Check out our new Genealogy Database!

HeritageQuest Online is rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more. With more than 4.4 billion records, it delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources—with coverage dating back to the 1700s—that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place’s past. Powered by Ancestry, this amazing resource includes census data, over 22,000 family and local histories, compiled genealogies, documentary collections, church records, military records, vital records, city and county histories, and more. Log in at www.prlibrary.org/heritage-quest with your library card and password to start exploring!

Annual Friends of the Library Love Your Library Luncheon
Thursday, February 15, 11AM-1PM

Join us in supporting the Library!

Yearly Membership Dues:
$10/Individual, $20/Family
Lifetime Membership: $100/Individual

Come participate in the election of new officers and learn about the Friends of the Library. Plus there will be a free lunch for all! Friends meetings give us an opportunity to see old friends, make new friends, share news, review accomplishments, and plan new events and activities! Quarterly meetings are held in August, November, February, and May in the Library Community Room.

For more information on the Friends of the Library visit www.prlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library.
2023 in Review

Now that we are entering the second month of 2024 (wait, what?!) we are calculating our 2023 numbers. Our findings? 2023 was a good year here at Pine River Library! We have seen growth in every one of our service areas with an especially big jump in the number of programs held and program attendance. Meeting face to face again has reinvigorated the library, and we are grateful to see so many of you back.

As you may know, we added a brand new Library of Things last year! This wonderful resource is the result of the Friends of the Library’s Colorado Gives Day fundraiser in 2022, along with generous donations from local donors, allowing us to build a collection of 87 unique and non-traditional items. Some of the things you can now checkout include snowshoes, a full Pickleball setup, musical instruments, an ice cream maker, an extra-long extension cord, a woodburning kit, and much more! You can see the full selection if you go to our website: www.prlibrary.org and search the catalog for “PRL Library of Things.”

We are so appreciative of the many ways community members support our library. Not only do you support us with your property taxes, but volunteers are also frequently working behind the scenes shelving, prepping materials for children’s programs, managing donated books, helping share the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, etc. etc.

This month the Friends of the Library are holding their meeting, membership drive, and luncheon at their Love Your Library event on February 15. We hope you can join us so we can let you know we love you too! We value your support and involvement at our community library in whatever way you choose to participate.

Most sincerely,
Brenda Marshall

You can read the full 2023 Annual Report on the library website www.prlibrary.org/2023-annual-report or pick up a paper copy at the Library, but check out a few highlights on the next page!
your library in 2023

- 92,823 visits
- 11,985 cardholders
- 769 new library cards
- 42,335 items circulated
- 134 checkouts of 87 Library of Things items
- 105 passport services
- 297 notary services
- 1,824 new books
- 235 new DVDs
- 30,827 e-material downloads/streams

connect

- 62,962 public wi-fi logins

learn

- 9,525 people attended 765 programs

give

- 45 Friends of the Library members
- 14,790 public computer uses
- 990 take and make kits distributed
- $13,014 raised by the Friends Group
Life Coaching Series Continues

Brooke Smith, local author and Master Certified Life-coach, will be hosting a FREE five part Life Coaching series at the library in the coming month. Check out the full listing of classes below.

**Body Compass | Tuesday, February 6th | 6-8 PM**
From a young age, we’ve been trained to ignore the messages our body sends us and instead to think our way through our choices and actions. The Body Compass workshop will help you build the connection between both your mind and body, possibly for the first time ever, so that you can learn to make moment-by-moment choices based on your integrity and truth.

**The Drama Triangle | Tuesday, March 26th | 6-8 PM**
In every situation involving people, there are dynamics in place. One person is facing a situation with another person who shares the ordeal with a third in order to gain perspective and ensure they’re taking appropriate action. Have you ever considered what role each of those people play into that dynamic?

**Wildly Imaginable Goals (WIGs) | Tuesday, April 23 | 6-8 PM**
Brooke believes that our goals are limited to the constructs of our current imagination. When we can expand our thinking by just a touch, we can explore beyond what our current imagination has to offer, so that we can think up WILDLY IMPROBABLE GOALS that are achievable, successful, and best of all, FUN!

