BORROW A LAPTOP
Library Collections are always growing to meet your needs and interests. This spring, borrow a laptop for use inside the Library—a convenient way to get work done, pursue your curiosities, and learn new skills.

TAX SEASON ASSISTANCE
Get assistance completing your tax returns. Volunteers from the AARP Tax Assistance Program are at the Library through April 13. To make your appointment, call us at (970) 586-8116, ext. 3.

MAKE ESTES COUNT
It’s important. It’s safe. And it’s easy. In 2020, the Library is one of the convenient places to complete the Census online. See page 5 for Census activities and ways to get your questions answered.

LIBRARY’S ANNUAL REPORT
The 2019 Annual Report for the Library District is available online March 15th, as well as the 2020 Budget and Summary. We make these and other important documents available in our commitment to accountability and transparency.
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LOOK FOR THE YELLOW ROSE FOR PROGRAMS CELEBRATING
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S. WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE
Let’s Talk Books

Register online, then stop by to pick up your advance copy.

🌟 The Woman’s Hour 🌟
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 6:30–8 PM
WASSON ROOM
The riveting tale of one of the greatest political victories in U.S. history: the down and dirty campaign for the last state to ratify the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

Being Awareness Book Club:
The Untethered Soul 📚
3-PART PROGRAM ON SATURDAYS
10:30–NOON
MARCH 7 & APRIL 11
MAKERSPACE
MAY 9, WASSON ROOM
Author Michael A. Singer explains how to thrive in the present moment. Discussion continues on Saturdays, April 11 and May 9. Participants attend all 3 sessions.

April is Poetry Month with Loveland’s Poet Laureate

Celebrate Poetry Month @ the Library
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 6–7 PM
LIBRARY ATRIUM
Meet Loveland’s poet laureate, Veronica Patterson, and share a few of your own verses about your love of libraries. Ms. Patterson will compile submissions and create an original poem to share. Paper and ink provided.

To Tell a Story: a Poetry Program 📚
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 7–8:45 PM
LIBRARY FIRESIDE THEATRE
Veronica Patterson reads selections from her books of poetry. Register to attend and pick up one of the limited copies of Ms. Patterson’s book, Swan, What Shores? Then stay for an open-mic session for participants to read verse of their choosing.

We ♥ Book Clubs

Visit the All-New Book Club Nook
Are you a member of a book club?  
Want to start one?  
We can get you multiple copies of your club’s future read.  
Interested in joining a club?  
We can connect you with one.  
Learn more at estesvalleylibrary.org/bookclubs
Civic Programs

Soldiers in Petticoats
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1–2 PM
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
It’s hard to imagine a time when women didn’t have voting rights, but it wasn’t that long ago. Heather Pressman of the Molly Brown Museum recounts the Suffrage Movement in Colorado and the U.S.

Coffee with the Parking Lady
THURSDAYS, MARCH 5, 19 APRIL 2, 16, 30
10 AM–NOON
LIBRARY STAIRWELL AREA
Bring your ideas and get questions answered by the Town of Estes Park’s Parking & Transit Manager, Vanessa Solesbee. These informal conversations offer dialogue opportunities on parking and transportation issues in downtown Estes Park. Coffee and snacks provided. No registration necessary.

Census 2020

Census Launch Party
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 3:30–6 PM
FIRESIDE THEATRE
Drop in to celebrate the kickoff of Census season and learn about the importance of a complete count for the Estes Valley. Guests include Adam Bickford of the State Demography Office and Maureen Reilly of the regional U.S. Census office.

Census Q&A Drop-In
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 4–6 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 11 AM–1 PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 11 AM–1 PM
LIBRARY ATRIUM
Got questions about the 2020 Census? Getting counted is important for the Estes Valley. And it’s easy and safe. Stop by these drop-in sessions to visit with a Census representative.

Census Counts at Library Programs
We’ll bring laptops to many of this spring’s programs to help make “getting counted” easy and convenient for everyone.

