

**Remind Me Again What Happened**

By Joanna Luloff (Algonquin Books), \$26.95

Claire wakes in a hospital room with no idea how she got there or why. Some things she can piece together by looking at old photos saved by her husband, Charlie, and her best friend, Rachel, and through boxes of letters and casual jottings. But she senses a mystery at the center of these fragments. Told from alternating points of view, the story unfolds as Claire's memory is gradually restored until she can finally understand the why and how of her life. This is local Denver author Joanna Luloff's debut novel.

**Let Me Be Like Water**

By S.K. Perry (Melville House Publishing), \$16.99

Holly has moved to Brighton to escape. But now that she's here, sitting on a bench, listening to the sea sway, how is she supposed to fill the void her boyfriend left when he died? She had thought she'd want to be on her own, but when she meets Frank, the tide begins to shift. This debut novel is about the extraordinariness hiding in everyday life; of lost and new connections; of loneliness and friendship.

**Dear Mrs. Bird**

By A.J. Pearce (Scribner), \$26

This debut novel is a moving tale of friendship, the kindness of strangers, and ordinary people in extraordinary times, and is inspired by actual letters in women's magazines during World War II. Emmeline Lake gets what she thinks is her dream job, but it turns out to be working as a typist for the fierce and renowned advice columnist, Henrietta Bird. Bird is very clear: Letters containing any unpleasantness must go straight in the bin. Emmy secretly begins to write back to the readers who have poured out their troubles.

**Silent Hearts**

By Gwen Florio (Atria Books), \$26

This novel set in Afghanistan is about an American aid worker, Liv, and her local interpreter, Farida, who form an unexpected friendship. This complex portrayal of two very different but equally resilient women caught in the conflict of a war that will test them in ways they never imagined. Gwen Florio, a former Denver Post reporter, covered Afghanistan and Iraq.

**The Light We Lost**

By Jill Santopolo (G.P. Putnam's Sons), \$16

Lucy and Gabe meet as seniors at Columbia University on a day that changes both of their lives forever. What follows is a 13-year journey of dreams, desires, jealousies, betrayals, and ultimately, of love. Their journey takes Lucy and Gabe continents apart, but never out of each other's hearts. It's a debut novel about the enduring power of first love, with a shocking, unforgettable ending.

*"You need to learn how to select your thoughts just the same way you select your clothes every day. This is a power you can cultivate."*—Elizabeth Gilbert, *Eat, Pray, Love*

Until next month, happy reading.

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September Library Events

Fall brings All Pikes Peak Reads, return of some favorites

By Harriet Halbig

With the beginning of September, patrons can look forward to the annual All Pikes Peak Reads program with its varied offerings. This year's theme is multiculturalism. The popular AfterMath free tutoring program will resume on Sept. 10 and the Coloring for Everyone program will resume Sept. 7.

**Family programs**

Come to our first-ever Book Swap on Saturday, Sept. 1 from 2 to 4. If you have too many books or would just like something new to read, bring your unwanted books, swap them for tickets, and exchange the tickets for books brought by others. The Friends of the Library will provide some books as well to get us started. Come talk and trade books and meet some new people!

Join friends and family for Coloring for Everyone on Friday, Sept. 7 from 4 to 5:30. We will provide coloring sheets for all ages with colored pencils, markers, and gel pens also available. You are welcome to stay as long as you like.

Lego Build will meet on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 to 11:30.

**Teen programs**

See above for a description of the Book Swap on Sept. 1. Every Wednesday, patrons are welcome to join an Intergenerational Knitting group in the study room from 3 to 4:30. Practice materials are provided but you are encouraged to bring your own project.

The Monument Teen Creative Writing Group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 7:30 in the study room. This group is open to ages 12 to 18 and gathers to share ideas, do writing exercises, and share snacks.

See above for description of Coloring for Everyone.

Every Monday from 3:30 to 7, our popular AfterMath free tutoring program will be offered. Tutoring from experienced teachers is offered without charge to all ages. No appointment is necessary. This program follows the D-38 school calendar starting on Sept. 10.

Come make kites with us on Thursday, Sept. 20, in honor of our Teen All Pikes Peak Reads book, Flying Lessons. We'll be making kites from around the world. Registration is preferred. Class is open to ages 9 to 18.