**Turtle Steps | Tuesday, May 14 | 6-8 PM**
You’ve had a goal in mind for a while now, and it keeps getting tabled due to a series of life events that are beyond your control. A day job. Kids. Family. House. Car. Whatever. You tell yourself, “During my next vacation, I’ll focus on writing my book,” or, “Maybe when I retire, I can finally start traveling!” What if the goal could be reached in no time flat in under five minutes a day?? And it won’t feel like work at all. Sounds like a dream, doesn’t it? Well, it’s possible!
Plus, more programs including:

**Family Valentine Making**  
**Friday, February 9, 1-2 PM**  
Come make valentines for the sweet people in your life! All materials are provided and all ages are welcome!

**Paint and Sip**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 6-8 PM**  
Paint and Sip with local artist Cindy Shelton! Participants will watercolor paint a 8”x10” canvas with a mountain aspen scene while enjoying a glass of wine. When used on canvas, watercolor is very user friendly, so no experience is necessary. The $20 class fee includes all materials and one glass of wine. Register and pay at cynthiasheltonart.com

**SNEAK PEAK: Learn Over Lunch Starting in April!**  
**First Thursday of Each Month, 11:30AM-2PM**  
Seniors, join us each month to enjoy a free lunch and a presentation from a local expert! Our April topic will be: “Local Stories: A Ute family history you didn’t know.” Longtime Ignacio resident Johnny Valdez will speak about his family’s fascinating history. Johnny is an expert on Southern Ute history and a descendant of Ute tribal leader Kitty Cloud and John Taylor -- a former enslaved person who served in the Civil War and went on to become a local Buffalo Soldier, land owner and Tribal interpreter. More details to come in our March newsletter!
YOUTH SERVICES

KIDS PROGRAMS

Hopper’s Storytime: Thursdays 11-11:30 AM
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/kids-programs/ to register.

NEW!!!!! Yoga for Kids: Tuesdays, 10:15-11 AM
Children will work on breathing, stretching, balance (both body and mind) and learn mindfulness techniques that they can take off of the mat! This child-centered and literacy-based class will include stories, songs, games and a mindful bite. For homeschooled and elementary kids, ages 5-11. Classes are taught by Evelyn Van Antwerp M.Ed., E-RYT 500 and are on a donation basis.

TEENS PROGRAMS

Free Play: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-5 PM
Join us after school for Tabletop games, PlayStation, Oculus, food, and fun!

Tabletop Club: Monthly on the First Friday, 11 AM-1 PM (Feb. 2)
Join us for a monthly tabletop gaming session! Magic, D&D, Cthulhu, and more- you choose the adventure!

Third Thursday: February 15, 4-5:30PM
Pizza! PS4 Injustice Competitions!
Monthly/Weekly Events

Community Knitting and Crochet Group | Sundays, 1-3 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!

Typeset Writers’ Group | Monday, February 5, 6-8 PM
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, February 13, 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!

Mahjong Meetup | Friday, February 9 & 23, 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 twice monthly to play!

Death Café | Tuesday, February 20, 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, February 21, 6:15 PM

Spanish Conversation Hour | Thursday, February 22, 11:30-12:30 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, February 23, 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.
**EXERCISE CLASSES**

**Yoga for all | Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9-10 AM**
This class lets us move dynamically from one posture to another. 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. These classes are on a donation basis. Taught by Evelyn Van Antwerp M.Ed., E-RYT 500.

**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: sometimes this class may be held outside in the Library Park! These classes are hosted by local fitness instructors Brian and Tammy Williams. Follow them on the [Mountaintop Movement Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/mountaintopmovement/) for more info!

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**BOOK CLUBS**

**Bookmarks Book Club**  
**Second Wednesday of the Month (February 14) | 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: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, the story of two twins who live very different lives.

**Cookbook Club**  
**Third Wednesday of the Month (February 21) | 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 Darcy to RSVP and let the library know what recipe you'll be making for the potluck (970.884.2222 ext. 522, darcy@prlibrary.org)! In February we’ll be cooking from *Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking* by Marcella Hazan.
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