shelf: no holds, no wait, no hassles. Today’s most popular books await on any given day, and you never know what you’ll find. Lucky Day titles check out for one week—ideal for fast readers.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH
A library card can be a rite of passage for a child. And for adults who may have let their card lapse, it’s a time to rediscover the joys that await at your hometown Library. Tell a friend—September is a great time to visit the Library.

One Book, One Valley UNVEILING PARTY
The suspense will be over on Friday, November 8 from 4:30-6:30 PM, as we announce the book you’ve chosen with your votes last spring. Join us for the party at Cliffhanger Used Books. The all-community reading event will feature special programs in January 2020.

A SALUTE TO VETERANS
This year, Library staff will be at American Legion Post 119 to help in serving breakfast to our local veterans and their spouses. We join in saluting these local heroes.
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Let’s Talk Books
Register online, then stop by to pick up your complimentary copy.

**Wild Comfort**
*Tuesday, September 24, 6:30–8 PM, WASSON ROOM*
After suffering a series of personal losses, Kathleen Dean Moore turned to the comfort of wild rivers, ancient forests, and windswept islands.

**Great Colorado Bear Stories**
*Thursday, September 26, 6:30–8 PM, HONDIUS ROOM*
Laura Pritchett’s stories tell the fascinating natural history of bears, along with gripping tales of their deadly and near-death encounters with humans.

**Ask Again, Yes**
*Tuesday, October 22, 6–7:30 PM, WASSON ROOM*
A profoundly moving novel about two suburban families, the friendship between their children, a tragedy that reverberates over four decades, and the power of forgiveness.

**Being Awareness Book Club**
*Begins Saturday September 14, 10:30 AM–Noon, WASSON ROOM*
We can transform fear, anxiety and pain, says author Pema Chödrön, by opening our hearts in ways never imaged. Join MeeMee Lahman, Behavior Health Clinician at SummitStone Health Partners for this 3-part discussion. Plan to attend Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9.

Write That Novel

**Get Ready for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)**
*Thursday, October 10, 7–9 PM, HONDIUS ROOM*
Fort Collins author Kristin Owens leads a workshop on how to prepare for the challenge of NaNoWriMo in November—a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing.

**Your Novel: From Idea to Publication**
*Saturday, October 26, 1–2:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM*
Published novelist Kevin Wolf discusses how to find your writing strengths, along with how to begin and complete a manuscript, secure an agent, and contact publishers. One more step toward NaNoWriMo!

**NaNoWriMo Kick-Off**
*Friday, November 1, 2–4 PM, HONDIUS ROOM*
Join in the fun Estes Park kick-off with encouragement and support from like-minded participants. What a great way to jump-start your month of writing!

**Come Write In @ the Library**
*Day 1: Monday, November 18, 6–8:45 PM, Day 2: Saturday, November 23, 1–4 PM, HONDIUS ROOM*
Be encouraged by fellow writers, as we supply the tables, chairs, power outlets, and refreshments. Use the Hondius Room for dialogue and inspiration—then retreat to the Quiet Room for focused writing.
Western Writers

In partnership with the Western Literature Association

An Evening with Laura Pritchett
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7–8:30 PM
YMCA OF THE ROCKIES, ASSEMBLY HALL
Enjoy a presentation by Colorado author Laura Pritchett, winner of the Milkweed National Fiction Prize.

An Evening with Kathleen Dean Moore
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 7–8:30 PM
YMCA OF THE ROCKIES, ASSEMBLY HALL
Enjoy a presentation by environmental writer Kathleen Dean Moore, who explores our cultural relationship to the natural world.

Mountaineering & World War II

An Evening with Maurice Isserman
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7–8:30 PM
LIBRARY FIREPLACE
Acclaimed historian Maurice Isserman tells an inspiring story that stretches from Colorado’s ski slopes to the towering cliffs of the Italian Alps. The Winter Army: the World War II Odyssey of the 10th Mountain Division, America’s Elite Alpine Warriors is the saga of an unlikely band of soldiers, forged in combat, whose legacy lives on in today’s U.S. mountain fighters. Books available for purchase and signing that night, thanks to our partners at Macdonald Book Shop.

FRIENDS & FOUNDATION

Cliffhanger Used Books
OPEN DAILY AT 10 AM
191 W. RIVERSIDE DR. (NEXT TO THE POST OFFICE)
Thousands of gently-used books, DVDs and music CDs at bargain prices. Shirts and tote bags now available! All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Library Friends & Foundation.

