

Dinner with Edward: A Story of an Unexpected Friendship

By Isabel Vincent (Algonquin Books) \$14.95

When Isabel, a hard-working journalist going through a divorce, meets Edward, an indomitable 93-year-old widower who has just lost his wife, she has no idea that the man in the kitchen baking the sublime roast chicken and light-as-air apricot soufflé will end up changing her life. As these two unlikely dinner companions meet weekly for the glorious meals that Edward prepares, he shares so much more than his recipes.

As Good as Gone

By Larry Watson (Algonquin Books) \$15.95

It's 1963, and Calvin Sidey has long ago left his family to live a life of self-reliance out on the prairie. He's been a mostly absentee father and grandfather until

his estranged son asks him to stay with his grandchildren for a week while he and his wife are away. Calvin agrees to return to the small town where he once was a mythic figure, and soon enough, problems arise. Calvin knows only one way to solve a problem: the Old West way, in which scores are settled, ultimatums are issued, and your gun is always loaded.

Like Water for Chocolate

By Laura Esquivel (Anchor Books) \$15

Like Water for Chocolate is the All Pikes Peak Reads 2017 adult selection. Earthy, magical, and utterly charming, this tale of family life in turn-of-the-century Mexico became a best-selling phenomenon with its winning blend of poignant romance and bitter-sweet wit.

Under a Painted Sky

By Stacey Lee (Speak) \$10.99

The All Pikes Peak Reads 2017 teen/young adult selection. All Samantha wanted was to move back to New York and pursue her music, which was difficult enough, being a Chinese girl in Missouri in 1849. Then her fate takes a turn for the worse after a tragic accident leaves her with nothing, and she breaks the law in self-defense. With help from Annamae, a runaway slave, the two flee town, disguising themselves as boys, traveling the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri.

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."—Stephen King

Spend some time with a good book this summer and, until next month, happy reading.

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July Library Events

Summer reading continues with many special events

By Harriet Halbig

Summer Adventure, this year's summer reading program, will continue through the end of July, with many more special programs throughout the month. The Summer Adventure Party, celebrating the program, will be held on Friday, July 14 on the Village Green in Palmer Lake. There will be games and activities for all ages, plus many guest presenters such as the Zoomobile and the zoology program from Pikes Peak Community College. Also, face painting and snacks for all. Bring the whole family!

The library thanks all the teen volunteers who have been such a help in explaining and administering the Summer Adventure and who will also be assisting at the party.

Children's and family programs

There will be two art-related programs on Mondays during July. On July 10 from 2:30 to 3:30, children ages 7 and up are invited to use your Minecrafter skills to construct towers, bridges, and more. On July 17 from 6:30 to 8:30, attend a watercolor demonstration by Jean Pierre DeBernay, whose works are on display during the month.

Tuesday mornings feature a variety of programs from 10:30 to 11:30. Subjects include alpacas, an original show on the theme of building a better world, and a puppet show.

The Lego Build club will meet from 10 to 11:30 on Saturday, July 15.

Teen and tween programs

Ages 9 to 18 are welcome to make Paracord survival

bracelets on Tuesday, July 11 from 3:30 to 4:30.

On Friday, July 14 there will be a teen program, Cooking 101, where you learn about making tasty snacks and meal planning.

Tuesday, July 18 from 4 to 5:30 there will be a teen program on journal making and zentangles. We will be sewing simple journals and drawing zentangles on the finished product. There will be tea, snacks, and tips for de-stressing. Registration required.

Intergenerational knitting is offered on July 5 and 19 from 3 to 4:30. Practice materials are provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own projects. Some instruction provided.

The Teen Arts and Crafts Open Studio will be on Wednesday, July 26 from 4 to 5:30. Use our meeting space as a space to create. Supplies will be provided as available, but feel free to bring your own as well.

The final Summer Adventure program will be on Friday, July 28. An engineering competition will challenge teens to make toothpick towers, spoon catapults, and weight-bearing bridges. There will be prizes for the winners! Ages 12 to 18 are welcome.

Adult programs

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, July 21 to discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston.

On Saturday, July 22 from 1:30 to 3, local historian John Anderson will present a program on "Discovering the Anza legacy: Juan Bautista de Anza 1779 Comanche Campaign." The program tells the story of Gov. Juan Bautista and Cuerno Verde (green horn),

the Comanche war chief, both determined to protect their people and preserve their cultures. Books by the author will be available for purchase.

On the walls during July will be watercolors by Jean Pierre DeBernay. In the display case will be a collection of paper currency from around the world from Jim Nelson.

Palmer Lake Library programs

Summer Adventure programs at Palmer Lake are on Wednesdays at 10:30.

On July 5, there will be a program for ages 5 to 11 with animal ambassadors from Pikes Peak Community College, July 12 will be a Musical Story Time for kids up to 7 years old, July 19 will be a puppet show for ages 3 to 8, and July 26 will be a Community Drum Circle with Helen, the Percussion Lady, for ages 5 to 11.

The Palmer Lake Book Group will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 7 to discuss *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

The 7-Up program for July is a Construction Challenge using Minecraft methods to build towers, bridges, and more. Call 481-2587 to register for this program.

We hope to see you at the party on July 14 from 10 to noon on the Village Green!

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District facilities will be closed on July 4.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society

Presentations, Ice Cream Social made for a busy June



Above: Laurel Campbell, left, and Linda Crawford presented "Charles Goodnight in Colorado." They are pictured with Historical Society President Tom Baker. *Photo by Mike Walker.*



Above: Many attended the PLHS's June History Series/Father's Day Ice Cream Social. *Photo by Mike Walker.*



By Sigi Walker

The snowstorm on May 18 caused the cancellation of the Palmer Lake Historical Society's May monthly history series program. It was rescheduled for June, which made for a very busy month.

On June 15, the Historical Society's history series featured "Hummingbirds—Up Close and Personal" presented by Jerry DalFerro. Illustrated by photographs taken by the presenter, the audience learned about his experiences in adapting hummingbird feeders, preparing simple cane sugar syrup, and providing fresh water baths for the birds. He showed how he set up perches using fallen tree branches. This variety helped to attract the birds so that he could pho-

tograph them in a natural setting. DalFerro's photographs also included hummingbirds being banded by professional handlers during the annual census.

On June 18, the Palmer Lake Town Hall was filled to capacity to hear Laurel Campbell and Linda Crawford tell the story of Charles Goodnight (1836-1929), legendary cattle rancher and longhorn enthusiast, partner of Oliver Loving in blazing cattle drive trails, chuck wagon inventor, and Colorado pioneer rancher. In 1868, he settled the Rock Canyon Ranch near Pueblo and constructed a magnificent stone barn on the property in 1870. The historic barn still stands and is under preservation, with plans for a full restoration. Campbell and Crawford used both vintage and pres-

ent-day slides to illustrate their presentation. These included pictures of work already accomplished and underlined the urgency of what needs to be done to preserve the unique stone barn by the Goodnight Barn Preservation Committee.

Also on June 18, following the "Goodnight" program, the Historical Society continued its tradition of treating the community to free pie, ice cream, and entertainment in honor of all fathers with the annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social. Singer/guitarist Nick Davey entertained for almost two hours, strolling among the attendees after performing in the gazebo. The event drew almost 200 people, and the weather couldn't have been more pleasant.