BACK TO NATURE! - Lorraine Schierer & Jan Cruz, Carbon Valley Regional Library

What’s the story with Firestone’s Carbon Valley Regional Library’s landscape? What are they doing?

To answer these questions, let’s start at the beginning. This story began when we were asked…

• Why are there snakes around here? Can you get rid of them?
• Can you spray the bugs? Can you spray the weeds?
• Can you get rid of the milkweed?
• When are you going to mow?

So we wanted to share this story…

• We live on the high plains where mixed prairie grasses are native and require little to no watering, mowing or chemical application.
• We live on the high plains in harmony with our “neighbors” – snakes, foxes, coyotes, butterflies and other beneficial insects and animals that we want to treat with respect.

Once we told the story, things started happening! With the help of volunteer conservationists, master gardeners, Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, churches, corporations and the Town of Firestone, we began:

• reestablishing the native grasses,
• planting more pollinators, milkweed and sunflowers,
• planting trees for shade and enjoyment,
• developing a primitive amphitheater for outdoor programming,
• constructing picnic tables and benches,
• weaving a trail throughout the property and
• developing educational signage and backpacks.

This story has no end. We will watch and learn as Mother Nature takes back control of the landscape. We will assist her where we can, but she’s a pretty smart cookie! We will learn from her. Our assistance will come in the shape of learning programs: What’s Buzzin’? The Wonderful World of Bees; Native Voices – a program about native plants and how the indigenous peoples used them for health and well-being; Nature Journaling; a Star Party with the Longmont Astronomical Society; a StoryWalk®; xeriscape gardening. The list is endless and very exciting!

So join us! Take a walk on the trail, enjoy our mountain view, attend a program and share your ideas. This story will go on…with your help!
HPLD: FOSTERING LITERACY, BUILDING COMMUNITY

What does “My Library” look like in Spanish? That’s easy to translate: Mi Biblioteca. In Somali? A little harder, but we think it’s Maktabaddeyda. In Burmese? Whoa, we don’t have that script on our computers—we’d have to learn to write that by hand! Now, here’s the tougher question: what do library services look like for our immigrant and refugee taxpayers who may or may not speak English? What do newcomer adults want and need from their public library?

This question is one that HPLD has spent the past decade answering. We have responded by:

1. Offering Citizenship Preparation Classes that help lawful permanent residents attain citizenship.
2. Co-hosting naturalization ceremonies in partnership with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the City of Greeley Museums.
3. Offering ESL (English as a Second Language) classes in partnership with Right to Read of Weld County and Aims Community College at two different branches.
4. Offering English Hour, a conversation session for English language learners every Saturday afternoon at Lincoln Park Library from 2-3pm.
5. Offering “Intercambio,” an hour-long session on Thursday evenings (6-7pm) at Riverside Library, designed to let people take turns practicing either Spanish or English.
6. Supporting teachers of Adult Basic Education classes with classroom and curriculum resources.
7. Building a robust collection of print and electronic literacy materials designed to help adult students in their efforts to learn English, earn their GED, become citizens, prepare for new careers or improve their basic literacy skills.
8. Hosting a grant-funded GED instruction class in Spanish at Lincoln Park.

Our newest project dedicated to fostering a literate community composed of people of all ages, backgrounds, and languages is an NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities)-funded program called “Reading Deeply in Community/Leyendo a Fondo, en Comunidad.” HPLD is partnering with People and Stories/Gente y Cuentos, a non-profit that “believes in the power of literature to change lives” for this initiative. Our Outreach Department is currently leading the first of four eight-week sessions devoted to closely reading short stories (in Spanish for this round) and discussing them with non-traditional library users to develop new perspectives of themselves, others and their communities. Future sessions will be scheduled for Fall 2016 (in Spanish) and Spring and Fall 2017 (in English). Already, this project has inspired participants to read more critically in addition to introducing them to our range of adult services. Call 970.506.8640 to see if your group is eligible to participate.

-Cindy, Outreach Librarian
SPECIAL EVENTS

Programs marked with an asterisk (*) are community partnerships. Sponsorship or co-sponsorship of these events does not constitute the Library’s endorsement of the content or views expressed during these programs.

