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# Newsletter

March 2025



As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible strength and compassion of our caregivers. This spring, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for all that you do. Your unwavering dedication, selfless care, and tireless support make a world of difference in the lives of those you help. March is not only a time of renewal and growth but also an opportunity to honor the essential role you play in nurturing the well-being of others. Thank you for your constant kindness and resilience—your care brings warmth, hope, and healing, just like the season of spring itself.

Thank You,  
PPRS Admin Team



## SOCIAL MEDIA HOLIDAYS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Zero Discrimination Day 🚫	Endometriosis Awareness Day	World Wildlife Day #WWD2025 97th Academy Awards (Oscars) 🏆	National Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) 🥞	National Dress Day 👗	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Daylight Savings (USA) ⌚				Popcorn Lover's Day 🍿 #POPCORNLover
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Holi 🌈	PI Day		St. Patrick's Day 🍀 #STPATRICKSDAY	Global Recycling Day ♻️ #RECYCLINGHEROES		International Day of Happiness 😊 #HAPPINESSDAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
International Day of Forests 🌲🌳🌿	World Water Day 💧 #WORLDWATERDAY					World Theater Day 🎭
28	29	30	31			
		National Doctors' Day 👨‍⚕️ Mother's Day (UK) 🍪	International Transgender Day of Visibility 🏳️‍🌈 #TRANSDAYOFVISIBILITY			



## 2025 COLORADO FREE DAYS

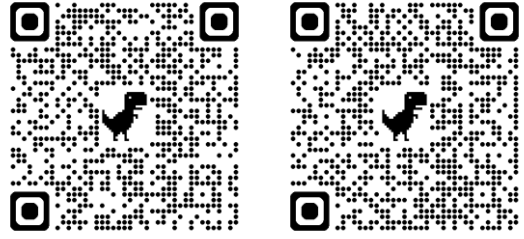
<p><b>Denver Zoo</b> 2300 Steele St. Denver denverzoo.org</p> <p>1/10, 1/26 2/9 4/6 11/7, 11/15, 11/23</p> <p><small>Free Day tickets are only available online. Walk-ups will not be accepted on Free Days.</small></p>	<p><b>Clyfford Still Museum</b> 1250 Bannock St. Denver clyffordstillmuseum.org</p> <p>4/27 6/29 7/27 11/8 (10am-10pm)</p> <p><small>Free ticket registration opens one week before SCFD Free Day. Reserve in advance.</small></p>	<p><b>Denver Botanic Gardens</b> 1007 York St. Denver botanicgardens.org</p> <p>1/20      6/10 2/13      7/3 3/10      8/27 4/22      11/28</p> <p><small>This event will sell out; get tickets in advance. No onsite tickets for sold-out days.</small></p>
<p><b>Plains Conservation Center</b> 21901 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora www.uncovercolorado.com</p> <p>1/16      7/12 2/20      8/14 3/15      11/15 6/12      12/11</p> <p><small>This event will sell out; buy tickets in advance. No onsite tickets for sold-out days.</small></p>	<p><b>Denver Museum of Nature &amp; Science</b> 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver dmns.org</p> <p>1/12      4/27 2/2      5/12 3/7      6/19 4/7      8/25</p> <p><small>Ticketscene provides free online ticketing, promotion, and analytics.</small></p>	<p><b>Four Mile Historic Park</b> 715 S. Forest St. Denver fourmilepark.org</p> <p>1/24      5/23      9/26 2/28      6/27      10/24 3/28      7/25      11/21 4/25      8/22      12/19</p> <p><small>Free General Admission is from 10am-4pm. Signature events are not included.</small></p>
<p><b>Museum of Contemporary Art</b> 1485 Delgany st. Denver mcdenver.org</p> <p>1/4      5/3      9/6 2/1      6/7      10/4 3/1      7/5      11/1 4/5      8/2      12/6</p> <p><small>General admission is available Tuesday-Friday, noon-7 PM, and Saturday-Sunday, 10 AM-5 PM.</small></p>	<p><b>Children's Museum</b> 2121 Children's Museum Dr. Denver mychildsmuseum.org</p> <p>5/16      8/15 6/20      9/19 7/18</p> <p><small>Tickets not available for purchase online.</small></p>	<p><b>National Parks</b> nps.gov</p> <p>1/20      8/4 4/19      9/27 6/19      11/11</p> <p><small>On Free Days, entrance fees are waived, but some parks require reservations.</small></p>

