FIND SOMETHING HORROR-IBLE AT THE LIBRARY

I had a clipped conversation with a patron the other day:

“I like your movie.”

“Thanks, it took a while to get the pig’s blood off.”

We both chuckled, remembering one of the highlights from the iconic 1976 horror film Carrie. Thankfully I wasn’t named after the character played by Sissy Spacek, but it is what I refer to when clarifying my name rather than the Hollies’ song “Carrie Anne” that my parents liked. It’s more fun being associated with this notable film, originally penned by Stephen King.

READCON IS COMING NOVEMBER 2

Have you ever been to a restaurant where the employees never eat the food?

That question kicked off will become one of the biggest, most ambitious programs the High Plains Library District has ever attempted.

The library does incredible programming all year long. For every age, for every interest. Whether you’re a Dungeon Master, small business owner, or a rabid fan of TV on DVD that can go through 2 and a half seasons of one show in a weekend (this is getting a little personal) the library has plenty of stuff going on.
Stephen King is often referred to as the “King of Horror,” but the genre itself has roots that are centuries deep. In fact, *The Cast of Otranto* by Horace Walpole is considered the first modern horror novel and was published in 1765. Walpole’s horror is subtle with supernatural elements and an expression of man’s dark side, but the genre itself can be much more overt to include monsters, the occult, evil, or graphic violence. There isn’t one specific element that defines Horror, but a common thread is that the work elicits fear in the reader. Horror is often described as scary, creepy, or chilling.

One book that stirred that eerie feeling in me is Shirley Jackson’s *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*, which craftily endears two sisters to the reader before revealing their abhorrent, dark acts. I couldn’t put it down! I am not a deranged person by most accounts, but I am one of many people who like the Horror genre. In fact, children ask for Horror all the time—the scarier the better! According to the Novelist database, Horror allows readers to face fears in a safe environment while experiencing an unsettling chill.

With Halloween approaching, there’s no better time to embrace that uneasy feeling. If you are looking for something Horror-ible, then stop by the library. I included some of the Horror that I’ve checked out from the library and additional resources for you to explore the genre.

*Carrrie*, Erie Community Library

**Books:**
- *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman
- *Deep and Dark and Dangerous* by Mary Downing Hahn
- *Rise of the Balloon Goons* by Troy Cummings
- *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson
- *Carrie* by Stephen King
- *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs

**DVDs:**
- *Carrie* (DVD)
- *The Birds* (DVD)
- *True Blood Series* DVD

**Sound Recordings:**
- For your listening pleasure, “Carrie-Anne” and other classic songs: *Pop Music: The Golden Era, 1951-1975*

**Web Resources:**
- Project Gutenberg has more than 42,000 digitized books online that you can read for free, including *The Cast of Otranto* by Horace Walpole - [http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/696](http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/696).
READCON is coming November 2

What’s strange, however, is that when you looked around the room…nobody who works at the library was attending the programs. We have the same excuses as everyone else. People need to get home to their families. We have long weeks. Friday is pizza night and NOTHING shall ruin the sanctity of pizza night.

Which brings us back to the thought provoking question about eating at a restaurant where the employees never eat the food. Hmmm…in comparison, might we be missing value in our programming if our employees aren’t even coming?

And so, a discussion ensued. What kind of program would fill a stadium? How can we manage a large event? What’s missing?

I know. How fun could an event dreamt up by librarians be? That sounds boring. To ME! I’m a librarian, and a librarian party sounds boring to me.

Shush the Tail on the Donkey? Shush-Pong? A piñata filled with stamp pads?

Well, let me just reassure you that we’ve got big, big plans. None of which involve putting things in proper Dewey Decimal order.

We’ve got writer’s workshops where you can work on your craft, or you can go across the lobby and join in on a Minecrafting contest. Create in the medium of your choice!

We’ve got big authors coming in. Mary Doria Russell, author of Doc and the Sparrow, and Craig Johnson, author of the Walt Longmire series (currently on A&E).

We have beer. Yes. Books and Brews. A chance to mingle with Colorado authors and drink beer in the library. “What did I do last night? Oh, just went to the library.” WINK!