STITCHES & STORIES MINIATURE QUILT SHOW
Lincoln Park Library

Lincoln Park Library and Sew Downtown continue to celebrate quilts (and the stories behind them) with a display of the quilts that were entered in the Miniature Quilt contest.

CHILDREN | COLOR MY WORLD
April 1, 1:00-2:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

You have learned about color all week with the STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities. Today, explore color on your own with activities set up just for you. (Grades K-5)

CHILDREN | WORLD DANCE AND DRUMMING
April 2, 1:00-2:00 pm - Riverside Library
Space is limited; PreK-Grade 3

April 18, 12:00-1:00 pm
Erie Community Library
Ages 3-6; Registration required.

Come on an interactive musical adventure combining geography, arts and culture. Children will travel around the world as they learn about drums and dancing from diverse cultures. They will also get the opportunity to try different drums during the program. Presented by The Children’s Museum of Denver.
SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN | ROCKET WORKS
April 4 - Carbon Valley Regional Library
1:00-2:00 pm (Grades 3-5)
Registration required
2:30-3:30 pm (Grades 6-8)
Registration required
April 23 - Riverside Library
1:00-2:00 pm (Grades 3-5)
Registration required
2:30-3:30 pm (Grades 6-8)
Registration required

Blast into physics! As the engineer, you will go full throttle and experiment with the basic principles of flight and motion. Design, create, and launch your own paper rocket. Sponsored by the United Launch Alliance and presented by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

ADULTS | LIBRARY 101
April 5, 6:00-7:30 pm
Farr Regional Library
Did you know that your library has a free notary service? How about free faxing? How about that you can Book a Librarian to help you with tech questions and to show you how to download free eBooks and audiobooks? Did you know that you can get a free Personalized Reading List? All these services and many more are available at your local branch. We'll start with a virtual tour and finish up in the stacks. Registration required.

ADULTS | CRAIGSLIST 101
April 5, 1:00-3:00 pm
Kersey Library
April 25, 1:00-3:00 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library
Registration required
Learn how to post your own ad and reply to another poster’s ad and search safely and strategically.

TEENS | DISCOVER JAPAN
April 5 and 19, 5:00-6:00 pm
Lincoln Park Library
Learn about Japanese culture and language with hands-on activities like calligraphy and origami, presentations on customs and technology, and quick language lessons. Presentation is given in English, and Japanese words and phrases are incorporated throughout. Presented by the Asian Studies Program at UNC. The same program is offered both days.

ADULTS | VEGGIES IN SMALL GARDENS & SUCCESSION PLANTING
April 5, 6:30-7:30 pm
Erie Community Library
Join us for a talk with Jane Shellenberger, author of The Organic Gardener’s Companion: Growing Vegetables in the West and editor of Colorado Gardener magazine to learn about succession planting and what are some of the best veggies for small gardens in the West. Learn, relax and get to know your fellow gardening enthusiasts. Tea will be served. #HPLDGardenTalk

ALL AGES | SPRING BOOK BUZZ
April 6, 6:00-8:00 pm
Centennial Park Library
Attention readers of all ages! Book club members! Culture vultures! The biggest, best books for Spring and Summer are already on the calendar, and we have the details. Join us to hear all about the upcoming blockbusters, sleeper hits, critical darlings, big debuts, and book club favorites before they're even released. Avoid long hold lists by planning ahead - from fiction to nonfiction, history to graphic novels, we have what you're looking for.
SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN | SPRING BREAK MOVIE & A CRAFT
April 7, 2:00-4:00 pm
Erie Community Library

Join us to watch *Chicken Little* (Rated G) and make a fun craft to take home. Popcorn and craft supplies provided. Feel free to bring a water bottle or other snacks. Grades K-8; registration required.

FAMILIES MATTER*
April 9, 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Lincoln Park Library

Would you be ready if a disaster strikes? Join us as Weld County Office of Emergency Management shows us how we can be prepared for the unexpected.

