



PINE RIVER
LIBRARY

PINE RIVER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

July 2026



**July 1: Delayed
Opening at 10am
for Staff Meeting**



**July 3 & 4:
Independence
Day**



Classic Movie Series with
film expert Dennis Taylor.
April - June films were filmed
in or around Bayfield!

Mr. Blandings Builds His Dreamhouse (1948)



**Monday,
July 13, 6pm**

A husband
and wife
decide they
can afford a
house in the
country built
to their liking. It ends up
being far more trouble than
they imagine.

Starring Cary Grant and
Myrna Loy.

UNEARTH A STORY

DISCOVER THE FIELD GUIDE TO
SUMMER LEARNING
JUNE & JULY 2026



Register the whole family for our all ages Summer Learning Program! Join us through July for all kinds of fun. Our Summer Learning Program is jam packed with all sorts of excitement for every age, including special events, a storywalk, prize drawings, and programs for all ages! Sign up online [here](#) or by scanning the QR code!



Bayfield 120, Colorado 150, USA 250 Birthday!

Saturday | August 1 | 11am-2pm

Come celebrate with us! Enjoy live music from *Yes, No, Maybe* while feasting on pulled pork sandwiches, birthday cake & ice cream, plus pies courtesy of our wonderful Garden Club. Our local nonprofit friends will also have activities for all ages! Want to contribute? Bring a side dish to share!



Bayfield Then & Now Postcard Challenge



Help celebrate Colorado's 150th birthday by exploring our past and present! Third, fourth, and fifth grade students can join the re-photography challenge to capture new images of old postcards. Visit sites.google.com/view/colorado-then-now.

Explore historic photos around Bayfield or La Plata County, find the location and take your own NOW photo, and upload your photos before August 25th for a chance to win. Bayfield entries will be displayed at the Pine River Library and at the Bayfield Heritage Days event.

Snack Bags for Kids!

Every Tuesday | July | 11am-1pm

All kids (0-18) can pick up a free snack pack at the library. This program is sponsored by Pine River Shares, Friends of the Library, and local churches. It is hosted by Bayfield students!



Self Defense 101 with Shiann Swapp & Alaina Molinary

Saturday | July 11 | 10am-12pm

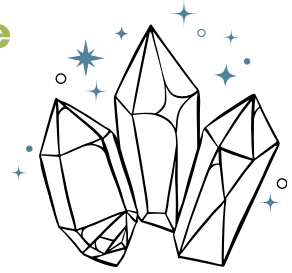
Learn the basics of self-defense in this engaging two-hour class, taught by Shiann Swapp, a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Black Belt and experienced Kickboxing and BJJ instructor at Durango Martial Arts Academy, and Alaina Molinaro, a BJJ brown belt. Space is limited, and registration is required. Register on our website or <https://forms.gle/qkQvA8ej6vyAeYMC8>. Free, but donations are happily accepted.



Trivia Tuesday at Lost Goat: Rock Your Knowledge

Tuesday | July 14 | 6pm

Did you know that igneous rock was magma before it was cool? Adults, nerd out with us at the Goat for Tuesday Trivia: Geology Edition! Enjoy local beer and battle your friends for ultimate bragging rights and prizes. This program is for ages 21+.



Living Room Conversations: Freedom



Thursday | July 16 | 6pm

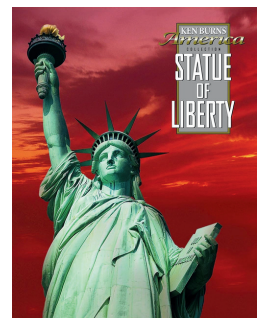
Freedom is a key concept in America's founding documents. This conversation invites you to explore the many facets of freedom. Please join us by the fireplace as we discuss key questions that will invite you to think more deeply about your definition of freedom.

Documentaries: The Statue of Liberty

Friday | July 17 | 5pm

Learn more about America and Colorado history at the library this summer with free documentaries!

