City Council approves funding for North Boulder Library Station

At its meeting last night, Boulder City Council approved the 2014 city budget, including funding for a North Boulder Library Station, anticipated to open in March 2014 at the northeast corner of Yarmouth and Broadway.

In early 2013, Boulder Housing Partners approached the library with an idea to offer library services in a storefront BHP owns at 4600 Broadway. The library station will be open 40 hours per week, and services being planned are: materials return and pick-up, public access computers and WiFi, and popular materials. The library station service model is designed to meet the immediate and targeted library needs of the north Boulder community, and we are looking forward to being part of the north Boulder community next spring!

Questions or feedback? Please email: bpl-nobo@boulderlibrary.org

Update on recruitment process for new Library and Arts Department director

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Locations & Hours
Main Library Renovation
Library Commission

All events are free and open to the public. Registration required where noted.

Many of our events are generously co-sponsored by the Boulder Library Foundation.

Overheard at BPL...

Happy 45th birthday to our George Reynolds Branch Library, which opened to the public on October 14, 1968!

GRB opened with 7,000 volumes and was said to be "leading the way to a computerized library system for Boulder."

-- Carnegie Branch Library for Local History

of public service, Maureen Rait is serving as the interim director. Ms. Rait is also the city's executive director for public works and has been very involved in the Main Library renovation project. The city has hired a national search firm to gather community input and to recruit candidates for Boulder's next Library and Arts Director.

“Our vision for the Boulder Public Library is to find the most qualified director who can lead our library and arts programs," said City Manager Jane Brautigam. “Boulder Public Library is a centerpiece of the community as an institution and public gathering place. It deserves a leader who understands our community values and who can build on the successes of its previous directors.”

Brautigam said the city retained a national library executive search firm to meet with library staff, commissions and the public to ensure the selection process reflects the priorities of the community. Bradbury Associates will host focus groups with the public as well as with the Library and Arts commissions, Library Foundation, city leadership and former library directors who reside in the community.

Members of the community are invited to participate in a public focus group from 4-5:30 p.m. on Weds., Oct. 30, at the Main Library.

The city intends to select a new director by the end of March 2014.

George Reynolds Branch remains closed while flooding damage is repaired

Repairs are underway at the Reynolds Branch Library, from last month's flooding, and the branch is expected to reopen in early November.

Thank you all for your patience!

Big Fall Book Sale this weekend Oct. 18-20
Main Library, Canyon Gallery

Join us this weekend for the Big Fall Book Sale!

You'll find thousands of items for sale -- fiction and nonfiction books, DVDs, music, audiobooks -- and everything sells for $1! All proceeds go toward the...
Boulder Public Library collection.

The sale runs Friday through Sunday -- from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Questions? Library Reference Desk, 303-441-3194.

Introducing the city's new Arts and Cultural Services Manager, Matt Chasansky

Matt is delighted to join the team in the Library and Arts Department. Along with continuing the outstanding performances, visual arts programs, and community grants that have been the charge of the Arts and Cultural Services office, he is looking forward to working with the community on public art, cultural planning, and creative economy initiatives.

Matt's perspective on these challenges, like that of many in the city, was greatly influenced by the recent flood. In response, he has teamed up with BMoCA (the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art) to commission artists for short-term public art installations that will involve the community in art making to facilitate healing after this catastrophic event. Look for more information soon about these projects and how you can get involved.

If you'd like to reach Matt, please email him at: chasanskym@bouldercolorado.gov

World Home Movie Day

Oct. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m.
Main Library South Pulse Point

Home Movie Day, which started in 2002, has grown into a worldwide celebration of amateur films. People across the globe meet their local film archivists, learn of the archival advantages of film over video and digital media, and get to watch old family movies.

Please bring your 8mm and 16mm home movies for cleaning, repair and screening. Home Movie Day is coordinated as a project of the Center for Home Movies. Thanks to Film Studies Professor Jeanne Liotta and volunteer filmmakers and archivists from the University of Colorado Boulder.
Questions? Joel Haertling, haertlingj@boulderlibrary.org, (303) 441-3197.

Michael Stanwood's "Skymessengers"

Oct. 20, at 2 p.m.
Main Library, Canyon Theater
"Skymessengers" is a unique theater experience with music and images.

Questions? Contact Juliette Leon Bartsch, bartschj@boulderlibrary.org, 303-441-4492.

Recommended Read

Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz

"This is perhaps the best teen book I've read in a long time, and I read my share. Set in El Paso, Texas in the late 1980s, Dante and Aristotle, Ari for short, are two 15-year-olds who've never had many friends. When Dante asks Ari if he wants to learn to swim, an unforgettable friendship develops.

Addressing issues of race, sexuality, and adolescence, this book doesn't shy away from tough issues. It also doesn't tell the typical teenage narrative of youth feeling alienated from and misunderstood by their parents. While both Ari and Dante roll their eyes at their parents now and then, they both openly admit to loving and feeling supported by their families. I love that this is the story Saenz decided to tell because I think we need more of them.

I don't often cry reading books; however, I cried happy and sad tears at the end. It's a book about friendship, and a story about loyalty and standing up for what you believe in, even if you're not quite sure you know what that is."

-Elana, Circulation
email: Webview: BPL Now: North Boulder Library Station, search for new library and arts director, GRB repairs underway, recommended read and more!

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