Important Library information

New library operating hours now in effect! View the [full schedules](#).

Main Library Renovation Update

Seeds Library Cafe news!
The bridge in the Main Library is under construction, and the frame for Seeds Library Cafe has been built. The finishing touches of construction are scheduled for the first week of April, with the cafe slated to open the second or third week of April. Seeds Library Cafe will be open the same hours as the library -- Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m.

Seeds is also providing refreshments for the library’s celebration of the renovation completion, sponsored by the Boulder Library Foundation (see more below), on Saturday, April 11. Come by, meet the Seeds staff, enjoy a snack and drink, and explore our beautiful new space. We look forward to seeing you there!

Follow Seeds Library Cafe on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)!

Help us celebrate the renovation completion April 11!
The [Main Event ribbon cutting and program showcase](#) will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Join us for tours, music, dance, films, refreshments, history, and more!

Renovation project [webpage](#)

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**Boulder Public Library Newsletter**
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Library Events

- Full Calendar
- Book & Discussion Groups
- Classes & Activities
- Concert Series
- Exhibits
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- Storytime
- Meetings
- Movies & Cinema Program
- Performances & Presentations
- Reception
- STEAM

Information

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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.

**Main Library is drop-off site for musical instrument drive**

Do you have any unused, unneeded, or extra musical instruments? Drop them off at the Main Library, as part of an instrument drive for students in our area. Donations accepted during Boulder Arts Week, March 27 - April 4.

Cantabile choral ensemble will be collecting the musical instruments for Boulder Valley School District schools. The instruments will be refurbished and given to musical students who are unable to afford the cost of an instrument.

Instruments needed:
String: Violins, violas, cellos, basses
Woodwinds: Clarinets, flutes, saxophones
Brass: Trombones, french horns, concert tubas (small)

Contact: Linda Haertling
linda.n.haertling@gmail.com
303-809-0179

Cantabile is an audition choral ensemble in Boulder dedicated to performing a wide range of music.

**Eco-Cycle's Boulder U-Fix-It Clinic**

Open to all ages!

**Saturday, March 21, 1-3 p.m.**
Main Library, Mt. Sanitas Room

Bring any appliance, device, toy, clothing, backpack, or other broken item you want to learn to fix with the help of Eco-Cycle's Boulder U-Fix-It coaches. We'll have a toolbox and supplies for each workstation, but you should also bring any parts or tools that might be helpful for the repair. Please register and select a time slot, and enter your name and the item you plan to bring. [http://bit.ly/STEAM321](http://bit.ly/STEAM321)

More info about Eco-Cycle's Boulder U-Fix-It Clinic: [http://boulderfixitclinic.org](http://boulderfixitclinic.org)

STEAM Saturdays are programs 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, and tinker with local organizations, such as of Eco-Cycle's Boulder U-Fix-It, Coder Dojo, PlayWell, SparkFun, and more.

Questions? Contact Kathy Lane at: lanek@boulderlibrary.org, or 303-441-3196.

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**North Boulder Corner Library celebrates first birthday!**

Please join us for a party celebrating the 1st anniversary of the NoBo Corner Library, the newest branch of the Library! Help us celebrate!

**Where:** 4600 Broadway, Boulder
**View the parking map**
**When:** Tuesday, March 31

- Special storytime in English & Spanish with Lilian and Leanne
from 10:15-10:55 a.m.

- Meet Betty the Book Bike,
- Decorate bookmarks, and get a free book
- Have a cupcake and make a wish for the future of our library!
- Live music from 2-3:30 p.m.
- Participate in a collective piece of art that expresses YOUR favorite thing about our library
- Wear your favorite costume or festive outfit!

