Main Library Renovation Project community meetings

Boulder Public Library is receiving $2.45 million of the total $49 million Capital Improvement Bond, approved by voters in Nov. 2011. The $2.45 million funding is being used to renovate the Main Library, specifically the first floors of the 1992 and 1974 buildings, which includes the Children’s and Teen areas, as well as the adult fiction, music and movie collections. Additional improvements during this renovation include replacing outdated electrical and data distribution systems, repairing/replacing clerestory windows, ADA accessibility improvements, replacement of worn carpeting, and providing facilities for café service. Studiotrope Design Collective has been selected as the project architect, and they will lead upcoming community meetings to hear what BPL patrons and the public would like to see in the renovation.

Community input meetings:
Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Canyon Theater and Gallery
Saturday, Feb. 23, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Canyon Theater and Gallery

Please join us at these meetings and share your thoughts, ideas, vision and wishes. Childcare is available during...
Overheard at BPL...

"A little girl (about 5 years old) walked into the Children's Library last week and stopped, looked around in amazement and said, 'Wow! They have WAY more books than we have at home.' "
-- Melanie, Children's Library

Keep up with the renovation progress at our project website.

2nd Annual Children's Book Sale Feb. 15-17

BPL hosts the second annual Children's Book Sale Friday, Feb. 15 through Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Main Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. Books will be sold for 25 cents each, or 5 books for $1. Proceeds from the sale go toward purchasing new Children's Library materials.

Information: 303-441-3100.

Annual Community Dance Meetings

Jan. 28 and Jan. 30

Join us for annual Community Dance meetings sponsored by Dance Bridge. Everyone welcome at these great networking, sharing and feedback opportunities for new-to-the-area and veteran dancers, companies, studios and schools, as well as all dance-interested public.

Two times are available that will each cover information on resources in the area and allow networking time. Monday, Jan. 28, from 12-1:30 p.m., or Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Main Library's Creek Meeting Room.

Questions? Contact Mary Wohl Haan, dancebridge@boulderlibrary.org, 303-441-4391.

Tax time help

It's that time of year again, and BPL has information to help you do your taxes. The Tax Information and Assistance resource page shows you where to get the tax forms that you need, as well as finding assistance in filling them out.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is an IRS program which provides free, electronic tax preparation for people making under $50,000. Help sessions begin January 30 at various locations around Boulder.
Recommended Reads

I Hike
by Lawton Grinter

"I Hike," by Lawton "Disco" Grinter, is a fun, fast read. I had no idea that there were so many people who walked the trails of this country from top to bottom (or bottom to top). These true hikers spend months on end walking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, or the Pacific Crest Trail or the Continental Divide Trail from Mexico to Canada. In 'I Hike,' Grinter shows a little of life on the trail, from choosing the right place to make camp and finessing a ride without actually asking for one, to trail names and how they happen (you don't get to pick your name - others give it to you). I enjoyed this book, and while I don't plan on hitting the trail anytime soon, I do wonder what my trail name would be."

-Melissa, Circulation

Get more reading suggestions

Cinema Program Screening of "The Descendants"
January 28, 6:30 p.m. in the Canyon Theater

Directed by Alexander Payne, featuring George Clooney and Sailene Woodley (2011). Payne's seriocomic motion picture is an adaptation of the novel by Kaui Hart Hemmings. A middle-aged Hawaiian runs a trust responsible for millions of dollars worth of untouched real estate that has been passed down to him and various cousins. He is preparing to sell the area, and make millions for everyone in the trust, when his wife suffers severe head trauma during a boat race. As he attempts to get her affairs in order, he learns that she had been having an affair. With his two daughters in tow, along with his oldest daughter's boyfriend, Matt sets off to confront the man with whom his wife was having the affair.

Questions? Contact Joel Haertling, haertlingj@boulderlibrary.org, (303) 441-3197.

"If These Stones Could Talk: Stories from Columbia Cemetery"
January 30, 7:30 p.m. at Carnegie Branch
Join Mary Reilly-McNell and her co-authors in a slide show and book presentation on the history of Columbia Cemetery. Their story illuminates the history of Boulder's pioneer graveyard, its notable “residents” and the stories locked within the grave markers.

Questions? Contact Wendy Hall, hallw@boulderlibrary.org, 303-441-3110.