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Boulder Public Library Newsletter
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All events are free and open to the public. Registration required where noted.

Upcoming Boulder Public Library Closures
December 24 and 25 - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays
December 31 - closing at 6 p.m. for New Year's Eve
January 1 - New Year's Day holiday

Main Library Renovation Update
Phase 4 of the renovation (south/Arapahoe side entry and first floor) continues, as you'll see in the photo to the left, and is anticipated to be complete at the end of January. Work on the bridge for the café area will begin at the end of January and run into March.

Carpeting and painting in the north wing (Canyon side) on the second floor will begin in the next two weeks. Upgrades for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance will be made in the Canyon Theater, and will also begin within the next two weeks. New flooring for the Canyon Gallery and first floor of the north wing will be scheduled after Phase 4 is complete and the south side entrance and first floor are back open and operational, after January.

Thank you so much for your patience as we Reinvent the Place to Be!

More renovation information.
New Library Rules of Conduct go into effect January 2

Beginning Jan. 2, 2015, a newly revised and streamlined set of rules of conduct will go into effect.

The Library Commission and library staff began the process to revise the rules this summer in order to create a more streamlined set of rules, remove rules addressing behavior that is already illegal, and add a more welcoming tone.

The new rules of conduct encourage the public's use of the library facilities, clarify the intended uses of Boulder Public Library as spaces for reading, studying, writing, listening to written or electronically transmitted materials, attending library or community-sponsored programs and meetings, and working collaboratively in the spirit of community. These rules were adopted in order to protect the rights, health and safety of library patrons, staff, and volunteers; to ensure patrons' use and enjoyment of the library; and to help preserve and protect the libraries' materials, equipment, facilities, and grounds. The Library is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, clean, comfortable space for our community.

The rules were streamlined from the current 22 rules of conduct to the new 11 Rules of Conduct.

Please feel free to ask any library staffer if you have questions about the rules.

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**Overheard at BPL...**

Recently, a group of students from Horizons K-8 School, visited Carnegie Branch Library for Local History to conduct research on the history of immigration in Boulder County. An observer in the library that day, commented: "The room was *alive* with energy. Those young people were really engaged -- very fun to watch and listen as they discovered a whole new part of the world."

-- Michael O'Neill, volunteer at Carnegie Branch Library for Local History

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**Timberline Handbell Ensemble Holiday Concert** Sunday, Dec. 14

**Reynolds Branch**, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
**Meadows Branch**, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Join us for this family friendly special event as we celebrate the season. **Timberline** is a community group and a nonprofit organization that began in 2003, whose funds are raised solely by community donations and ringer contributions. Generously sponsored by the Boulder Library Foundation.

Questions? Contact Hannah Lackoff lackoffh@boulderlibrary.org, 303-441-3120.

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**Youth computer coding and gaming fun**
Freaky Fridays - for Teens! XBOX Premier  
**Friday, Dec. 12, 4-5:30 p.m.**  
Main Library, Teen Space

Minecraft afternoons at Meadows  
**Fridays, 3:30 p.m.**  
Meadows Branch Library

Learn Scratch with Coder Dojo Boulder  
**Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon**  
Main Library, Mt. Sanitas Room

The Library is partnering with Coder Dojo Boulder to offer its first ever Scratch class. Scratch is a programming language. To get on the wait list or learn more, contact Aimee Schumm schumma@boulderlibrary.org, 303-441-4103

Grant Cycle opens for Boulder Arts Commission  
**New this year:** South by Southwest Music Conference & Festival Scholarships  
The [Boulder Arts Commission (BAC)](http://www.boulderlibrary.org) allows individuals and non-profit organizations in the cultural community to apply for funding through its [grants program](http://www.boulderlibrary.org), and it's time to apply, as several deadlines are in January.

This year, in addition to professional development grants to the Americans for the Arts and Colorado Creative Industries conferences, the BAC is offering a limited number of scholarships for the South by Southwest Conference in Austin, TX to provide Boulder professionals in the music industry the chance to take advantage of the extraordinary workshops available there. Please help us spread the word about this new opportunity!

**Grant Categories & Annual Deadlines:**

South by Southwest Music Conference & Festival scholarships - Jan. 7

Open Grant Formal Proposals - Jan. 7

Spark Grants Round 1 - Jan. 7

Major Grant - Jan. 28

Rent-Free Space at Macky Auditorium - on the first of each month

For more detailed descriptions about these grants, visit the [BAC grant categories page](http://www.boulderlibrary.org).

Questions? Greg Ravenwood, 303-441-4397.
It's a Girl Thing: Mother-Daughter Book Club

Saturday, Dec. 27, from 3 - 4 p.m.
Reynolds Branch
For girls in grades 3-6 and their moms or caregivers. Enjoy a discussion of the book with a fun activity. Feel free to join us even if you haven't read the book!

December 27: Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd

Questions? Contact Reynolds Branch, 303-441-3120

Recommended Read

The Terrible and Wonderful Reasons Why I Run Long Distances / The Oatmeal

Written and Drawn by Matthew Inman

This short graphic novel was hilarious, and it's actually a good primer on the non-competitive runner's mindset for the non-runner, who might often wonder "Why do it if you aren't ever going to win?" The author is blunt about his eating habits: "Running through forests and over mountains and under massive cityscapes makes me feel alive. Eating iceberg lettuce and counting calories makes me feel tired and robotic." And about why running is superior to the gym-rat's existence: "Running is not about building strength and wearing it like a fashion statement. It's about finding strength and measuring yourself every single day. I run long distances to feel good, not to look good." The accompany pictures are what makes this book funny--those you have to see for yourself. -Terzah, Reference

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