

June 2022

Spanish Peaks Library District

Newsletter



SPANISH PEAKS LIBRARY

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Upcoming Events

Storytime

Join our Children's Librarian,
Ms. Sherry, for songs, stories
and a craft!
Fridays / June 3, 10, 17, 24 / 10
am - 12 pm

Life & Death Series

Sponsored by Boies-Ortega Funeral
Home
**Letting Go and Moving Through
Grief** – Letting go of someone we
have loved who has passed is a
difficult time in life. We could also be
grieving the loss of a pet, spouse
through divorce, a job we cherished.
Grief affects all of us. Come learn
productive ways to handle this
emotion.
Wednesday / June 8 / 11 am - 1 pm

Trivia Night

**Gather a team and join your
favorite librarians for a night of
trivia. Meet at the 2nd Street Bar &
Grill located at the Walsenburg
Golf Course.**
Wednesday / June 15 / 6 - 9 pm

Gardening 101 - Summer Landscaping

Learn the practical knowledge to
keep your home gardens thriving.
Sunday June 26 / 1 - 2 pm



Director's Update

Kasey Almes: Director

Hello Huerfano County!!

My name is Kasey Almes and I am so very excited to announce that I am your new Library Director! I know that some of you were just getting to know our previous director, Andrew Schroeder, when life turned on a dime, and called him to a new adventure. I have had the distinct pleasure of being able to transition into this new role with Andrew's generous help. He has brought me up to speed with the events and the goings on at the library, so that my talented staff and I can continue to bring you all, quality programs, and exciting and useful collections.

Here are some of the going's on at the library: We are open again on Sunday's from 1pm to 5pm, we look forward to seeing you all on Sunday's! The Lego tables are out again! Bring the kids in for building fun! All of our computers are open, no sign up's, no waiting! CALLING ALL WII PLAYERS!! The Wii console is available for use once again.

Your library staff and I are also working diligently once more to open the bookmobile location in Gardner, more detail soon! We are also creating a Strategic Plan that we will use to focus on creating programs and purchasing collection materials that YOU, the community, want from your library. I invite you all to come in and say hi, I cannot WAIT to meet you!!

Highlights from the Collection

Andrew Wade, Assistant Director



Non-fiction: Welcome to the Universe in 3D by Neil deGrasse Tyson
"If you go out and simply look up, everything appears to be pasted on the two-dimensional surface of the dome of the sky. Yet, the story of astronomy as a science is how, over time, astronomers have discovered the cosmos in depth. It is the story of the measurement of position and distance, and how our 2D view of the sky above us evolved into a more sophisticated comprehension of the real 3D depths of space



Fiction: The Memory Librarian by Janelle Monáe
Whoever controls our memories controls the future. Janelle Monáe and an incredible array of talented collaborating creators have written a collection of tales comprising the bold vision and powerful themes that have made Monáe such a compelling and celebrated storyteller.

We are starting a new program at the library this month. It is called 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Many children struggle with reading. It has been found that simply reading to children from birth can help them be better readers. You can do this by taking the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten. We have more information at the library. You can track their books on paper forms, which we have or you can use an app on your phone. For every hundred books that your child reads, they will be recognized on a display at the library and be given a prize.

We will be having a Summer Learning Program during the month of July. It will start with a party at 10:30 am Friday, July 1. We will be having 3 special performers this year as well as fun activities every Friday at 10:30 am. Check our Facebook page for updates. The theme is Oceans of Possibilities.



Ms. Sherry's Children's Corner

Sherry Pearson, Children's Librarian

I have just finished up another year of sharing my love of reading with the local school children. The schools allow me to visit the children in Head Start, and Pre-K through 4th grade. I go to Peakview, Gardner Valley School, South Central Colorado Head Start, and Southern Colorado Council of Governments Early Learning Center. I read books and do action songs with the Pre-K and kindergarten age children once a week. I go to the older children's classrooms once a month and read a book and then do a craft activity to go with it. I really love this part of my job. When I see the children out in the community and they come running up to give me a hug, I feel like a celebrity.

A Message from the Board of Trustees

Lisa Wagner
Board of Trustees President

Hello everyone!

The Board of Trustees is looking forward to an exciting summer, especially since our new Director Kasey Almes is on board! We are now seven members strong with one alternate member. We are in the process of doing strategic planning and are looking at offering new programs, events and outreach at the library-and other venues as well.

The Board of Trustees and library staff are all committed to making your great library even better!

Stop by to meet Kasey and the staff and check out all the going's on in the library.