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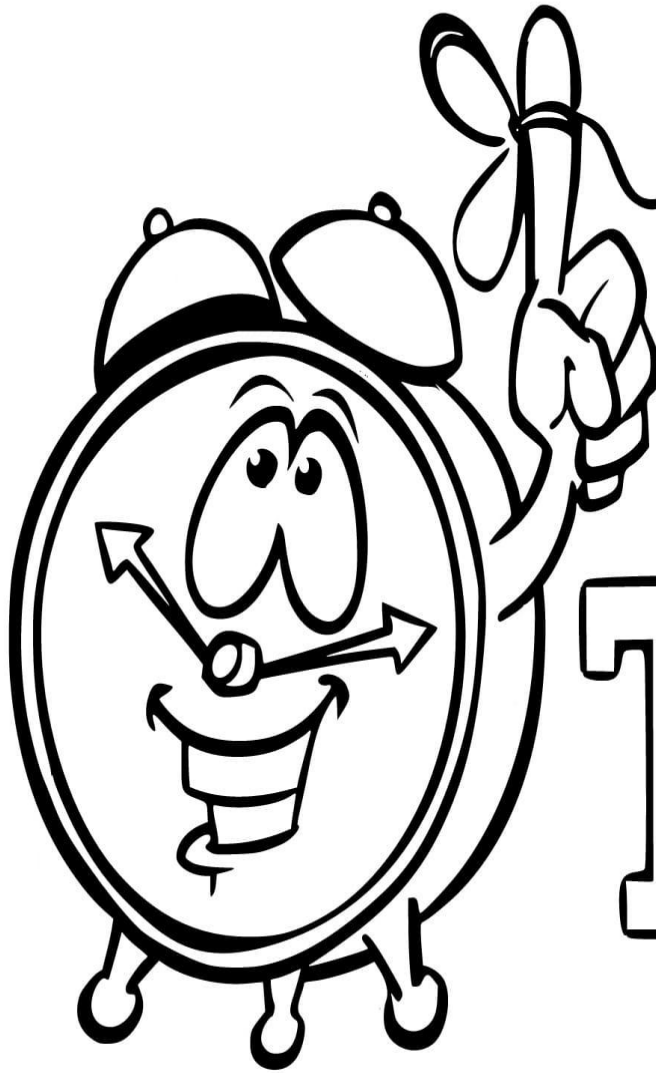




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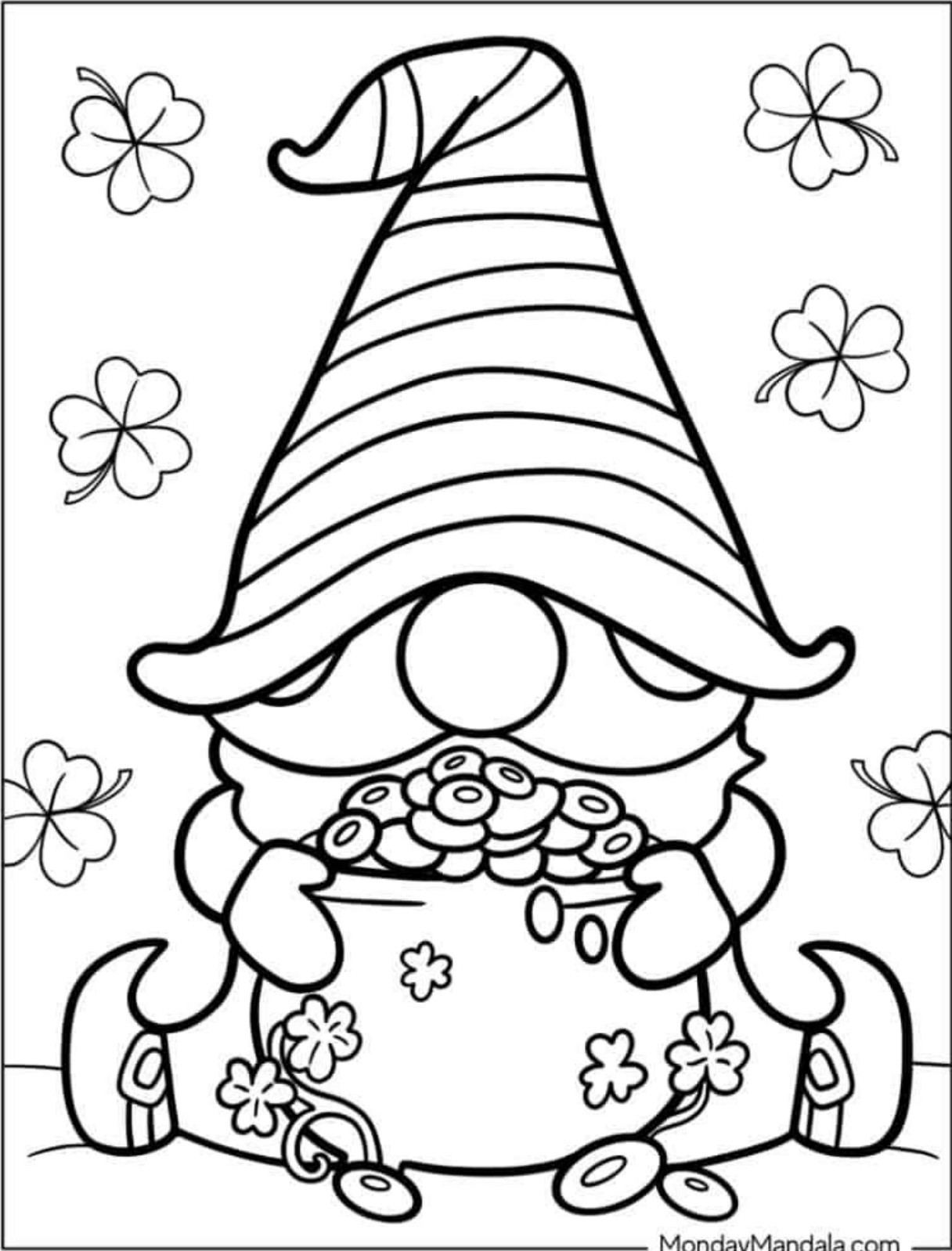
DON'T FORGET



