

Much of the financial support comes from fundraising efforts in the fall, followed by a request for donations from the community. We were amazed at the outpouring of support from local businesses, who all understood the importance of keeping the students safe on that night. We would like to specifically recognize the following:

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Heins, Hudson, Larsen, Lyons, Patterson, Shuman, Thompson, and Weeth families.

This was truly a community-sponsored event, thanks to everyone who made it happen!

**Karen Shuman**

*LPHS After Prom Chair*

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### Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

## Welcome to the wonders of nature

*By the staff at Covered Treasures Bookstore*

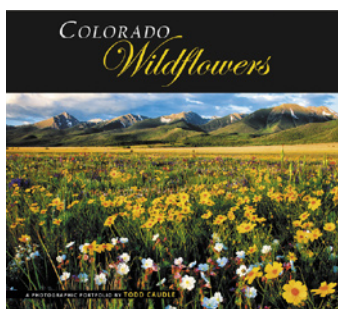
When the May showers end, June is a good time to get out and enjoy Colorful Colorado at its freshest and finest. The following books are a sample of the many ways to browse through the beautiful bounty surrounding us.

#### **Colorado Wild owers**

By Todd Caudle (Skyline Press) \$19.99 H/C, \$14.95 P/B

Available in hardcover and softcover editions, this beautiful new book features 120 pages and over 130 photos of Colorado's bountiful wild over displays.

From the prairies in the east to the canyons in the west, and throughout the many mountains in-between, the book celebrates the unparalleled beauty and diversity of the state's spring and summer blooms. (Release date: June 18)



#### **Best Hikes Near Colorado Springs**

By Stewart Green (Globe-Pequot Press) \$19.95

It's not necessary to travel far from home for a great hike. This information-packed guide covers topics ranging from an easy nature walk to a multiday backpacking trip. For each hike, the guide includes the location, length, hiking time, and level of difficulty, and tells if dogs are allowed. Other features include: trail finder chart that categorizes each hike (e.g., for particular attractions such as waterfalls and if it's suitable for families with kids); full-color photos; information on the area's history, geology, flora, and fauna; and full-color maps of each trail.

#### **Pikes Peak above the Clouds**

By Todd Caudle (Skyline Press) \$9.95

This photographic portfolio highlights "America's Mountain" in all its splendor. Caudle's breathtaking views of the peak from different angles in various seasons make this a perfect coffee table or gift book. (Note: available June 18.)

#### **How to Raise a Wild Child**

By Scott D. Sampson (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) \$25

Regular exposure to nature can help relieve stress, depression, and attention deficits. It can reduce bullying, combat obesity, and boost academic scores. Yet, the average North American child now spends about seven hours a day staring at screens and mere minutes engaged in unstructured outdoor play, a dramatic transformation within the past generation. Using the latest research in multiple disciplines, Sampson reveals how adults can help kids fall in love with nature—enlisting technology as an ally, taking advantage of urban nature, and instilling a deep sense of place along the way.

#### **H Is for Hawk**

By Helen Macdonald (Grove Press) \$26

Training a goshawk, one of the most vicious predators, was Macdonald's way of coping with the loss of her father, who died suddenly on a London street. Although she was an experienced falconer, this endeavor tested the limits of Macdonald's humanity and changed her life. Heart-wrenching and humorous, this blend of nature writing and memoir is an un-inching account of bereavement and a unique look at the magnetism of an extraordinary beast.

#### **Such a Little Mouse**

By Alice Schertle (Scholastic) \$16.99

In the middle of a meadow, under a clump of dandelions, lives a curious and adventurous mouse—such a little mouse. Every morning in spring, summer, fall, and winter, one, two, three! He pops out of his hole, and off he goes exploring the many surprises in the wide world. Delightful color illustrations lead the young reader through the year with the little mouse.

#### **If You Plant a Seed**

By Kadir Nelson (Harper Collins) \$18.99

If you plant a carrot seed, a carrot will grow. If you plant a cabbage seed, cabbage will grow. But what happens if you plant a seed of kindness, or selfishness? This gently humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity is beautifully illustrated with paintings of a rabbit, a mouse, and their neighbors.

