Main Library entrance reopens Feb. 12
The Main Library's Arapahoe Avenue (south) entrance will reopen on Thursday, Feb. 12, marking the end of Phase 4 of the renovation. All spaces and collections will be open for use, including adult fiction, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks on CD, and the large-print collection. Circulation functions, including check-out and hold pick-ups, will also move back to the south side on the first floor, their permanent home.

Phase 5 begins, bridge closes
The construction of the new Seeds Café space on the bridge (Phase 5 of the project) will begin on Friday, Feb. 13, and extend into early April, when the cafe is expected to open. The bridge will be closed to patrons during this time.

Also in April - mark your calendars
The Library Bookshop will also reopen in early April. Mark your calendars for a celebration of the renovation on Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you so much to all of our patrons during this year of change for us! Don't hesitate to talk to anyone on staff if you have questions or concerns about the renovation. We look forward to welcoming you back to the better-than-ever Main Library!
Many of our events are generously co-sponsored by the Boulder Library Foundation.

**Overheard at BPL...**

**at NoBo Corner Library:**
While reading a story: *Flora and the Flamingo* where Flora dances along with her new friend, the flamingo. At one point in the story, Flora falls and a child said, “It happens.” Kids can be so wise.

--Leanne

**at Main Library**
Conversation between two people in the children's area at the Main Library:

Person 1: "Library parents are the best."
Person 2: "Why?"
Person 1: "Because they bring their children to the library!"

-- Melanie

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BPL announces new operating hours, effective March 2, 2015, to better serve our patrons. The Meadows and George Reynolds branch libraries will be open an additional one day per week – for seven days per week service. BPL is able to offer this additional day of library service at the branches, as well as an increase in children and families’ programming, with no increase to the library’s operating budget by reorganizing staff and resources. Carnegie Branch Library for Local History will continue to be open six days per week, but will have reduced weekday hours in order to allow staff time to focus on digitizing collections and making them available to the public online 24/7. Also, BPL is shifting the regular library hours schedule to open one hour earlier in the morning and to close one hour earlier in the evenings during the week. This change allows for additional children’s programming each weekday morning.

**NEW SCHEDULES, effective March 2, 2015**

**Main Library**

- Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (no change)
- Sunday: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. (no change)

**Meadows and George Reynolds branch libraries**

- Monday–Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday–Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Carnegie Library for Local History**

- Monday–Friday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (no change)

**NoBo Corner Library** -- No change. NoBo Corner Library’s schedule will remain the same for 2015.

- Monday–Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday & Friday: Closed
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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**STEAM Saturdays -- Build the city of Boulder out of LEGO bricks!**

**Saturday, Feb. 21, from 1-4 p.m.**
Main Library, Mt. Sanitas Room
Learn about engineering by creating ski lifts, drag racers, and other cool LEGO projects using advanced
Technics pieces. Come build your community and your engineering skills at the same time! Made possible by Boulder Public Library and PlayWell TEKnologies during National Engineering Week.

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. Questions? Contact Kathy Lane, at lanek@boulderlibrary.org.

It's Tax Time!
It's Tax Time again, and we are offering information about where you can get tax forms and where you can find assistance with your taxes.

Forms
While BPL does not have any paper copies of tax forms (either Federal or Colorado) on hand, our staff is able to assist with locating forms online and with downloading and printing forms, schedules and/or instructions.

VITA and AARP Tax Help
VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is an IRS program that provides free, electronic tax preparation. Information on the Boulder VITA sessions is listed on the library’s webpage for Tax Help.

AARP also offers tax assistance at senior centers across Boulder County. Many require an appointment. Information about the AARP tax assistance is also on the Tax Help page.

A list of what you need to bring with you to a tax help session is found here.

As always, feel free to ask a staff person for assistance with any of this information.
Teens volunteer for MLK Jr. Day of Service

The City of Boulder and Boulder’s Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB) hosted an annual “Day of Service” in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Teen Librarian Crystal Niedziadek coordinated the activity for five local teens on Jan. 17. The Library is in the midst of putting radio frequency identification (RFID) tags on the entire collection and needed the help of savvy volunteers for this detail-oriented, technical work. With the help of head cataloger Mark Anderson, two RFID tagging stations were set up. Teens Lingbo Wu, Ashley Wang, Sydney Kirlan-Stout, Kentaro Umezono, and Maria Cerda (pictured above) were challenged by the task, helped us out tremendously, and had a lot of fun. Thank you to our wonderful teen volunteers!

BPL at Mini Maker Faire last weekend

The Library had a booth at last weekend’s Mini Maker Faire at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, and fun was had by all!

Children and adults made light up bookmarks, posed with fun props for awkward family photos, and learned how to silkscreen a t-shirt with a design of their choice. We were happy to meet the several thousand people who came by BPL's mini maker booth!

Recommended Read

What Is Visible

by Kimberly Elkins

"Before Helen Keller there was Laura Bridgman- who lost every sense but touch and went on to become one of the most famous women in 19th century America. This fascinating historical novel brings to life the story of a woman who has since been all but forgotten."

Hannah, Meadows Branch Library

Get more staff reading recommendations