We have a steampunk tea.

We have a photo booth.

We have a photo CONTEST!

We have a speaker coming who regularly does a presentation called “My 233 Favorite Books”.

We have another speaker who will tell you how to make friends and influence people through the art of the perfect book club.

We have the answers to your self-publishing woes.

We. Have. A. Robot.

There is so much more. Too much to put down in one spot. Unless that spot was a web site, a website like www.readcon.us, perhaps...

What we’re still missing, dear reader, is you. For this to be a success, for it to be truly big, we need you. I don’t know how much easier I can make it. Show up at the library, take a picture with a cardboard cutout of Fabio (believe it!), drink a beer if you’re so inclined, and have a great, full day of amazing possibilities with people who, like you, are ready to have a good book-centric time. If you come to the library once in your life, this is the time. If you come once a year, this is the day. If you’ve been thinking about stopping by and just haven’t, mark November 2, 2013, on your calendar.

This is the first ReadCon. And it’s our sincere hope it won’t be the last. All we need is your support.

Let’s give ourselves the caliber of event we deserve.

ReadCon will be at the Farr Regional Library on November 2, 2013, and events will be going from 9 AM to 9 PM that day. Get more info and descriptions by checking out www.readcon.us. Click here to preview the ReadCon event listing in this newsletter.

~ Peter, Farr Regional Library
SPECIAL EVENTS

FOOD FOR FINES AND FEES
October 13-26
Bring in your non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Weld Food Bank (Greeley and surrounding areas), Erie Food Bank (Erie) and Carbon Valley Help Center (Frederick/Firestone). Receive $5.00 off your fines/fees each day that you bring in a food donation during the Food Drive. One can = $1 off fines/fees and the maximum forgiveness is $70.

Collection Sites:
Bookmobile
Carbon Valley Regional Library, Firestone
Centennial Park Library, Greeley
Eaton Public Library, Eaton
Erie Community Library, Erie
Farr Regional Library, Greeley
Glenn A. Jones, M.D. Memorial Library, Johnstown
Hudson Public Library, Hudson
Kersey Library, Kersey
Lincoln Park Library, Greeley

FAMILIES | SALSA, SABOR & SALUD*
Tuesdays, October 1 - November 26
6:00-7:30 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Salsa, Sabor y Salud was developed to improve awareness of habits leading to better nutrition and increased physical activity for Latino families with children 12 and younger. Families participate actively in a series of eight sessions that reinforce the importance of achieving “energy balance” through healthier food choices and increased levels of physical activity. Registration required. This class is partially funded by a partnership with the Spanish Foursquare Church in Frederick and is offered through the YMCA of Longmont.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | FINDING FUNDERS FOR NONPROFITS

- October 1, 6:00 pm
  Farr Regional Library
  Registration required.
- October 7, 6:00 pm
  Erie Community Library
  Registration required.

Setting up a non-profit? Need to find a scholarship that suits you? Join us as we explore the Foundation Directory Online, a database designed specifically for nonprofit organizations. We’ll show you how to search for the grants that meet your specific needs.

CHILDREN | SMOKEY BEAR
October 2, 4:00-5:00 pm
Lincoln Park Library

Smokey and friends will teach us about fire safety.

ADULTS | COMPOSTING WORKSHOP*
October 3, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Erie Community Library

Jessica Johnson with Boulder County Resource Conservation Division will show you how to start and maintain a highly efficient backyard compost system by explaining what to feed your compost pile, appropriate bins and methods to use for our region, tips, troubleshooting and much more.

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CHILDREN & TEENS | STAR WARS READS DAY
October 5, 2:00-4:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Dress as your favorite Star Wars character, and take part in a variety of Star Wars themed games and crafts. There will be visits from special guests. Prizes awarded for best costumes; refreshments provided.

ADULTS | DIGITAL LIBRARY 101
October 8, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Farr Regional Library

Join us for an introduction to our free digital library resources. We will cover accessing eBooks and Audio eBooks through our vendors: OverDrive, OneClickDigital and Axis 360. We will also learn how to access eMagazines through Zinio and how to stream independent films via IndieFlix. Participants are welcome to bring their tablet, smartphone or laptop. Registration required.