Information: 303-441-4250

Radical Rainforests

Saturday, March 21
11 a.m., Reynolds Branch Library
3 p.m., Meadows Branch Library

Bugs aren't so little when they're projected onto a giant screen! Get SUPER close as we journey through one of the world's most fascinating biomes -- the rainforest. Then put your parents to the test to see if they can survive the harsh extremes of life in the tropics. Can they survive to adulthood, or will they be caught off-guard by a flash flood? Entangled in a spider's web? Find out with Butterfly Pavilion's new exciting program. Recommended for ages 5+. No reservations required. Sponsored by the Boulder Library Foundation.

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

Calling all young artists!

Kids up to age 14 -- submit your artwork for library card art contest

Boulder Public Library is hosting an art contest for new children and youth library cards! We invite all young artists to submit their artwork by April 15.

Three winning designs will be selected
for new library cards, one from each age range: 7 & under, ages 8-10, and ages 11-14. Artists must live in Boulder County. By submitting your art, you agree to have Boulder Public Library use your artwork for a new library card. Please print out the contest entry form, fill it out and provide the artwork in the designated frame on the form. Submit it to any Library location by April 15.

The winners will be announced in late April, and the new library cards will be available in mid-May. We look forward to seeing your talent and creativity!

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Gamers Guild

Fridays, 4-5:30 p.m.
Teen Space, Main Library

Alright gamers, let's get your game on. With snacks.

The Main Library Teen Space is a room full of gaming opportunities that include an XBOX 360, PS3, Wii, and board games that include Munchkin, Magic the Gathering, Settlers of Catan, and Super Big Boggle. Intended for Teens in 6th-12th grade. Bring your library card to check out the video gaming equipment and play on our big screen TV.

Call the Boulder Main Library Teen Space with your questions: 303-441-4398.

The Gamers Guild is made possible by a generous donation from the Boulder Library Foundation.

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Recommended Read

The Siege Winter
by Ariana Franklin and Samantha Norman
Siege Winter is the last book started by the late Ariana
Franklin (Mistress of the Art of Death series) and finished by her daughter Samantha Norman. The book is historical fiction at its best as it weaves the stories of Lady Maud, chatelaine of a strategically important castle, and Emma/Penda, daughter of a peasant family, with the history of 1100s Britain and the decade of "The Anarchy" (civil war). Compulsively readable with well-drawn characters, a wonderful sense of place, and good descriptions of that historical era.

--Laurel, Adult Services

Get more staff reading recommendations.

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**Annual Ridi VanZandt Concert**

**Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m.**
Main Library, Canyon Theater

Annual Ridi VanZandt Concert
Featuring: Carpe Diem String Quartet
Charles Wetherbee, violin; Amy Galluzzo, violin; Korine Fujiwara, violin; & Carol Ou, cello.

Carpe Diem is a boundary-breaking ensemble that has earned widespread critical and audience acclaim for its innovative programming and electrifying performances. With programming that reflects its passions for Gypsy, tango, folk, pop, rock, and jazz-inspired music alongside the traditional string quartet repertoire, the quartet continues to rack up accolades and awards.

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**Sign up and start streaming great music!**

There's no doubt about it. The Boulder area is a mecca for music: Great artists, fantastic festivals, and terrific local talent.

Perhaps you were lucky enough to have tickets for many of the artists visiting our area in March and April: Stevie Wonder, John Hammond, Charlie Musselwhite, Mickey Hart, Natalie Merchant. You can enjoy full albums from these artists and more in our free streaming music collection -- hoopla.

Visit our [Music eCollection Guide](#) for more information or call 303-441-3100 for assistance.
BPL book and discussion groups

Are you interested in joining a book or discussion group? The Boulder Public Library has options for you!

Come and explore the many fascinating and diverse book and discussion groups which meet each month at the main library and the branches. From The Great Books group, which focuses on the finest readings in literature, philosophy and drama, to the Geopolitics discussions which analyze ever changing current events, BPL offers a wide assortment of reading and discussion opportunities for you. The Socrates Café, Western Views, and The Great Indian Novel are just a few of our offerings. Visit our discussion pages at BPL Now and become a member of a dynamic discussion experience.