TURN  
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TIME







# A Month of Crafts & Kids Activities

## March

1  3 Lorax Crafts	2  Horton Hears a Who Mask	3  Rainbow Bead Bracelets	4  Gold Coin Treasure Hunt	5  Stained Glass Rainbow Collage	6  Rainbow Fine Motor Play	7  Rainbow Shaving Cream Dig
8  Rainbow Names Color Sorting	9  Grow a Crystal Rainbow Science	10  Easy Memory Matching Game	11  Rainbow Comb Painting	12  Pot of Gold Sensory Play	13  Shamrock Foam Dough	14  Leprechaun Handprint Art
15  Scrunchy Shamrock Art	16  St. Patrick's Day Math Tray	17  Shamrock Rainbow Necklaces	18  Rainbow Name Puzzles	19  Easter Egg Sensory Bottles	20  Easter Bunny Cuties	21  Confetti Eggs
22  Easter Silhouette Portraits	23  Easter Egg Rice Art	24  Marbleized Easter Eggs	25  Chevron Easter Egg Craft	26  Raspberry Foam Dough Bunnies	27  Wobbly Easter Eggs - 8 Ideas!	28  Peeps Puppets
29  Rainbow Rocket Science	30  Rainbow Suncatchers	31  Pasta Butterfly Craft				

\*\*Click on the photos to get the full instructions for each activity or craft.\*\*

<http://www.wheremaginationgrows.com/february-crafts-kids-activities>







## RAINBOW CEREAL JEWELRY

RAISINGVEGGIELOVERS.COM 



## Supplies:

- Froot Loops
- Lucky Charms marshmallows
  - elastic string
  - toothpick
    - tape
    - scissors



**Step 1:** Sort your cereal by color. This is a great activity for kids to practice their colors and their sorting skills!

**Step 2:** Wrap the elastic string around the toothpick a few times, then tape it in place. Then, cut the string according to the length you need. (The length will vary depending on who's wearing it and if you will make a necklace or a bracelet.)

**Step 3:** Run the toothpick through a marshmallow. Pull the marshmallow down to the bottom of the string, leaving a little space at the end for tying later. The toothpick will be sticky from the marshmallow, so I would recommend wiping it.

**Step 4:** String the colored cereal in any pattern you'd like. Use all the colors, just a few, or only 1...the possibilities are endless! Fill the string with cereal and marshmallows, leaving room at the end for tying.

**Step 5:** Cut the toothpick off, then tie the two ends of the string together. I like to double knot it.



**Step 6:** Wear your cereal jewelry and eat it at your own pace! Enjoy!





### 5 TIPS TO MAKE GAMES FUN FOR AUTISTIC KIDS

- 1 Consider their strengths
- 2 Play in teams
- 3 Answer questions in advance
- 4 Have multiple options
- 5 Let them walk away



### Why is play important?



"PLAY IS NOT A LUXURY.  
PLAY IS A NECESSITY"



Alisha P.	2nd	Adrienne A.	16th
Phyliss S.	2nd	David F.	16th
Barbara B.	3rd	Gabriale P.	16th
Jamaceo R.	3rd	Blessing E.	19th
Malcom M.	3rd	Dara J.	19th
Richard M.	4th	Ashley H.	20th
Laura S.	4th	Suzanne M	20th
Kendra C.	5th	Haley T.	20th
Shannah O.	5th	Theresa B.	22nd
Tina W.	5th	Janene U.	22nd
Mackenzie Y.	5th	Kelsey B.	23rd
Dylan H.	6th	Kylee W.	23rd
Stephanie T.	7th	Jared S.	25th
Annie T.	12th	Tanea Z.	25th
Latisha W.	12th	Ciara M.	27th
Autumn L.	13th		
Kayla J.	14th		



# MARCH EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES



## 1 Year

Andrea A.  
Kayla H.  
Susanne H.  
Zoe D.  
Julie K.

Vanessa K.  
Carrie O.  
Elizabeth R.

## 2 Years

Debra M.  
Benjamin P.  
Starr S.  
Elena Z.  
Chelsea A.  
Irene D.  
Vicky J.  
Mindi M.

## 3 Years

Katie G.  
Kathleen R.  
Calley T.

## 5 Years

Janell L.  
Lisa R.





## From the Desk of Demetria:

### The Benefits of a Gratitude Huddle for Families

A Gratitude Huddle for families is a simple yet powerful way to connect, appreciate one another, and build a positive atmosphere at home. By taking a few minutes each day or week to share what you're thankful for, family members can strengthen emotional bonds and create a culture of appreciation. This practice is inspired by the research outlined in the article *"How Gratitude Changes You and Your Brain"* by Robert Emmons, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Davis, published by the Greater Good Science Center. The article demonstrates the positive impact of gratitude on mental health and relationships.

For example, a child might express gratitude for a parent's support during a challenging school project, while a parent could thank their child for helping set the table. Even small moments of gratitude, like appreciating a warm meal together, can make a big difference in fostering positivity. Creating a gratitude jar, where everyone adds a note each time they share something they're grateful for, can be a fun and interactive way to build these moments of connection.

#### Additional Ideas for Children:

1. **Gratitude Art:** Children can draw or color something that represents what they're thankful for and display it in the house as a visual reminder of the positivity shared.
2. **Gratitude Journal:** Encourage kids to write or draw what they're thankful for after each huddle, helping them reflect on and revisit their gratitude.
3. **Gratitude Tree:** Set up a paper tree where children add leaves with something they're grateful for written on them, growing over time as more gratitude is shared.

#### Additional Ideas for Parents:

1. **Gratitude Rituals:** Parents can create a special ritual, like lighting a candle or sharing a personal reflection, to set the tone for the Gratitude Huddle.
2. **Model Gratitude:** Parents can lead by example, sharing their own moments of gratitude to encourage their children to do the same.
3. **Appreciation Circles:** Parents can organize a rotating circle where each family member expresses appreciation for another, strengthening emotional bonds and kindness.

