

FEATURE ARTICLES:

WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD READ 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN?

HPLD PRESENTS THE WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD READ 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN? ~ by Audrey, Librarian, Farr Regional Library

No matter what your child's age, reading together is the single most important activity that you can do to help your child get ready to read independently. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends reading to children from birth. They explain that children who are read to during infancy and preschool years have better language skills when they start school and are more interested in reading.

The High Plains Library District offers *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* to support early learning and school readiness. This multi-year reading program, made possible, in part, by a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation, encourages all families and caregivers to read 1000 books with their children before they enter kindergarten.

Top 10 reasons your child should participate in High Plains Library District's *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*:

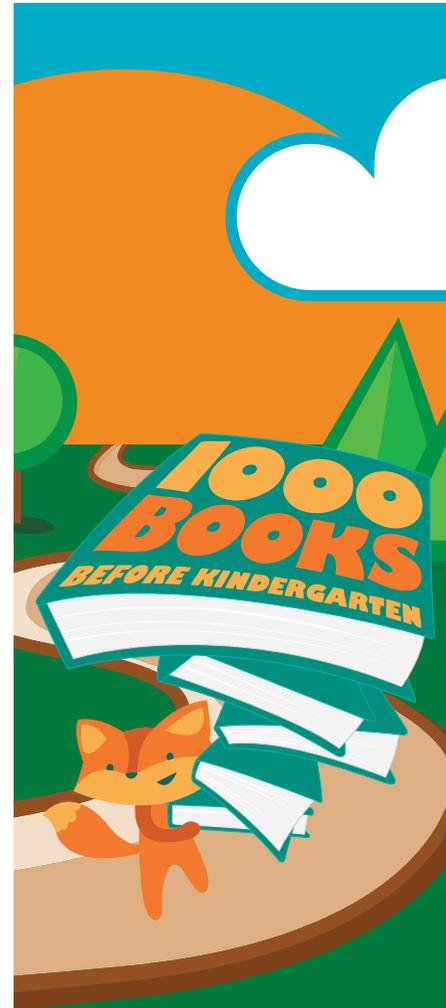
- 1. Create nurturing relationships.** Parents and caregivers who spend time reading to their children create nurturing relationships, which is important for a child's cognitive, language and social-emotional development.

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- 2. Reading builds vocabulary.** Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children from birth help to strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary — two important tools when they begin learning to read in kindergarten. Reading to children from birth is also important for expanding background knowledge and encouraging imagination.
- 3. Children need to enter school ready to read.** The best way to teach early literacy skills is by instilling a love for stories at the youngest possible age.
- 4. Reading is Fun!** Now is the time to share all of the fun and enjoyment that reading offers. Share the fun experience of reading together and at the same time gain all of the pre-reading skills that come with sharing a good book.
- 5. Ideas for early literacy activities.** Thanks to the grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation, you will receive a packet of early literacy activity cards with your *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* registration. They feature great tips and activities that incorporate Every Child Ready to Read 5 practices: Reading, Writing, Singing, Talking, and Playing to help build pre-reading skills. Use them with your child at the grocery store, in the car, or while doing chores around the home.
- 6. Fun incentives.** The grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation has also provided incentives for each completed reading log. Since each log tracks 100 books and you will complete 10 reading logs, your child will get to choose 10 different finger puppets as he/she progresses through the program. These finger puppets are fun for your child and are also a wonderful tool that invites reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing.
- 7. Wall-of-Fame fame.** As your child continues through the program and reaches the midpoint as well as completion of the program, they will have the option to have their picture displayed on their branch library's *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* wall-of-fame. This ongoing wall-of-fame is a proud testament of your commitment to reading and developing the skills your child needs for school success.
- 8. Completion prizes.** You already know that the time spent reading with your child is the most precious reward, but High Plains Library District wants to recognize the accomplishment of finishing *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* and shout it to the world! When your child completes the program they will receive a free book to keep, a completion certificate, and a window decal for your car or home window.



Reading with your child is the single most important activity you can do to help your child get ready to read.

Start now - pick up your reading log at your library.

