

Palmer Lake Lantern Festival benefitted whom?

I am a Palmer Lake resident and purchased two lanterns from Dex's Diner for the Lantern Festival held at Palmer Lake earlier this winter. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend due to poor weather. However, we purchased the lanterns based on representations that the proceeds would be going to the town and sup-

port fundraising efforts for completion of the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks. The talk around town now is that the town has not seen any of the funds raised, nor has the Awake Palmer Lake committee, whom I understand is involved in the bridge project. What gives? How can an event be billed as charitable, and then none of the money raised actually be donated? I have spoken with folks at Awake Palmer Lake and was told that while they did not participate

in the event, they too were told that proceeds would be for the bridge project. I feel misled, let down, and ripped off.

Jacinda Nelson

Editor's note: This topic was addressed at the Feb. 14 Palmer Lake Town council meeting. See the article on page 16.

Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

Children's and teens' spring break suggestions

By the staff at Covered Treasures
 "If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."—J.K. Rowling
 "Books are a uniquely portable magic."—Stephen King

Here are some spring break "portable magic" suggestions for in the car, on a plane, or at home.

The Story Collector: A New York Public Library Book (Story Collector #1)

By Kristin O'Donnell Tubb (Henry Holt & Co.) \$16.99

This historical novel is inspired by the real life of Viviani Joffre Fedeler, born and raised in the New York Public Library. Eleven-year-old Viviani, her older brothers, and her best friend Eva try to solve two big mysteries: Is the library haunted? And what happened to the expensive new stamp collection?



Ronan Boyle and the Bridge of Riddles

By Thomas Lennon (Amulet Books) \$17.99

Fourteen-year-old Ronan Boyle is the youngest and lowliest recruit to the secret Garda, an Irish police force that handles the misdeeds of numerous magical creatures. Ronan's parents are in jail, but Ronan is convinced that they were framed, and he's determined to prove their innocence. To show he's got what it takes, he'll have to confront a fiery leprechaun, a sinister harpy, and a whole world of monsters hidden in plain sight next to real-life Ireland. Fast-paced, action-packed, and completely hilarious, this is the start to an exciting new middle-grade series by actor and writer Thomas Lennon.

A Map of Days (Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children #4)

By Ransom Riggs (Dutton Books) \$22.99

Having defeated the monstrous threat that nearly destroyed the peculiar world, Jacob Portman is back where his story began. Except now Miss Peregrine, Emma, and their peculiar friends are with him and doing their best to blend in. But carefree days of beach visits and "normalling" lessons are soon interrupted by the discovery of a subterranean bunker that belonged to Jacob's grandfather, Abe. Clues to Abe's double life as a peculiar operative start to emerge and

Jacob begins to learn about the legacy he has inherited.

Immoral Code

By Lillian Clark (Alfred A. Knopf) \$17.99

Five teens with bright futures are determined to hack into one billionaire absentee father's company to steal tuition money. Bellamy is a physics genius admitted to MIT, but the student loan she'd been counting on is denied when it turns out the father who abandoned her, who she's never known, turns out to be a billionaire. This fast-paced debut is a hilarious and thought-provoking Robin Hood story for the 21st century. At its heart, this is a story of friendship and loyalty, and the lengths they would go to support one of their own.

Incredible Puzzles: 150+ Timed Puzzles to Test Your Skill

By Elizabeth Golding (B.E.S. Publishing) \$12.99

This jumbo book is jam-packed with puzzles, including dot-to-dot, mazes, picture puzzles, and spot-the-difference puzzles. There are time challenges with each one, so kids can try to beat the rest of the best. The only question is ... are they up to the test? Encourage them to say yes, and tell them to get ready for hours of stimulating fun. Watch the intensity build as puzzles start easy but get harder along the way. Puzzles will challenge kids (answers are in the back) and get them racing to solve each one. Color them in, too!

Until next month, happy reading.

