



PINE RIVER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

September 2026



**September 2:
Delayed Opening
at 10am for Staff
Meeting**

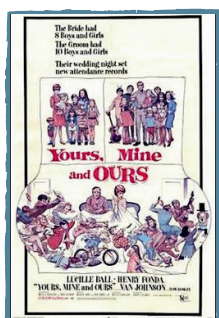


**September 7:
Labor Day**



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

Yours, Mine and Ours (1968)



**Monday,
Sept. 14, 6 pm**

A widow and a widower, with a total of 18 children between them

fall in love... what could possibly go wrong?

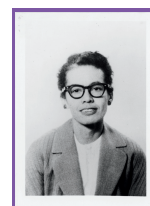
Starring Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda.

History Live!

Pine River Library is proud to once again be a part of History Live!, which celebrates the humanities in Southwest Colorado with lectures, workshops, and live portrayals of historical figures throughout the month of September. We are excited to have four presenters coming to PRL to present special programs this month!

Chautauqua Speaker Becky Stone presents Pauli Murray | September 10 at 6pm

Attorney, minister, and author Anna Pauline "Pauli" Murray has been described as "the most influential American that you never heard of."

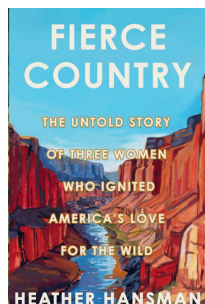


Theodore Roosevelt and the American West with Dr. Andrew Gulliford | September 15 at 5:30pm

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 | September 21 at 5:30pm

Dr. Rachael Storm will present on how and what Coloradans ate 150 years ago. Her new 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 | September 22 at 5:30pm

Durango 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*. You'll hear 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.



YOUTH SERVICES

Parents or guardians of children younger than 6th grade must register their children in order for them to attend after school programs. 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

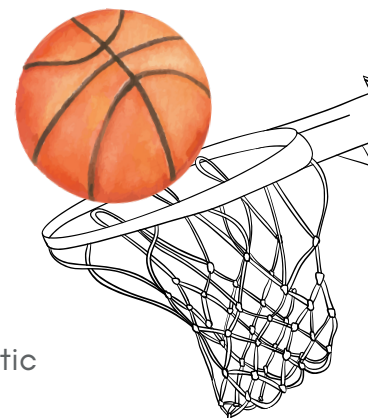
Afterschool Explorers (Grades 3-5) | Mondays | 4-5pm

Afterschool Jr. Explorers (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!

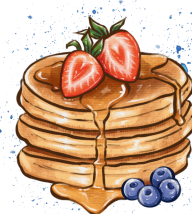


Teen D&D (ages 13 & up) | Fridays | 12-2pm

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 that.

Flipping out for Pancakes! | Thursday, September 17 | 4-5:30pm

Join us in the community room from 4:00 to 5:30 pm to make personalized pancakes that will have you FLIPPING OUT! We will provide various toppings and fillings. Enjoy an afterschool sugar rush with us as we all get into the swing of the semester!



Teen of the Quarter

The Young Adult Services Staff at Pine River Library is delighted to name Willa Healy as the Teen of the Quarter! Willa served as one of our Summer Learning Captains, and has been recognized as a dedicated and helpful member of the Summer Learning team. Willa jumped into volunteer work throughout the summer, showing consistent attendance, a positive attitude, and a willingness to help wherever she could. She has participated in teen programs during the school year, and has been a delight to have around the library. We are so grateful for Willa's efforts and energy, and look forward to seeing what she takes on!

Our many thanks to the Friends of the Library for supporting and encouraging teen involvement with the Pine River Library.

Language Learning!

NEW clases de inglés | First & Third Saturdays | 10am

Aprenda o mejore su inglés con clases practicas sin libros. En cada clase nos enfocamos en situaciones especificas en las que debemos comunicarnos en inglés: citas médicas, impuestos, negocios, y temas legales. Con David Vásquez Hurtado, profesor universitario. Esta clase se realizará el primer y el tercer sábado de cada mes.

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.

Easy Spanish Conversation | Second Thursday | 11am

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.

Kaffeeklatsch! | Third Thursday | 10am

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

Advanced Spanish Conversation | Fourth Thursday | 11am

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.

