

in our community from a panel of experts. An experienced realtor, an inspector, and a staging expert will give you tips so you can get top dollar for your home. The program will be offered on Sunday, **Jan. 12**, at 2 p.m.

Learn to use your eReader. Learn how to check out digital books using your new device! The library cyber shelf offers a wealth of materials available for check out on Kindles, iPads and smart phones. Become comfortable searching, downloading, and using these devices on Monday, **Jan. 27**, at 9 a.m.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, **Jan. 17**, at 10 a.m. to discuss *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly

book club. On the walls of the library in January will be artwork by students of Palmer Ridge High School. In the display case will be M&M dispensers from the collection of Rick LaRue.

Palmer Lake Library programs
The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. New members are always welcome. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

Join the Fibernistas for a weekly morning of fiber fun. Share and learn new techniques of knitting and other fiber arts. All interests are welcome! Start a new project or bring one in progress on **Thursdays** from 10 to noon.

January's Family Fun program on Saturday, **Jan. 18**, at 10:30 is *Raptor Survival*. Real hawks, owls and vultures (all are raptors) encounter many challenges in their quest to survive in the wild. Meet some of these survivors and hear their stories. Make a small raptor puppet to take home. This program is for all ages.

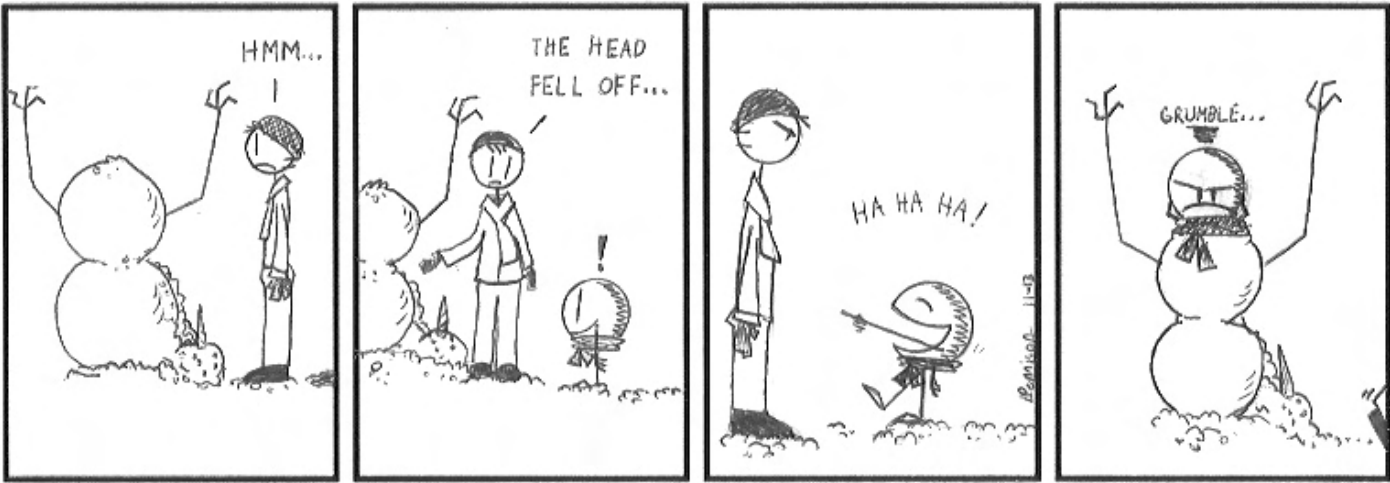
Enjoy a charming photographic collection, *Risa's Rabbits*, on the walls of the library.

Please note that all library facilities will be closed on Monday, **Jan. 20**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Harriet Halbig may be reached at harriethalbig@ocn.me.

Gray Matter

OCN is pleased to include some of the work of budding cartoonist Levi Pennison. Levi is 12-years old and lives in Palmer Lake. Please let us know what you think at editor@ocn.me.



Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red
Jan 8: Ham, scalloped potatoes, & salad
Jan 15: Raspberry chipotle chicken, roasted potatoes, & salad
Jan 22: BBQ pork sandwich, pasta salad, & pickle
Jan 29: Meatloaf, potato casserole, & salad
Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

A Matter of Balance class begins in January

The Tri-Lakes Senior Center will offer *A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls* beginning in January. The free course emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels. It includes exercise to increase strength and balance. The eight-week class will meet once a week for two hours at the Senior Center. There is limited space available. The dates and times are to be determined. Call Rebecca, 963-0988, for more information and to register.

El Paso County Citizens College, enroll by Jan. 15

The Citizens College will take place **Feb. 1 and 8**, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will get an up-close look at county government functions and services. County

officials, administrators, and affiliated agency leaders serve as college instructors. The syllabus will cover a wide range of topics, including: County Government 101, Child/Adult Protection and Economic Assistance Programs, Criminal Prosecution and Investigation, Public Health and Safety, Road and Bridge Operations and Maintenance, Land Use and Zoning Regulations, Parks and Recreation Programs, Environmental Services, Property Tax Assessments and Collections, County Budget and Finance, Q&A with County Commissioners, and more. This year's college will incorporate video and other media to help illustrate county government in action and will include "field trips" to the Criminal Justice Center and El Paso County Coroner's Office so that students can learn, first hand, about the county's public safety and justice operations. For more information and to apply online,

visit www.elpasoco.com/citizenscollege. The application deadline is **Jan. 15**.

Tri-Lakes Women's Club 2014 Grant Application available Jan. 15

Continuing its 37-year tradition, the Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) will once again consider grant requests for special programs and projects from 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, public service organizations, and public schools that significantly serve the Tri-Lakes area defined by LP school district 38. Applications and instructions for the 2014 grant awards will be available at www.TLWC.net **Jan. 15- March 15**. Completed applications, including required documentation, must be postmarked by **March 15**.

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We will begin serving at Noon.

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