CHILDREN | S.T.E.M. CLUB: BAT TALES
- October 8, 4:00-5:00 pm (Ages 4-5)
- October 10, 4:00-5:00 pm (Kdg-2nd grade)
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Don’t be afraid of these creatures of the night! The CU Science Discovery team will teach us about the bat, the world’s only flying animal. Join us as we explore these often misunderstood animals.

CHILDREN | READING WITH FIREFIGHTERS
October 8 and 10, 4:15-5:00 pm
Erie Community Library

It is Fire Prevention Week and Mountain View Rescue will be presenting Reading with Firefighters and Firefighters are our Friends. Firefighters will read a book focused on safety messages, followed by showing you how they look with all their protective clothing and safety equipment on. This program is for children in grades K-2.
SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | BRIDGING CULTURES: MUSLIM JOURNEYS
October 8 (Part 2) and October 22 (Part 3)
6:00-8:00 pm, Centennial Park Library

Join us for a five-part “Let’s Talk About It” reading and discussion series in support of the Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys initiative presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association and Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies. We will be reading titles from the “Points of View” bookshelf, with discussions facilitated by Dr. Jessica Martin, PhD (International Affairs Program, Global Studies Residential Academic Program University of Colorado, Boulder). Registration required.

ALL AGES | COLORADO BIRDS SERIES:
MASTER OF LONGEVITY - THE SANDHILL CRANE
October 10, 12:00-1:00 pm
Farr Regional Library

Join Kevin Cook, local naturalist, for a feature on the Sandhill Crane. Nature presents longevity in two regards: the life duration of an individual and the life duration for its species. If we interpret the fossil record correctly, most species endure for about 2 million years; but Sandhill Cranes, one of Colorado’s great wildlife spectacles, have seen the passing of ages well beyond the average. They are truly among the elite of our wildlife elders.

ADULTS | LOCAL HISTORY SERIES:
An Agricultural History of Erie
October 10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Erie Community Center (450 Powers Street, Erie)

Join CSU Agricultural and Natural Resources Archivist Linda Meyer as she chronicles the history of agriculture in Erie and outlying area.

TEENS | SEEK THE UNKNOWN - ALIENS & UFOS: MAKEUP TECHNIQUES
October 15, 1:00-3:30 pm
Erie Community Library

It’s Teen Read Week so come to the library to transform into an alien or add some extraterrestrial flair using face painting techniques and makeup artistry taught by professional artist Danny Dupree. All materials provided, but wear clothing that you can get dirty. Space is limited, so register in advance to learn from a seasoned makeup artist.

ADULTS | SOUP’S ON
October 15, 6:00-7:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

A demonstrator from Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment will be showing us how to cook a delicious, nutritious, simple-to-make soup.

AUTHOR PANEL
* A PRE-EVENT OF READCON 2013
October 15, 6:30-8:00 pm
Erie Community Library

Join us for an exciting evening with three accomplished writers from different genres. Science Fiction Hall of Fame Connie Willis, Nautilus Award winner Priscilla Stuckey and Poet and NEA awardee Julie Carr will talk about inspiration and the joy of producing great work. Book signing to follow.

ReadCon is a celebration of all things reading, writing and library related. It’s a one day event that will bring together like-minded enthusiasts, make you a better writer, happier reader and ignite your passion! ReadCon will be held at Farr Regional Library on November 2. Check out the ReadCon section is this newsletter for a complete schedule of events.
SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | ONLINE JOB HUNTING
October 15, 6:30 pm
Lincoln Park Library

Whether you’re getting back into the workforce or just want to find out where all the jobs are, come and join us as we look at today’s job searching strategies. We will evaluate useful job aggregators and search engines and show you ways to make your job search and application process more efficient. We will also cover some of the hurdles often encountered in searching for jobs online. Registration required.

ADULTS | PARANORMAL STORIES OF BOULDER COUNTY
October 17, 6:30-8:00 pm
Erie Community Library

Join Richard Estep and other members of the Boulder County Paranormal Research Society as they share some of their more fascinating cases in the Boulder County area.