For nearly 140 years, the Statue of Liberty has been a symbol of hope and refuge for generations of immigrants. In this compelling and provocative portrait, Ken Burns explores both the history of America's symbol and the meaning of liberty itself.



Craft Nights Rock!: Rock Scenes

Tuesday | July 21 | 5pm

Join us to create rock art!

Using pebbles, small rocks, a few other natural elements plus your imagination, we will create mini framed rock scenes.

This program is free and open to all ages.



Newcomers & Neighbors

Wednesday | July 22 | 6-7pm

Whether you've lived in Bayfield 120 days or 120 years, we want you to feel welcome in the heart of the Pine River Valley! These quarterly meetups give new and less new neighbors a chance to get to know one another as they share stories over refreshments! This event is co-hosted by Bayfield Heritage Days and Pine River Library.



Backcountry Preparedness with Dirty Wheels Biking & Guiding

Thursday | July 23 | 5-6:30pm

Get equipped with essential skills for safe mountain exploration, trip planning, hazard assessment, navigation, and emergency response with the women of Dirty Wheels Biking! You'll learn to manage risks, ensuring confidence and safety in alpine terrain.



Nature Journaling with Simple Art

Friday | July 24 & 31 | 2-4pm

Draw, sketch, color or paint to enhance and expand your observations of nature. There will be no judgment about artistic ability at all. This class is for adults, and it is free. Meet in Pine River Library community room to begin, and then we will spend time outside. Class size is limited, so please register here: <https://forms.gle/SUAUoEr3VhZ59Xcf7> or at the front desk.



Craft Night at Lost Goat: Rock Decorating

Tuesday | July 28 | 6-7pm

Adults, it's your time to shine! You can finally enjoy drinks while creating a craft at Lost Goat Tavern! Enjoy an evening of creativity as we create whimsical gnomes, fairies, and woodland homes. The library brings the craft supplies, and you bring your creative side (and cash if you want food and drinks - we don't supply EVERYTHING!).

This program is for ages 21+.



Snail Mail Society

Register by July 29th

First meeting Wednesday | August 12 | 5-6pm

Looking for analog connection in a digital world? Join our library-to-library pen pal club! All ages welcome so bring your friends and we'll bring everything else! To be matched with a penpal ahead of the program, please register by July 29th. Unregistered attendees are welcome to participate and will be matched with a penpal at a later date. Register here: <https://forms.gle/oYXRjsSxxNtm47AS9>





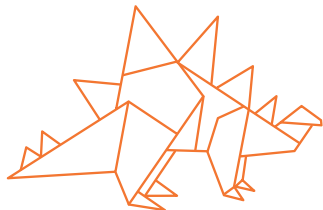
YOUTH SERVICES

KIDS PROGRAMS

Babies/Toddlers

Stego Storytime | Thursdays | 10am

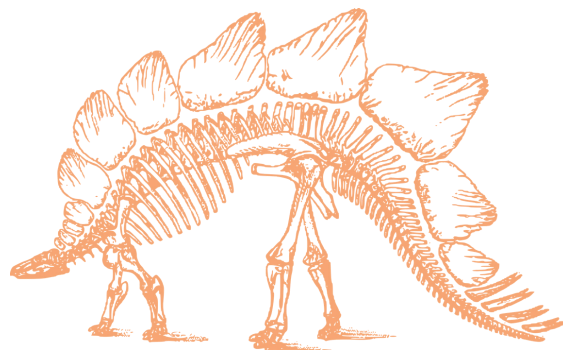
Join us for dino songs, stories, crafts, and games. Perfect for ages 0-6, and older siblings are always welcome to come.



Kids

Cretaceous Creations: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10-11am

Take a walk back in time to create, play, and discover your prehistoric side. All ages are welcome. Events are created for 10+ to do on their own and younger may need a bit of help.



