Upcoming BPL programs
Family-friendly magic show -- Rabbits Take a Winter Break, on Saturday, Feb. 8 at both branches. 11 a.m. at the Reynolds Branch and 3 p.m. at Meadows Branch.

Annual Kids 4 Bach concert, from 2-3:15 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Canyon Theater.

Cinema Program "The Woodmans", at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, in the Canyon Theater. Live tweeting during the film with hashtag #BoulderFilmSpeak. Join us for a conversation afterwards across Canyon Blvd. at the St. Julien Hotel.

Reynolds Reading Pals -- Looking for Little Pals!
Help your kindergarten to third grade child learn to love reading by pairing him or her with a Big Pal. Reading with an older role model has been fun and beneficial for Little Pals.
Sign up via our online application and give your child an opportunity to improve their reading and enjoy...
Main Library renovation construction kickoff and phasing schedule for 2014

Construction for the much-anticipated Capital Improvement Bond-funded renovation of the Main Library begins on Feb. 24, and you're invited to a construction kickoff event at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, in the Canyon Gallery to help us celebrate the start of this exciting project!

The construction phasing for 2014 is as follows:

**Phase 1A:** 2nd floor teen space construction and non-fiction rearrangement. Feb. 24 - April 19.

Big Pals are volunteer, local high school students.

Information: Reynolds Branch, 303-441-3120.

BoulderReads! learner obtains the GED and prepares for her dream job -- story of success!

Martha Hweih's commitment to learning is inspiring. Since getting a literacy tutor through BoulderReads! five years ago, she's obtained her U.S. citizenship, voted for the first time, gotten her library card and gained the literacy skills needed to confidently communicate with her children's teachers.

With renewed confidence and concrete employment goals, she set out to obtain her GED in 2013. Martha worked extensively with tutors Kay Ingram and Amy French, as well as attending GED Preparation Classes through the BoulderReads! partnership with the Boulder Valley Family Literacy Program. In the final months of 2013, Martha regularly woke up at 4 a.m. to study before her day got busy with parenting her two girls and getting to her classes.

All of this effort paid off when Martha obtained her GED diploma in December 2013. Martha is now pursuing her dream job of working with young children, and hopes to become a certified paraprofessional in the public schools. She is very thankful to her tutors, teachers and BoulderReads! for the opportunity to improve her quality of life.

BoulderReads! is grateful for the community’s support in helping learners like Martha accomplish their literacy goals.

City of Boulder seeks feedback on housing options in Boulder

Take the survey by Feb. 18 and be entered into a drawing for a $100 Visa gift card.

The City of Boulder is conducting an online survey about existing and future housing needs and desires in Boulder and the broader region. Survey results will help inform the city's comprehensive housing strategy.

The survey is available to anyone who currently lives, works or attends school in Boulder through Feb. 18, and people completing the survey can enter a drawing to win a $100 Visa gift card.

More information is available here or contact Jeff Yegian, Housing Division manager, 303-441-4363.
Phase 1B: Bridge renovation for cafe services. Feb. 26 - April 7.

Phase 2: 2nd floor reference area, meeting rooms and administration. May 1 - June 27.


Phase 4: 1st floor south entrance and new fiction and media area. Sept. 10 - Nov. 17.

Information: Renovation project webpage

It's that time of year again! BPL has helpful information for doing your taxes

Boulder Public Library offers a webpage full of helpful information for doing your taxes and getting assistance. On the BPL website, look for the image to the left here, and find information linking to Colorado and Federal tax forms and information about VITA and AARP tax assistance programs, including locations, dates and times of sessions throughout Boulder County.

Information: Reference, 303-441-3194.

Recommended Read

Magyk

by Angie Sage

"Septimus Heap, the magical seventh son of a seventh son, disappears on the night he is born. The midwife tells his parents that he died. That same night his father finds a newborn baby girl with violet eyes abandoned. He takes her home and he and his wife raise her. But they don't forget their son Septimus. Full of action, villains, mystery and humor. It is the first book in the Septimus Heap
series. I would highly recommend to Harry Potter lovers."
-Beth, Reference

See more reading recommendations from BPL.

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City of Boulder recruiting for advisory boards and commissions

The City of Boulder is now recruiting interested individuals to serve on a variety of boards and commissions that examine issues of community concern and provide guidance to City Council.

Among the vacancies are the Library Commission and the Arts Commission -- each with one vacancy to fill this spring.

Boulder residents may apply for up to three boards or commissions. The applicant must complete the corresponding questionnaire for each board or commission that they list on the application. A list of all the vacancies and the applications for each is available on the city's website. All applications must be submitted electronically, and are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 13.

Information: please contact Deputy City Clerk Ali Darrow, at 303-441-3008.

Check out these two short videos to learn more:

http://vimeo.com/77523299
http://vimeo.com/78581599
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