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9. **Foster the love of reading.** *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* is ideal for parents and caregivers to track reading and know that every book they read with their child is moving toward his or her future success. It develops a very solid foundation for children to be ready for school while at the same time, fosters a love of reading in their household.

10. **Reading 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is easy to do!** 1000 books sounds like a huge number, but consider this: If you read one book a day, you could finish in less than three years. Ten books per week? Less than two years. In as little as 15 minutes a day, your family can build skills for future school and life success.

To start *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, stop by your local branch library and register your child. You will receive everything you need to get started, including early literacy activity cards, a free Unite for Literacy book titled *Alphabet Fun* and a backpack to keep. A parent guide is also included with more information. Each reading log tracks 100 books, and as each log is completed, parents or caregivers can return to the library for the next reading log and a finger puppet for their child. For convenience, the reading logs will also be available to print from our website at www.MyLibrary.us.

Start now to help your child get ready to read with *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*.

ATTENTION WRITERS SEARCHING FOR A VOICE!

The High Plains Library District Foundation is proud to announce our call for submissions for the inaugural Writer-In-Residence program.

We will be supporting a Weld County writer from June – December of 2016. The applicant must reside within HPLD boundaries (Weld County or Erie) and be at least 18 years of age. The Foundation will provide the resident with a monthly stipend, access to HPLD resources, and opportunities to build their writing career.

More information and the application can be found at www.MyLibrary.us/foundation/writer-in-residence.

Take Your Child to the Library Day February 6, 2016



SPECIAL EVENTS

Programs marked with an asterisk (*) are community partnerships. Sponsorship or co-sponsorship of these events does not constitute the Library's endorsement of the content or views expressed during these programs.

ADULTS | THE AMERICAN WEST AS LIVING SPACE:

A COLORADO HUMANITIES PULITZER CENTENNIAL CAMPFIRES PROJECT

February 1, 9, 23 and March 1

6:00-8:00 pm

Centennial Park Library

Please join us for a special discussion series celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize awarded for excellence in writing.

The American West as Living Space: A Colorado Humanities Pulitzer Centennial Campfires Project will foster conversations about the experience of the West as seen through the writings of Wallace Stegner, Annie Proulx, Diana Marcum, Louise Erdrich and Gary Snyder, among others.

Elizabeth A. Fenn, Chair of the History Department and Walter S. and Lucienne Driskill Chair of Western American History at the University of Colorado Boulder, will present the first session, discussing her Pulitzer Prize award winning non-fiction work, *Encounters at the Heart of World: A History of the Mandan People*.

Ron Edgerton, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Northern Colorado will facilitate each session, exploring the theme in the genres of non-fiction, journalism, fiction and poetry.

Complimentary readers will be provided to the first 20 registrants. Information on the specific reading selections for additional registrants can be obtained by contacting Khris Gamer - kgamer@highplains.us or 970-506-8622.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | CRAIGSLIST 101

February 2, 1:00-3:00 pm

Kersey Library

Learn how to post your own ad and reply to another poster's ad. We'll also tour the various areas of Craigslist and teach you to search safely and strategically.

TEENS & ADULTS | PAPER CRAFT:

SCRAPBOOKING

February 3, 1:00-3:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Are you totally confused about all the tools, products, and techniques in the world of scrapbooking? Do you feel completely lost in a scrapbook store?

In this workshop, you will gain an understanding of what's essential and how you can create a lot with very little investment. There will be demos on the frills and thrills of scrapbooking to give you some insight about where you can take your scrapbooking and many other paper crafts that use the same tools, products, and techniques.

No materials are required; however, include your email address when you register to receive an information sheet and buying tips. Ages 16+; [registration required](#).

ADULTS | ABBEY ADDICTS

Wednesdays, February 3 - March 2

2:00-3:00 pm

Join us as we recap and dish all things "Downton". If you can't join us online, check out the archived video on our YouTube channel each week and continue the conversation with us. or, go on Twitter using [#abbeyaddicts](#) to let us know what you think. [Register here](#).