TEEN PROGRAMS | Grades 6-12

Teen Gaming | Tuesdays | 1-3pm

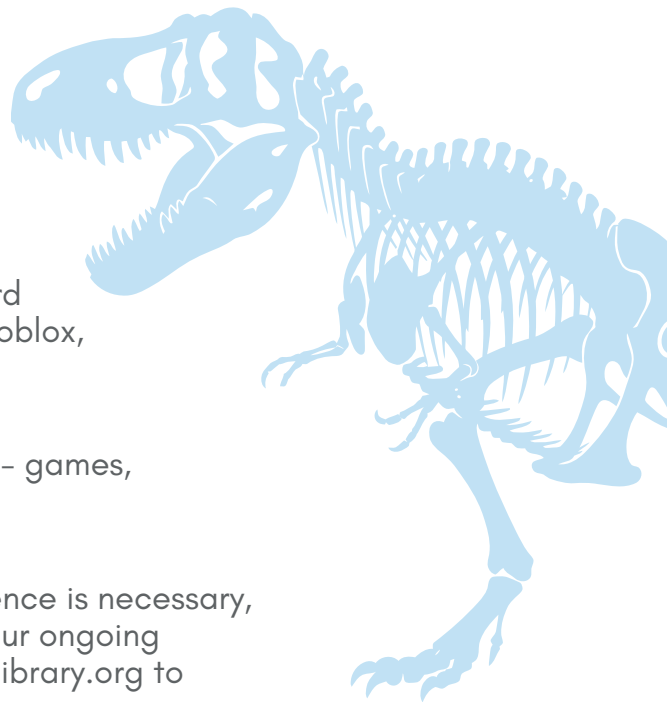
Get ready for an epic celebration of gaming! Step into the arena and conquer a variety of challenges, from intense board game battles to console showdowns and digital worlds like Roblox, Minecraft, and more.

Teen Movies & Mayhem! | Thursdays | 1-3pm

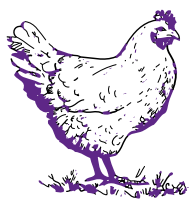
Watch movies and see what kinds of hijinks we can get up to - games, VR, and snacks while we take a break from the heat!

Teen D&D | Fridays | 1-3pm

Roll for initiative! New members are welcome, and no experience is necessary, but you will need to set up a character before you can join our ongoing Dungeons & Dragons campaign. Please reach out to sera@prlibrary.org to register for the group.



ALL AGES PROGRAM

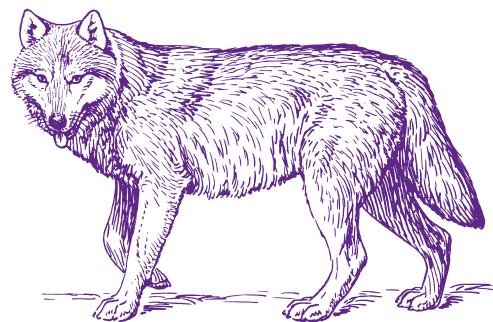


Critter-saurus Fridays | Select Fridays | 10-11am

Join us for fun animal visits for all ages!

July 10: Wolfwood

July 17: 4-H Club Animal Day





Monthly/Weekly Events

Typeset Writers' Group | Monday, July 6 | 6-8pm

No rules, just writing! Each month, a member of the group will bring an article for discussion. Participants also have the option to bring two pages of their own writing to read aloud, but it's not required. If you'd like to read your own writing, please bring it in manuscript format. Led by Brooke Heller of Wonderstorm Productions.

Easy Spanish Conversation | Thursday, July 9 | 11am-12pm

Join us for an hour of conversation at the library the second Thursday of each month. Come meet others in an informal setting who are also learning to express themselves en español. All ages and language levels are welcome! We meet by the fireplace or outside, depending on the weather.

Community Music Makers | Thursday, July 9 | 1-3pm

Local musicians of all abilities and instruments (including voice!) are welcome to join us every second Thursday of the month! We share our songs and love of music of all kinds. Please bring your instrument and a few copies of what you want to play and share. We usually go around the circle and each person shares a song with others joining in. Do not be intimidated; we truly are of all ability levels!

