



PINE RIVER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

February 2026



**February 4:
Delayed Opening
at 10am for Staff
Meeting**



**February 16:
Presidents' Day**



Classic Movie Series with film expert Dennis Taylor. January - March films feature the theme, "Baby, it's hot outside!"

***The Seven Year Itch* (1955)**



**Monday,
February 9
6pm**

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Radon Information & Test Kits

Thursday | February 5 | 1-2pm

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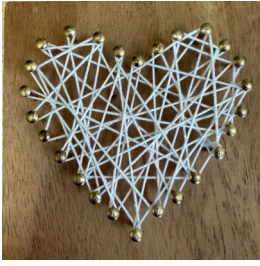
Virtual Reality Travel Adventure

Thursday | February 26 | 11:30am-1:30pm



The Ignacio Community Library Virtual Reality Team is joining PRL to bring you an exciting adventure where adults can explore amazing destinations from the comfort of the library! Sign up ahead of time at the desk or [online](#).

Cozy Craft Night: String & Nail Art



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The Good Death Seminar

Part 1: How Did We get Here? The History of Death & How It Became the #1 Fear in the World

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- How modern society's disconnect from death has contributed to fear and avoidance
- Practical steps to reduce the fear of dying by acknowledging and openly discussing death

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After Hours Lit NEW

Tuesday | February 3 | 5:30-6:30pm

Add some spice to your TBR! After Hours Lit is a romance book club with a dark side. We'll alternate between cozy, feel good reads & steamy, dark romances. No matter your mood, come celebrate swoon, spice, and stories best enjoyed after hours. This month's book: *Butcher & Blackbird* by Brynne Weaver.





YOUTH SERVICES

KIDS PROGRAMS

Babies/Toddlers

Hopper's Storytime | Thursdays | 11am

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 | Mondays, 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 a time for that.

ALL AGES PROGRAM

Crafternoon | Fridays | 1-2pm

Join us every week for Friday fun! We will create craft projects such as pony beady buddies, quilling designs, jewelry making, crochet, and much more!

This drop in activity time is open to all ages. Folks are free to come and go as they please, and we encourage caregivers to participate alongside their little ones, as these activities are not monitored in the way that our registration required programs are.



Monthly/Weekly Events

Typeset Writers' Group | Monday, February 2 | 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.

Open Sewing/Quilting | February 3, 10 & 24 from 10:30am-1pm & February 6 from 2:30-5:30pm

PRL welcomes quilters back to the classroom to facilitate completion of their UFO's (unfinished objects)! These sessions are not intended for beginner quilters, but rather for seasoned quilters who enjoy stitching with friends and vicariously learning at the same time. Bring your "in progress" projects along with your sewing machine, thread, scissors, rotary cutter and mat and any other supplies you will need to one or all of these sessions.

Delayed Library Opening | Wednesday, February 4 | 10am

Delayed opening due to our monthly staff meeting. We will open at 10am.

Radon Information & Test Kits | Thursday, February 5 | 1-2pm

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that forms when uranium, thorium, or radium, which are radioactive metals, break down in rock, soil and water. Radon can build up to dangerous levels inside any home. This includes new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without a basement. Radon gas is odorless and invisible and the only way to know if your home has a radon problem is to test for it. Breathing radon can increase your risk of lung cancer. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among people who do not smoke. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer for people who do. EPA estimates that radon causes about 21,000 deaths from lung cancer each year in the U.S. If you smoke and your home has a high radon level, your risk of lung cancer can increase even more. Please join us for a short presentation about radon and pick up a free radon test kit to test your home.

County Commissioner Matt Salka | Thursday, February 5 | 4-6pm

Members of the public are invited to meet with LPC Commissioner Matt Salka to discuss county issues of interest or concerns on the first Thursday of each month.

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

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

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Easy Spanish Conversation | Thursday, February 12 | 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.



Monthly/Weekly Events

Community Music Makers | Thursday, February 12 | 1:00-3:00pm

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, February 13 & 27 | 4-5:30pm

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, February 13 & 27 | 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.

The Good Death Seminar, Part 1: How Did We get Here? The History of Death & How It Became the #1 Fear in the World | Saturday, February 14 | 10:30am-12pm

Maria has recently completed her studies to become an End-of-Life Doula and Peace-of-Mind & Legacy Consultant under Suzanne B. O'Brien, founder of the Doulagivers Institute. She believes that acknowledging and honoring death awakens a fuller life – it is a doorway and a teacher, reminding us to live with love, courage, and intention. In the first seminar, we will explore: the historical context of death and dying, how modern society's disconnect from death has contributed to fear and avoidance, and practical steps to reduce the fear of dying by acknowledging and openly discussing death

Library Closure | Monday, February 16 | Federal Holiday: Presidents' Day

Death Cafe | Tuesday, February 17 | 1-2:30pm

Pine River Library is one of many groups in 79 countries across the world that host Death Cafes. A Death Cafe is a time and place where people come to share food, drink tea or coffee, and discuss death openly and honestly. The aim is to increase awareness about death in order to help people make the most of their (finite) lives.

