



PINE RIVER
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PINE RIVER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

September 2024



**Monday,
Sept. 2:
Closed for
Labor Day**



**Wed. Sept 11:
Delayed opening
at 10 AM for
monthly staff
meeting**



Monthly Matinees are back this month! First Friday Matinees are aimed at adults and Family Friday Matinees (third Friday of the month) will be kids' movies.



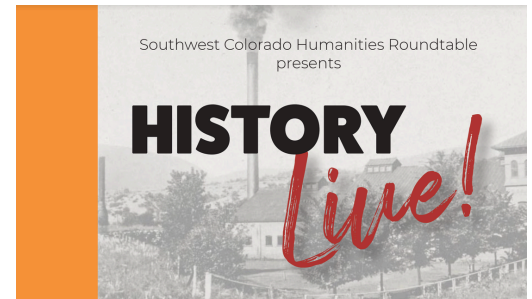
**First Friday
Matinee,
Sept. 6
1:30 PM,
The Fall Guy
(PG-13)**



**Family
Friday
Matinee,
Sept. 20
1:30 PM,
*King Fu
Panda 4*
(PG)**

History Live Returns

Join History Live! Durango for a series of free events throughout September celebrating the humanities in Southwest Colorado.



The events are organized by Southwest Colorado Humanities Roundtable, a regional collaborative of nonprofit organizations who produce public humanities programs, in partnership with Colorado Humanities. Programs will feature living history portrayals of Meriwether Lewis and Walt Whitman and lectures on Navajo weaving, La Plata County history, and more. The library will be hosting local Ignacio resident Johnny Taylor Valdez, who will be telling the story of his unique family tree (see full details later in this newsletter.)

For a full list of events, visit www.swcohumanities.org/events/.



New Program Alert!

We have a new partnership with the State of Colorado's Office of the Future of Work. Take advantage of free one-on-one tech help on Tuesdays from 2-6 PM!

Stop by the library or call Michelle at 720.556.9102 to make an appointment.



Celebrate the Harvest!

**Fall Fest
Sunday, September 22
11am-2pm**

Join the Pine River Library and the Pine River Garden Club to celebrate the season of garden abundance! The event will include garden tours, live music, green chile roasting, Veggie Olympics, and a community potluck. There will be contests too: best salsa, best dressed vegetable, ugliest vegetable, biggest vegetable, and best decorated garden hat, with judging at 1 p.m. All ages activities at the event will include a garden hat decorating table (hats provided or bring your own) and vegetable decorating (vegetables provided or bring your own). There will be food and fun for the whole family!

Plus more programs including:

Memoir Workshop | Monday, September 9 | 6-8 PM



Prize-winning writers Pam Uschuk and William Root share their hands-on workshop exploring ways of writing memoir using prose and poetry techniques. Concentrating on a single transformative moment in a person's life, participants will be given model pieces to practice capturing that moment in a scene or poem. No one's life is boring, but the way we write a story makes a difference as to whether the story is memorable. Participants will learn to make their stories more vivid and interesting by creating two in-class works of their own.

Garden Harvest Series: Water Bath Canning Saturday, September 14 9-11:30 AM

Learn how to water bath can high acid foods in this class that will teach you proper technique and safety. Following instruction, you'll learn through hands-on experience and you'll leave the event with a jar of fruit and the confidence you need to practice on your own! PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Stop by the library or call us at 970.884.2222 ext. 1 to register.



Local Stories: A Ute Family History You Didn't Know Tuesday, September 24, 6-7:30 PM

Longtime Ignacio resident Johnny Taylor Valdez is an expert on Southern Ute history and a descendant of Ute tribal leader Kitty Cloud and John Taylor. Taylor was a former enslaved person who served in the Civil War and went on to become a local Buffalo Soldier, land owner and Tribal interpreter. Come hear the rich stories of his family's deep roots in the local area!

Immunity Boosters | Thursday, September 26 | 6-8 PM

The winter sickness season will soon be upon us. Learn how to make two immunity boosting "tonics"! Participants will make a bottle of elderberry syrup and a jar of "fire cider," a traditional cold and flu remedy out of ingredients found at the grocery store. Fire cider is a spicy apple cider vinegar tonic that contains immune-boosting, anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, and decongestant foods & herbs perfect for supporting winter health. This tonic has been used for generations to help relieve sinus congestion, ward off sickness, aid digestion, and increase circulation. There are many variations, but most fire cider recipes include ingredients like fresh horseradish,



garlic, onion, ginger, and chili pepper, which are infused in apple cider vinegar.



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YOUTH SERVICES

KIDS PROGRAMS

Hopper's Storytime: Thursdays 11AM-Noon

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

STEAM Power Hour (Grades 3-5): Mondays, 4-5 PM

Junior STEAM Power Hour (Grades K-2): Wednesdays, 4-5 PM

Join us weekly to explore new interests, delve into the wonders of learning science, and create artistic masterpieces! Pre-registration required. Visit www.prlibrary.org/after-school-programs to register.