CHILDREN | STORYTIME WITH THE GREELEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
October 19, 10:30-11:30 am
Centennial Park Library

October is Fire Safety Month. Join Jennifer Dizmang for a reading of her new book, Harry Learns Fire Safety. The Greeley Fire Department will be our guests also. We will be going over fire safety tips, see firemen decked out in all their gear, and we may even have a fire boot race.

CHILDREN | ITSY, BITSY BUGS
October 23, Erie Community Library
• 10:15-10:45 am Registration required.
• 11:00-11:30 am Registration required.

This class will be 30 fun-filled minutes guaranteed to keep your toddlers fluttering, hopping and singing. We will bring puppets, music, and live bugs to keep your tots buzzing with excitement! Please register for either the 10:15 or 11:00 program. Presented by the Butterfly Pavilion.

ADULT | BUSINESS START UP ORIENTATION*
October 24, 6:00-7:30 pm
Erie Community Library

This free comprehensive Business Start-up Orientation has been designed to be a starting place for anyone who is considering jumping into business for the first time (or the second time with a better outcome). This seminar will provide you with a Colorado Start-Up Guide and a general overview of the things to consider when starting a business such as licensing requirements, taxes, legal forms of organization, components of a business plan, marketing essentials, management requirements, launching your business and more. This program is presented by the Colorado SBDC Network for the Northeast-East Central region. Registration required.

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Click here to view all programs offered by HPLD.
SPECIAL EVENTS for Halloween

TEENS | SEEK THE UNKNOWN - ALIENS & UFOS: MAKEUP TECHNIQUES
October 15, 1:00-3:30 pm • Erie Community Library

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CHILDREN | HALLOWEEN HAUNTING
October 25; 6:00-8:00 pm • Centennial Park Library

Dress in your best costume for our after hours event, and come ready for a treat! We will be visited by Worley the Wizard, have face painting, haunted stacks, crafts, storytelling and more!

CHILDREN & TWEENS | PLAY-GROUND THEATRE’S HALLOWEEN IMPROV
Saturday, October 26; 11:00 am-12:30 pm • Erie Community Library

A purrrrrfect way to get into the spirit of Halloween! Young actors create characters, spin webs of spooky stories, and shake your bones to ghoulish guitar grooves. No experience necessary, but registration is required due to popularity of program. (Ages 8-13.)

CHILDREN | PLAY-GROUND THEATRE’S HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP
Saturday, October 26; 2:00-3:00 pm • Erie Community Library

It’s time to put on your costume and pretend! Join Jeff and Mia for giggles, games, songs and stories. (Ages 3 and up.)

TEENS | CLUB 720 THRILLER DANCE PROGRAM
Monday, October 28; 3:00-5:00 pm • Carbon Valley Regional Library

Join us for creepy games, activities, and dancing. A dance instructor from Axis of Movement will teach everyone Michael Jackson’s Thriller dance routine. Come dress like a zombie or just learn how to dance like one.
Connect for Health: 1-on-1 Appointments

Starting in October, individuals, families and small businesses will have a new online marketplace for health insurance called Connect for Health Colorado. Customer service professionals from North Colorado Health Alliance (a certified assistance site for Connect for Health Colorado) will be available for free, 1-on-1 appointments to help residents shop and enroll in healthcare coverage and explore financial assistance options. For an appointment, call 970-350-4673 today. Bilingual appointments available.


**Appointments are available at the following locations:**

**Carbon Valley Regional Library**
Wednesdays - October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 4-7 pm

**Connections for Independent Living, 1331 8th Avenue, Greeley**
Thursdays - October 3 and 17 from 11 am - 12 pm

**Erie Community Library**
Wednesdays - October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 12-3 pm and 5-8 pm

**Farr Regional Library**
Wednesdays - October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

**Kersey Library**
Tuesdays - October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 1-6 pm
Thursdays - October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 1-6 pm

**LaSalle Town Hall, 128 N 2nd Street, LaSalle**
Wednesdays - October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9 am-4 pm

**Lincoln Park Library**
Mondays - October 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 9 am-7 pm
Fridays - October 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 10 am-5 pm
LIBRARIES

