



Newsletter



As August arrives, we're reminded that the work we do is built on consistency, compassion, and the relationships we create every day. While the season begins to change and many families prepare for new routines, one thing remains constant—the incredible dedication of those who continue showing up to make a difference.

August is also a time to recognize the importance of wellness, growth, and lifelong learning. National Wellness Month encourages us to care for our physical and emotional well-being, while the back-to-school season serves as a reminder that every new beginning brings opportunities to learn, grow, and support one another.

To our providers, thank you for the patience, flexibility, and kindness you demonstrate each day. Your willingness to meet challenges with compassion and professionalism helps create a positive impact that extends far beyond the services you provide. The care you give brings comfort, confidence, and independence to the individuals and families we serve, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

As we move into a new month, we hope you take pride in the difference you make and find time to enjoy the final days of summer. Thank you for being such an important part of our team and for helping us continue to build a stronger, more caring community—together.

~PPRS Admin Team~





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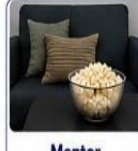


Your commitment makes a **DIFFERENCE** every day!
Thank you for being an amazing part of our team!




CYM: CHILD & YOUTH MENTOR ACTIVITIES

Build skills, learn, have fun, and reach your goals!

 Pokémon Go Adventure	 Play Basketball	 Art & Creative Time	 Board Games	 Music & Playlist Time	 Cooking Together	 Library Visit	 Bowling or Arcade
 Nature Walk	 Feelings Check-In	 Practice Conversation	 Calm Tools & Coping Skills	 Lego Challenge	 Role Play	 Goal Setting	 Mentor Hangout


COMMUNITY CONNECTOR ACTIVITIES

Explore your community, make connections, and try new things!

 Art, Theater or Music Club	 Community Garden	 Food Bank	 Animal Shelter	 Farmers Market	 Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts	 Youth Service Club
 Library Programs	 Homework Club	 Community Center	 Book Club	 Volunteer Together	 Leadership Groups	 Help & Give Back



Your choices. Your goals. We're here to support you!





**FROM VISION TO REALITY:
YOUR PATH TO BECOMING A YOUTH MENTOR**

CITY OF MINES SUMMER FESTIVAL

VICTOR, COLORADO

AUGUST 8TH 10 - 5

AUGUST 9TH 10 - 4

**LOCAL VENDORS, LIVE MUSIC ALL
WEEKEND, FOOD TRUCKS, BEER
GARDEN, GOLD PANNING, KIDS
ACTIVITIES**

**THE WORLD FAMOUS CRIPPLE CREEK
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ATTENDANCE**

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The Summer Concert Series returns to Orchard Town Center with fan-favorite bands like The Long Run and That Eighties Band. Join us on Town Center Drive from 6–8 p.m. to grab a drink, bring your crew, and enjoy the perfect summer hangout.

Price:

Free

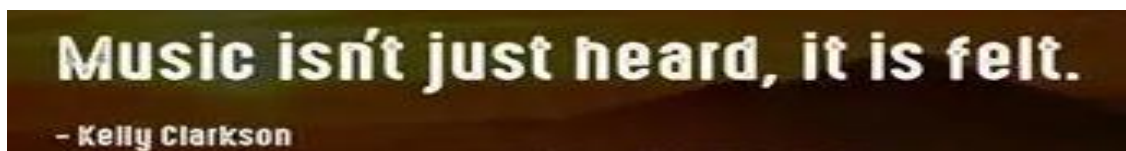
Time:

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

14697 Delaware St. Westminster,
CO 80023

(303) 450-8610

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cy.com





These libraries are part of the **Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD)** and are here to serve our community!

