

eration, and facilities; selections based on location, diverse topography and size, overall appeal, and reliable management; driving directions and GPS coordinates; and ratings for beauty, privacy, spaciousness, quiet, safety and security, and cleanliness. Everything you need to plan your camping trip.

Colorado Flyfishing: Where to Eat, Sleep, Fish

By Mark D. Williams and W. Chad McPhail (*Trails Books*) \$20

Fly fishing in Colorado is huge. As one would expect, there are no shortage of fly fishing guides. But whereas other guides focus on particular waters, Colorado Flyfishing is organized by region, centering on locations where fly fishers can home base. It includes fishing places near home base; fishing spots for the adventurer; blue ribbon fisheries not far from home base; favorite places to eat; favorite places to stay; fly shops, guides, and tackle stores.

437 Edible Wild Plants of the Rocky Mountain West: Berries, Roots, Nuts, Greens, Flowers, and Seeds

By Caleb Warnock (*Familius*) \$27.99

From self-sufficiency expert Caleb Warnock comes the ultimate guidebook to living off the land. Packed with more than 1,450 photographs of 437 edible wild berries, roots, nuts, greens, and flowers, this essential field guide will provide you with information on plant identification, flavor, seasonality, history, eating and preparation instructions, and more. At the back of the book you'll find useful lists, including plants high in

protein and easily available, poisons, and questions and answers. It's the most exhaustive reference book of its kind.

The Colorado Mountain Companion: A potpourri of useful miscellany from the highest parts of the highest state

By M. John Fayhee (*West Winds Press*) \$23.99

This is a treasure trove of useful (and just plain fun) information about Colorado's mountain country. We're not just talking about population figures, elevation stats, or lists of fourteeners and rivers, although these are included. You will learn far more, including mountain lexicons (so that you'll know what a gutter bunny, potato chip, and prune really mean); Colorado as a movie set; Colorado songs, skiing, fishing, avalanches, geology, historic districts, hiking and biking, snakes, Superfund sites, strange festivals, weather miserability index, and much more.

Outdoor Medicine: Management of Wilderness Medical Emergencies (Adventure Skills Guide)

By Patrick Brighton, M.D. (*Adventure Publications*) \$9.95

This handy, portable, easy-to-understand guide helps you to follow the correct course of action whether it's an illness, an injury, or a life-or-death condition. Brighton is a board-certified trauma surgeon and a mountaineer, climber, kayaker, and member of a mountain rescue team. This tabbed booklet is organized by type of injury, so you can quickly reference

the information you need to evaluate and treat the condition. This is just one book in a series of new Adventure Skills Guides, including Outdoor Survival, Essential Knots, and Insects & Bugs North America.

Tales from the Trails

By T. Duren Jones (*WordFire Press*) \$14.99

Includes 26 outdoor stories from trails and climbs around the American West. Jones has hiked hundreds of trails, completed the nearly 500 miles of the Colorado Trail, and has summited all 54 of Colorado's fourteeners.

Dear Bob and Sue: Season 2

By Matt and Karen Smith (*Matt Smith*) \$15.99

In their second book of the series, follow Matt and Karen as they work their way around the western United States discovering some of our most beautiful public lands, hidden gems, and revisiting a few of their favorite national parks. Through a series of emails written to their friends, Bob and Sue, the couple brings the reader along on their adventures, sharing their experiences as they hike the lesser known parks and national monuments.

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."—John Muir

Find a spot outside that inspires you and open the adventure of a great book. Until next month, happy reading.

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June Library Events

Summer Adventure begins

By Harriet Halbig

The *Summer Adventure* program for infants through high school students will kick off on June 1. The program will feature many special events for all ages and prizes to reward reading and attendance at library events.

We will have 65 teen volunteers on hand to help with registration and award prizes to participants. You can also register online at ppld.org. See below for scheduling details.

Children's programs

Book Break will continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 to 11, *Toddler Time* will be on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30, and *Paws to Read* will be on Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5. Regular *Tuesday Story Time* at 11:15 is suspended until August.

Art programs for ages 7 and up will be available Mondays, June 10, 17, and 24 from 2:30 to 3:30.

Tuesdays June 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 there will be *Summer Fun* programs with animals and performers for ages 5 to 12.

Tuesdays from 4 to 5 will be *Idea Lab* programs on June 11, 18, and 25 involving ice, optical illusions, and glow paintings. No registration is required.