Gamer Club (Grades 3-5): Tuesdays, 4-5 PM

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 laptop or gaming devices if they prefer. This program is geared for grades 3+ but younger children are welcome to attend with a caregiver. Pre-registration required. Visit www.prlibrary.org/after-school-programs to register.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Tabletop Club: Tuesdays, 4-5:15 PM

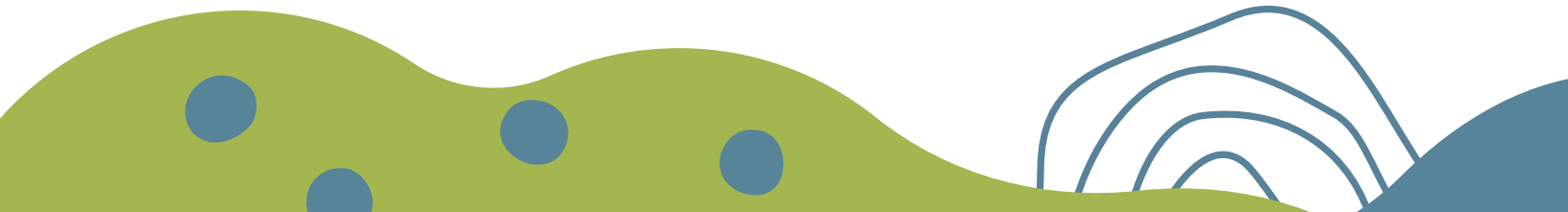
Join us for a monthly tabletop gaming session! Magic, D&D, Cthulhu, and more—you choose the adventure!

TGI Thursdays: Thursdays, 4-5:15 PM

Join us in the community room for music, snacks, and shenanigans of all sorts! On the third Thursday of each month, come enjoy interesting, new foods from all over the world and blow off some steam taking turns playing Beat Saber on the Oculus!

Teen D&D: Fridays, 11 AM-Noon

This is a continuation of our 2024 D&D group. New members welcome and no experience necessary, but know that you need to set up a character before you can join the campaign. Please reach out at becky@prlibrary.org to schedule a time for that!





Monthly/Weekly Events

Halloween Costume Swap Drop Off | Drop off all month long!

For the month of September, bring in gently used family friendly Halloween costumes that are freshly laundered, labeled with size/description & in a ziploc bag. Costume swap event will be October 18 from 4-6 PM.

Community Knitting and Crochet Group | Sundays, 2-4 PM

All are welcome! Whether you have been knitting and/or crocheting for years or you would like to learn, we are happy to have you and will do our best to help you get started.

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

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

New! Digital Navigator | Tuesdays, 2-6 PM

Sign up for free one-on-one tech help through our partnership with the Office of the Future of Work! Visit the library, call Michelle at 720.556.9102, or sign up at [Digital Navigator](#) to make an appointment request.

Learn Over Lunch: Genealogy Basics | September 5, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Seniors: join us each month (usually the first Thursday) to enjoy a free lunch and a presentation from a local expert! Preregistration is required. RSVP by calling the Library at 970.884.2222 ext. 1 or the Senior Center at 970.884.5415. You can also RSVP by stopping by either the Library or Senior Center. Please RSVP by the Monday before each presentation.

Genealogy Basics: Every family is different, and at the same time (if you go back far enough) we are all one family. Come learn the tools you need to access your own family history! We will discuss from a beginner level and up how to use existing online and library resources to get started creating a family tree and learning more about your relatives, and review the basics of formal genealogical research. With Andrew G. Fulmer, PhD, Fort Lewis College.

Typeset Writers' Group: Monday, September 9, 6-8 PM (SPECIAL EVENT: MEMOIR CLASS)

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.

Card Making at the Pine River Senior Center | Tuesday, September 10, 10-11 AM

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

Community Music Makers | Thursday, September 12, 3-5 PM

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 | Friday, September 13 and 27, 4-5:30 PM

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 on the second and fourth Friday of each month!

4 Corners Tabletop Night | Friday, September 13, 20 and 27, 6-11 PM

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. Join us the second and third Friday of each month. 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.

Death Café | Tuesday, September 17, 1-2:30 PM

Pine River Library is one of many groups in 79 countries across the world that host Death Cafés. A Death Café 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. Join us every third Tuesday of the month.

Library Board Meeting | Wednesday, September 18, 5:30 PM

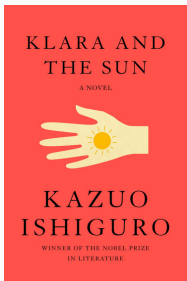
Spanish Conversation Hour | Thursday, September 26, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Join us for an hour of conversation en español at the library. Come practice your Spanish in an informal setting. All ages and language levels welcome!

Pine River Senior Center Outreach | Friday, September 27, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

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.

BOOK CLUBS



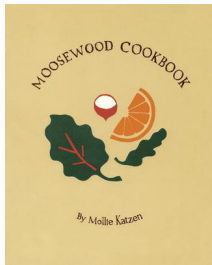
Bookmarks Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month (Sept. 11) | 2-3:30 PM

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: [Klara and the Sun](#) by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Cookbook Club

Third Wednesday of the Month (Sept. 18) | Noon-1 PM



Each month we gather together and share a potluck of recipes from a chosen cookbook, chef, or cuisine! Stop by the library and pick up a copy of that month's cookbook and then call or email Becky to RSVP and let the library know what recipe you'll be making for the potluck (970.884.2222 ext. 516, becky@prlibrary.org)! In September, we'll be making recipes from the Moosewood Cookbook series.

EXERCISE CLASSES & MEETUPS

MOUNTAINTOP MOVEMENT

These classes are hosted by local fitness instructors Brian and Tammy Williams. Follow them on the [Mountaintop Movement Facebook page](#) for more info!

- **Full Body Fit Class | Monday-Thursday, 8:15-8:50 AM:** Workout using your own body weight or light hand weights to work all the body parts! The free classes are always similar in style but always different moves to keep it fun and fresh. You'll need a yoga mat & light hand weights. If you don't have them, there are extras that can be used. All ages and fitness levels are welcome! Note: During the summer months this class is held outside in the Library Park!

YOGA FOR ALL | Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 AM

In this informal, free meetup we create awareness and harmony between the mind and body that allows us to remove stress and anxiety. We use our breath to move deeper into our body 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.



September @ Pine River Library

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