#### Conclusion

The benefits of a Gratitude Huddle are vast. It teaches the value of appreciation, strengthens family resilience, and promotes a positive home environment. Practicing gratitude regularly helps families focus on the good in life, improving emotional well-being and creating lasting bonds. By incorporating gratitude into daily life, families can enjoy stronger emotional connections, greater mental well-being, and a more uplifting home atmosphere.

# From The Admin Team

## PPRS Facebook Page

For the most up to date news and Events  
like our Facebook Page

<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.coloradosprings.com/events/#/>  
<https://www.pueblo.us/2801/Events>  
<https://www.denver.org/events/>  
<https://www.fcgov.com/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/>



## **Compliance Reminder!**

**Attention Providers: No provider is permitted to administer medication without QMAP certification and proper EMAR documentation.**

Parent Providers: If medication administration is required during service hours, please reach out to Kylee at 719-639-0746 for guidance.

## **Important Reminders for Providers!**

**Avoid Staff Hopping:** Please be patient and allow the team member you initially contacted time to respond. They are likely assisting other providers who reached out before you.

**Track Client Hours:** Before picking up an additional shift, remember to check and monitor the client's available hours to ensure compliance with service plans.

## Arvada Events

### Kids Club!



**Where:** Standley Lake Library Meeting room | 8485 Kipling St. Arvada co 80005

**When:** Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00pm-4:45pm (occurring every Monday.)

**What:** Explore a different after-school activity every Monday. Dive into fun with books, STEAM activities, crafts, games, and so much more!  
Perfect for kids in kindergarten to fifth grade.

### Mardi Gras Brass Band March!



**Where:** Olde Town Arvada | 5700 Olde Wadsworth Blvd Arvada Colorado

**When:** Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:00pm

**What:** Join us for a vibrant celebration that brings Mardi Gras right to your neighborhood. Kicking off at 5:30 pm in front of Carly's Boutique (7401 Grandview Ave), the infectious music of Guerrilla Fanfare will fill the streets of Olde Town. As they roam playing through the pedestrian mall in Olde Town Arvada, the band will be stopping along the way for lively jam sessions until 7:00 pm. Spectators are free.

Olde Town Arvada Business will have Mardi Gras Food and Drink Specials

### Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival!



**Where:** Arvada, Olde Town Arvada, Arvada, CO 80002

**When:** Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-6:00pm

**What:** Everyone's Irish at our all-ages St. Patrick's Day Festival. This street festival features live music, 95+ unique vendors, food trucks, and a dedicated kids zone. This event will have plenty of activities for the whole family. Admission is **FREE!** The event is rain, snow, or shine and will be taking place within our street closures.

One stage will be located on the Northeast Corner of Olde Town Square, and the other stage will be on Grandview in the Community Banks of Colorado parking lot.

The kids' zone will be located in Olde Town Square by the Library.

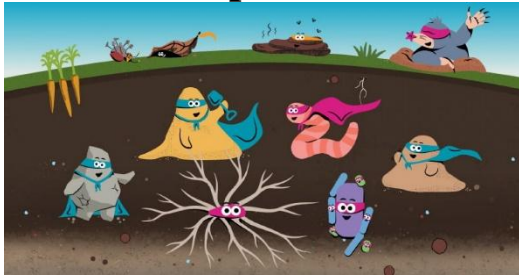
We have a few parking options for you.

-Check out the RTD Olde Town Parking Hub, which is located at 5575 Vance Street. The Parking Hub offers FREE parking and is just a short block away from all of the St. Patrick's Day Festival fun!

-Want to avoid parking in Olde Town in general? Hop on the G-Line and get dropped right off at the Olde Town Arvada G-Line stop and be right on Grandview!



### Soil Superheroes!



**Where:** Arvada Library | 7525 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. Arvada CO 80002

**When:** Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:00pm

**What:** Lets go hands on with Red Wiggler Worms and Demystify the wonderful world of worms! This workshop, presented by Denver Urban Gardens, explores the many benefits and joys of composting with worms to create thriving gardens. Don't miss out on this fun, family-friendly experience!

Family Friendly event recommended for preschoolers- school age children.

Registration will open March 3<sup>rd</sup> . Registration is required:  
<https://jeffcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/67a6db87973f792f00f3c4ac>

### Spring Seed Planting



**Where:** Arvada Library | 7525 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. Arvada CO 80002

**When:** Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-2:00pm

**What:** Stop by the Arvada Library and get a start on your spring garden. We'll provide the seeds, soil and pots – you get to do the planting. Take your newly planted seeds home, give them water and sunlight, and share in the wonder of watching them grow. Kids of all ages are welcome. No registration is required.

## Denver Events

### Nature Wonder Wanders



**Where:** Bluff Lake nature Center | 11255 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard Denver, CO 80238

**When:** Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am

**What:** Sessions are led by Sheri Peterson, a certified nature connection guide and a forest schoolteacher. We will tap into our senses, notice the beauty and wisdom of the natural world, and reflect on what that might mean for us. You'll learn simple yet powerful practices that you can apply anytime, anywhere, to stay in the wonder.

- We will enter the wonder by slowing down, breathing, and reconnecting. Whether your intention is to take a breath of fresh air or a break from the hustle & bustle, our time noticing and connecting with our surroundings will guide us into the wonder of our world.
- All ages are welcome. Sessions will last about an hour, but please feel free to stay and practice being in the wonder as long as you'd like. These are donation-based events, with all proceeds going to support the Bluff Lake Nature Center and its conservation efforts.

We can't wait to connect with you and support you on your journey to greater well-being and wonder!

Please RSVP at this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nature-wonder-wanders-registration-733633346087> to reserve your spot! Email us at [education@blufflake.org](mailto:education@blufflake.org) with any questions.