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September Sales

Novels $1 PLUS TAX, SEPTEMBER 16–22
Mysteries $1 PLUS TAX, SEPTEMBER 23–29
Back to School Special, ALL SEPTEMBER LONG
Free books for all Estes Park School District R-3 teachers and students in September. School ID required.

2-Day Super Sale for all Book Lovers
AT CLIFFHANGER USED BOOKS
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 & 6
A one-weekend-only savings extravaganza. Exciting details will be announced at the Members’ Annual Meeting on Friday, October 4. Save the dates on your calendar.

Friends & Foundation Annual Meeting with guest Gary Coleman
MEMBERS’ ONLY EVENT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6–8 PM
LIBRARY FIREPLACE CORNER
Wine and cheese reception. Coleman will give a first hand account of the true survival story, Miracle on Buffalo Pass: Rocky Mountain Airways Flight 217. New members welcome. RSVP to Sarah Walsh at swalsh@estesvalleylibrary.org

Register online at estesvalleylibrary.org
CURRENT AFFAIRS

Conflict Resolution Month: October

In a time when disagreements seem to drive us apart, we ask: “Is it still possible to find common ground? If so, how?” Conflict Resolution offers a path forward. Programs held in partnership with Estes Valley Restorative Justice Partnership.

Creating Spacious Dialogue 📚
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 6–7:30 PM
ESTES PARK MUSEUM
Through awareness, reflection and practice, learn how to nurture ethical listening that is expressive and inclusive. Led by Dr. Elizabeth Parks, author of The Ethic of Listening: Creating Space for Sustainable Dialogue.

Risking Light: Movie & Discussion 🍿
MOVIE SCREENING:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 7–8:30 PM
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
DISCUSSION:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 10 AM–NOON
ESTES PARK MUSEUM
What would you do if faced with the opportunity to confront a person who had destroyed your life? That question is addressed in three stories with a surprising shared destination. Film is unrated. Movie also available for check-out from the Library’s collection.

The Gift of our Wounds 📚
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 10 AM–NOON, WASSON ROOM
Join a conversation about the book that tells the powerful story of a friendship between two men—one Sikh and one skinhead—that resulted in an outpouring of love and a mission to fight hate. Discussion facilitated by Restorative Justice.

When Cultures Meet Workshop 📘
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 9 AM–4 PM
ESTES PARK TOWN HALL
Different cultures exist inside organizations, communities and societies. How can we move beyond negative conflicts to build a robust community? Susan Stewart, instructor with Power and Systems, leads an upbeat workshop to demonstrate how to decrease tension, appreciate diverse perspectives, strengthen interactions and create organizations where commonalities and differences are valued.

Election Fever 📺
Watch the Democrats Debate
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, TIME TBD
POSSIBLE 2ND NIGHT: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
HONDIUS ROOM
Nonpartisan open-house viewing open to everyone, whatever your political affiliation or leaning. A public service especially for those who may not have TV at home, or who may enjoy watching in a casual setting. Soft foam “rebuttal balls” will be provided for tossing at the screen.

Vea el Debate de los Demócratas.
JUEVES 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE, SALA DE WASSON.
2DA NOCHE OPCIONAL, VIERNES 13 DE SEPTIEMBRE, SALA DE WASSON.
Abierto al público, sin importar su afiliación política. Este es un servicio dedicado a aquellos sin TV en casa. Por favor acompañen a ver el debate en un ambiente casual. La hora exacta del debate aún queda por determinarse.
Civics 101 for Students

Elected Officials Forum for Students
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 12:45–1:45 PM
HIGH SCHOOLERS:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2–3 PM
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Estes Valley students can ask questions and get to know our visiting elected officials. Homeschool students are also invited to attend.

English Language Learning

Beginner & Intermediate
Learn English Classes
Improve your English with a class to match your current skills. For both beginner and intermediate levels. Email gbock@estesvalleylibrary.org to get started.

Citizenship Classes / Clases de Ciudadanía

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18
5–6:30 PM, WASSON ROOM
Weekly classes for those seeking to pass the U.S. Citizenship Exam. Even if you’re not yet eligible to apply, you’re welcome. Materials are free of charge. Join at any time.

Civics 101 for All

Programs held in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Estes Park.

Larimer County 101
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6–7:30 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Learn how to effectively engage with Larimer County government by understanding its structure, funding and departments. Led by County Public Affairs Manager Michelle Bird.

