We're listening to you!

Now more time to pick up hold items

You asked, we listened: Beginning today, Jan. 7, 2015, the length of time hold items are on the pick-up shelf is extended to 7 days from the previous 5 days, giving patrons more time to pick them up.

This improvement comes thanks to suggestions by you, our library patrons! You told us that sometimes it isn’t possible to get to a library more frequently than once a week, so we are making this change to improve our service to you.

We strive to provide excellent customer service and value your suggestions. Please let us know if you have suggestions for other ways we can improve your experience. Thank you!
Many of our events are generously co-sponsored by the Boulder Library Foundation.

Overheard at BPL...
"A little boy come up to me with a penny and asked, 'Can you throw this in the fountain for me? I really want to wish for a cookie.' "

("the fountain is currently in the section of the Main Library that is closed for renovation, the first floor on the south side)

-- Melanie, children's library

Thank you for your continued patience as the main entrance near Arapahoe Ave. remains closed. Please continue to use the Canyon Gallery entrance, near Canyon Blvd.

Patrons are telling us how much they like the newly renovated children's and reference areas -- here are a few recent quotes:

About the new children's area: "I just love it! They get their own special place, and with all the windows and the creek overlook...it's just lovely." -Patron G

Reference area: "I like the wide open feel, the colors, and the new carpet. I also like the newly expanded public computer section up here, and how it's integrated so well into the space. Great that there's more outlets, but I'm always looking for more of them. I'm excited to see the first floor when it's done!" -Erin

"Everyone likes the new carpet up here." -Patron M

"It's more open, lots more light. I enjoy comfy, cozy nooks and crannies to curl up with a good book." -Aryn

More renovation information

National History Day project? We can help!

Give your student's National History Day project a boost with Research Rendezvous at the Main Library!

Tues., Jan. 13, from 4 - 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

No matter where your student is in their National History Day project, they'll find something helpful at Research Rendezvous with 20-minute sessions of personalized help or presentations. Attend any time in the hours above. Review and revise your project. Get help with resources. Refine your thesis. Fine tune your bibliography or process paper. Check in when you arrive, and you'll automatically be entered into a raffle drawing!

Presented by National History Day Colorado, Center of the American West, and Boulder Public Library.

Questions? Call 303-441-3194 or visit our National History Day guide.

Join us for STEAM Saturdays!
STEAM Saturdays are designed for elementary school-aged kids to get hands-on experience with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math – STEAM. These programs give children a chance to discover, design, explore, tinker, and hack with local organizations, such as Coder Dojo, PlayWell, SparkFun, and more.

STEAM Saturdays are generally held the first and third Saturdays of the month, from 1-3 p.m. in the Mt. Sanitas Room at the Main Library (1st floor, south wing). It will be noted on each program listing if the program requires registration or is a drop-in.

The first of the STEAM Saturdays in 2015 is January 17, at 1 p.m., with CoderDojo, featuring SparkFun Pico Boards. Please register your child for this Jan. 17 STEAM Saturday. There is a maximum of 25 kids.

In December, CoderDojo taught kids the basics of coding with software called Scratch. January's STEAM Saturday expands on what kids learned with Scratch by incorporating the code with a SparkFun PicoBoard. Brian Huang, SparkFun’s education engineer, will teach kids all about PicoBoards and how to use Scratch to program them.

Information: Kathy Lane, library programs specialist, 303-441-3196.

Boulder Arts Commission Arts Grants Q&A

A workshop to give community members a chance to ask questions about the BAC grant application process has been scheduled for:

Monday, January 12, 6 - 9 p.m.
Flatirons Meeting Room
Main Boulder Public Library
1001 Arapahoe Ave.

Attendance for applicants is optional. The workshop will be presented by arts division staff along with a member of the Arts Commission.

Questions? Contact Greg Ravenwood, ravenwoodg@boulderlibrary.org, or call 303-441-4397. Information on upcoming grant deadlines is available.

Want to volunteer to help adults improve their reading?
BoulderReads tutor training coming soon!

The dates of the next BoulderReads tutor training are coming up. Volunteers are asked to apply by Jan. 14.

BoulderReads trains volunteers to work individually with adults seeking to improve their reading and writing skills. Our next training, composed of five 3-hour sessions, will be held on the following Thursdays from 12 – 3 p.m.: Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, and Feb. 19.

If you've considered volunteering as a tutor, we encourage you to participate. To volunteer, visit the BoulderReads website and complete a tutor application. You'll receive more information about the training and about BoulderReads.

Information: BoulderReads, 303-444-5599.

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New BPL programs!

Join us for these new programs

**Toddler Lego Story Club**
Every Wednesday, 10:15 a.m
Reynolds Branch Library

Join us for reading and building with toddler-appropriate Mega Blox.

**Duct Tape Anything: is that made out of duct tape?**
Friday, Jan. 16, at 4:30 p.m.
Meadows Branch Library

Made a duct tape wallet? Now is your chance to try something new in the duct tape revolution. Supplies and materials provided. Sign up in advance at Meadows.

**January Jeopardy**
Sunday, January 18, at 2 p.m.
Reynolds Branch Library

Show off your knowledge, earn points, and win prizes! Open to teens ages 12-18.

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Recommended Read

**A True Novel**
by Minae Mizumura

"In Japan, a fictionalized account of someone's life is
called a true novel. The reviews all likened this book to 'a far eastern version of Wuthering Heights.' It is so much more. This book comes in two volumes and takes place on two continents. The characters are equally tortured souls and resilient souls. The language is lyrical. The extended family ties in this book kept my interest throughout."

Linda, George Reynolds Branch Library

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