**Where:** Green Valley Ranch Library | 4856 N. Andes Ct. Denver, CO 80249

**When:** Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm-4:30pm

**What:** The programs run Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Kids are welcome to drop in whenever they arrive and for as long as they'd like. Open to kids in kindergarten through 8th grade.

- Kids play games in a relaxed, open-ended environment. Games will include board games, group games, and active indoor games.
  - Select Thursdays
  - Snacks will be provided.
- To request ASL, CART, or other disability related accommodations, contact [programs@denverlibrary.org](mailto:programs@denverlibrary.org), [720-865-1111](tel:720-865-1111). Minimum notice: 5 business days



### St. Patrick's Day Parade



**Where:** Downtown Denver, CO 80202

**When:** Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30am

**What:** The parade will start at 19th and Wynkoop, turn left on 17th, then turn north on Blake Street, eventually ending at 27th Street. The parade happens regardless of Colorado's unpredictable weather, so dress accordingly.

During the parade, you can expect to see floats, dancing, live bands, charities, and local celebrities. Attendees can easily find drinks and snacks and Restrooms at one of downtown Denver's many restaurants. The parade itself does not provide food or drink, but you are more than welcome to pack some for your family

### Arts and Crafts for Kids



**Where:** Ross-University Hills Branch Library & Eugene Field Branch Library.

**When:** March 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

- **10:30am-11:00am** -- Ross-University Hills Branch Library- 4310 E. Amherst Ave, Denver 80222
- **3:30pm-4:30pm** -- Eugene Field Branch Library- 810 S. University Blvd. Denver 80209

**What:** Young children will immerse themselves in play-based, exploratory art experiences that encourage creativity. We'll share a book and talk about simple art concepts before we create. This class is ideal for ages 2 - 7. Please be on time and dress for mess! Limit 30 children. No registration required.



## El Paso Events



**Where:** East Library | 5550 N Union Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

**When:** Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-3:00pm

**What:** Creative and playful adventures with art for children ages 1 – 5 and their parents or caregivers. Be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy. Recommended for ages 0-8.

**Sensory accommodations:** The Service Desk can provide sensory accommodation items such as fidget toys or noise-reducing headphones for you or your child to use while in the Library. If these will benefit your Library experience, please ask about our Sensory Accommodations Kit!



**Where:** Penrose Library, Aspen Room | 20 N. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**When:** Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-5:30pm

**What:** Solve puzzles and open locks to win a prize in this escape room! Welcome back to 1986. Here you will find cutting-edge technology from the 1980s which you will need to use along with your knowledge of all that was rad in the 80s to get yourself back to the present day. You only have 45 minutes before you are stuck in the past forever!

Recommended Ages: 12-18

Registration is required and will open February 19<sup>th</sup>- March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm- <https://ppld.librarymarket.com/event/escape-room-travel-80s-455335>



**Where:** Hillside community Center | 925 S Institute St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**When:** Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm

**What:** Join us to learn about and explore outer space! The Family Star Party will offer a safe, outdoor space for families to discover the marvels of the universe, fostering curiosity of all ages! We will also have FREE Telescope Viewing!



**Where:** Downtown Colorado springs| Tejon street

**When:** Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-1:30pm

**What:** The Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day parade is gearing up for its **41st Annual Parade** and Events! We host not only the biggest parade in Colorado Springs, but the flattest 5k, Funnest Fun Run, coolest kids scavenger hunt, our super shnazzy sports expo, and so much more! Join us for this year's festival! The Parade is Saturday, March 15, at 12 noon in Downtown Colorado Springs! Be a part of this annual event by signing up for the parade! *Please remember you are required to decorate your entry!* See the registration form for more details!

### Joint Initiatives Playgroup



**Where:** 1 S. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs

**When:** (every other Wednesday) 9:30am-11:00am Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> , and March 26<sup>th</sup>

**What:** Join us for a FREE playful morning of music, movement, art, and fun together, based on the Children's Program Simple Gift Series!

**Recommended for:** Children (ages birth-5) and their parents, caregivers, grandparents and/or favorite adults are invited to join the Simple Gift Series Team for some guided playgroup fun! Registration is required

**Register Here:** [bit.ly/RegisterforPlaygroup](https://bit.ly/RegisterforPlaygroup)

## Fort Collins Events

### Eagle Watch!



**Where:** Fossil Creek reservoir Natural Area | 3340 Carpenter Rd, Fort Collin CO 80525

**When:** Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 3:00pm-4:30pm

**What:** Spotting scopes and best eagle viewing are located about 1/4 - 1/2 mile down a gently sloping, paved and ADA accessible trail. All ages are welcome!

Please bring binoculars if you have them and dress warmly.

Bald eagles from the north make Fort Collins their winter home. They spend nights in communal roosts in cottonwood trees near the reservoir.

Volunteer Naturalists are stationed at the viewing pier and explain the eagles' natural history and help visitors view them through spotting scopes and binoculars.

Drop in any time during these programs. They are free and no registration is required, but if you sign up you'll receive email reminders and notices of cancellations.

If temperatures are below freezing, or it's windy or foggy, the Eagle Watches may be canceled.

Be sure to visit [www.fcgov.com/naturalareas](http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas) for weather cancellations and updates before you go.

**Where:** Council tree Library large meeting room | 2733 Council Tree Ave. Fort Collins, Co 80525

**When:** Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-4:00pm

**What:** The library has gone to the dogs (and cats and other story-loving critters)! Drop in to read to certified therapy animals presented by Larimer Animal People Partnership.

For children in grades K-5. Furry (and not-so-furry) friends will be ready to read for 40-60 minutes, so stop by early.