Administration & Support Services
2650 West 29th Street, Greeley, CO 80631
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Carbon Valley Regional Library
7 Park Avenue, Firestone, CO 80504
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Centennial Park Library
2227 23rd Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Eaton Public Library
132 Maple Avenue, Eaton, CO 80615
(970) 454-2189

Erie Community Library
400 Powers Street, Erie, CO 80516
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Farr Regional Library
1939 61st Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Fort Lupton Public & School Library
425 S. Denver Ave., Fort Lupton, CO 80621
(303) 857-7180

Glenn A. Jones, M.D.
Memorial Library
400 S. Parish Avenue, Johnstown, CO 80534
(970) 587-2459

Hudson Public Library
555 Main Street, Hudson, CO 80642
(303) 536-4550

Kersey Library
413 1st Street, Kersey, CO 80644
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Lincoln Park Library
919 7th Street Suite 100, Greeley, CO 80631
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Northern Plains Public Library
216 2nd Street, Ault, CO 80610
(970) 834-1259

Outreach
2650 W. 29th Street, Greeley, CO 80631
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Platteville Public Library
504 Marion Ave., Platteville, CO 80651
(970) 785-2231
PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTERS

Evans (Community Complex)
1100 37th Street, Evans, CO 80620
(970) 475-1125

Keenesburg (Town Hall)
140 S. Main, Keenesburg, CO 80643
(303) 732-4281

LaSalle (Town Hall)
128 N 2nd Street, LaSalle, CO 80645
(970) 284-6931

Lochbuie (Senior Center)
501 Willow Drive, Lochbuie, CO 80603
(303) 659-8262

Nunn (Town Hall/Community Center)
185 Lincoln Avenue, Nunn, CO 80648
(970) 897-2385

Pierce (Plains Market)
139 West Main Street, Pierce, CO 80650
(970) 834-2150

Hill & Park Senior Center
4205 Yosemite Dr., Greeley, CO 80634

Prairie View Senior Center
1151 Main St., Hudson, CO 80632

BOOK DEPOSITS

Briggsdale Library
42089 WCR 70, Briggsdale, CO 80611

Hill & Park Senior Center
4205 Yosemite Dr., Greeley, CO 80634

Milliken Senior Center
1101 Broad Street, Milliken, CO 80543

Pierce Senior Center
321 Main, Pierce, CO 80650

A gift to your library is a gift to the community!
READCON EVENTS

November 2
Farr Regional Library

*Some events are ticketed due to our limited ability to accommodate guests. These events are so noted in the descriptions below. Tickets and further ticketing details will be available at HPLD locations beginning October 1.

EBOOK MOBILE
9:00 am-4:00 pm • Parking Lot

Visit the e-bookmobile and try tablets, smartphones and more! Better yet, BYOD! (Bring Your Own Device), and we’ll help with the rest.

IS THERE A BOOK INSIDE YOU?
9:00-10:30 am • Meeting Room

Develop a writing plan you can stick to, get tips on choosing a genre and know when an idea is good enough to sustain a story. Teresa Funke is an author, speaker, and coach with 21 years of experience. www.Teresafunke.com

NANOWRIMO WRITERS’ LOUNGE
9:00 am-4:00 pm • Quiet Space

Need a spot to work on your novel for National Novel Writing Month? The writer’s lounge is the perfect spot to meet up with other writers, get some inspiration, and crank out as many of your 50,000 words as possible.

MINECRAFT THE PERFECT LIBRARY
10:00 am-4:00 pm • Conference Room

Contestants will have to design the best, most impressive library in Minecraft. You can begin as early as you like, and physical attendance at the event is not required. However, on November 2 we will be announcing a required element that must be incorporated into your entry in order to be eligible to win the grand prize, a Minecraft pickaxe from thinkgeek.com. More details available starting October 1st.

