



PINE RIVER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

August 2026



August 3: Closed
for Library System
Upgrade and Staff
Development.



Classic Movie Series with
film expert Dennis Taylor.
July – September are Domestic
Comedies from the 40s,
50s, 60s.

High Society (1956)



**Monday,
Aug. 10, 6pm**

When a
socialite is
about to
remarry, her
ex-husband
has 48 hours
to change her

mind and convince her that
she's still in love with him.

All-star cast with Grace Kelly,
Bing Cosby, Frank Sinatra
and Louis Armstrong.

Bayfield 120, Colorado 150, USA 250 Birthday Bash!

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.
Bring your family, your friends, and, if you like, a
favorite side dish to share, as we celebrate together!



Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting

Thursday | August 13 | 11am

Come to our fun quarterly potluck lunch meeting
where we get together to plan upcoming activities.
The Friends support the efforts of the library through
fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy in our
community. Consider joining the cause – your input
and energy can help our library thrive! For more
information on the Friends of the Library visit
<https://prlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>



FRIENDS OF THE
PINE RIVER
LIBRARY

Block Party to support Friends of the Library

Thursday | August 6 | 5:30-8:30pm



Join us to support the Friends of the Library at
the August Mill Street Block Party. Beer
garden profits support the Friends this month!
[https://www.bayfieldgov.org/special-
events/page/block-parties](https://www.bayfieldgov.org/special-events/page/block-parties)



clases de inglés

First & Third Saturdays each month beginning August 15 | 10am

Aprenda o mejore su inglés con clases practicas sin libros. En cada clase no enfocamos en situaciones específicas en las que debemos comunicarnos en inglés: citas médicos, impuestos, negocios, y temas legales. Con David Vásquez Hurtado, profesor universitario.

Learn or improve your English with practical classes without books. In each class, we will focus on special situations in which we have to communicate in English, such as medical appointments, taxes, business, and legal matters. With David Vásquez Hurtado, professor at Fort Lewis College.



Snack Bags for Kids!



Tuesday | August 4 | 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!

Community Art Show Reception!

Tuesday | August 4 | 5pm

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



Documentaries! From Sea to Shining Sea:

Katharine Lee Bates and the Story of America the Beautiful



Friday | August 7 | 5pm

Join us for a free screening of From Sea to Shining Sea: Katharine Lee Bates and the Story of America the Beautiful. This 37 minute documentary gives insight into the hidden truth behind one of America's most beloved songs, America the Beautiful. However, few know about the fascinating life of the writer behind it: poet, long-time professor at Wellesley College and social reformer Katharine Lee Bates.



Snail Mail Society & Cozy Craft Night

Wednesday | August 12 | 5pm

Looking for analog connection in a digital world? Join us for the inaugural meeting of the Snail Mail Society, a library-to-library penpal club! This month, it's a collaboration between Cozy Craft Night & Snail Mail Society. Snail Mail Society will allow us to build community and create meaningful connections. This program is free and open to all ages.



Living Room Conversations: Guns & Responsibility



Thursday | August 20 | 6pm

Guns, the second amendment, and gun control are topics that often bring forth strong passions and opinions. This conversation seeks to help us develop a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges surrounding gun ownership.



YOUTH SERVICES

Fall Youth Services Programs begin August 24th!

Parents or guardians of children younger than 6th grade must register their children in order for them to attend after school programs. Registration opens August 17th. Registration forms are available at www.prlibrary.org/after-school-programs.

KIDS PROGRAMS

Babies/Toddlers

Hopper's Storytime | Thursdays | 11am *new time*

Join us weekly to read books, meet new friends, and make a craft together.

Kids

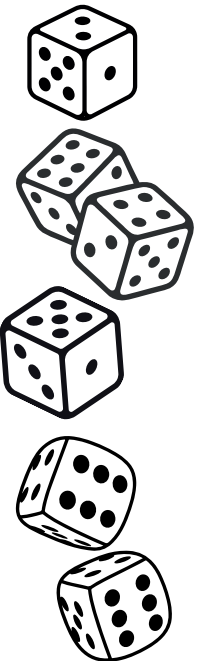
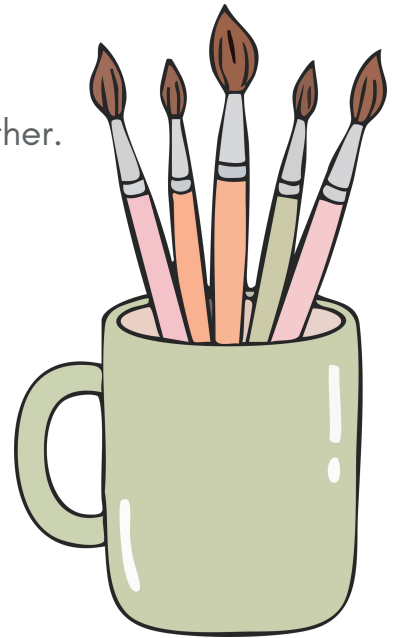
STEAM Power Hour (Grades 3-5) | Mondays | 4-5pm

Junior STEAM Power Hour (Grades K-2) | Wednesdays, 4-5pm

Explore new interests, delve into the wonders of learning science, and create artistic masterpieces! Registration is required.

Kids' Gamer Club (Grades 3-5) | Tuesdays | 4-5pm

Come and celebrate all forms of gaming! Board games, console video games, Roblox, Minecraft, and more! Some computers are provided, but gamers can bring their own laptops or gaming devices if they prefer. This program is for grades 3-5. Registration is required.



TEEN PROGRAMS | grades 6-12

Teen Time | Tuesdays & Wednesdays | 4-5:30pm

Hang out in the teen area for cards, tabletop games, and more! Ease into the after school time at the library with space to play, read, work on homework, and chill. You choose what works for you!