LIBRARY	ADDRESS
 Penrose Library	20 N Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
 Library 21c	1175 Chapel Hills Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80920
 East Library	5550 N Union Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918
 Cheyenne Mountain Library	1785 S 8th St #100, Colorado Springs, CO 80905
 Old Colorado City Library	2418 W Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80904
 Sand Creek Library	1821 S Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80916
 Ruth Holley Library	685 N Murray Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80915
 Manitou Springs Library	701 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs, CO 80829
 Security Public Library	715 Aspen Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80911
 Fountain Library	230 S Main St, Fountain, CO 80817
 Monument Library	1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr, Monument, CO 80132
 Palmer Lake Library	66 Lower Glenway St, Palmer Lake, CO 80133
 Ute Pass Library	8010 Severy Rd, Cascade, CO 80809
 High Prairie Library	7035 Meridian Rd, Peyton, CO 80831

POPULAR BRANCHES

21c

LIBRARY 21c

Modern facility with makerspaces, meeting rooms, recording studios, and extensive children's and teen areas.



EAST LIBRARY

Largest collection in the district and a favorite for studying and research. Community members frequently recommend it for its spacious reading areas.



PENROSE LIBRARY

Downtown flagship branch with genealogy, local history, and extensive research resources.



OLD COLORADO CITY LIBRARY

Historic Carnegie library with a charming atmosphere.



ALL PPLD LIBRARIES OFFER:



Free library cards for El Paso County residents



Public computers and Wi-Fi



Printing, copying, and scanning



Meeting and study rooms



Children's storytimes



Adult classes and events



Digital books, audiobooks, movies, and music

Your Library.
Your Community.



Visit ppld.org for hours, events, and more information.



Colorado Springs Food Pantry List

Solid Rock Food Center

3217 S Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, Co 80916
Mon. 12 - 2 PM • Tues. 2 - 6 PM

Chinook Center

2551 Airport Rd #107
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
Sunday 12 - 2PM

Deerfield Community Center

4290 Deerfield Hills Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80916
Drive through 4th, Friday
11:30AM - 1:30 PM

Fountain Valley Salvation Army

208 Cunningham Dr
Colorado Springs, CO 80911
Monday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1p.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1p.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunny Side Market (Pikes Peak United Way)

1520 Verde Dr
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
2-6PM By Appointment

Springs Food Pantry (Zeal Church)

755 Citedal Dr
Colorado Springs, Co 80916
1st and 3rd Saturday; 1 - 3PM

Food to Power

1090 S Institute St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Tuesday, 12 - 2 PM

Charity's Hope

201 N Chelton Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Wednesday and Saturday
10 am - 2 PM

More than Food Ministries

4120 E Fountain Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80916
Thursday 11 AM - 12 PM

Crossfire Ministries

3975 Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80917
Tues., Wed. & Thurs.
10 AM - 3 PM - 2nd & 4th Sat. of each month: 10 AM - 1 PM

Sacred Heart Pantry (West Side Cares Baskets)

2021 W Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Mondays and Thursdays, 12 - 2 PM

Westside Community Center (West Side Cares Baskets)

1628 W Bijou St, Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Wednesday 1pm-3pm



For more food pantries next to you call 211 or check out careandshare.org





AUGUST SUNSHINE

PAPER PLATE SUN

A bright and happy craft to celebrate sunny days! ♥

SUPPLIES:

- Paper plate
- Yellow paint or yellow construction paper
- Orange and yellow construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black marker
- Pink paper or pink marker





1 Paint the paper plate yellow. Let it dry.



2 Cut orange and yellow paper into rectangular strips.



3 Glue the strips around the back edge of the plate like rays of the sun.



4 Draw a happy face on your sun with a black marker. Add pink cheeks!



5 Display your sunshine and brighten your August days!






SOAK UP THE SUN AND HAVE FUN! ♥





Back - To - School Word Search

Find the hidden words going up, down, left and right.