READING RECOMMENDATION EXTRAVAGANZA
10:00-11:00 am • Fireplace Area

Looking for some great new reads? Do you dabble in teen lit? Librarian extraordinaire Karol Sacca shares her favorite current teen and adult titles. Karol will add more titles to your reading list than you ever thought possible.
WHODUNIT WEBINAR
10:00-11:00 am • Online

A webinar for true crime lovers to discuss, dissect and share theories about real life crimes. First up: JonBenet Ramsey. Barb and Michelle will guide attendees through library resources to find even more information about this case. We may never truly know who killed JonBenet, but get together with others who think they might just know “whodunit”. 
Registration Required.

DIALOGUE DO’S AND DON’TS:
HOW YOUR CHARACTERS SHOULD TALK
11:00 am-12:30 pm • Meeting Room

Write dialogue that reveals character and propels your story. We’ll discuss pacing, tag lines, dialect and accents, humor, and tight exchanges. Teresa Funke is an author, speaker, and coach with 21 years of experience. www.Teresafunke.com

ZINE WORKSHOP
11:00 am-12:00 pm • Flex Room

Here’s a chance to tell your own story! This intro to zine-making (self-published magazines) will provide tools to get your ideas, drawings, and stories on paper for all to see! Learn about the original DIY self-publishing format, its history, and different styles - and leave the workshop with a mini-zine of your own! Led by volunteers from the Denver Zine Library. Materials provided.

PERFECT HOST, PERFECT BOOK CLUB
12:00-1:00 pm • Fireplace Area

Susie Wilmer, owner and manager of Old Firehouse Books, will offer tips on picking the right books, the right members, and of course, the right wine.

COGS & CRUMPETS
1:00-2:00 pm • TICKETED* • Flex Room

Celebrate steampunk lit and life during afternoon tea. Costumes encouraged.

WRITING FOR THE BIG SCREEN
1:00-3:00 pm • Meeting Room

Get the formatting and storytelling foundation you need to start writing your own feature film. Trai Cartwright, MFA, worked for 20 years as a film development executive and indie film producer. www.craftwrite.com

PHOTOBOOTH
2:00-5:00 pm • Lobby

Pick a prop and pose for the camera. Stop by the photobooth for a free reel of photos!

PUBLISHING LIKE A PRO:
A CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS
2:00-3:00 pm • Fireplace Area

Join indieBook Library founder and self-publishing guru Jessica France for tips and tricks that will get your book off the ground and into readers’ hands.

BOOKMARK CREATION
2:30 pm-supplies run out • Cafe

Who doesn’t need a decadent bookmark? Experience some hands-on fun as you create a unique vintage bookmark with ribbon and decorative pendants. If you’re feeling generous, this would make a great gift!
LOCAL AUTHOR PANEL
3:00-4:00 pm • Fireplace Area
Colorado authors talk about their books and answer your questions. Meet some of the writers next door!

GENRE DISPLAY CHALLENGE
4:00-5:00 pm • Meeting Room
Join in as your local libraries square off in this parade of genres. Costumes, beautiful displays, and people ready to talk books.

GUEST OF HONOR: MARY DORIA RUSSELL
5:00-6:00 pm • TICKETED* • Fireplace Area
High Plains Library District is proud to host Mary Doria Russell, author of *The Sparrow*, *Doc*, and many other reader favorites. Her titles have won her the Arthur C. Clarke Prize, ALA’s Reader’s Choice Award, and two Pulitzer nominations. She’ll be talking up her latest book, *Doc*, a novel that breathes life into the legend of Doc Holliday.

BOOKS & BREWS
6:30-7:30 pm • Meeting Room
An evening celebration of Colorado authors and breweries. Hoist a drink with a local author, have a book signed, and enjoy the meet and greet atmosphere.

GUEST OF HONOR: CRAIG JOHNSON
7:30-8:30 pm • TICKETED* • Fireplace Area
Join us for a night to remember with Craig Johnson, the bestselling author of the Walt Longmire mystery series. His books have garnered popular and critical acclaim, such as the Wyoming State Historical Association’s Book of the Year, the Western Writers of America’s Spur Award, Library Journal Best Mystery of the Year, and the Rocky Award for best mystery set in the West.

READCON PHOTO CONTEST
All day • Online
Take your best picture that captures the fun and excitement of ReadCON. Photos taken at any point during ReadCON will be eligible to win. Details regarding rules and guidelines available starting October 1.