Beginning Mahjong Meetup | Fridays, July 10 & 24 | 3:30-5pm

Mahjong is a tile-based table-top game developed in 19th century China. Similar to the Western card game rummy, mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and luck. It is entertaining to play and, like dominoes, is relatively easy to learn. All are welcome, join us twice monthly to play!

4 Corners Tabletop Night | Fridays, July 10 & 24 | 6-11pm

4 Corners Tabletop Night is a place for tabletop gamers in the Four Corners area to meet up and get their miniatures to the table. We play a variety of games and welcome players of all skill levels. We strongly encourage joining our Discord Server for event information, hobby inspiration, and tabletop chat. Group Discord Server: 4 Corners Tabletop: (<https://discord.com/invite/eckX7hdJfR>) For more information, email Blake Johnson at blakejohnson@gmail.com or Byron Munda at byronallen175@gmail.com. For more information, email Blake Johnson at blakejohnson@gmail.com or Byron Munda at byronallen175@gmail.com.

11th on the 11th! | Saturday, July 11 | 1:30pm-late

Join Four Corners Tabletop as we celebrate the launch of Warhammer 40,000 11th Edition with an all-day wargaming event! Whether you're a seasoned commander or completely new to the grim darkness of the far future, this is the perfect chance to dive into the new edition with fellow hobbyists. We'll have loaner armies available for 500-point games, making it easy for anyone to jump in and start playing. Space is limited, so arrive early to secure a table and claim a loaner army. Entry is \$10, collected at the door, to help cover food and refreshments throughout the day. Bring your dice, your enthusiasm, and your love of the hobby. Meet new players, reconnect with old rivals, and help us usher in a new era of Warhammer 40,000!

Card Making at the Senior Center | Tuesday, July 14 | 10am-11am

Join us at the Pine River Senior Center every second Tuesday of the month and create two beautiful handmade cards. 100% free!

Pine River Library Board of Trustees Meeting | Wednesday, July 15 | 5:30pm

Pine River Library monthly board meeting. Agenda and minutes are available on our website at www.prlibrary.org

Kaffeeklatsch! | Thursday, July 16 | 10-11am

Come and join us for an hour of German conversation on the third Thursday of every month. Meet others who have ties to Deutschland, the German language, and want to practice their skills. Bis bald!

Pine River Senior Center Outreach | Friday, July 17 | 11am

Enjoy books and DVDs available for check out, delivered to you at the Senior Center with an extended loan period (4 weeks, rather than the standard 1-3 weeks) each month.



Monthly/Weekly Events

Advanced Spanish Conversation | Thursday, July 23 | 11am-12pm

Join us for an hour of conversation en español at the library. Come meet others in an informal setting for a lively exchange of ideas and discussions about interesting topics. All ages and language levels are welcome. Meet at the fireplace or patio, depending on the weather.

Women's Group | Saturday, July 25 | 1-2:30pm

The goal of this group is to provide a safe space for women to connect, share experiences, mentor one another in various areas of experience, and find encouragement. Women help other women to provide emotional support, practical advice, and a sense of community, assisting each other to navigate various challenges and build confidence. This group typically meets on the 4th Saturday.

Pine River Garden Club Meeting: Soils & Permaculture | Monday, July 27 | 6-8 PM

Learn about local soil challenges, how to test for different characteristics, and regenerative and permaculture hacks to make your garden resilient.

Friends of the Library Shed Book Sale | Tuesdays | 1-3pm

Weather permitting, stop by the shed in the library parking lot for our weekly popup book sale! There are many wonderful books to choose from!

Upcoming Events to watch out for!

Library Closure

Monday | August 3

Library closed for a library system upgrade and staff training.

Community Art Show Reception



Tuesday | August 4 | 5-6pm

Come meet the artists, admire the art, and enjoy refreshments! There will be a special artists' toast at 5:30pm.