G L O E F A N H Q M B G I R F B Z
 F K I N N H C H A L K B O A R D H
 Q R J M M O Q P E N C I L S L E J
 G Z A Q Y Y R T I G Y X O C A J Z
 R N U E Q T P I K R Z G C L O Y Q
 B K R O W E M O H N E N K Y M P W
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 HOMEWORK
 LOCKER
 NOTEBOOK
 STUDENTS



AUGUST

SUMMER RECIPE

No-Bake

PINEAPPLE DREAM BARS

CREAMY, TROPICAL & PERFECT FOR SUMMER! ♥

An easy, no-bake treat with layers of sweet pineapple and creamy goodness! ♥

HOW TO MAKE

EASY,
REFRESHING &
A TASTE OF
SUMMER IN
EVERY BITE!

INGREDIENTS

-  1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
-  1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
-  1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened
-  1/2 cup powdered sugar
-  1 (8 oz) container whipped topping (like Cool Whip)
-  1 (20 oz) can crushed pineapple, drained
-  1 (3.4 oz) box instant vanilla pudding mix
-  1/2 cup shredded coconut (optional)

1 MAKE THE CRUST



Mix graham cracker crumbs and melted butter. Press firmly into the bottom of a 9x9-inch dish. Chill while you make the filling.

2 MAKE THE CREAM LAYER



In a bowl, beat cream cheese and powdered sugar until smooth and creamy.

3 FOLD IN TOPPING



Gently fold in whipped topping until well combined. Spread evenly over the crust.

4 ADD PINEAPPLE



Spread drained crushed pineapple evenly over the cream layer.

5 MAKE PUDDING LAYER



In a bowl, whisk pudding mix with 2 cups cold milk until thickened (about 2 minutes). Spread over the pineapple.

6 TOP & CHILL



Sprinkle with shredded coconut (if using). Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- ✓ No baking required!
- ✓ Light, creamy & refreshing
- ✓ Perfect for potlucks, BBQs & picnics
- ✓ Make-ahead & crowd favorite!

FUN VARIATIONS

-  Add strawberries or blueberries on top for extra fruit!
-  Use toasted coconut for extra flavor and crunch.
-  Add a little lime zest to the cream layer for a citrus twist!

MAKE AHEAD TIP

-  Make the night before and let it chill overnight for the best flavor and texture!

 **PREP TIME**
20 MINUTES

 **CHILL TIME**
4+ HOURS

 **SERVES**
9-12

SIMPLE INGREDIENTS. BIG SUMMER FLAVOR. ♥



2026 COLORADO FREE DAYS

DENVER ZOO

2300 Steele St., Denver
720.337.1400

Jan 9th
Jan 25th
Feb 22nd
Apr 19
Nov 11th
Nov 14th
Nov 22nd

CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM

1250 Bannock St., Denver
720.354.4880

Apr 25th
Jun 14th
Jul 24th
Sep 19th
Nov 7th

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

1007 York St., Denver
8500 W. Deer Creek Canyon Rd., Littleton
720.865.3500

Jan 19th Jun 19th
Feb 12th Jul 1st
Mar 9th Aug 25th
Apr 22nd Nov 27th

DENVER ART MUSEUM

100 W 14th Ave. Pkwy, Denver
720.865.5000

Jan 14th
Feb 22nd
Mar 11th
Apr 8th
Apr 27th
May 13th
Jun 10th
Jul 8th
Jul 27th
Aug 12th
Sep 8th
Sep 9th
Oct 14th
Nov 8th
Dec 9th

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE

2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver
303.370.6000

Jan 11th Aug 24th
Feb 1st Sep 1st
Mar 6th Oct 11th
Apr 13th Nov 7th
Apr 26th Nov 16th
Jun 19th

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

2121 Children's Museum Drive
Denver
303.433.7444

Free: Joy Park 4:30-8P

May 15th
Jun 19th
Jul 17th
Aug 21st
Sep 18th

FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK

715 S. Forest Street, Denver
720.865.0800

Jan 23rd
Feb 27th
Mar 27th
Apr 24th
May – TBD
Jun 26th
Jul 24th
Aug 28th
Sep 25th
Oct 23rd
Nov 20th
Dec 18th

PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER

21901 E Hampden Ave, Aurora
303.326.8380

Jan 15th Jul 11th
Feb 19th Aug 20th
Mar 21st Nov 14th
Jun 11th Dec 17th

RMNP

Estes Park
970.586.1206

Feb 16th
May 25th
Jun 14th
Jul 3rd-5th
Aug 25th
Sep 17th
Oct 27th
Nov 11th

LOVELAND MUSEUM

503 N. Lincoln Ave, Loveland
970.962.2410

*Times vary each day

Jan 29th
Feb 13th
Feb 14th
Feb 28th
Mar 13th
Mar 14th
Mar 20th
Mar 28th

FORT COLLINS MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY

408 Mason Ct., Fort Collins
970.221.6738

All students currently enrolled in Early Childhood programs with Poudre and Thompson School Districts are eligible for a free Explore level Membership.

FCMoD has partnered with several libraries across Northern Colorado to offer a pass that library card holders can check out for free.

EVENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST

2026

ARVADA



BACK TO SCHOOL STORY TIME WITH JCMH

Where: 5751 Balsam Street Arvada, Colorado 80002- Arvada Balsam temporary library

When: Monday, August 03, 2026 11:15am-12:00pm

What: Lower stress and calm those back-to-school butterflies with a special Story Time by guests from Jefferson Center for Mental Health. Through stories, songs and a craft, kids and caregivers will be ready to go back-to-school with smiles and confidence. For kids in preschool through second grade. For ages 4-8

KIDS CLUB

Where: Standley lake library- 8485 Kipling St. Arvada, CO 80005

When: Mondays | 4:00-4:45 PM

Recommended Ages: Kindergarten-5th Grade (approximately ages 5-10)

What: Explore a different activity each week including books, STEAM, crafts, games, and more while participating with peers in a structured library program.



LIBRARY FOR ALL

Where: Standley Lake Library - 8485 Kipling St. Arvada, CO 80005

When: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 | 1:00-2:00 PM

What: Designed for adults (18+) with disabilities and their caregivers, this interactive library program offers crafts, art, games, music, story times, and guest speakers in a welcoming, supportive environment. Activities are tailored to participants' interests and ability levels while encouraging creativity, social engagement, and community participation.



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Where: Standley Lake Library, 8485 Kipling St., Arvada, CO 80005 (August 5)

Arvada Balsam Temporary Library: 5751 Balsam Street Arvada, Colorado 80002 (August 12)

When: Wednesday, August 5 | 6:00-7:30 PM and Wednesday, August 12 | 5:00-6:00 PM

What: Help plan teen-focused library programs, services, and volunteer opportunities while developing leadership, communication, and self-advocacy skills. Participants work alongside library staff to share ideas, represent their community, and help shape future events while connecting with peers in a structured group setting. Grades 7-12 are welcome to attend or apply to join.



ARVADA**POKÉMON TCG CLUB**

Where: Arvada Balsam temporary library, 5751 Balsam Street, Arvada, CO 80002

When: Saturday, August 15, 2026 | 2:00–4:00 PM

What: Looking to play, trade, and talk all things Pokémon? Gather with trainers of all skill levels to build strategies, trade cards, and participate in organized Pokémon TCG activities while connecting with peers who share the same interests. Card-safe snacks are provided. Recommended for ages 10–13 Years old

STANDLEY LAKE MEMORY CAFÉ

Where: Standley Lake Library

When: Friday, August 21, 2026 | 1:00–2:00 PM

What: Designed for adults living with memory loss and their caregivers, this welcoming program provides opportunities to relax, socialize, and connect with others in the community. Participants can enjoy coffee, engaging activities, and brief presentations in a supportive environment that encourages meaningful social interaction and community involvement.