Estes Park 101
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 6–7:30 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Learn how to effectively engage with Town government, as Public Information Officer Kate Rusch explains the Town’s structure, funding and departments—and how to get involved.
KIDS

Try-It Tuesday  GRADES K–5

Walking Aliens  R
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 4–5 PM, HONDIUS ROOM
Create a unique 3D wind-up toy made by you, using Model Magic and pipe cleaners.

Decorate a Halloween or Haunted House  R
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 4–5 PM, HONDIUS ROOM
Transform a wooden birdhouse into a cute Halloween or spooky haunted house with our decorative supplies.

STEM Bristle Bots  R
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 4–5 PM, HONDIUS ROOM
Guest educators from Science Matters will help us design small bristly characters that move with a battery.

Book Club for Kids  GRADES 1–6
Pick up a free copy of the book to read in advance, then join in the discussion, complete with activities and snacks.

Heartwood Hotel  R
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Bunnicula  R
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Frindle  R
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE PERFORMS

Best Foot Forward
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 9–10 AM, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Sawyer McNally wants to win the dance crown, but her opponent has all the right moves. Then a storm forces them to learn life is about more than winning. An original bilingual musical. Homeschool families invited!

Kids & Kids at Heart

Halloween Photo Booth
KIDS, TEENS & ADULTS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 5–8 PM, CHILDREN’S ROOM
Stop by the Library during your downtown trick-or-treating and capture some spooky memories in our photo booth. Props provided. These fun photos will last longer than candy!

Young Chautauqua Information Meeting  GRADES 3+
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 4–5:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM
Build your knowledge and confidence by bringing a character from history to life. Meet instructor Katherine Dumont. Teens and adults welcome too!
Weekly Storytimes

**Storytime**  **AGES 0–6**
THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, 10:30 AM, HONDIUS ROOM

**Baby Storytime**  **AGES 0–18 MONTHS**
THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 10 AM, HONDIUS ROOM

Special Storytimes

**Achoo! Storytime**
THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28, 10:30–11 AM
HONDIUS ROOM
In partnership with Salud Family Health Centers.

**Fire Station Storytime**
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 & 11,
10:30–11:15 AM, DANNELS FIRE STATION
Join the Children’s Librarians and the Fire Chief for stories and songs about fire-fighting and fire prevention. Tour the station and hop aboard a fire truck. Bring the camera!

**Halloween Storytime and Trick-or-Treat at Prospect Park**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 11 AM–NOON
PROSPECT PARK LIVING CENTER

**Storytime takes a break:**
Saturday, September 7
Scottish-Irish Highland Parade at 9:30 AM
Saturday, October 12
Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and 29
Catch the Glow Parade
Friday, November 29 at 5:30 PM

Early Childhood Music Workshops  **AGES 0–6**
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 19, 20
OCTOBER 17, 18, 24, 25
NOVEMBER 7, 8, 21, 22
11–11:30 AM, HONDIUS ROOM
Music plays an important role in cognitive and physical development, especially when it’s hands-on. Join board-certified Music Therapist Nancy Bell for 30 minutes of hands-on music and fun. No sign-up necessary.

Storybook Explorers  **AGES 3–5**
A book club for preschoolers and parents. We’ll read the story, enjoy an activity, and each family takes home a free copy of the book.

**Look & Learn—Patterns**  **R**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
11:15–11:45 AM
HONDIUS ROOM

**Aaaarrgghh—Spiders!**  **R**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
11:15–11:45 AM
HONDIUS ROOM

**Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep**  **R**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
11:15–11:45 AM
HONDIUS ROOM

Preschool Play Group  **AGES 0–6**
WEDNESDAYS, 10–11 AM
ESTES VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
FREE—NO EVCC PASS NEEDED
Kids ages 0 to 6 and their parents will enjoy an imaginative play station and directional activities. Play led by a Librarian on 9/25, 10/23, and 11/20.

Register online at estesvalleylibrary.org
MAKERSPACE & TECH

Repair Clinics

Clothing Repair and Alteration

SELECT A SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7–8 PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 10–11 AM
MAKERSPACE

Ready to hem your own jeans and replace your own buttons? We’ll discuss hand and machine-sewing techniques to breathe new life into old garments, while using the Makerspace’s new sewing machines.

Craft Jams

Laser Cut Wooden Bowls

SELECT A SESSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 6–7:30 PM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10–11:30 AM
MAKERSPACE

Learn to cut precise shapes out of wood on the Makerspace’s new laser cutter. Then assemble it into a beautiful wooden stacked bowl that’s perfect for holiday gift-giving.