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A Drop of Hope

By Keith Calabrese (Scholastic Press) \$16.99

A well. A wish. And a little drop of hope. Times are tough. Jobs are scarce and miracles are in short supply. But something strange is happening in If Only, Ohio. An old well has suddenly, impossibly, begun to grant wishes. And three sixth-graders are the only ones who know why. As more wishes are made, the well's true secret gets harder and harder to keep.

Inkling

By Kenneth Oppel (Alfred A. Knopf) \$17.99

The Rylance family is stuck. Dad's got writer's block.

March Library Events

Display of quilts and continuation of Winter Adult Reading



Above: Works by the Palmer Divide Quiltmakers will be featured in the library during March. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

By Harriet Halbig

March is National Quilting Month, and the Palmer Divide Quiltmakers will display their creations in the library throughout the month. There will be a display of quilt-related books for those who would like to try their hand at the craft, and related fiction. The Friends of the Library have been saving their donated quilting books and will offer them for sale.

The Winter Adult Reading program also continues until the end of March. Register now to earn prizes (including chocolate and a great coffee mug). Read your choice of books—no meetings are involved.

Children's programs

Regularly occurring children's programs include Story Time at 10:30 and 11:15 each Tuesday for children 3 and up, Toddler Time for 1- and 2-year-olds on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30, Book Break (a short read-aloud session) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30, and Paws to Read (children reading to dogs) on Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5.

Patrons ages 9 and up are invited to come to the library from 2:30 to 4 on Saturday, March 9 to learn beginning programming with the fun and interactive coding tool, Scratch. We hope to start a Scratch club

for those who want to learn programming skills. Registration is required.

There will be a program featuring sand art for kids on Friday, March 22 from 4 to 5. We will make sand art mandalas and sand-filled dolphin key rings.

There will be two special programs during spring break. The first is Meet a Local Firefighter on Monday, March 25 from 1:30 to 2:30. Firefighters from the Colorado Springs Fire Department or Tri-Lakes will teach about safety and answer questions. Recommended for ages 3 to 12. On Tuesday, March 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 there will be a program on Fantastic Flight. Learn how airplanes stay in the air and how rockets blast off to space. Science Matters will help us with the answers to these questions. Recommended for ages 6 to 12.

Family programs

Coloring for Everyone will be held on Friday, March 8 from 4 to 5:30. Join friends and family as we color themed coloring sheets at all skill levels. Colored pencils, markers, and gel pens are provided, and you are welcome to bring your own as well. Drop in and stay as long as you like.

All Ages Knitting meets in the study room each Wednesday from 3 to 5. Practice materials are provided or bring your own project.

Lego Build will meet from 10 to 11:30 on Saturday, March 16. Take advantage of our large selection of Legos and build to your heart's content.

Teen and tween programs

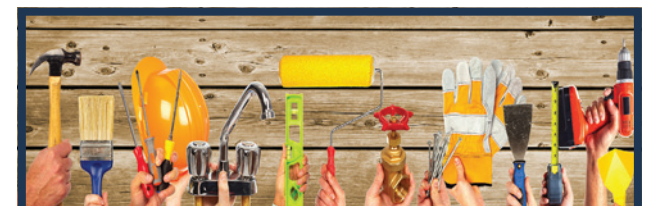
See above for descriptions of Coloring for Everyone and All Ages Knitting.

The Monument Library Teen Creative Writing Group will meet in the study room from 6 to 7:30 on Tuesday, March 5. This group for ages 12 to 18 shares ideas, does writing exercises, and enjoys tasty snacks. Members of the Palmer Lake Art Group will offer beginning/intermediate drawing classes on Thursday, March 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 and on Thursday, March 21

from 1:30 to 3:30. These classes are for individuals 16 and up. Bring paper, but pencils and erasers will be provided. Registration is required.

Is math a challenge for you? Each Monday from 3:30 to 7:00 come to the library for free tutoring by experienced adult tutors. AfterMath follows the D-38 calendar and will not be offered on March 25 during spring break. This service is offered at all levels of math.

The Paper Tiger Origami Club will meet from 4:15 to 5:30 on Friday, March 15. Come learn a new



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