**Colorado Springs****STORYTIME**

Where: Fountain Library 230 S. Main St., Fountain, CO 80817

When: Tuesdays, August 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th, 2026 | 10:30–11:00 AM

What: Designed for children ages 3–7 and their parents or caregivers, this interactive library Storytime features stories, songs, and engaging activities that promote early literacy, listening skills, communication, and participation in a structured group setting. This program is a great fit for younger children developing social and group participation skills

**COMBAT ROBOTICS WORKSHOP**

Where: Monument Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument, CO 80132

When: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 | 1:00–4:00 PM

What: Designed for youth ages 13–16, this hands-on robotics workshop gives participants the opportunity to work in teams to build and battle combat robots while learning from members of Monumental Impact. No previous experience is required. Youth will develop teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and task completion skills through this structured library program. Registration and a library card are required.



Colorado Springs**CLAY CREATIONS: MAKERSPACE WORKSHOP**

Where: Sand Creek Library, 1821 S. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80916

When: Thursdays, August 6 & 20, 2026 | 4:00–6:00 PM

What: Designed for youth ages 9 and older (ages 9–13 must be accompanied by an adult), this two-part makerspace workshop teaches participants how to shape a clay project during the first session and glaze it during the second before taking home their finished creation. This structured library program encourages creativity, following directions, task completion, and participation alongside peers. Registration is required.

**LIBRARY EXPLORERS: POETRY DAY**

Where: Manitou Springs Library, 701 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829

When: Monday, August 10, 2026 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

What: Designed for adults with differing physical and developmental abilities, this accessible library program invites participants to explore creative expression through Blackout Poetry, Found Poems, and One-Word Magnets. Participants will build communication, creativity, and social engagement skills while enjoying a structured and inclusive community activity.

**LOWE'S KIDS WORKSHOP**

Where: Lowe's Home Improvement, 701 North Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80909

When: Saturday, August 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

What: Designed for children ages 4 and older, this free, instructor-led workshop allows young builders to create a PAW Patrol: Dino Island Volcano project with guidance from Lowe's Red Vest associates. Participants practice following directions, completing a hands-on project, and engaging alongside other children in a structured community activity. Registration is required at: <https://www.lowes.com/events/register/paw-patrol>. Participants should bring the QR code from their confirmation email for check-in.

DENVER**COLORADO DAY COMMUNITY FEST**

Where: 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203

When: Saturday, August 1, 2026 | 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

What: Designed for all ages, this free community celebration features cultural performances, educational exhibits, family-friendly activities, artisan markets, and interactive experiences celebrating Colorado's 150th birthday. Participants can build community connections while exploring local history, art, and culture through structured activities. Admission is also free to the History Colorado Center, the Center for Colorado Women's History, and the Denver Art Museum during the event.



DENVER**DENVER ZOO & CONSERVATION ALLIANCE: SUMMER OF ADVENTURE**

Where: Green Valley Ranch Branch Library, 4856 Andes Ct., Denver, CO 80249

When: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 | 2:00–4:00 PM

What: A interactive library program brings the Denver Zoo and Conservation Alliance into the community through live animal encounters and educational presentations. Participants will explore animals, learn from zoo experts, ask questions, and engage in a structured learning experience that promotes curiosity, communication, and community participation. Participants can also complete their Summer of Adventure Guide to earn a free ticket to the Denver Zoo and Conservation Alliance.

**ART JOURNALING FOR ADULTS 50+**

Where: Ford-Warren Branch Library | 2825 High St. Denver, CO 80205

When: Thursday, August 13, 1:00–2:30 PM

What: Designed for adults ages 50 and older, this creative art journaling class encourages self-expression through a variety of art techniques while creating unique journal pages. Participants will build creativity, communication, and social connections in a welcoming, structured environment. All experience levels are welcome. Registration is required.

**TEENS GAME ON: CHESS MEETUP**

Where: Central Library 10 W. 14th Ave. Denver, CO 80204

When: Saturday, August 15, 2026 3:30–4:30 PM

What: Designed for teens, this welcoming chess meetup invites participants of all skill levels to learn the game, practice strategies, share tips, and play with peers. The structured program promotes critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, patience, and positive social interaction while providing opportunities to build friendships in a supportive community setting.