The Teen Arts and Crafts Program for September is Shrinky Dinks. Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 4 to 5:30 to make them. All materials provided. Please register.

The Monument Library Anime Club will meet from 5 to 6:30 on Thursday, Sept. 27 to share anime with others who love it. We will watch an anime film (nothing rated above ages 13-14) and enjoy exotic snacks.

**Adult programs**

See above for descriptions of Book Swap, Coloring for Everyone, and Intergenerational Knitting.

Palmer Lake Art Group will once again offer drawing lessons on Sept. 6 and 20 from 1 to 3. Bring your own paper and supplies, but pencils will be provided. Registration is required.

On Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 until noon, learn some helpful yoga techniques to keep your brain active and healthy. The session will be taught by two experienced local teachers.

The Monumental Bookworms will meet from 7 to 8:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 11 to discuss Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. No registration required.

The Second Thursday Craft for September is Mixed Media Pendants. This month, on Sept. 13 from 2 to 4,

Roxanne Lingle will teach patrons to make mixed media pendants with collage papers, paint, and stencils. Registration is required and opens two weeks before craft day.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, Sept. 21 to discuss The Newcomers: Finding Refuge Friendship and Hope in an American Classroom by Helen Thorpe. All are welcome to attend and no registration is required.

The Monument Library Spinning Group will meet from 1:30 to 3:45 on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Join us on Friday, Sept. 28 from 1 to 3 to celebrate All Pikes Peak Reads by making your own book cover vinyl tote bag. Registration is required and all materials are provided.

In the display cabinet during September will be Empty Bowls by Monument Library staff. On the walls will be photographs by Lindsey Slattery.

**Palmer Lake Library Events**

The Palmer Lake Library Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Call 481-2587 for the latest selection. All are welcome to attend.

Story time is at 10:30 each Wednesday, and Toddler Time is at 10:30 each Friday.

The family fun program for September is Uncovering the Titanic on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10:30. Join us for this program presented by the Molly Brown Museum and featuring reproduction artifacts from the Titanic.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District Facilities will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, July 19

Past becomes present at Chautauqua

By Sigi Walker

The Palmer Lake Historical Society's 11th Annual "Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua," held on Aug. 11, featured a range of activities celebrating the historical gatherings.

Festivities opened with the Presentation of the Colors by Boy Scout Troop 440. Volunteers in vintage clothing welcomed visitors. This year's emcee was John Stansfield, who also portrayed the Rev. Forrest M. Priestley, the president and "moving spirit" of the early Chautauqua Assembly. Cathleen Norman portrayed Lucretia Vaile, who was instrumental in establishing the Society's Lucretia Vaile Museum, and Lynn Hayes portrayed the tragic life of Honora Russell, who with her husband John homesteaded the Table Rock Ranch. Arlene Fisher-Olson was the committee chairman for the 2018 Chautauqua.

Throughout the day, the Chautauqua Mountain Band played from the Village Green's gazebo. Exhibitors demonstrated quilting (Pam Hull), hand sewing-tatting and lace-making (Sandy Smith and Asha Watson), bobbin lace-making (Dawn McClung), pottery throwing (Walt Moore), leather crafts (Ron Hayes), and gold panning (Rick Sauers of the Western Museum of Mining and Industry). There were displays by High Wheel Bikes (Steve Sexton) and wildlife information/exhibits (Cindy Yeoman of Colorado Parks and Wildlife). Activities for children included "Kid Crafts" and card tricks by Jonathan Ehresman and Cindy Molzen.

Two food trucks, Smokey the Pig Wood Pit BBQ and Dex's Dogs, served the crowd. Friends of the Tri-Lakes



Above: The Velcro Barbershop Quartet entertained. Photos by Tommy Olson.



Above left: Cathleen Norman portrayed the life of Lucretia Vaile, founder of the PLHS, who was associated with Palmer Lake since the 1880s. Above right: John Stansfield portrayed Forrest M. Priestley, "Mr. Chautauqua." He was the driving force behind the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua. Right: Lynn Hayes portrayed Honora Russell, who settled on a homestead near Table Rock Mountain. She told of the hardships that she and her husband endured.