CHILDREN | SCIENCE DETECTIVES

February 3, 4:00-5:00 pm

Erie Community Library

Scientists are detectives who pose questions, make hypotheses, analyze data, and experience surprise as they track down answers to nature's mysteries: poop-shooting caterpillars, freaky frogs, and brain-slurping bugs, to name a few! Engage in your own mystery while learning the scientific method with author Heather Montgomery, whose books include *Wild Discoveries: Wacky New Animals*, *The Case of the Missing Arctic Fox and Other True Animal Mysteries for You to Solve*, and *How Rude!: Real Bugs Who Won't Mind their Manners*. Grades K-2; [registration required](#).

ADULTS | INTRODUCTION TO WINDOWS 10

February 3, 6:00-8:00 pm

Centennial Park Library

We'll take you through the basic features of Windows 10 and expand your comfort zone with this new technology. You can bring your own device, or just come and learn. [Registration required](#).

ADULTS | MONEY MATTERS - SOCIAL SECURITY OPTIONS*

February 4, 6:30-7:30 pm

Erie Community Library

February 9, 6:30-7:30 pm

Lincoln Park Library

February 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

What choices are available when selecting Social Security benefits? Learn about recent changes, financial impacts, options, choices, tax implications, and research resources to help you make a well informed decision about your benefits.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN & TEENS | DIY NAILS

February 5, 1:00-3:00 pm

Riverside Library

February 24, 4:00-5:00 pm

Lincoln Park Library

Hey want to learn how to take your nails to the next level? Join an instructor and students from IBMC's Nail Design Program to learn basic nail care as well as how to do your own cool designs. (Grades 4-10)

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

February 6

Join us for a national celebration that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Activities will vary at each library.

El Día Nacional Lleva tu Niño a la Biblioteca- una celebración que anima a las familias de todas partes a llevar a sus hijos a su biblioteca local.



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ADULTS | GROWING GARDENS IS EASY!

STARTING PLANTS FROM SEED

February 6, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Join Serapio Ayala, Master Gardener, as he talks about inexpensive techniques for germinating plants indoors, benefits of home-germinated plants and how and when to plant.

CHILDREN | SAFE AT LAST, TRUE STORIES OF HORSE RESCUES

February 6, 1:00-2:00 pm

Riverside Library

Elaine Pease will talk about and read from her newest book, *Safe At Last, True Stories of Horse Rescues*, and also read and discuss her other books with us. Join us for activities, coloring sheets, treats and more. *The author will have copies of her books for sale and will sign the books for the purchaser. Sales will be cash or check (no credit cards).* (Preschool-Grade 5 and families)

ADULTS | INTRODUCTION TO PINTEREST

February 8, 1:00-3:00 pm

Centennial Park Library

Wondering what all the fuss is about? Come and join us for a friendly, introductory Pinterest class. We'll cover setting up an account, creating boards, uploading pictures from various sources and searching. We will also talk about the Pinterest App and how to navigate it. *Participants must have a current email account.* [Registration required.](#)

ADULTS | FACEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS

February 8, 2:00-3:30 pm

Riverside Library

[Registration required.](#)

February 16, 6:00-8:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

[Registration required.](#)

Facebook – it can be a big plunge into the social networking world. In this class, we will introduce you to your profile, newsfeed, adding friends and messaging. We'll answer all your questions about security settings, privacy and who can see what on your profile. We'll also talk about accessing Facebook on mobile devices. *Must have current email account and basic computer skills. Existing Facebook account is preferable.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN | DRAW MINIONS!

February 8, 4:00-5:00 pm

Erie Community Library

Let's learn how to draw Minions using simple drawing techniques with pencils and colored markers. Taught by Drawing Made Simple art instructor and author, Lisa Davis DeMattei. Grades 3-5; [registration required.](#)

ADULTS | "THE CLOUD" FOR BEGINNERS

February 9, 2:00-4:00 pm

Farr Regional Library

You can use the cloud to access your documents, photos, and other files from almost anywhere. From your tablet, to your phone, to your desktop - you can sync across devices. We will teach you the basics of backing up your data to the cloud and discuss some popular options for storage. [Registration required.](#)

CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MONTH

February 9, 4:00-6:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

(Ages 12+; *while supplies last*)

February 18

Erie Community Library

- The Chocolate Factory
4:00-5:00 pm (Grades 6-12)
[Registration required.](#)
- Easiest Chocolate Gifts Ever
6:00-7:00 pm (Ages 18+)
[Registration required.](#)
#Chocolate #ErieColorado

Celebrate with a deliciously fun workshop! We will have many types of chocolate for dipping and dripping and gourmet hot cocoa to brew and share. Discover some great gift ideas!