**LEVEL UP TWEENS**

Where: Park Hill Branch Library 4705 E. Montview Blvd. Denver, CO 80207

When: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 4:30–5:30 PM

What: Designed for tweens ages 10–13, this interactive program challenges participants to complete fun activities and build mini projects while working alongside peers. Through structured teamwork and hands-on problem-solving, participants develop leadership, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills in a supportive community setting.



FORT COLLINS**PAPER PEOPLE: PAPER QUILLING**

Where: Harmony Library 4616 S. Shields St. Fort Collins, CO 80526

When: Wednesday, August 5 | 6:00–7:30 PM

What: Designed for adults, this monthly creative meetup offers a welcoming space to learn paper crafting techniques while connecting with others in the community. This month's workshop introduces the basics of paper quilling, where participants will create textured designs using strips of paper while building creativity, fine motor skills, communication, and social connections in a structured group setting.

**WONDERFUL WORMS!**

Where: Harmony Library 4616 S. Shields St. Fort Collins, CO 80526

When: Thursday, August 6, 2026 2:00–3:30 PM

What: Designed for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, this interactive nature program introduces participants to the important role worms play in the environment through hands-on activities, games, crafts, and stories. Participants will build curiosity, communication, problem-solving, and social skills while engaging in a fun, structured learning experience. Attendees can also earn Summer Adventure points by participating in a community care activity.

**TWEEN NIGHT**

Where: Old Town Library 201 Peterson St. Fort Collins, CO 80524

When: Wednesday, August 12 | 5:00–6:30 PM

What: Designed for youth ages 9–13, this monthly tween program provides a safe and inclusive space to meet new friends, build community, and participate in engaging activities. This month's program includes campfire stories, s'mores, a hands-on STEM project using marshmallows, and an optional guided tour of the library's historic administrative building. Participants will build communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and social skills while enjoying a structured community activity.

**TINKER TOTS**

Where: Harmony Library 4616 S. Shields St. Fort Collins, CO 80526

When: Friday, August 14 | 9:30–10:30 AM

What: Designed for children ages 3–5 and their caregivers, this hands-on STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math) program features engaging science experiments, creative art projects, crafts, and interactive activities. Participants build early problem-solving, communication, creativity, and fine motor skills while exploring new concepts in a fun, structured community setting. Wear clothes that can get messy!



FORT COLLINS**NORTHERN COLORADO YOUTH LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT****Where:** Old Town Library 201 Peterson St. Fort Collins, CO 80524**When:** Thursday, August 20 | 5:30–7:30 PM**What:** Designed for teens ages 13–18, this welcoming leadership and social group provides a safe, inclusive space for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to build friendships, develop leadership skills, and connect with trained facilitators. Participants will strengthen communication, self-advocacy, teamwork, and community engagement while participating in structured discussions and activities that foster belonging and positive peer relationships.**PUEBLO****TODDLER ROCK****Where:** 1315 E. 7th St. Pueblo, CO 81001**When:** Friday, August 7, 2026 11:00–11:30 AM**What:** Designed for toddlers and their caregivers, this interactive music class encourages early social, communication, and motor skill development through songs, movement, games, and hands-on activities. Participants will build cooperation, coordination, and confidence while strengthening the parent-child bond in a fun, structured community setting.**MICROGREENS AND MINDFULNESS****Where:** 1315 E. 7th St. Pueblo, CO 81001**When:** Saturday, August 22, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM**What:** Designed for tweens, teens, and adults, this hands-on gardening workshop teaches participants how to grow nutritious microgreens in small spaces while exploring mindfulness through gardening. Participants will build problem-solving, responsibility, and self-care skills while learning practical gardening techniques and connecting with others in a structured community setting.**STRETCH, STRENGTHENING AND BALANCE FOR ALL ABILITIES****Where:** 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd. Pueblo, CO 81001**When:** Friday, August 14, 10:00–11:00 AM**What:** Designed for adults ages 18 and older, this inclusive fitness class helps participants improve flexibility, strength, balance, and overall well-being through guided exercises tailored for all ability levels. Participants will build healthy habits, increase confidence, and connect with others in a supportive, structured community setting.

