



PINE RIVER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

May 2026



**May 6: Delayed
Opening at 10am
for Staff Meeting**

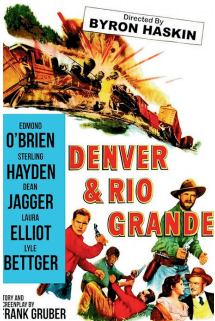


**May 25:
Memorial Day**



Classic Movie Series with film expert Dennis Taylor. April - June films were filmed in or around Bayfield!

Denver and Rio Grande (1952)



**Monday,
May 11, 6pm**

Two railroad crews race to finish a new line. Their rivalry builds to an explosive final showdown.

Starring Oscar winners Edmund O'Brien and Dean Jagger.

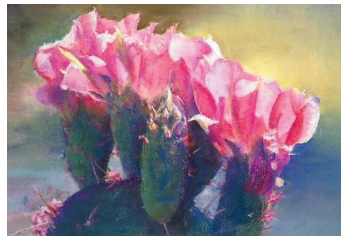
Filmed in Durango/Silverton.

Triassic Park SLP Kickoff Party! Friday | May 29 | 10am-12pm

Join us for a fun filled morning with dino games, bounce house, crafts, popsicles, and an optional 1.5 kilometer Raptor Run (race begins at 10:30am). Come register for our all-ages Summer Learning Program! This summer's theme is Unearth a Story.



Art Show Reception



Tuesday | May 5 | 5-6pm

Celebrate local artist Susan Boyd Brightman as we join together in appreciation of her work at our art exhibit. Light refreshments provided. Artist toast at 5:30pm.

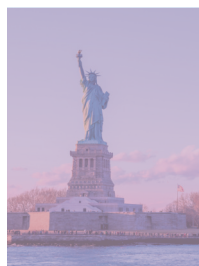
Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting

Thursday | May 14 | 11am-1pm

The Friends of the Library strive to support the work of Pine River Library through fundraising, volunteerism, and advocacy in our community. Show your love for the library by joining the Friends. Come to our fun quarterly potluck lunch meeting where we get together to plan upcoming activities.



Living Room Conversations: Immigration



Thursday | May 21 | 6pm

Immigration: one of the most complex and deeply personal issues of our time, intertwining questions of identity, opportunity, and belonging. This conversation provides a space for thoughtful dialogue about the impact of immigration on our lives and communities.

Pine River Garden Club Annual Plant Exchange



Saturday | May 16 | 9am-1pm

Have some plants to share? Need some great starter plants? Stop by the Pine River Library for the Garden Club's annual Plant Exchange! Bring a plant, take a plant or make a donation and take a plant. Only cash payments will be accepted at the event.

Japanese Tea

Saturday | May 16 | 2-4pm

Japanese Tea Ceremony is known for its meditative and wellness attributes. Learn about the rich history of tea ceremony. Space is limited, and registration is required. Sign up [online](#) or call the library at 970.884.2222 ext 1.



Cozy Craft Night: Fairy & Gnome Homes



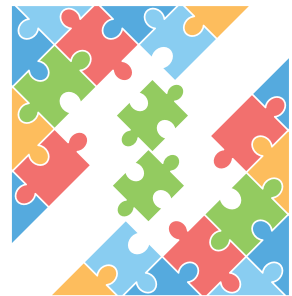
Tuesday | May 19 | 5:30-6:30pm

Do your kids love nature and imaginative play? Celebrate their curiosity with an evening of magical creativity in which we will use kits to build whimsical mini woodland homes for gnomes and fairies - plus we will create fairies and gnomes to enjoy them! This drop in program is free and open to all ages, so feel free to bring the whole family.

Puzzle & Game Exchange

Saturday | May 23 | 10am-12pm

Get ready for summer break with a refresh of puzzles and games! Bring old puzzles and games to trade. If you don't have anything to trade but would like to get some new-to-you puzzles or games, feel free to come anyway. Similarly, if you would rather just donate, drop them off the week prior.



AARP Driver Safety Course



Saturday | May 30 | 12-4pm

Take the AARP Smart Driver™ classroom course, and you could save on your car insurance! Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road. Registration is required. Please register online [here](#) or call (970) 501-5667. Cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for nonmembers. This covers course materials.

We are looking for Teen Summer Learning Captains!



We're looking for teen volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays in June and July. You'll have the chance to catch a glimpse behind-the-scenes at the library, meet amazing animals, and learn life-long skills! Ages: 6th grade (start fall 2026) and up. Apply by May 10 or reach out to Carly at carly@prlibrary.org. Training on May 28.



