

to the Lewis-Palmer School District 38's Board of Education ("Board") goal setting to deliver top-notch education for students and to manage district resources efficiently and effectively.

Top-Notch Education! Put Kids First – Board decisions must be focused for student achievement and growth. As the board establishes goals within its policy development practices such practices must consider the impact on student achievement.

Listen to Parents – The board must strive to reflect parental values in its policies. An ongoing engagement process can ensure a clear voice of parents is reflected in policy-level deliberations.

Support Great Teachers – Teachers are central to

student achievement and growth. Our students deserve great teachers and leaders. The board should design policy that rewards its educators for ensuring that an effective teacher is in every classroom.

Accountable to You! Increase Transparency – Board meetings reflect mostly 5-0 votes, indicating unanimous decisions are commonplace. However, districts function better when the board arrives at a decision through a split vote. A healthy debate leads to better board decisions while informing community and staff that the board considered all information and viewpoints before reaching its conclusion.

Work Within the Budget – Scarcity of resources and the allocation of those scarce resources in achieving

goals is a constant management dilemma. As a member of the board, I will bring my accounting, process management, and technology insights to bear in the policy development process.

Listen to the Community – My goal is to build upon previous successes of the LPSD 38. To do so requires a listening ear to the legislative community, the administrative community, the student community, the teacher community, the parent community, and the taxpayer community. It would be my honor to serve this community.

**Chris Taylor**

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### Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

## New Young Adult and Children's Books

By the staff at Covered Treasures

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." — Jacqueline Kennedy

As the seasons change, it's a wonderful time to settle some place comfy with a great book or read aloud to your young children. Here's a selection of new books for children and young adults.

### **The Land of Stories: An Author's Odyssey**

By Chris Colfer (Little, Brown and Company) \$9.99

In this thrilling fifth book in the best-selling series, Alex and Conner realize they may be in possession of the greatest weapon of all: their own imaginations. The twins journey into Conner's very own stories to gather an army of pirates, cyborgs, superheroes, and mummies as they band together for the ultimate fight against the Masked Man. Meanwhile, an even more dangerous plan is brewing—one that could change the fates of both the fairy-tale world and the Otherworld forever.

### **Wishtree**

By Katherine Applegate (Feiwel & Friends), \$16.99

Red is the neighborhood "wishtree." Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood. When a new family moves in, not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever. Funny, deep, warm, and nuanced, *Wishtree* is Newbery Medalist and best-selling author



Katherine Applegate at her very best.

### **Sarabella's Thinking Cap**

By Judy Schachner (Dial Books) \$17.99

Sarabella is always thinking—conjuring, daydreaming, and creating new worlds from her imagination. There is so much going on in her head that it can barely be contained. But there are times when daydreaming is decidedly not a good thing—like when you're supposed to be doing multiplication tables. Luckily, Sarabella has an understanding teacher, and with his encouragement she comes up with her own idea to show everyone who she is.

### **Baabwaa and Wooliam: A Tale of Literacy, Dental Hygiene, and Friendship**

By David Elliott (Candlewick Press) \$16.99

Baabwaa is a sheep who loves to knit. Wooliam is a sheep who loves to read. It sounds a bit boring, but they like it. Then, quite unexpectedly, a third sheep shows up. A funny-looking sheep who wears a tattered wool coat and has long, dreadfully decaying teeth. Wooliam, being well-read, recognizes their new acquaintance: the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing. The wolf is so flattered to discover his literary reputation precedes him that he stops trying to eat Baabwaa and Wooliam. And a discovery by the sheep turns the encounter into an unexpected friendship.

### **The Wonderling**

By Mira Bartok (Candlewick Press) \$21.99

In this extraordinary debut novel with its nod to Dickensian heroes and rogues, Mira Bartok tells the story of Arthur, a shy, fox-like foundling with only one ear and a desperate desire to belong, as he seeks his destiny in this

high-adventure fantasy.

### **All Rights Reserved**

By Gregory Scott Katsoulis (Harlequin Teen) \$18.99

In a world where every word and gesture is copyrighted, patented, or trademarked, one girl elects to remain silent rather than pay to speak, and her defiant and unexpected silence threatens to unravel the very fabric of society.

### **All the Crooked Saints**

By Maggie Stiefvater (Scholastic Press) \$18.99

Any visitor to Bicho Raro, Colo., is likely to find a landscape of dark saints, forbidden love, scientific dreams, miracle-mad owls, estranged affections, one or two orphans, and a sky full of watchful desert stars. At the heart of this place you will find the Soria family, who all have the ability to perform unusual miracles. And at the heart of this family are three cousins longing to change its future. They are all looking for a miracle. But the miracles of Bicho Raro are never quite what you expect.