TELLER COUNTY**DIVIDE MAHJONG CLUB**

Where: Divide Library 11122 U.S. Highway 24 Divide, CO 80814

When: Mondays 1:00–3:00 PM

What: Designed for adults, this welcoming Mahjong club invites both experienced players and beginners to learn and enjoy the game in a supportive group setting. Participants will strengthen memory, strategic thinking, problem-solving, and social communication while building connections with others through a structured community activity

**STORYTIME**

Where: Florissant Public Library 334 Circle Drive Florissant, CO 80816

When: Friday's 10:00–10:45 AM

What: Designed for children ages 0–5 and their caregivers, this interactive storytime includes stories, songs, and other early-learning activities. Participants can build communication, listening, early literacy, social participation, and transition skills in a structured community setting.

**POKÉMON CLUB**

Where: Woodland Park Public Library 218 E. Midland Ave. Woodland Park, CO 80863

When: Thursdays, 3:30 PM–5:00 PM, August 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

What: Pokémon Club is a free, library-facilitated community activity that welcomes trainers of all experience levels. Participants are encouraged to bring their Pokémon cards to trade, play friendly matches, and connect with others who share an interest in the game. This structured club provides opportunities to build communication, sportsmanship, problem-solving, and social skills while participating in a fun, inclusive community environment.

**BINGO & BBQ**

Where: Memorial Park 200 N. Park St. Woodland Park, CO 80863

When: Wednesday, August 12 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

What: Join Golden Bridge Network for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating the 55+ community. Participants can enjoy a barbecue lunch, play exciting rounds of bingo, listen to music, and spend time connecting with friends while meeting new people in a welcoming outdoor setting. This structured community event provides opportunities to build social connections, participate in recreational activities, and promote community involvement in a fun and supportive environment. Register here: <https://www.tellerseniorcoalition.org/events-1/bbq-bingo>

**AIR DRY CLAY WORKSHOP (ADULTS 18+)**

Where: Florissant Public Library 334 Circle Drive Florissant, CO 80816

When: Wednesday, August 12 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

What: Enjoy a free, library-facilitated clay workshop where participants can create a unique project while building creativity, fine motor skills, and social connections in a structured community setting. Registration is required. Call 719-748-3939 to reserve your spot.





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RespiteServices](https://www.facebook.com/PikesPeakRespiteServices)**

**If you know of any events that would be of
interest to our Providers and Families**

Let us know!!!

PPRS is always on the lookout for things for our Providers
and Families to do.

We keep a close eye on upcoming events in the areas we serve.

Many times we find out about events a few days or a week before they happen, and always post them to
our Facebook Page!

Please like and share our Facebook Page to receive up to the minute news!

Here is a list of a few great places to look for events!

<https://www.pueblo.us/DocumentCenter/View/21015/Program-Guide?bidId=>

<https://www.coloradosprings.com/events/#/>

<https://www.pueblo.us/2801/Events>

<https://www.denver.org/events/>

<https://www.fcgov.com/events/>

<https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/special-events>

<https://www.peakradar.com/categories/free-events/>

<https://www.visitcos.com/events/>

<https://ppld.librarymarket.com/>

<http://pueblolibrary.libnet.info/events?et=Kits2Go>

<https://www.denver.org/events/free-events/>

<https://www.larimer.gov/events>

<https://poudrelibraries.evanced.info/signup/>

<https://denverlibrary.org/events>

fcgov.com/recreation

<https://coloradosprings.gov/>