A *Kids' Chess Workshop* will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 2:30 to 4 for children in grades K through 8. Colorado state champion Lior Lapid will teach a short introductory lesson followed by open game play.

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

Stop by the library to pick up a detailed schedule of *Summer Adventure* programs throughout the district.

Family programs

See above for a description of *Lego Build*.

Coloring for Everyone will meet on Friday, June 14 from 4 to 5:30. We will color themed coloring sheets.

All materials are provided.

On Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 there will be a program on *Preparing to Hike the Summer Front Range*. Hosted by Longmont hiker Pete KJ, this will be an introduction to this low-cost recreation.

All Ages Knitting meets from 3 to 5 each Wednesday in the study room.

Tween programs

Monday, June 3 from 2:30 to 3:30 there will be a *Star Wars Breakout Room* program for tweens.

Tuesday, June 4 from 4 to 5 there will be a program to make candy sushi, using Rice Krispies treats instead of rice and Swedish fish instead of sashimi.

Teen programs

See above for descriptions of *Lego Build*, *Coloring for Everyone*, and *All Ages Knitting*.

On Thursdays, June 6, 13, and 20 there will be *Teen Summer Adventure* programs from 2 to 4. These include an escape room, an inflatable planetarium, and a spray paint program.

The *Teen Creative Writing Group* will meet in the study room from 6 to 7:30 on Tuesday, June 4.

There will be a program on edible plants on Wednesday, June 26 from 4 to 5:30. This program, for ages 12 to 18, requires a waiver from parents, and reservations are required.

The *Monument Library Anime Club* will meet from 5 to 6:30 on Thursday, June 27.

Adult programs

Regularly occurring adult programs include Senior Chats each Wednesday from 10 to noon and the two book groups described below.

Life Circles, a group that writes about life experiences, will meet on Monday, June 3 and 17 from 9:30 to 11:30. No registration required.

Build your own DIY hummingbird feeder on Wednesday, June 12 from 2 to 4. Registration required.

The *Monumental Bookworms* will meet from 7 to 8:30 on Tuesday, June 11 to discuss *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris. All are welcome to attend and no registration is required.

The *Monumental Readers* will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, June 21 to discuss *Gold* by Ian Neligh. All are welcome.

There will be a program on Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from 5:30 to 7 on Monday, June 24 from 5:30 to 7. This program is part of a series of classes offered by the PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning. Registration is required.

The *History Buffs* will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday, June 26. No registration required.

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

Palmer Lake Library events

The *Palmer Lake Book Group* meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2587 for the latest selection.

Art programs for ages 7 and up will be on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30.

Summer Fun programs for ages 5 to 12 will be on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 instead of family story time.

Toddler Time is on Fridays from 10:30 to 11.

There will be a special program, *Snakes Alive!*, on Saturday, June 15 from 10:30 to 11:30. Learn the difference between a rattlesnake and a bull snake and see a live bull snake. Learn about where they live and what they like to eat.

Stop by the library for a detailed brochure on *Summer Adventure* programming.

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

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, May 16

History of the singing cowboy

By Sigi Walker

The May 16 monthly program of the Palmer Lake Historical Society featured Donna Guthrie, noted Colorado Springs author, presenting *Troubadours on Horseback: The History of the Singing Cowboy*. Guthrie told the story of the creation of the singing cowboy, how their simple melodies, harmonies, and instrumentation have endured, and the actors who gained fame as singing cowboys, such as Jimmie Rodgers, Gene Autry, and Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Even their horses were famous: Autry rode Champion the Wonder Horse and Roy Rogers rode Trigger. She noted that they were all very "clean cut"—kissing their

horses, not the girls!

Guthrie used slides, vintage video clips, and short musical recordings to illustrate her presentation. She began with the early performers who started on radio, then graduated to motion pictures, most of which were "B" movies that movie theaters used for matinee shows. The photos of a very young John Wayne and his early movie performances (his singing was dubbed) drew giggles. Some of these early "B" movies were later shown on television.

Autry's recordings are still played today, particularly at Christmastime: *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *Frosty the Snowman*, and *Here Comes Santa*



Above: Author Donna Guthrie (L) and PLHS President Michele Lawrie-Munro. Photo by Mike Walker.

Claus. Here Comes Peter Cottontail is an Easter favorite. Autry appeared in 93 films, and from 1950 to 1956 hosted The Gene Autry Show on television.

Rogers began with the Sons of the Pioneers and