Marvel Crisis Protocol Summer Slam

Saturday | August 8 | 9:30am-6pm

Four corners gaming is having a Marvel Crisis Protocol singles event! Four rounds starting at 9:30am and going until 6pm. Please text 512.585.8871 for sign up details.



Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting



Thursday | August 13

Our next Friends meeting will be Thursday, August 13 from 11am-1pm. Save the date!

Book Clubs



After Hours Lit

First Tuesday of the Month | July 7 | 5:30-6:30pm

After Hours Lit is a romance book club with a dark side. We'll switch between cozy, feel-good reads & steamy, dark romances. No matter your mood, we'll celebrate swoon, spice, and stories best enjoyed after hours! This month's book is *Along Came Amor* by Alexis Daria.



BookMarks Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month | July 8 | 2-3pm

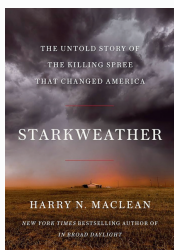
Bookmarks is a relaxed book club open to all adults. We read a variety of genres and always welcome new members. Stop by the front desk today to check out your copy of this month's title: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.



Cookbook Club

Third Wednesday of the Month | July 15 | Noon-1pm

Gather together and share a potluck of recipes! Stop by the library and pick up a copy of this month's cookbook, then call or email Joanna to RSVP and let us know what recipe you'll be making for the potluck (970.884.2222 ext. 517, joanna@prlibrary.org). This month's theme is salads.



Killer Reads: A True Crime Book Club

Third Thursday of the Month | July 16 | 6-7pm

Love true crime? So do we. Join Killer Reads, the ultimate book club for fans of real-life mysteries, criminal investigations, and psychological suspense. Stop by the front desk today to check out your copy of *Starkweather: The Untold Story of the Killing Spree that Changed America* by Harry N. MacLean. Questions? Email Michaela at michaela@prlibrary.org.

Exercise Classes & Meetups

Full Body Fit Class by Mountaintop Movement | Monday-Thursday | 8:15-9am

Workout using your own body weight or light hand weights to work all the body parts! A yoga mat & light hand weights are helpful. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. These classes are free, but donations are welcome. Weather permitting, classes may be held outside. These classes are hosted by local fitness instructor Tammy Williams.

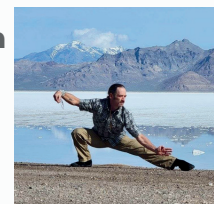


NEW Pilates with Carly | Thursdays: July 2, 16, 23 & 30 | 9:30am

Whether you're a Pilates ninja or the mat is uncharted territory, come start at your level, get stronger, and maybe even understand yourself a bit better. The goal is to leave the class feeling taller, more aware, and a little lighter... the soreness will set in later! Please bring a mat & water. Pilates will not be held on July 9th.

Traditional Chen Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan) | Sundays 3pm & Wednesdays 9:15am

Join us to explore the benefits and novelty of Traditional Chen Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan), direct from Chen Village, China, delivered through the lens and toolset of today's leading-edge Applied Neuroscience. These classes are free, but donations are always welcome. Twice weekly: Sundays at 3pm and Wednesdays at 9:15am.



July at Pine River Library

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Orange=Children's Blue=Teen Green=Adults Purple=All Ages</p> <p>* Preregistration required + Outside, weather permitting Pine River Library 395 Bayfield Center Dr. 970.884.2222 www.prlibrary.org</p>			<p>1 8:15 am: Full-Body Fit + 9:15 am: Tai Chi Chuan 10 am: Late Opening: Library Staff Meeting 10 am: Cretaceous Creations</p>	<p>2 8:15 am: Full-Body Fit + 9:30 am: Plates with Carly 10 am: Stego Storytime 1 pm: Teen Movies & Mayhem</p>	<p>3 LIBRARY CLOSED </p>	<p>4 10 am: Self Defence 101* 1:30 pm: 11th on the 11th</p>
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