

Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

New releases for the gift-giving days ahead

By the staff at Covered Treasures

"A book is a gift you can open again and again."—
Garrison Keillor

The Silver Arrow

By Lev Grossman (Little Brown) \$16.99

Kate's humdrum life is transformed when her eccentric Uncle Herbert, whom she's never met, surprises her with a colossal locomotive train, the Silver Arrow, for her 11th birthday. Soon Kate and her brother are on a mysterious quest to distant lands along magical rail lines in the company of an assortment of exotic animals who can talk. They just might end up saving the world.



Before the Ever After

By Jacqueline Woodson (Nancy Paulsen Books) \$17.99

For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. As a pro football star, he's as beloved to the neighborhood kids he plays with as he is to his millions of fans. But lately his dad is having trouble remembering things and seems to be angry all the time due to the head injuries he sustained during his career. As ZJ contemplates his new reality, he has to figure out how to hold on tight to family traditions.

Everything Sad is Untrue

By Daniel Nayeri (Levine Querido) \$17.99

At the front of a middle school classroom in Oklahoma, a boy named Khosrou, whom everyone calls

Daniel, is trying to tell a story. Khosrou's stories, stretching back years, and decades, and centuries, are beautiful and terrifying, from the moment his family fled Iran, back to refugee camps of Italy, and even further back. Daniel has written an autobiographical novel, united by hope.

The Inheritance Games

By Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Little Brown) \$17.99

Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why or even who Tobias Hawthorne is. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive.

What We'll Build: Plans for Our Together Future

By Oliver Jeffers (Philomel Books) \$19.99

A father and his young daughter gather their tools and begin building a future where love can be set aside until it is needed, enemies become friends, and exploration is key. A rare and enduring story about a parent's boundless love, life's endless opportunities, and all we need to build a together future.

Wreck This Picture Book

By Keri Smith (Dial Books) \$17.99

Keri Smith has helped millions of people free their creativity and find their own voice with her interactive books, and now she brings that sensibility to children and the act of reading. Kids will discover that reading can engage all five senses and that what they bring to a book is an important contribution.

The Highlights Book of Things to Do: Discover, Explore, Create, and Do Great Things

By Highlights (Highlights Press) \$24.99

Kids will find creativity and inspiration with hundreds of ways to build, play, experiment, craft, cook, dream, think. This highly visual, hands-on activity book shows kids some of the best ways to do great things as well as become caring, confident problem solvers who just might change the world.

How to Astronaut: An Insider's Guide to Leaving Planet Earth

By Terry Virts (Workman Publishing) \$27.95

Former NASA astronaut Terry Virts offers an insider's guide to "astronauting." This behind-the-scenes look at the training, basic rules, lessons, and procedures of space travel, including how to deal with a dead body in space, what it's like to film an IMAX movie in orbit, what to do when nature calls, and much more. He captures all the highs, lows, humor, and wonder of an experience few will ever know firsthand.

Dream Big: Know What You Want, Why You Want It, and What You're Going to Do about It

By Bob Goff (Thomas Nelson) \$26.99

New York Times bestselling author Bob Goff is on a mission to help people recapture the version of their lives they dreamed about before fear started calling the shots. In this revealing yet practical book, Goff takes you on a life-proven journey to rediscover your dreams and turn them into reality.

Until next month, happy reading.

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October Library Events

Indoor book drop added, curbside remains available

By Harriet Halbig

The Monument Library continues to welcome our patrons into the library to use public computers and printing and copying services. Please note that computers must be booked at the circulation desk before use.

Please also feel free to browse our collection, but we request that you keep your visit brief because we are limiting the number of individuals in the building at any given time.

Our hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 to 5 on Friday and Saturday.

All programs including literacy and math tutoring are suspended for the remainder of the calendar year. This is due to the closure of meeting rooms and requirement of social distancing.

A few tables and chairs have been reintroduced in

the public area for those who wish to enjoy the newspaper or complete a task on a laptop. All tables and chairs are sanitized after use, as are computers and other devices.

Curbside service remains available to pick up your items on hold or print jobs. Please call 488-2370 ahead of time so that your items will be ready for you. Or, simply drop by and ring the doorbell on the table outside and we will come to you.

Please see our website (ppld.org) for a wide variety of virtual programs, including yoga, story time, and book groups. There is a new story time and a new toddler time each week. Earlier sessions are also available for viewing.

Returned materials are quarantined for 24 hours before being processed. Please place any returns in the outdoor book drop on the north side of the build-

ing or in the new indoor book drop near the entrance before entering the building. This includes donated books or magazines.

In keeping with state and county health department mandates, all patrons over age 2 are required to wear facial coverings while in the library.

The reopening of Maker Spaces at the East, Sand Creek, and Library 21c locations has been delayed due to the increase in coronavirus cases in the area.

The Palmer Lake library remains closed at this time but is visited by the Bookmobile on Mondays from 9 to 11 and Wednesdays from 2:15 to 4. The book drop remains available.

We hope to greet you soon at the library.

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High Altitude Nature and Gardening (HANG)

Nature in November

By Janet Sellers

People new to our area are often surprised we have so much sunny weather and relatively warm days in November, and sometimes in December as well. Wonderful, easy hikes in nature are right in our backyards, and we can enjoy those around home or venture into some of our forested areas. In past years, we have had Friends of Fox Run Park help collect fallen logs, putting logs on the side of the paths and free for the taking—which helps fire mitigate the forest—of good, winter firewood. Hopefully, we'll be able to start that up again when we can assemble in volunteer groups. (Check the Friends Facebook page for ongoing updates).

November is the time that we can collect things around us like pinecones and spruce cones for holiday decorating. We have so much all around that it is easy to collect them, but we need to prepare them if they're going to be inside. I usually put them in the oven at 150 degrees or 175 degrees for a couple of hours to ensure that there aren't any bugs or eggs in them. It also makes the house smell heavenly because heating up the fir cones and pinecones helps release the piney essential oils that make them smell

so good.

I often put a basket or bowl filled with pinecones as a natural and festive touch to a side table or the entry room. This year I sprinkled pinecones with lavender oil (so good for cold, stuffy noses), but I also use cinnamon or pumpkin spices on pinecones, which gives a fresh scent to any room.

Our late October freezing weather certainly did in most gardens for the year! The snow at least softened up the earth when it melted, and it was easy to put the metal hoops in the ground for the protective garden coverings and frost cloth preparation for gardens.

If we don't get the hoops in soon, the ground will be frozen, and we'll have to wait until May for that. With the hoop system, we can seed our gardens as early as February or March, and the plants come up in their own time with strong roots. Also, letting the fallen leaves and pine needles stay put until spring helps many garden organisms overwinter for a lush, healthy springtime garden. Sounds lazy, but that's letting Mother Nature do the work for our success.

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Art Matters

Art supports human resilience

By Janet Sellers

"Just look. Feel what you feel about the art."—
Yoji Yoshioka, director, Atami Art Museum

Our pandemic-caused safer-at-home life begs us for heartfelt, uplifting respites in our day as we—and es-

pecially our children—are impacted by isolation from friends and community. Shock, violence, and trauma are all around us, and we need infusions of good feelings and the ability to recover quickly from stress with resilience.