Kaffeeklatsch! | Thursday, February 19 | 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!

AARP Driver Safety Course | Friday, February 20 | 12-4pm

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Women's Group | Saturday, February 21 | 1-2pm

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 will help other women to provide emotional support, practical advice, and a sense of community, helping women navigate various challenges and build confidence.



Monthly/Weekly Events

Pine River Garden Club | Monday, February 23 | 6-8pm

Join us the last Monday of the month (January-October), in the Library Community Room or outside in the garden, depending on the weather.

Advanced Spanish Conversation | Thursday, February 26 | 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.

Virtual Reality Travel Adventure | Thursday, February 26 | 11:30am-1:30pm

Experience travelling the world in Virtual Reality (VR) from the comfort of the library. Ignacio Community Library's VR Team will be here at PRL to help host this special program partnership. Friendly library staffers will be on hand to assist participants who are unfamiliar with the headsets. This program is for adults. Teens 13 and up may participate with an adult and a signed waiver. This program can accommodate up to 11 participants. Drop-ins will be welcome if there is room, but please sign up here to ensure a spot: [VR Travel](#)

Pine River Senior Center Outreach | Friday, February 27 | 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.

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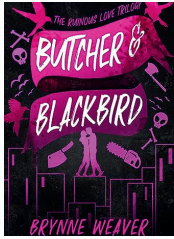
Friends of the Library Shed Book Sale | Tuesdays | 1-3pm

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!

Traditional Chen Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan) | Sundays 3-4pm & Wednesdays 9:15-10:15am

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. Jason Brown has fostered a deep love of movement practice as both student and teacher for over 40 years. From early beginnings in Internal Martial Arts and gymnastics, Jason began coaching at 19yo and by 1994 was a lead instructor for The Tai Chi Project of Denver - Grant Research Study through the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center for over 10 years. Continuing from there through rigorous education and long term positions in emergency medicine, integrated massage, sport performance, and rehabilitation, Jason's joy of movement and thirst for wisdom is still thriving. Currently a Master Practitioner Candidate in Z-Health Performance Solutions' extensive Applied Neurology Program and working diligently toward becoming part of the Chenjiagou Taijiquan lineage, you may often find Jason moving slowly while chewing on the latest amazing neuroanatomy findings, honing his ninja warrior skills, playing with the grandkids, or practicing guitar while working as a roadie for his wife, Lisa.

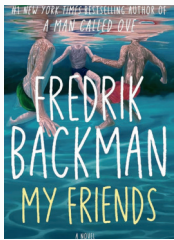
Book Clubs



After Hours Lit

First Tuesday of the Month | February 3 | 5:30-6:30pm

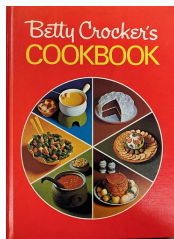
After Hours Lit is a romance book club with a dark side. We'll switch between cozy, feel-good reads & steamy, dark romances. No matter your mood, we'll celebrate swoon, spice, and stories best enjoyed after hours! February's book is *Butcher & Blackbird* by Brynne Weaver.



Bookmarks Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month | February 11 | 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: *My Friends* by Frederik Backman.



Cookbook Club

Third Wednesday of the Month | February 18 | Noon-1pm

Gather together and share a potluck of recipes! Stop by the library and pick up a copy of this month's cookbook and 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). February's theme is Betty Crocker.



Killer Reads Book Club

Third Thursday of the Month | February 19 | 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 Devil at His Elbow: Alex Murdaugh and the Fall of a Southern Dynasty* by Valeria Bauerlein. 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.



Yoga For All | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 9:15-10:15am

In this informal, free meetup, we create awareness and harmony between the mind and body that allows us to reduce stress and anxiety. We use our breath to move deeper into our bodies while warming, lengthening, and strengthening our muscles. All you need is a yoga mat and a water bottle. Some yoga tools such as blocks, a blanket and a strap are encouraged.

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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.



February at Pine River Library

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 3 pm: Tai Chi Chuan</p>	<p>2 8:15 am: Full-Body Fit + 4 pm: Teen Time 4 pm: Kids STEAM* 6 pm: Typeset Writers' Group</p>	<p>3 8:15 am: Full-Body Fit + 9:15 am: Yoga For All 10:30 am: Sewing/Quilting 1 pm: FOL Book Shed Sale + 4 pm: Teen Time 4 pm: Kids' Gamer Club* 5:30 pm: After Hours Lit</p>	<p>4 8:15 am: Full-Body Fit + 9:15 am: Tai Chi Chuan 10 am: Late Opening: Library Staff Meeting 4 pm: Teen Time 4 pm: Kids Junior STEAM*</p>	<p>5 8:15 am: Full-Body Fit + 9:15 am: Yoga For All 11 am: Hopper's Storytime 1 pm: Radon Test and Info 4 pm: Teen TGIT 4 pm: Commissioner Salka</p>	<p>6 11 am: Teen D&D 1 pm: Crafternoon 2:30 pm: Sewing/Quilting</p>	<p>7</p>
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* Preregistration required | + Outside, weather permitting

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