CHOCOLATE CHILDREN

February 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

Erie Community Library

Squish, smear, paint and play with a variety chocolate sensory activities. Ages 2-5; [registration required.](#)

TEENS | DOWN DOG DIVAS

February 10, 4:00-5:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Join us for an afternoon of yoga with Empower Kids Yoga owner Priscilla Welch, RYT. We will do fun yoga flows to warm up the body, then sink into relaxation by learning deep breathing and de-stressing techniques that will help calm the body and mind, improving your general well-being. We will also create a scented eye pillow to use and take home. Grades 6-12; [registration required.](#)

TEENS & ADULTS | MAKE IT: 3D MODELING

February 10, 6:00-7:30 pm

Centennial Park Library

Want to know more about 3D printing and modeling? Join us for an introduction to Tinkercad, a program used to create 3D digital designs. Ages 12+; [registration required.](#)

ADULTS | COLORADO'S NATURE WITH NATURALIST KEVIN COOK

February 11, 12:00-1:30 pm

Farr Regional Library

Join us this month for "Planting Colorado: Everything About the Canvas on Which Life is Painted." Plants provide what we need and much we enjoy, including the lifescapes that support other animals: grazing bighorn sheep, pollinating bumblebees, seed-stashing nutcrackers. "Planting Colorado" will detail our plant richness and how plants sustain the animals we love.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW AT RIVERSIDE LIBRARY

ADULTS | INTERCAMBIO

February 11, 6:00-7:00 pm

Riverside Library

Looking to practice your Spanish!? Practice your Spanish while helping other learners in a friendly environment. Participants will speak half the time in English and half in Spanish. Beginners welcome. Questions? Call Maggie at 970-506-8488. Program meets once a week, on Thursdays, beginning February 11th.

Quisiera practicar su inglés? Practique su inglés y ayude a otras personas aprender en un ambiente amistoso. Los participantes hablan medio tiempo en inglés y medio tiempo en español. Principiantes bienvenidos. ¿Preguntas? Llame a Maggie 970-506-8488 Programa se reúne una vez a la semana, los jueves de 6-7pm comenzando Febrero 11.

CHILDREN | MOVIE AND A CRAFT: ALADDIN

February 12, 2:00-4:00 pm

Erie Community Library

Come kick off your long weekend at the library! We will be watching Disney's Aladdin and then making a fun craft to take home. There will be free popcorn, and everyone can bring your own water bottle or other snacks. This film is rated G. Grades K-8; [registration required.](#)

FAMILIES MATTER

February 13, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Lincoln Park Library

Come play, sing, write, read and talk with us as we experience the joy of helping young readers succeed. Every Child Ready to Read is coming to Lincoln Park with an exciting fun way to help your child discover the joy of reading. Social time and snacks provided after presentation.

CHILDREN | ON THE ROAD TO READING EARLY LITERACY FAIR

February 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Riverside Library

Read, Write, Sing, Talk and Play with your children! Visit any time during our free Early Literacy Fair for lots of fun, interactive learning activities based on the 5 practices of Every Child Ready to Read. You and your child will enjoy imagination and musical games, fun crafts and much more!

NEW AT CARBON VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

TEENS & ADULTS | CRAFTERNOONS

February 17, 1:00-3:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Drop by every third Wednesday for a fun, easy craft. You bring the creativity--we'll provide the supplies and hot beverages. Open to all, ages 16 and up.

CHILDREN | GLOGA YOGA

February 17, 6:00-7:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Come to the library for a glow in the dark yoga class! Enjoy this unique experience with Empower Kids Yoga owner, Priscilla Welch, RYT. Learn poses and relaxation techniques as you become part of this illuminating adventure. Color changing lights and glow stick bracelets make this a yoga class you will never forget! Grades 3-5; [registration required.](#)



SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN | STEPPING STONE FUN

Carbon Valley Regional Library

February 18, 4:00-5:00 pm

Grades K-2; [registration required.](#)

February 25, 4:00-5:00 pm

Grades 3-5; [registration required.](#)

Come join the fun and create stepping stones using natural materials. You'll get to make two-one to take home and one for the library that will be placed on our nature trail!