Friends & Foundation

Happy Birthday, Cliffhanger!
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 10 AM–4 PM
CLIFFHANGER USED BOOKS
Celebrate Cliffhanger’s one-year birthday. Look for special sales every hour from 10 am to 4 pm. Ask us about setting up a recurring annual or monthly gift to the Library Friends & Foundation.

Library Lovers Appreciation
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 4–6 PM
CLIFFHANGER USED BOOKS
Join the festivities with fellow Library Lovers who have given $100 or more in 2020. Activate your membership in advance at estesvalleylibrary.org or by visiting Cliffhanger Used Books.

Spring Specials at Cliffhanger Used Books
Discounts on select categories during the dates listed below: Hardbacks: $2 plus tax / Paperbacks: $1 plus tax.
MARCH 9–22 COOKBOOKS
MARCH 23–APRIL 19 EASTER BOOKS
APRIL 6–19 COLORADO BOOKS
APRIL 20–MAY 10 NATURE
MAY 11–25 TRAVEL

Give Your Tax Refund a Happy Home
Expecting a state tax refund? You can donate all or a portion to the Library: 1) Reference Estes Valley Library Friends and Foundation 20043003587 on your CO Tax Return. 2) Enter the amount. 3) Smile!
Meet the Authors

Meet Author
Laura Resau
TUESDAY, MARCH 3
6TH GRADE  9-9:45 AM
7TH GRADE  10-11 AM
8TH GRADE  1:20-2:20 PM
ESTES PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
Award-winning kids’ author
Laura Resau writes books about
journeys of magic and adventure described as “vibrant”
and “entrancing”.

Meet Author
Derek Anderson
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
GRADES K-2  8:30 -9:20 AM
GRADES 3-5  10:10-11:00 AM
ART STUDENTS GRADES 6-12
2:20-3:10 PM
ESTES PARK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Anderson is the author-illustrator of more than 25 books
for kids, including his newest: Benny McGee and the
Shark: The Shark Report.

Make-It! Monday
Upcycling: Container Gardens
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 4–5 PM, HONDIUS ROOM
Explore the amazing possibilities of container gardens
and take part in a craft activity to make your own.

Try-It! Tuesday
Women’s History STEM Stations
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 4–5 PM, HONDIUS ROOM
Celebrate the achievements of remarkable women
through do-it-yourself science and craft activities.

Upcycling: Treasure Boxes
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 4–5 PM, HONDIUS ROOM
Create an awesome treasure box with used materials.

Meet Author T.A. Barron
FRIDAY, MAY 1
TIME & LOCATION TBD
Eight-year-old Harriet is determined to climb to the top
of Longs Peak. To get there, she’ll have to overcome steep
slopes, a freezing blizzard, and what her wise trail guide
calls “surprises.” Meet the author of High as a Hawk.

Kids Book Clubs
Pick up a free copy of the book to read in advance, then
join the discussion, with activities and snacks.

Make-It! Monday
Toys Go Out
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Donovan’s Word Jar
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Tale of Despereaux
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Try-It! Tuesday
Nim’s Island
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Love That Dog
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Poppy
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2–3:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM

Around Town
Estes Park Mountain Festival
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 8:30 AM–3 PM, EVENT CENTER
The 5th annual celebration of Arbor Day, Earth Day,
cultural heritage and mountain living. Bring two gently-
used kids’ books, take two home!

Estes Park Safety Fair
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 10 AM–2 PM, EVENT CENTER
Bring the kids to see the big safety vehicles and visit the
Library’s fun photo booth.
Storybook Explorers

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.

**My Truck is Stuck**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
11:15–11:45 AM, HONDIUS ROOM

**One Book 4 Colorado**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
11:15–11:45 AM, HONDIUS ROOM
Statewide title to be revealed in April

**Stone Soup**

SATURDAY, MAY 30
11:15–11:45 AM, HONDIUS ROOM

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**STORYTIMES**

**Storytime**

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

**Baby Storytime**

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 10 AM, HONDIUS ROOM

**Early Childhood Music Workshops**

AGES 0–6
MARCH 5, 6, 19, 20
APRIL 2, 3, 16, 17
MAY 14, 15
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.