ADULTS | MONEY MATTERS - WHICH FINANCIAL APP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?*
April 7, 6:30-7:30 pm
Erie Community Library

April 12, 6:30-7:30 pm
Lincoln Park Library

April 28, 6:30-7:30 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Curious about using a financial or budgeting app? We will review and compare several popular apps to help you know their costs, features, and options. Come and explore how these tools could benefit your financial future. Presented by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Credit Unions.

TEENS | THE PRESIDENTS!
April 8, 12:00-2:00 pm
Erie Community Library

Registration required

April 8, 3:00-4:40 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Registration required

The 2016 CU Boulder Theatre Tour will present "The Presidents", a musical romp through history that covers 44 presidents in 45 minutes. This non-partisan production addresses branches of government, civic responsibility, and public reactions to historical events using interplay between actors and audience. Teens will have the opportunity to participate in an acting workshop with the cast after the performance.

ADULTS & FAMILIES | WHAT'S BUZZIN? THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BEES
April 9, 1:00-2:00 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Come and enjoy a "bee-utiful" program by the Northern Colorado Beekeepers Association. Learn all about our friendly pollinators and how beekeepers care for the bees. This program is for adults and families with children ages 5 and older.

CHILDREN | POKÉMON - LEARN TO PLAY
April 9, 1:00-3:00 pm (Grades K-5)
Kersey Library

Space is limited to first 20 children*

April 10, 1:00-3:00 pm (Grades K-5)
Riverside Library

Space is limited to first 20 children*

April 20, 4:00-6:00 pm (Grades 3-5)
Erie Community Library

Registration required

April 25, 4:00-6:00 pm (Grades K-2)*
Erie Community Library

Registration required

Learn how to play Pokémon. Bring your Pokémon cards and learn the basics of game as well as how to build your deck to become a Pokémon Whiz. Each participant will get to take home a half deck to get them started. *Those 8 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult who can assist them.
SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN | ONE BOOK 4 COLORADO GIVEAWAY
April 11 - April 25 at all branch libraries

One Book 4 Colorado gives away 75,000 copies of the same book to every 4-year old in the state in all public libraries. Pick up your child’s book in English or Spanish at your local HPLD branch.

ADULTS | HOOPLA
April 11, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Come see what Hoopla can offer you! We will show you how to instantly borrow FREE digital movies, music, eBooks, audiobooks and more! Simple to use and easy to access. Bring your library card and mobile device with you. Registration required.

ADULTS | DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING
April 11, 1:00-3:00 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Learn how to create beautiful scrapbooks using web-based services like Shutterfly. We’ll help you set up an account and get started on your project. Please make sure you have access to your digital photos, either on a flash drive or online. Registration required.

ADULTS | CURSO BILINGÜE DE COSTURA PARA PRINCIPATES/BILINGUAL SEWING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS
April 11, 6:00-8:30 pm - Riverside Library
Registration required/es necesario inscribirse.
April 12, 6:00-8:00 pm - Kersey Library
Registration required/es necesario inscribirse.

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine. After basics are covered, create a "Burrito" pillowcase. Class is free and taught in English and Spanish.

Acompañense para aprender los básicos del uso de una máquina de coser. Entonces, estudiantes coserán una funda de almohada en forma de “Burrito.” La clase es gratis y se va ser enseñada en inglés e español.

ADULTS | WINDOWS 10
April 13, 6:00-7:30 pm
Centennial Park Library

Yes, it’s new, but it doesn't need to be scary. We’ll take you through the basic features of Windows 10 and expand your comfort zone with this new technology. You can bring your own device, or just come and learn. Registration required.

ADULTS | COLORADO’S NATURE WITH NATURALIST KEVIN COOK
April 14, 12:00-1:30 pm
Farr Regional Library

Join us this month for "Pathogens to Pollinators: Everything about our Littlest Wildlife." Giardias will make you sick; tardigrades will make you smile: such is the influence of tiny wildlife. Smallness can filter perception and awareness, discovery and comprehension from our individual wildlife experiences. But little does not mean unimportant; it means exerting more specialized effort to encounter and to engage it personally.

ADULTS | RWANDA'S VIRUNGA NATIONAL PARK & THE ENDANGERED MOUNTAIN GORILLAS
April 14, 6:30-7:30 pm
Erie Community Library

Come discover the wonders of Rwanda from Kent Redding, co-founder of Denver-based Africa Adventure Consultants. Registration required.