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

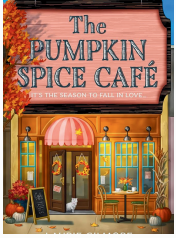
Join us to explore the benefits and novelty of Traditional Chen Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan), direct from Chen Village, China, delivered through the lens and toolset of today's leading-edge Applied Neuroscience. These classes are free, but donations are always welcome. Twice weekly: Sundays at 3pm and Wednesdays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



NEW Sculpt Barre Align | Mondays beginning September 28 | 9:30am

A 45 minute class rooted in classic ballet barre technique, intentional stretching, and cardio intervals designed to make you burn, strengthen your body and lift up your spirit. Led by Andrea who has trained in Classical Ballet since a young age. She maintains a focus on mindful, restorative movements rooted in alignment, musicality and intentional strength.

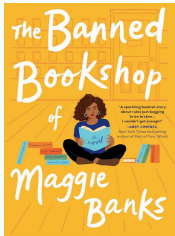
Book Clubs



After Hours Lit

First Tuesday of the Month | Sept. 1 | 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 *The Pumpkin Spice Café* by Laurie Gilmore.



BookMarks Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month | Sept. 9 | 2-3pm

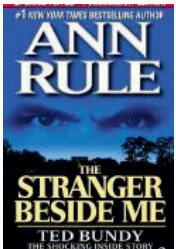
Bookmarks is a relaxed book club open to all adults. We read a variety of genres and always welcome new members. Stop by the front desk today to check out your copy of this month's title: *The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks* by Shauna Robinson.



Cookbook Club

Third Wednesday of the Month | Sept. 16 | 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 Southwest Cuisine.



Killer Reads: A True Crime Book Club

Third Thursday of the Month | Sept. 17 | 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 Stranger Beside Me* by Anne Rule. Questions? Email Michaela at michaela@prlibrary.org.

Monthly Events

Snail Mail Society

Wednesday | Sept. 9 | 5pm

Looking for analog connection in a digital world? Join our library-to-library pen pal club!



Cozy Craft: Sheep!

Friday | Sept. 4 | 2pm

Can't wait for Bayfield Heritage Days? We've got a sheep themed craft to hold you over and help build excitement for the sheep trailing on September 26! This program is free & open to all ages!

Living Room Conversations: Free Speech, Fighting Words, and Violence

Thursday | Sept. 17 | 6-7pm

How do we protect free speech and ensure public safety despite ongoing threats of violence? Is too much tolerance dangerous, or is giving an authority the power to restrict freedom of speech and assembly even more dangerous?





Monthly/Weekly Events

County Commissioner Matt Salka | Thursday, September 3 | 4-6pm

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

Card Making at the Senior Center | Tuesday, September 8 | 10-11am

Join us at the Pine River Senior Center and create two beautiful handmade cards. 100% free!

Community Music Makers | Thursday, September 10 | 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, September 11 & 25 | 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, September 11 & 25 | 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.

Typeset Writers' Group | Monday, September 14 | 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 writer and life coach Brooke Heller. This month, we'll meet by the fireplace.

Pine River Library Board of Trustees Meeting | Wednesday, September 16 | 5:30pm

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

Pine River Senior Center Outreach | Friday, September 18 | 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, September 26 | 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.

Pine River Garden Club Meeting: Season Successful Gardening Tips | Monday, September 28 | 6-8pm

Discuss what worked to make the season better than previous years.

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!

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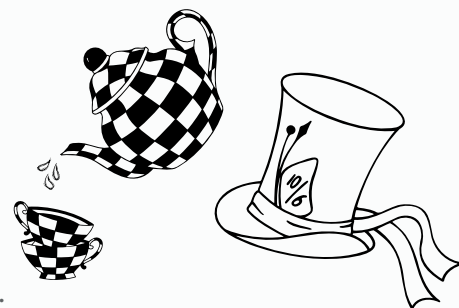
Saturday | October 3 | 9am - 12pm

Come support the Friends of the Pine River Library! There will be many wonderful books to choose from so don't miss this opportunity to pick up some great reads!

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Tuesday | October 6 | 1pm

Down the rabbit hole we go...to a party filled with curious treats, whimsical activities, and plenty of silliness! Costumes are encouraged. This program is geared toward adults. Children are welcome to attend if accompanied by adult.



September at Pine River Library

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