



Children

Early Winter Storytime Session

October 16-December 18

Winter Storytime Session Registration

Begins December 28

The Winter Storytime Session runs January 4 - February 26. Registration begins Monday, December 28. Each library hosts a variety of storytimes and bookclubs during this session. Please visit www.MyLibrary.us for complete descriptions and to register for specific storytimes, or visit your library and register in person.

Storytimes are now printed on bookmarks for your convenience and are available in the library and online at www.MyLibrary.us.

(R) indicates registration is required.

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Holiday Puppet Theater

4:00-5:00 pm, December 1

Join us for an entertaining hour starring Carbon Valley Regional Library's resident puppet friends. Bring your funny bone and let's have some fun.

Family Film Night

6:00 pm, December 3

Please note new program time.

Up (Rated PG, 96 minutes)

Carl Fredrickson spent his entire life dreaming of exploring the globe and now in his 78th year he launches his house into the sky via thousands of balloons. Right after liftoff he discovers he has a stowaway in the form of an over optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell. This hilarious journey takes you into a lost world with the least likely duo on Earth. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Santa Saturday

11:00 am, December 5

Santa is coming to Carbon Valley Regional Library! Get ready to tell Santa your Christmas wishes. There will be crafts to do throughout the library and we'll share some holiday treats.



Paws to Read (R)

6:30-7:45 pm, December 9

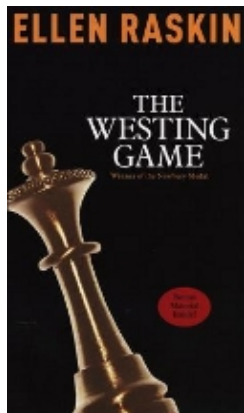
This program will give young readers a chance to read out loud in a stress-free environment to some very attentive listeners. Therapy dogs will be ready to hear some good stories. Each participant will be given a 15 minute time slot to share a story with one of our furry friends. Please register early by coming in or calling the library at 720-685-5100. Registration begins November 25.

3rd-5th Reader's Club

4:00 pm, December 10

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Join us as we explore and discuss juvenile fiction chapter books and do a corresponding activity. Books available Nov. 1 at the front desk.



Gaming for Jrs.

4:00-5:00 pm, December 16

Join other 3rd-5th graders to play a variety of board, card, and Wii games.

No School-Day Activity

(for school-age children only)

1:00-3:00 pm, December 21

No school today? Need something fun to do? Join us for a special hands-on activity that will help you pass the time and learn something new. Drop in anytime between 1-3 pm. The activity room will close promptly at 3 pm.

Centennial Park Library

Drop-In Storytime

Monday-Thursday: 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, & 5:00 pm

Friday & Saturday: 11:00 am & 3:00 pm

Book Club for Kids

6:00 pm, December 3

This club is for 3rd-5th graders who enjoy reading and making friends. We read, eat cookies, and have fun book talks. Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite books to share with others. The club meets on the first Thursday of every month.

Paws to Read (R)

7:00 pm, December 14

Paws to READ dogs will curl up on the floor to share stories with anyone wanting to read to them. Reluctant readers find that "man's best friends" are willing to listen. Therapy dogs sit quietly and calmly while children read aloud to them, allowing children to become more relaxed and confident about reading.

Erie Community Library



Erie Winterfest: Little Town on the Prairie™

11:00 am, December 5

In partnership with Erie Rotary, the Erie Community Library will host the following events:

- 11:00 am - Professional educator Connie Ryle Neumann presents 'Laura's Christmas Memories.' Connie will read selections from the Little House™ books and talk about the pioneer life of beloved classic children's author Laura Ingalls Wilder. This program is for children over age 5 and their parents in the Living Room.
- 11:00 am - A special Little House™ storytime for young children in the Storytime Room.
- Win tickets to the *Little House on the Prairie, The Musical*, starring Melissa Gilbert as Ma, (tickets generously donated by Denver Center for the Performing Arts) and enter a drawing for a full-color collector's edition of *By the Shores of Silver Lake*.
- Listen to holiday music and enjoy library displays featuring books, audiobooks, videos and information about the life of author Laura Ingalls Wilder.
- Refreshments will be available in the library throughout the day.

Little House is a Trademark of HarperCollins.

Fun and Games (R)

4:00-5:30 pm, December 3

Children and tweens are invited to the Erie Community Library for fun playing board and card games.

Tween Book Club (R)

(grades 4-6)

4:00-5:00 pm, December 10

Would you like to hang out and talk about books with other kids your age? Come to our Tween Book Club. Snacks provided. This month's selection is *Because of Winn Dixie*.

Paws to Read (R)

(grades 1-5)

6:30-7:45 pm, December 14

Paws to Read is a program for children in grades 1-5 who are able to read a book by themselves. Each participant will be given a 15 minute time slot to share a story with a visiting therapy dog. They may bring their own book or choose a library book. This program gives young readers a chance to read aloud in a stress-free environment to calm and attentive therapy dogs. Registration begins September 28.

Farr Regional Library

Eco-Ornaments (R)

(all ages)

5:00 pm, December 3

Help Farr decorate for the holidays! Create beautiful ornaments from soda cans and tree and angel figures out of old magazines. Finished products will be displayed on trees and other areas in the library. Drop in anytime during the event to work on your masterpiece. All ages are welcome, but participants must be able to work, supervised or unsupervised, with scissors and sharp objects.

Father-Son Book Club

7:00 pm, December 8

Gingerbread Houses (R)

(ages 8 and up)

6:00-7:30 pm, December 10

Join us for an evening of decorating gingerbread houses! Marilyn White from Marilyn's Cake Creations will guide you with step-by-step instructions for making your very own gingerbread creation. Supplies will be provided.

Family Movie

2:00-4:00 pm, December 12

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Rated PG, 102 minutes)

The cantankerous Grinch (Jim Carrey) descends from his dreary dwelling high in the peaks of Mt. Crumpit upon the unsuspecting citizens of Whoville to wreak havoc on their beloved Christmas season. But this recluse with a heart "two sizes too small" learns a valuable lesson from a little girl named Cindy Lou Who (Taylor Momsen) in this holiday favorite based on the book by Dr. Seuss. Refreshments provided.



Book to Movie Club

6:00-8:30 pm, December 17

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Lincoln Park Library

The Joy of Gingerbread (R)

(ages 8 - adult)

2:00-4:00 pm, December 12

Enjoy a traditional holiday treat when Marilyn White of "Marilyn's Cake Creations" demonstrates the art of making gingerbread houses. After learning the basic techniques, you'll get to decorate your own graham-cracker house with frosting and a variety of colorful candies.



Tweens and Teens Study Break

4:30 pm, December 15

Need a break from studying? Take some time out to decorate cookies and hot chocolate. Join us for our third annual study break and have some fun with your friends. We'll provide the supplies, you provide the creativity.

Early Literacy Skill: Phonological Sensitivity

Children begin learning as soon as they're born. Reading, talking, singing, and playing help your child develop the essential literacy skills s/he'll need to become a successful reader and learner later in life. One literacy skill is Phonological Sensitivity, the ability to hear and play with smaller sounds in words. To help your child develop Phonological Sensitivity, practice the following:

- Say and sing nursery rhymes.
- Make up silly words and songs that focus on sound.
- Encourage mimicking and making sounds.

The High Plains Library District has a plethora of books to help develop your child's Early Literacy Skills. To get started, try reading one of these books together:

Down on the Farm by Merrily Kutner
Red, Yellow, Blue and You by Cynthia Vance
Beep! Beep!: Peekaboo by Dawn Sirett
Sheep Blast Off! by Nancy Shaw