### **Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow**

By Jessica Townsend (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers) \$17.99

This is the first book in a new series about Morrigan Crow, a cursed girl who escapes death and finds herself in a magical world, but is then tested beyond her wildest imagination. In order to join the Wondrous Society, she must compete in four difficult and dangerous trials against hundreds of other children, each boasting an extraordinary talent that sets them apart.

Until next month, happy reading.

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### October Library Events

## All Pikes Peak Reads events continue in October

By Harriet Halbig

The All Pikes Peak Reads (APPR) program for 2017 with the theme of Cultures, Conflicts and Cuisines continues through October with author visits and related special programs.

### Children's and family programs

Come to the library from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Spooktacular, a magic show with master magician Mark Strivings. Dress the kids up and enjoy laughs, fun, magic, and mystery. Nothing too scary.

A special presentation on Celtic music for kids will be offered by Willson and McKee from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19. The genealogy and science of their instruments will be explained along with stories, history of the kilt, humor, and participation.

Lego Build will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21. We provide the Legos and you bring your creativity.

### Teen events

An intergenerational knitting group will meet from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 4, 11 and 18. Practice materials are provided and basic instruction is available, but feel free to bring your own project and materials.

Inside/Out is a group partnering with the Pikes Peak Library District to provide a safe space for LGBTQ youths ages 13 to 22 years. You can find support, conversation, and fun every first and third Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the study room at the Monument Library.

Having trouble with math? AfterMath is a free tutoring program offered every Monday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. for all levels of math. Adult volunteers offer this service throughout the school year. No appointment is necessary. AfterMath will not be offered on days when the schools or library are closed.

An APPR program on "Trail Food" will be offered on Friday, Oct. 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. In keeping with the APPRP book, "Under a Painted Sky," you will learn to make trail food and quick meals to eat on the go. Registration required.

Learn to make your own spell book in anticipation of Halloween. All supplies will be provided on Wednes-

day, Oct. 25 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Join us for an after-hours teen Halloween party on Oct. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We'll be watching a Halloween-themed movie, learning how to do special-effects makeup, eating creepy foods, and doing other Halloween-themed crafts. Registration required.

### Adult programs

See above description of intergenerational knitting.

Monument Library is introducing a new evening book group, the Monumental Bookworms, on Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This month's selection is "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

Enjoy an evening of Celtic music and stories from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19. Willson and McKee, Celtic musicians, and touring folklorists. Bring history and culture alive. Rich stories and humor dance with hearth shadows take you a step back in times. No registration required.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Oct. 20 to discuss *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. All patrons are welcome to attend.

Are you interested in hand spinning? The library's

spinning group meets on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 1:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the community room.

Come to the library for an introductory program on Pranic healing on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. You will view a CBS 2 News video, engage in group energy exercises, see a Pranic healing demonstration, and offer a nondenominational prayer for planetary peace. No registration required.

In the display case during October will be Assemblages by Annie Dawid. On the walls will be gouache/acrylic creations by Dawn Horst.

### Palmer Lake Library events

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month.

Story times for preschoolers are on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Toddler Time for 1- and 2-year-olds is on Friday at 10:30 a.m.

This month's special event is "Not So Scary Stories" from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26. Join us for some spooky and fun stories, suitable for ages 3 to 9. Costumes optional.

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### Palmer Lake Historical Society

## A look at local historic homes

By Sigi Walker

On Sept. 21, an audience of about 50 people enjoyed a firsthand glimpse into the historic significance and architectural beauty of some of the homes featured in the book, *Historic Homes of Colorado Springs and Vicinity*. The text for the book was written by Helen M. Anderson and illustrated with photographs by her son, Gordon Anderson, the program's presenter. Mrs. Anderson began the book in 1983 at age 77 and completed it one month before she passed away at the age of 99, three months before her 100th birthday. Her son provided a

biography of his mother for the audience, commenting that, sadly, she did not live to see her book in print. Anderson started his presentation with a clip of an interview of his mother by a local Colorado Springs TV station.

Anderson divided the discussion of the historic homes into two categories: The first was homes built by wealthy "East Coasters" who came to Colorado Springs for treatment of tuberculosis, and the second group included the "nouveau riche" whose successful mines, mills, timber, and banking business, and