#### **The Stokes Essential Pocket Guide to the Birds of North America**

By Donald & Lillian Stokes (Little, Brown, and Company) \$15

Covering more than 250 species with 580 stunning color photographs, America's foremost authorities on birds and nature have compiled a "must-have" companion for any bird watcher. Separated into water birds and land birds, color tabs help distinguish between sub-categories within these groups. Also included are key identification clues for each species, descriptions of songs and calls, up-to-date range maps, information on nesting and feeding, and advice on selecting bird feeders and binoculars.

Until next month, happy reading. □

### June library events

## Join the library for a summer of fun and prizes

*By Harriet Halbig*

All of the teen volunteers have been trained and the prizes stored away in the library! Register now at your local library or online (ppld.org) for the summer reading program, which lasts from June 1 to July 31. The theme this summer is super heroes.

Teen volunteers will be on hand near the children's area to help with registration and award prizes during all library open hours.

There is a program for kids up to 2, one for kids age 3 to grade six, and one for teens in grades 6 to 12. Kids going into sixth grade must choose between the children's program (Every Hero Has a Story) and the teen program (Unmask!).

There will be many special programs at the library during June and July and a great post-program party on the Palmer Lake Village Green to celebrate everyone's accomplishments.

A schedule of events can be picked up at the library or may be viewed at ppld.org.

#### **Monument Library events**

#### **Adult programs**

Regularly occurring adult discussion groups such as Socrates Café (Tuesday from 1 to 3) and Senior Chats (Wednesdays from 10 to noon) will continue through the summer.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, June 19 from 10 to noon to discuss *Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan. All patrons are invited to attend this monthly book group.

#### **Teen programs**

Come to our second Monument MakerSpace on Saturday, June 27 from 1 to 3. Teens and adults assisting tweens and younger children will make superhero crafts such as masks, locker magnets, and superhero "modpodge" creations.

#### **Family programs**

Each Tuesday at 10:30 during June there will be a program for all ages with a different performer each week. In June these include a clown, a singer, a magician, and a singing and dancing program. Stop by for a flyer with details. These programs take the place of the usual story times.

Toddler Time will be offered at its usual times of 9:30 and 10:15 on Thursdays during the summer.

Thursdays at 2:30 will be stories and crafts for children age 5 and older.

Some Mondays during summer reading there will be a 7-Up program for older children.

The Legos Club will meet on Saturday, June 20 from 10 to 11:30. We'll provide the Legos and you bring your imagination. All pieces remain the property of the library.

On the walls during June will be photographs by Megan Mater. In the display case will be items related to the summer's superhero theme.

#### **Palmer Lake Library events**

Special programs at Palmer Lake will be on Wednesdays at 10:30. June 10 will be a program featuring bunnies, June 17 is a puppet show based on an Irish folk tale, and June 24 will be Inspector Magic discussing books and biographies of historical heroes.

Registration will also be available and prizes awarded at Palmer Lake Library.

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### Palmer Lake Historical Society

## Americana and American Bison

*By Al Walter*

On May 9, the Palmer Lake Historical Society hosted a special program at "Maguireville" in Monument. The event was open to Historical Society members and their guests. Despite the hail, heavy rain, and snow, almost 40 people attended. Maguireville is a fabulous collection of Americana and Western memorabilia of the 1800-1900s

that fills three large barns on the property. Jim Maguire, owner of Maguireville, described why he and his wife Donna began collecting these artifacts and how the collection grew to fill three large buildings. Following the formal program, everyone enjoyed light refreshments as they toured the remarkable collection.

On May 21, over 75 people attended a presentation

at Palmer Lake Town Hall on the massacre to near extinction of the American bison. The bison was considered a sacred animal and a symbol of religiousness among the Native American tribes of the Plains and was key to their survival. Robin Hammitt presented his theories on why an estimated 50 million bison were reduced to about 300 and how efforts were undertaken to bring the bison back