ADULTS | FACEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS
April 15, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Learn about your profile, newsfeed, adding friends and messaging. We will answer all of your questions about security settings, privacy and who can see what on your profile. We’ll also talk about accessing Facebook on mobile devices. Must have a current email account, and experience navigating the web. Existing Facebook account is preferred. Registration required.
SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | HEALING WITH MEDICINAL PLANTS WITH LINDA BLACK ELK
April 16, 1:00-4:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Linda Black Elk from Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, ND, joins us to talk about the plants indigenous to our area and their healing properties. Attendees will also participate in making lip balm from native plants to take home. This program is part of Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness, currently on exhibit at UNC Michener Library. Registration required.

ALL AGES | DOCTOR WHO PARTY
April 18, 4:00-5:30 pm
Erie Community Library

Are you ready for a timey wimey adventure? Learn how to make duct tape bowties (because bowties are cool), create Doctor Who buttons, and Adipose Marshmallow creations! There will be trivia, crafts and other Doctor Who activities. Please feel free to come dressed as your favorite Doctor, companion or anything in between. No blinking allowed. This is a drop-in event and all ages are welcome.

ADULTS | GOOGLE EARTH
April 18, 6:00-8:00 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

How does Google's search work, anyway? How can I maximize my searching time and get more relevant results? How do I use Google Earth? We'll answer these questions and more as we develop ninja Google skills and learn advanced tips and tricks. Participants should have good mouse and keyboard skills and basic experience navigating the web. Registration required.

CHILDREN & TEENS | TERRIFIC GAMES FOR TWO
April 18, 6:00-7:30 pm
Riverside Library

Pair up to learn fun and fabulous 2-player games with Kirsten from The Nerd Store! (Grades 4-12)

ADULTS | HOLOCAUST LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES
April 19 and 26, 6:00-8:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Please join us for an informative, moderated book discussion series in support of the 2016 Holocaust Memorial Observances of Greeley and Northern Colorado.

April 19th - Violins of Hope: Violins of the Holocaust--Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind’s Darkest Hour by James A. Grymes

April 26 - What We Knew: Terror, Mass Murder, and Everyday Life in Nazi Germany, an Oral History by Eric A. Johnson and Karl-Heinz Reuband

Complimentary copies of the books are available to the first twenty registrants. Registration required.

TEENS & ADULTS | BOARD IN THE LIBRARY
April 21, 4:00-5:30 pm
Erie Community Library

Learn mechanics such as press-your-luck dice rolling, pattern development, and set collection while facing a zombie apocalypse, trying to become the best jeweler in Renaissance Europe, or planning the quickest train route across the US. And that's just the beginning! Some of the best modern table-top games are also on tap. Brought to us the The Nerd Store.

ADULTS | HISTORY SERIES: GAIL BEATON PRESENTS COLORADO WOMEN
April 21, 7:00-8:00 pm
Erie Community Center, 450 Powers Street, Erie

A national leader in women’s rights, Colorado was one of the first states to approve suffrage and the first to elect a woman to its legislature. Native American, Hispanic, African American, Asian and Anglo women's stories hail from across the state - from the Eastern Plains to the Front Range to the Western Slope - and in their telling a more complete history of Colorado emerges. #ErieHistory #ErieCO
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**ADULTS | EXCEL BASICS**  
April 22, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Farr Regional Library

Update your practical skills and learn to create, save and edit spreadsheets. This class will cover creating a workbook, editing cells, creating charts and using basic formulas. *Participants should have good keyboard and mouse skills.* [Registration required.](#)

**TEENS & ADULTS | MAKE IT: SILKSCREEN PRINTING**  
April 23, 2:00-4:00 pm  
Centennial Park Library

We’ll introduce you to the basics of do-it-yourself screen printing. Bring a t-shirt, tote bag or apron that you’d like to add a design to. Ages 13+; [registration required.](#)

**ALL AGES | CHAMPION RHYMER RETURNS**  
April 27, 4:00-5:00 pm  
Lincoln Park Library

Can you outwit the champion rhymer of Lincoln Park? Submit challenge words to try to stump him, and win acclaim and fabulous prizes! And if you're really brave, you can try it yourself.