Snowflakes on the Cameo Cutter

SELECT A SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6–7:30 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10–11:30 AM
MAKERSPACE

Learn to use the new Silhouette Cameo Cutter to make decorative and unique snowflakes for windows, candle holders, and lanterns, just in time for the holidays.

Library of Things

Happy Light Kit

NEWEST KITS – 3-WEEK CHECKOUT
WONDERING IF LIGHT THERAPY IS FOR YOU? TRY THE VERILUX HAPPY LIGHT ON THOSE EARLY-WINTER DAYS WHEN SUNSHINE MIGHT BE IN SHORT SUPPLY. IT’S USED BY MANY TO TREAT SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER.

Critter Cam Kit

CURIOUS ABOUT THE WILDLIFE LIVING IN YOUR BACKYARD? THIS KIT CONTAINS A FOXELLI TRAIL CAMERA TO HELP YOU EXPLORE WILDLIFE WHILE LEAVING CRITTERS UNDISTURBED.

Tech

iPhone and iPad Basics

SELECT A SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 10:30 AM–NOON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2–3:30 PM
MAKERSPACE

Bring your iPad and/or iPhone and we’ll cover the basics: connecting to the Library’s WiFi, searching the Internet, taking pictures and videos, using the App Store, sending messages, and adjusting settings to personalize your device.

Find the Perfect Gift with Consumer Reports

SELECT A SESSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2–3 PM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 4–5 PM
MAKERSPACE

The Library’s online subscription to Consumer Reports can help you make the best purchasing decisions, for yourself and loved ones—everything from TVs to cars. Just in time for Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Bring your laptop or borrow one of ours.

Tech Express

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
10:30–NOON
MAKERSPACE

Drop in anytime during these sessions with quick questions about your phone, tablet, laptop, email, apps or account. We’ll answer your questions, try to diagnose, or offer follow-up recommendations. Perfect for those “I’ve never been able to …” or “It used to work …” issues.
College Readiness

Workshops led by longtime college administrator Kaye Orten. In partnership with Estes Park High School. Homeschool families are invited too!

Selecting and Applying to College

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 5:30–7 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Learn from an expert how to choose and apply for college successfully.

FAFSA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 5:30–7 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Ease the strain of college costs by exploring the key sources of financial aid.

Application, Essay, and Deadlines

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 5:30–7 PM
MAKERSPACE
Ace the application process by writing a stellar essay, making checklists, and managing important deadlines.

Outdoor Readiness

Avalanche Awareness

SELECT A SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 5:30–7 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 5:30–7 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Learn how to stay safe and avoid avalanches by understanding their behavior and how to approach avalanche terrain as a traveler. Led by AIARE-certified educators from Kent Mountain Adventure Center. For teens and adults.

Wildlife Tracks in the Snow

SELECT A SESSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5–6 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 6–7 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Explore animal tracks and meet the creatures who live beneath the snow. Discover the challenges animals face and the adaptations they make to survive harsh winters. Led by Rocky Mountain National Park’s Education Rangers. Ages 8 & up.

Mountain Lions

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5:30–7 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Explore mountain lion ecology, human-lion interactions, and community stewardship with experts who have studied these wild felines. Learn to read the “signs” these wild creatures leave. Ages 8 & up.

Music Lessons

Djembe Drumming for Beginners

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6–7:45 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Stimulate your brain and heart for health and wellness. Led by Nancy Bell of Life Rhythms Music Therapy. Djembe drums provided, or bring your own.

Beginning-Plus Djembe Drumming

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 6–7:45 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Expand your skills in a workshop perfect for those who’ve taken two or more previous drumming classes or have other Djembe experience.

Register online at estesvalleylibrary.org
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of the Rockies
Rocky Mountain Cat Conservancy
Rocky Mountain National Park
Salud Family Health Centers
SummitStone Health Partners
Town of Estes Park

LIBRARY ESSENTIALS

Locations

MAIN LOCATION
335 East Elkhorn Avenue
PO Box 1687
Estes Park, CO 80517

Mini-Branches

EAGLE ROCK SCHOOL

THE TWIG
Estes Valley Community Center
660 Community Drive

CLIFFHANGER USED BOOKS
Operated by the Library Friends & Foundation
191 West Riverside Drive

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES
littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap

Hours & Closures

FALL OPEN HOURS
Monday - Thursday: 10 AM - 9 PM
Friday & Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday: 1 PM - 5 PM

CLOSURE DATES:
September 2: Labor Day
October 14: Staff Development Day
November 28 & 29: Thanksgiving

Ask Us

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