A colorful poster for "Animal Afternoons!" featuring illustrations of a girl and a dog reading together. The text includes: "Enjoy good books and read to friendly animals with Larimer Animal People Partnership volunteers." and "3:00 PM Sundays!". At the bottom, it lists three library locations: Old Town Library (201 Peterson Street, First Sunday of each month), Council Tree Library (2733 Council Tree Ave, Second Sunday of each month), and Harmony Library (4616 S. Shields Street, Fourth Sunday of each month). Logos for "FOUNDED 1970" and "CONNECT PUBLIC LIBRARY" are also present.





**Where:** Clothes Pony | 111 N College Ave. Fort Collins Co 80524

**When:** Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:00pm

**What:** Every 3rd Thursday of the month Lego club is back! create cool, themed builds AND swap your mini-figs! Ages 4+

### Snacks and Crafts



**Where:** Council Tree Library | 2733 Council Tree Ave. Fort Collins CO 80524

**When:** Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-5:00pm

**What:** Drop in for a snack and try a new activity or craft, every Wednesday. This week we'll have supplies and instructions for making paper toys. You are welcome to arrive at any time during the program. For students in middle and high school.



**Where:** Wellington community park | 8760 Buffalo Creek Pkwy, Wellington, CO 80549, USA

**When:** Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am

**What:** Join Wellington in the **inaugural** St. Paddy's Parade & Festival in downtown Wellington. The event, which will feature a fun run, St. Paddy's parade, vendor festival, live music, access to local businesses and other family-friendly activities, requires the closure of Cleveland Avenue in downtown Wellington from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. that day.

Festivities get underway at 10 a.m. with the 0.5K Shamrock Fun Run, sponsored by Wellington's Parks, Recreation, Open Spaces and Trails advisory board (PROST) and Old Colorado Brewing Company (OCB). The run is designed for participants of all ages and abilities, encouraging everyone to walk, jog or stroll along Cleveland Avenue.

Proceeds from the Shamrock Fun Run will benefit PROST's Veterans Memorial Plaza project at Wellington Community Park.

At 11 a.m., the St. Paddy's Day Parade commences down Cleveland Avenue, featuring floats, vehicles, animals and walking groups from local organizations and businesses.

## Pueblo

### MUSIC + MOVEMENT STORYTIME



**Where:** Greenhorn Valley | 4801 C

**When:** Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-12:00pm

**What:** Join us at the library for Music & Movement story time! Each story time involves songs, an activity break, two reading segments and a craft or coloring pages. Perfect for infants to preschoolers!

### Socialite Saturday



### Learn to Make Bath Bombs!

**Where:** Lamb Library ( lower level meeting room ) |  
2525 S Pueblo Boulevard, Co, 81005

**When:** Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00pm

**What:** Teens ages 14-18 join us every 2nd Saturday of the Month for some socialization, crafts, and snacks! Immerse yourself in a world of fizz and fun with our Bath Bomb activity! In this hands-on session, you'll create your very own colorful, aromatic bath bombs using natural ingredients and essential oils. Choose your favorite scents, colors, and shapes, then watch as they magically fizz when dropped in water! Perfect for gifting or treating yourself, these luxurious bath bombs will add a touch of relaxation and creativity to your bath time routine.

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### Tween Hangout: St. Patrick's Day!



**Where:** Giodone Library | 24655 US Hwy 50E (BUS)  
Pueblo, CO 81006

**When:** Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-5:30pm

**What:** Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's day by creating some rainbow shamrocks With salt painting! Bring a friend hang out and socialize with others while we create our shamrocks.

Recommended for ages: 8-12 years old



**Where:** Pueblo west Story teller’s room |298 S Joe Martinez Boulevard Pueblo West, CO, 81007

**When:** Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-7:30pm

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## Arvada Events

### Kids Club!



**Where:** Standley Lake Library Meeting room | 8485 Kipling St. Arvada co 80005

**When:** Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00pm-4:45pm (occurring every Monday.)

**What:** Explore a different after-school activity every Monday. Dive into fun with books, STEAM activities, crafts, games, and so much more! Perfect for kids in kindergarten to fifth grade.

### Mardi Gras Brass Band March!



**Where:** Olde Town Arvada | 5700 Olde Wadsworth Blvd Arvada Colorado

**When:** Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:00pm

**What:** Join us for a vibrant celebration that brings Mardi Gras right to your neighborhood. Kicking off at 5:30 pm in front of Carly's Boutique (7401 Grandview Ave), the infectious music of Guerrilla Fanfare will fill the streets of Olde Town. As they roam playing through the pedestrian mall in Olde Town Arvada, the band will be stopping along the way for lively jam sessions until 7:00 pm. Spectators are free.

Olde Town Arvada Business will have Mardi Gras Food and Drink Specials

### Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival!



**Where:** Arvada, Olde Town Arvada, Arvada, CO 80002

**When:** Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-6:00pm

**What:** Everyone's Irish at our all-ages St. Patrick's Day Festival. This street festival features live music, 95+ unique vendors, food trucks, and a dedicated kids zone. This event will have plenty of activities for the whole family. Admission is **FREE!** The event is rain, snow, or shine and will be taking place within our street closures.

One stage will be located on the Northeast Corner of Olde Town Square, and the other stage will be on Grandview in the Community Banks of Colorado parking lot.

The kids' zone will be located in Olde Town Square by the Library.

We have a few parking options for you.

-Check out the RTD Olde Town Parking Hub, which is located at 5575 Vance Street. The Parking Hub offers FREE parking and is just a short block away from all of the St. Patrick's Day Festival fun!