ADULTS | INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD

February 22, 1:00-3:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Learn how to create, edit and save documents in Microsoft Word. We'll cover formatting text, using the clipboard and basic features of the ribbon.

[Registration required.](#)

ADULTS | DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

February 22, 5:00-7:30 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Increase your awareness to prevent child sexual abuse and help children stay safe. A free workshop for parents, staff, and volunteers advocating for children, this program will increase knowledge, improve attitudes and change child-protective behaviors. This program is for any responsible adult who cares about the welfare of children. It is also appropriate for youth-serving organizations and personnel. Hosted by Weld County Department of Human Services Prevention Unit. [Registration required.](#)

ADULTS | CANVAS & COCOA

February 23, 5:30-7:30 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

[Registration required](#)

February 25, 5:30-7:30 pm

Erie Community Library

[Registration required.](#)

February 27, 1:00-3:00 pm

Riverside Library

[Registration required.](#)

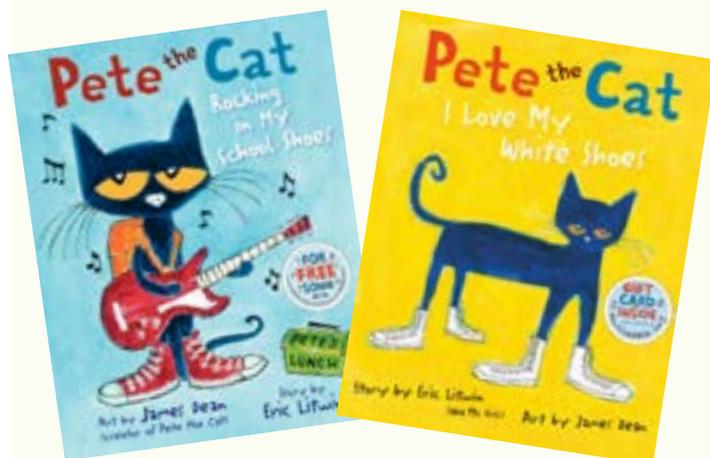
Come in from the cold and enjoy warm cocoa while you have fun painting a spring-themed masterpiece. Each participant will take home their own 8" x 10" canvas creation. No prior art experience needed. All materials provided. Taught by Tami Showers - local artist/owner of The Cruisin' Canvas. (Ages 16+)

CHILDREN | PETE THE CAT STORYTIME

February 24, 4:00-5:00 pm

Erie Community Library

Hey, cool cats! Put on your white shoes for a rockin' storytime all about Pete. We'll play some tunes and get crafty, not to mention read our favorite Pete stories. It's all good! Ages 3+.



SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW AT RIVERSIDE LIBRARY

RIVERSIDE MUSIC MIXER

February 24, 6:00-7:30 pm

Riverside Library

Are your favorite playlists starting to gather dust? Do you ever wonder what other people are listening to in their headphones?

Libraries always have book clubs; be part of our first music club! If you love music and are open to sharing your favorite songs, discussing and discovering new music, join us each month for the Riverside Music Mixer. Participants will have the opportunity to share some of their favorite music. Also, we will listen to and discuss albums selected by the group. Sense of adventure and sense of humor highly recommended. Group will meet monthly on the 4th Wednesday from 6-7:30pm. If you have additional questions, please contact Maggie at 970-506-8488.

TEENS | MANGA CHARACTER DRAWING

February 29, 4:00-5:00 pm

Erie Community Library

Learn how to draw the popular Manga style cartoons using easy to follow techniques and colored pencils. Come to the library for a special art class taught by Drawing Made Simple instructor and author, Lisa Davis DeMattei. Grades 6-12; [registration required](#).