**Safety Smart Storytimes**

**Fire Station Storytime**

OFFERED TWICE
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 10:30 AM
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 10:30 AM
DANNELS FIRE STATION
Join the Estes Park Fire Chief for stories and songs about fire-fighting and fire prevention. Tour the station and hop aboard a real fire truck. Bring the camera!

**Police Officer Storytime**

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 10:30 AM
HONDIUS ROOM
Hear stories read by a real police officer!

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**Be Ready Fair: School Readiness**

AGES 0–5 & PARENTS
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 10 AM–NOON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
What does your child need to succeed in school? It’s more than just ABCs, and it begins at birth! Get your questions answered, with hands-on activities and giveaway items.

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PROGRAMS

Teens & Screens
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Creating Healthy Boundaries
5–8 PM, HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS
A community conversation on a topic important to teens’ (and everyone’s) mental health. For parents, students, and community members. Attend all or any portion of the evening activities.

Resource Fair and Community Potluck
5–6 PM, HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS
Bring a dish to share, along with your own plates and silverware to reduce waste.

Screenagers: a Documentary
FILM: 6–7 PM, HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
DISCUSSION: 7–8 PM, HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION
Bilingual Books Give & Share
MONDAY, MAY 4, 5:30–8 PM
LOCATION TBD
On the eve before the traditional “Cinco”, join the community celebration as the Library makes kids’ books available to give and share. Includes a free community dinner and entertainment.

Summer Reading 2020

Summer Reading Program Registration
BEGINNS FRIDAY, MAY 15
For adults, teens, and kids of all ages. Register for all summer reading programs and begin logging your reading hours to earn great prizes. Full details in May at estesvalleylibrary.org and in the Summer edition of this Guide.

Young Chautauqua Performances
ALL AGES
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2:30–4:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2:30–4:30 PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 6:30–8:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 7–9 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2:30–4:30 PM
ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 6:30–8:30 PM
LIBRARY FIRESIDE THEATER
The public is invited to attend live performances by students in the Young Chautauqua program. Costumed performers will present a first-person monologue in character. Each evening is a different roster of performers.

Bird Nerds
BLUEBIRD PROJECT OF THE ESTES VALLEY
ALL AGES
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1:30–4 PM
MAKERSPACE
Scott Rashid of the Wandering Wildlife Society explains the proper methods for building and installing a bluebird box in your yard. Take home materials for installation, and welcome bluebirds back to Estes. Ages 14 & under attend with a parent.

All About Owls
ALL AGES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2–3 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
An in-depth look at the Great Horned Owl, highlighting its differences with other owl species. Special guest: a real live owl, courtesy of the Rocky Mountain Raptors Program. The presentation is geared for grades K–5, and all ages are welcome, including adults.
Powerful Tools for Caregivers

**Self-Care for Caregivers**

6-WEEK WORKSHOP
THURSDAYS, MARCH 12 THROUGH APRIL 16
10 AM–NOON, MAKERSPACE
A program to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a parent, spouse or friend, whether they’re living at home or a nursing home far away. Participants attend all 6 sessions.

**Library of Things**

**Memory Care Kit**
More than 6 million Americans live with Alzheimer’s or related dementia illnesses. Using the proven benefits of Reminiscence Therapy, these kits are filled with activities and vibrant pictures, providing comfort and stimulating conversations between those living with dementia and those who love and care for them.

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**QPR (Question, Persuade & Refer): Suicide Prevention Training**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 5–6:30 PM, HONDIUS ROOM**
The QPR mission is to reduce suicidal behavior and save lives. People trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Led by the Larimer County Department of Health. Dinner provided.

**Tech Express**

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
10:30 AM–NOON, MAKERSPACE
Bring your 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.

**Red Cross Preparedness**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 5:30–6:30 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Are you prepared for a fire or flood? Or a family crisis? Learn from the experts on what to pack in your “Go Bag” and the important role the Red Cross plays when disasters happen.