YOUTH SERVICES

Please note: there will be no youth programs during the last week of May.

KIDS PROGRAMS

Babies/Toddlers

Hopper's Storytime | Thursdays | 11am

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

Bilingual Storytime | Thursdays, May 8 & 22 | 11am **NEW**

Join us for a fun morning of language learning activities designed for children ages 0-7, but all are welcome!

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, May 4 | 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.

County Commissioner Matt Salka | Thursday, May 7 | 4-6pm

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

Beginning Mahjong Meetup | Fridays, May 8 & 22 | 3-4:30pm

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, May 8 & 22 | 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.) For more information, email Blake Johnson at blakejohnson@gmail.com or Byron Munda at byronallen175@gmail.com.

Card Making at the Senior Center | Tuesday, May 12 | 10am-11am

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

Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting | Thursday, May 14 | 11am-1pm

Friends meetings give us an opportunity to see friends, make new friends, share news, review accomplishments, and plan new events and activities. Plus a light lunch will be included!

Easy Spanish Conversation | Thursday, May 14 | 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.

Community Music Makers | Thursday, May 14 | 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!

Pine River Library Board of Trustees Meeting | Wednesday, May 20 | 5:30pm

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

Kaffeeklatsch! | Thursday, May 21 | 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, May 22 | 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.



Monthly/Weekly Events

Women's Group | Saturday, May 23 | 1-2:30pm

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

Advanced Spanish Conversation | Thursday, May 28 | 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.

Summer Learning Captain Training | Thursday, May 28 | 1-2pm

Our teen Summer Learning volunteers will receive their orientation and get ready for the summer. Apply by 5/10/26 or reach out to Carly at carly@prlibrary.org.

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 June Events to watch out for!

Babysitter Training



Monday & Tuesday | June 1 & 2 | 9am-3pm

This two-day training course trains teens (12 -18 years old) on basic childcare, nutrition, and an introductory understanding of early learning and social/emotional literacy skills.

The training also features a full-day basic lifesaving course including CPR/First Aid training, allowing teens to receive an official certification from the American Heart Association. All certified teens may become part of the library's babysitter referral list, which helps match local teens with families looking for childcare. If space allows, alumni students can re-cert their CPR/First Aid certifications. The course fee is \$30 and must be paid before the class. The cost for recertification is \$20. Please register by May 23rd. A minimum of 10 participants is needed for this class to run.

FOL Book & Yard Sale!

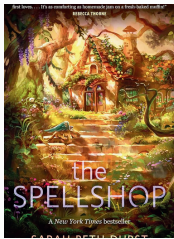
Saturday | June 6 | 8am-12pm

The Friends of the Library will host a book & yard sale in the library parking lot during Bayfield Yard Sale Day. Want to reserve a spot in the parking lot to sell your things? It's just \$15 per parking space or \$20 for a double-wide - all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. Stop by or call the library to reserve your space! Prefer to donate items for FOL to sell? Drop them off anytime Friday, June 5th.

May is a great time to donate your gently used books to the Friends of the Library!



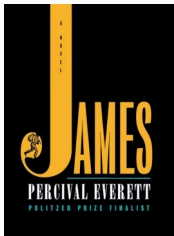
Book Clubs



After Hours Lit

First Tuesday of the Month | May 5 | 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! April's book is *The Spellshop* by Sarah Beth Durst.



BookMarks Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month | May 13 | 2-3pm

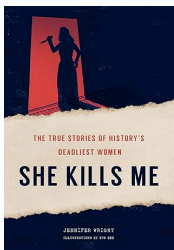
Bookmarks is a relaxed book club open to all adults. We read a variety of genres and always welcome new members. Stop by the front desk today to check out your copy of this month's title: *James* by Percival Everett.



Cookbook Club

Third Wednesday of the Month | May 20 | 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 Tapas, which are small, shareable savory dishes.



Killer Reads Book Club

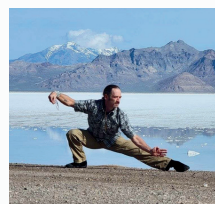
Third Thursday of the Month | May 21 | 6-7pm

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 *She Kills Me: The True Stories of History's Deadliest Women* by Jennifer Wright. 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.



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.

May at Pine River Library

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Orange=Children's Blue=Teen Green=Adults Purple=All Ages

* Preregistration required | + Outside, weather permitting

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