-Want to avoid parking in Olde Town in general? Hop on the G-Line and get dropped right off at the Olde Town Arvada G-Line stop and be right on Grandview!

## Soil Superheroes!



**Where:** Arvada Library | 7525 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. Arvada CO 80002

**When:** Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:00pm

**What:** Lets go hands on with Red Wiggler Worms and Demystify the wonderful world of worms! This workshop, presented by Denver Urban Gardens, explores the many benefits and joys of composting with worms to create thriving gardens. Don't miss out on this fun, family-friendly experience!

Family Friendly event recommended for preschoolers- school age children.

Registration will open March 3<sup>rd</sup> . Registration is required:

<https://jeffcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/67a6db87973f792f00f3c4ac>

## Spring Seed Planting



**Where:** Arvada Library | 7525 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. Arvada CO 80002

**When:** Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-2:00pm

**What:** Stop by the Arvada Library and get a start on your spring garden. We'll provide the seeds, soil and pots – you get to do the planting. Take your newly planted seeds home, give them water and sunlight, and share in the wonder of watching them grow. Kids of all ages are welcome. No registration is required.



**Nature Wonder Wanders**



**Where:** Bluff Lake nature Center | 11255 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard Denver, CO 80238

**When:** Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am

**What:** Sessions are led by Sheri Peterson, a certified nature connection guide and a forest schoolteacher. We will tap into our senses, notice the beauty and wisdom of the natural world, and reflect on what that might mean for us. You'll learn simple yet powerful practices that you can apply anytime, anywhere, to stay in the wonder.

- We will enter the wonder by slowing down, breathing, and reconnecting. Whether your intention is to take a breath of fresh air or a break from the hustle & bustle, our time noticing and connecting with our surroundings will guide us into the wonder of our world.
- All ages are welcome. Sessions will last about an hour, but please feel free to stay and practice being in the wonder as long as you'd like. These are donation-based events, with all proceeds going to support the Bluff Lake Nature Center and its conservation efforts.

We can't wait to connect with you and support you on your journey to greater well-being and wonder!

Please RSVP at this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nature-wonder-wanders-registration-733633346087> to reserve your spot! Email us at [education@blufflake.org](mailto:education@blufflake.org) with any questions.

**Where:** Green Valley Ranch Library | 4856 N. Andes Ct. Denver, CO 80249

**When:** Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm-4:30pm

**What:** The programs run Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Kids are welcome to drop in whenever they arrive and for as long as they'd like. Open to kids in kindergarten through 8th grade.

- Kids play games in a relaxed, open-ended environment. Games will include board games, group games, and active indoor games.
- Select Thursdays
- Snacks will be provided.
- To request ASL, CART, or other disability related accommodations, contact [programs@denverlibrary.org](mailto:programs@denverlibrary.org), 720-865-1111. Minimum notice: 5 business days



## St. Patrick's Day Parade



**Where:** Downtown Denver, CO 80202

**When:** Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30am

**What:** The parade will start at 19th and Wynkoop, turn left on 17th, then turn north on Blake Street, eventually ending at 27th Street. The parade happens regardless of Colorado's unpredictable weather, so dress accordingly.

During the parade, you can expect to see floats, dancing, live bands, charities, and local celebrities. Attendees can easily find drinks and snacks and Restrooms at one of downtown Denver's many restaurants. The parade itself does not provide food or drink, but you are more than welcome to pack some for your family

## Arts and Crafts for Kids



**Where:** Ross-University Hills Branch Library & Eugene Field Branch Library.

**When:** Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

- **10:30am-11:00am** -- Ross-University Hills Branch Library- 4310 E. Amherst Ave, Denver 80222
- **3:30pm-4:30pm** -- Eugene Field Branch Library- 810 S. University Blvd. Denver 80209

**What:** Young children will immerse themselves in play-based, exploratory art experiences that encourage creativity. We'll share a book and talk about simple art concepts before we create. This class is ideal for ages 2 - 7. Please be on time and dress for mess! Limit 30 children. No registration required.



**Where:** East Library | 5550 N Union Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

**When:** Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-3:00pm

**What:** Creative and playful adventures with art for children ages 1 – 5 and their parents or caregivers. Be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy. Recommended for ages 0-8.

**Sensory accommodations:** The Service Desk can provide sensory accommodation items such as fidget toys or noise-reducing headphones for you or your child to use while in the Library. If these will benefit your Library experience, please ask about our Sensory Accommodations Kit!



**Where:** Penrose Library, Aspen Room | 20 N. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**When:** Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-5:30pm

**What:** Solve puzzles and open locks to win a prize in this escape room! Welcome back to 1986. Here you will find cutting-edge technology from the 1980s which you will need to use along with your knowledge of all that was rad in the 80s to get yourself back to the present day. You only have 45 minutes before you are stuck in the past forever!

Recommended Ages: 12-18

Registration is required and will open February 19<sup>th</sup>- March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm- <https://ppld.librarymarket.com/event/escape-room-travel-80s-455335>



**Where:** Hillside community Center | 925 S Institute St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**When:** Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm

**What:** Join us to learn about and explore outer space! The Family Star Party will offer a safe, outdoor space for families to discover the marvels of the universe, fostering curiosity of all ages! We will also have FREE Telescope Viewing!





**Where:** Downtown Colorado springs| Tejon street

**When:** Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-1:30pm

**What:** The Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day parade is gearing up for its **41st Annual Parade** and Events! We host not only the biggest parade in Colorado Springs, but the flattest 5k, Funnest Fun Run, coolest kids scavenger hunt, our super shnazzy sports expo, and so much more! Join us for this year's festival! The Parade is Saturday, March 15, at 12 noon in Downtown Colorado Springs! Be a part of this annual event by signing up for the parade! *Please remember you are required to decorate your entry!* See the registration form for more details!