**Free Legal Self-Help Clinic**

WEDNESDAYS, 2–5 PM
MARCH 11, APRIL 8, MAY 13
One-on-one legal advice. For Library cardholders without a personal attorney. More information at estesvalleylibrary.org/legalclinic. Call 970-586-8116, ext. 3, to schedule an appointment.
Heat-Transfer Vinyl to Tote Bags
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM
MAKERSPACE
Learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo Cutter to create heat transfer vinyl to decorate your own original tote bag. Materials provided.

Square Foot Gardening Q&A + Seed Exchange
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 6–7:30 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Take part in this community drop-in Q&A session, and talk to experienced Square Foot gardeners. We also encourage you to bring seeds you want to share, or plant cuttings to trade.

Square Foot Gardening
SELECT A SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 10:30–NOON
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 5:30–7 PM
MAKERSPACE
Create your own square foot grid for gardening season, then use the laser engraver to make gardening labels.

Upcycled Craft Jams
Map-Covered Frames
SELECT A SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 11 AM–12 NOON
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 6–7 PM
MAKERSPACE
Retired world atlas maps will be upcycled to cover picture frames. Bring an old frame or use ones we’ll have on hand.

Reusable Shopping Bags
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1–4 PM
MAKERSPACE
Adults and teens drop in and work with the High School Youth in Action Club to make reusable shopping bags. Take your creation home or donate it to distribute in the community: one step closer to Zero Waste!

Library of Things
COMING THIS SPRING
Adventure Pass to the Fort Collins Museum of Art
Check out the pass that welcomes you to an artistic adventure in the heart of Old Town Fort Collins—in the city’s historic first post office building. Make a day of it with friends or family
College Readiness

Benefits of a Community College
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 5:30–7 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
Get more individual attention, enjoy smaller class sizes, save money, and earn transferable college credit. These are a few benefits of a 2-year college. Learn more with reps from Aims Community College. Dinner provided.

College Readiness Workshop
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 5:30–7 PM
HONDIUS ROOM
A special workshop for high school juniors led by Kara McNamara, counselor at the Estes Park High School. Homeschool families and Eagle Rock students are also welcome. Dinner provided.

College Planning One-on-One
Erase the anxiety of preparing for college by making a plan. Get information on FAFSA, paying for college, choosing a school, and testing. Click Book-a-Librarian at estesvalleylibrary.org to see available time.

The Finals Countdown
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 15 & 16, 8–11 PM
LIBRARY FIRESIDE THEATRE
High School students are invited to use the Library’s spaces and resources to study for finals week. Snacks served! Parental permission slip required (available at service desk, or email cchauffe@estesvalleylibrary.org).

Homeworker Helper One-on-One
GRADES 6 & UP
Meet with a Library volunteer who specializes in math, social studies, or science for assistance with homework. Click Book-a-Librarian at estesvalleylibrary.org to book your time.
GRATITUDE

THANK YOU TO THIS SEASON’S DONORS:

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Become a Friend with a contribution of any size. Visit estesvalleylibrary.org to make your donation.

THANK YOU TO THIS SEASON’S PROGRAM PARTNERS:

- Aims Community College
- American Red Cross
- Colorado State Demography Office
- Estes Park Health
- Estes Park Police Department
- Estes Park School District R-3
- Estes Valley Community Garden
- Estes Valley Fire Protection District
- Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success
- Estes Valley Watershed Coalition
- Larimer County Department of Health and Environment
- Larimer County Office on Aging
- League of Women Voters of Estes Park
- Rocky Mountain Conservancy
- Rocky Mountain Raptor Program
- Salud Family Health Centers
- Town of Estes Park
- United Way of Larimer County
- U.S. Census Bureau, Denver Office
- Wandering Wildlife Society

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
littelfreelibrary.org/ourmap

Hours & Closures

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

CLOSURE DATES:
April 14: Staff Development Day (Library opens at 2 PM)
May 25: Memorial Day

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