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BOOK DEPOSITS

Briggsdale Library

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Hill & Park Senior Center

4205 Yosemite Dr., Greeley, CO 80634

Milliken Senior Center

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Pierce Senior Center

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Prairie View Senior Center

1151 Main St., Hudson, CO 80632



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INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT INFORMATION

This interactive, all-ages exhibit is an inside look at NASA, America's space agency and covers six key NASA areas: Human Exploration, Earth Science, Mars Exploration, Solar System and Beyond, Aeronautics, and Technology. Getting young people interested in science and technology can be a challenge, but Discover NASA strives to make it fun. The exhibit includes stunning imagery, hands-on activities, and multimedia experiences. Interactive exhibits will be available daily, January 16 through March 19.

Discover NASA Quiz Game

Test your knowledge on all things NASA! Bring a friend to compete with!

Discovery Stations

Hands-on activities: Legos, robots, games and more!

Eyes on Exoplanets

The search for Alien Earths...we are not alone.

Planet Touch Table

Build your own Solar System! Discover how asteroids, comets, planets and stars all fit into our Solar System.

Comets & Asteroids Up-close

Billions of objects orbit our sun. See what the impact of these objects would do to your town.

Daily Planetary Report Station

Weather, weather everywhere! Use a green screen to film your own weather report from another planet.

Space Weather

Storm Alert! There's weather in space? Yes! Play magnetic mini-golf, solar vision and star maze games to discover how weather works in space.

International Space Station

Come learn about the scientific research station that is orbiting 250 miles above Earth, with astronauts on board!

Mission to Mars

Launch a spacecraft to Mars! Discover the uniqueness of the Red Planet.

Wind Tunnel

Come learn how Aeronautics, the science of moving through the air, is central to NASA's mission.

Power Station

Nuclear and Solar Interactive



SATURDAY PROGRAM INFORMATION

For even more hands-on interaction and learning, check out our Saturday programs listed below. All programs will be held at Centennial Park Library from 10:30 am - noon.

January 16 - Discover NASA Kick-Off

(All ages) Come join Star Wars characters as we jump start our new NASA Exhibit! We will have some demonstration tables set up and special tours of the new exhibit.

January 23 - Solar Viewing

(All ages) Viewing the Sun provides an enjoyable way to supplement the usual nighttime observing activities. We'll learn the correct way to observe the sun and avoid injury. The Northern Colorado Astronomical Society will teach us how to safely observe the sun. [Registration Required.](#)

January 30 - Mars Rover with Play-Well

(Grades K-12) Help us build a motorized LEGO Mars Rover! You will learn about this automated motor vehicle and the success it has had on Mars collecting data and information. (Please note: Students will not get to keep the LEGO creations). [Registration Required.](#)

February 6 - Fact or Fiction: Film Discussion

(Ages 18+) Come and mock the science in the popular movie *Armageddon*. [Registration Required.](#)

February 13 - 3D Printing and NASA

(Grades 6-12) Learn the basics of 3D printing and discover how NASA uses this technology in research and space exploration. [Registration Required.](#)

February 20 - Light it up!

(All ages) LED's, circuits, electricity, rockets...how do they all go together? [Registration Required.](#)

February 27 - Book Pairing Book Club

(Ages 18+) Two popular books, one discussion! Read one or both of the following titles and join us for an informal discussion comparing these two bestsellers.

- *The Martian* by Andy Weir

Stranded on Mars, astronaut Mark Watney must use his brains (and snarky sense of humor) to stay alive and return to earth. Think MacGyver in space. But no mullet.

- *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void* by Mary Roach

Experience space without ever leaving Earth. From the space shuttle training toilet to a crash test of NASA's new space capsule, Roach takes us on a surreally entertaining trip into the science of life in space - and space on Earth.

[Registration Required.](#) The first 20 people to register can choose one of these books for free! Deadline to register is February 13.

March 5 - Space Science

(Grades K-12) STEM activities centered around space, led by Anne Holland of Space Science Institute, National Center for Interactive Learning. [Registration Required.](#)

March 12 - Adventures in Space

(All ages) Join us for a morning of adventures in space! Learn about craters, channels and volcanoes on other planets. Led by Erin Wood from the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado Boulder. [Registration Required.](#)

March 19 - Star Wars Party

(All ages) Help us send off our Discover NASA Exhibit! Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character, play Star Wars trivia, and make Star Wars themed crafts.