Teen TGIT | Thursdays | 4-5:30pm

Join us in the community room for games (Xbox, Oculus, Roblox, etc), activities, music, and snacks! On the third Thursday of each month, watch for something special: possibly cooking, maybe international snacks – who knows?! Check out the calendar for more details!

Teen D&D (ages 13 & up) | Fridays | 11am-1pm

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



Monthly/Weekly Events

County Commissioner Matt Salka | Thursday, August 6 | 4-6pm

Stop by to chat during office hours with County Commissioner Salka.

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

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

Easy Spanish Conversation | Thursday, August 13 | 11am-12pm

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, August 13 | 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. Do not be intimidated; we truly are of all ability levels!

Beginning Mahjong Meetup | Fridays, August 14 & 28 | 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, August 14 & 28 | 6-11pm

4 Corners Tabletop Night is a place for tabletop gamers 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: 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.

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Pine River Library Board of Trustees Meeting | Wednesday, August 19 | 5:30pm

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

Kaffeeklatsch! | Thursday, August 20 | 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, August 21 | 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.

Women's Group | Saturday, August 22 | 1-2:30pm

WG provides a safe space for women to connect, share experiences, mentor and encourage one another. 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 meets on the 4th Saturday.

Advanced Spanish Conversation | Thursday, August 27 | 11am-12pm

Join us for 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 & language levels welcome. Meet at the fireplace or patio, depending on the weather.



Monthly/Weekly Events

County Commissioner Elizabeth Philbrick | Thursday, August 27 | 4-6pm

Stop by to chat during office hours with County Commissioner Philbrick.

Kaffeeklatsch Special Event | Saturday, August 29 | 3-5pm

The ongoing German Conversation Group is getting together for a special Kaffeeklatsch with coffee and homemade German goodies. If you are a German Speaker (any level is welcome!) who always wanted to check out this group, this might be your opportunity! Please RSVP to Nisargo at nisargo@prlibrary.org.

Pine River Garden Club Meeting: Season Extension | Monday, August 31 | 6-8pm

Interested in extending the vegetable garden growing season and learning how to take advantage of warm days and protect your plants against cold nights? Learn strategies for Growing Under Cover. Learn the benefits of Hobby Greenhouses, High Tunnels, Low Tunnels, Row Covers, and Raised Beds.

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!

Chautauqua Speaker Becky Stone presents Pauli Murray

Thursday | September 10 | 6pm

Presented by Southwest Colorado Humanities Roundtable and Pine River Library Pauli Murray was an attorney, civil and women's rights activist, Episcopal priest, poet and life-long friend of Eleanor Roosevelt. Becky Stone gives an in-depth portrayal of Pauli Murray and then takes questions from the audience while still in character.

Theodore Roosevelt and the American West

Tuesday | September 15 | 5:30pm

Andrew Gulliford, professor of History and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango, will speak about his hero, President Theodore Roosevelt. Dr. Gulliford will discuss Teddy's youth, his passion for the West, his indomitable Western spirit, and his impact on national parks and national monuments.

Hornos, Chuckwagons, and Hardtack: The 1876 Table

Monday | September 21 | 5:30pm

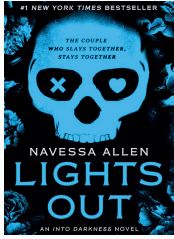
It is Colorado's 150th year as a state, so let's look at how and what people ate in 1876! Dr. Rachael Storm is Head of Curatorial Services & Curator of Business and Industry at History Colorado. Her recent book, *Setting Colorado's Table: 150 Years of Agricultural Legacy*, celebrates the history of farming and ranching in the Centennial State.

Looking for Heroes in the Tricky Fights to Protect Public Lands and the Environment

Tuesday | September 22 | 5:30pm

How do we think about protecting the places we love in the future? Looking to the past can give us some ideas. Celebrated author Heather Hansman will share stories from her new book *Fierce Country: The Untold Story of Three Women Who Ignited America's Love for the Wild* and give some insight about what she found when she went looking for the overlooked stories of women in the outdoor world and how we can learn from those stories now. Heather Hansman is an award-winning Durango based freelance writer and best-selling author.

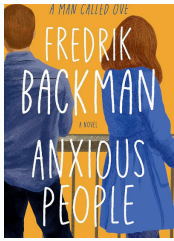
Book Clubs



After Hours Lit

First Tuesday of the Month | Aug. 4 | 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 *Lights Out* by Navessa Allen



BookMarks Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month | Aug. 12 | 2-3pm

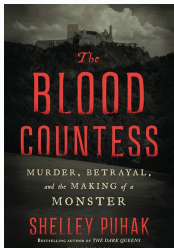
Bookmarks is a relaxed book club open to all adults. We read a variety of genres and always welcome new members. Stop by the front desk today to check out your copy of this month's title: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.



Cookbook Club

Third Wednesday of the Month | Aug. 19 | 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 Dip It! (foods that include dip).



Killer Reads: A True Crime Book Club

Third Thursday of the Month | Aug. 20 | 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 *The Blood Countess: Murder, Betrayal, and the Making of a Monster* by Shelley Puhak. 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.

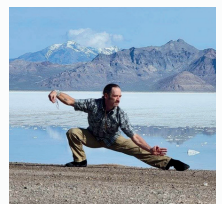


Pilates with Carly | Thursdays | 9:30-10:20am

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.

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.



August at Pine River Library

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Orange=Children Blue=Teens Green=Adults Purple=All Ages  * Preregistration required + Outside, weather permitting Pine River Library 395 Bayfield Center Dr. 970.884.2222 www.prlibrary.org						1 11 am - 2 pm: BIRTHDAY BASH! 

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