**ADULTS | INTRO TO COMPUTERS**  
April 27, 6:00-7:30 pm  
Centennial Park Library

Learn about the basic operations of a computer, including booting up and shutting down, navigating windows and opening and closing programs. We will explore the desktop, files, folders, menus and we’ll also show you how to save and store your work. [Registration required.](#)

**TEENS & ADULTS | JEWELRY MAKING 101**  
April 28, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Erie Community Library

Local artist Connie Tuck will instruct you in the basics of jewelry making, from selecting beads and working with tools and wire to learning about the different types of materials and tools needed to make your very own jewelry set. At the end of the class, you will have a finished set ready to accessorize with your favorite outfit or to give as a gift to someone special. No prior experience necessary. All tools and supplies provided. Ages 16+; [registration required.](#)

**ADULTS | MORE THAN MARKETING WITH AMY TALLENT: SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUSINESS**  
April 28, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Centennial Park Library

Join us for an introduction to social media for business owners with Amy Tallent, the owner of The Tallent Company, LLC. where her focus is branding and marketing for small businesses. She loves working with business owners and getting to know what drives them, then communicating this to the world.  

**ALL AGES | INTERNATIONAL TABLETOP DAY**  
April 30, 12:00-4:00 pm  
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Gather your friends and join us for the annual worldwide celebration of tabletop gaming. From quick card games to intensive board games, any game is the right choice for this day of merriment. Choose from our game library or let our friends from Atomic Goblin Games teach you something new.
LIBRARIES

Administration & Support Services  
2650 West 29th Street, Greeley, CO 80631  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Carbon Valley Regional Library  
7 Park Avenue, Firestone, CO 80504  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Centennial Park Library  
2227 23rd Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Eaton Public Library  
132 Maple Avenue, Eaton, CO 80615  
(970) 454-2189

Erie Community Library  
400 Powers Street, Erie, CO 80516  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Farr Regional Library  
1939 61st Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Fort Lupton Public & School Library  
425 S. Denver Ave., Fort Lupton, CO 80621  
(303) 857-7180

Glenn A. Jones, M.D. Memorial Library  
400 S. Parish Avenue, Johnstown, CO 80534  
(970) 587-2459

Hudson Public Library  
100 S. Beech St., Hudson, CO 80642  
(303) 536-4550

Kersey Library  
413 1st Street, Kersey, CO 80644  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Lincoln Park Library  
919 7th Street Suite 100, Greeley, CO 80631  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Northern Plains Public Library  
216 2nd Street, Ault, CO 80610  
(970) 834-1259

Outreach  
2650 W. 29th Street, Greeley, CO 80631  
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Platteville Public Library  
504 Marion Ave., Platteville, CO 80651  
(970) 785-2231

Riverside Library & Cultural Center  
3700 Golden St., Evans, CO 80620  
1-888-861-READ(7323)
PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTERS

**Evans (Community Complex)**
1100 37th Street, Evans, CO 80620
(970) 475-1125

**Lochbuie (Senior Center)**
501 Willow Drive, Lochbuie, CO 80603
(303) 659-8262

**Milliken**
1109 Broad Street, Milliken, CO 80543
(970) 660-5045

**Nunn (Town Hall/Community Center)**
185 Lincoln Avenue, Nunn, CO 80648
(970) 897-2385

AFFILIATED LOCATIONS

**City of Evans Museum**
1100 37th Street, Evans, CO 80620
(970) 475-1125

**Hazel E. Johnson Research Center at the City of Greeley Museum**
714 8th Street, Greeley, CO 80631
(970) 350-9220

**Poudre Learning Center**
8313 West F Street, Greeley, CO 80631
(970) 352-1267

BOOK DEPOSITS

**Briggsdale Library**
42089 WCR 70, Briggsdale, CO 80611

**Hill & Park Senior Center**
4205 Yosemite Dr., Greeley, CO 80634

**Milliken Senior Center**
1101 Broad Street, Milliken, CO 80543

**Pierce Senior Center**
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