### Joint Initiatives Playgroup



**Where:** 1 S. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs

**When:** (every other Wednesday) 9:30am-11:00am Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> , and March 26<sup>th</sup>

**What:** Join us for a FREE playful morning of music, movement, art, and fun together, based on the Children's Program Simple Gift Series!

**Recommended for:** Children (ages birth-5) and their parents, caregivers, grandparents and/or favorite adults are invited to join the Simple Gift Series Team for some guided playgroup fun! Registration is required

**Register Here:** [bit.ly/RegisterforPlaygroup](https://bit.ly/RegisterforPlaygroup)

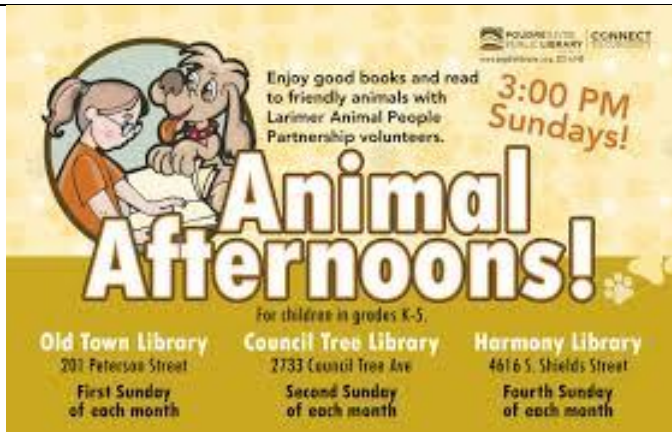
**Eagle Watch!**



**Where:** Fossil Creek reservoir Natural Area | 3340 Carpenter Rd, Fort Collin CO 80525

**When:** Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 3:00pm-4:30pm

**What:** Spotting scopes and best eagle viewing are located about 1/4 - 1/2 mile down a gently sloping, paved and ADA accessible trail. All ages are welcome! Please bring binoculars if you have them and dress warmly. Bald eagles from the north make Fort Collins their winter home. They spend nights in communal roosts in cottonwood trees near the reservoir. Volunteer Naturalists are stationed at the viewing pier and explain the eagles’ natural history and help visitors view them through spotting scopes and binoculars. Drop in any time during these programs. They are free and no registration is required, but if you sign up you’ll receive email reminders and notices of cancellations. If temperatures are below freezing, or it’s windy or foggy, the Eagle Watches may be canceled. Be sure to visit [www.fcgov.com/naturalareas](http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas) for weather cancellations and updates before you go.



**Where:** Council tree Library large meeting room | 2733 Council Tree Ave. Fort Collins, Co 80525

**When:** Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-4:00pm

**What:** The library has gone to the dogs (and cats and other story-loving critters)! Drop in to read to certified therapy animals presented by Larimer Animal People Partnership. For children in grades K-5. Furry (and not-so-furry) friends will be ready to read for 40-60 minutes, so stop by early.



**Where:** Clothes Pony | 111 N College Ave. Fort Collins Co 80524

**When:** Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:00pm

**What:** Every 3rd Thursday of the month Lego club is back! create cool, themed builds AND swap your mini-figs! Ages 4+

### Snacks and Crafts



**Where:** Council Tree Library | 2733 Council Tree Ave. Fort Collins CO 80524

**When:** Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-5:00pm

**What:** Drop in for a snack and try a new activity or craft, every Wednesday. This week we'll have supplies and instructions for making paper toys. You are welcome to arrive at any time during the program. For students in middle and high school.



**Where:** Wellington community park | 8760 Buffalo Creek Pkwy, Wellington, CO 80549, USA

**When:** Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am

**What:** Join Wellington in the **inaugural** St. Paddy's Parade & Festival in downtown Wellington. The event, which will feature a fun run, St. Paddy's parade, vendor festival, live music, access to local businesses and other family-friendly activities, requires the closure of Cleveland Avenue in downtown Wellington from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. that day. Festivities get underway at 10 a.m. with the 0.5K Shamrock Fun Run, sponsored by Wellington's Parks, Recreation, Open Spaces and Trails advisory board (PROST) and Old Colorado Brewing Company (OCB). The run is designed for participants of all ages and abilities, encouraging everyone to walk, jog or stroll along Cleveland Avenue. Proceeds from the Shamrock Fun Run will benefit PROST's Veterans Memorial Plaza project at Wellington Community Park. At 11 a.m., the St. Paddy's Day Parade commences down Cleveland Avenue, featuring floats, vehicles, animals and walking groups from local organizations and businesses.

Pueblo





**Where:** Greenhorn Valley | 4801 C

**When:** Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-12:00pm

**What:** Join us at the library for Music & Movement story time! Each story time involves songs, an activity break, two reading segments and a craft or coloring pages. Perfect for infants to preschoolers!

### Socialite Saturday



**Where:** Lamb Library ( lower level meeting room) | 2525 S Pueblo Boulevard, Co, 81005

**When:** Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00pm

**What:** Teens ages 14-18 join us every 2nd Saturday of the Month for some socialization, crafts, and snacks! Immerse yourself in a world of fizz and fun with our Bath Bomb activity! In this hands-on session, you'll create your very own colorful, aromatic bath bombs using natural ingredients and essential oils. Choose your favorite scents, colors, and shapes, then watch as they magically fizz when dropped in water! Perfect for gifting or treating yourself, these luxurious bath bombs will add a touch of relaxation and creativity to your bath time routine.

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