AGENDA
The Denver Public Library Commission
Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Smiley Branch Library (4501 W 46th Ave, Denver, CO 80212)
Link to join virtual Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81665854388

1. Call to order.
2. Introductions.
3. Introductory Discussion with Mayor Johnston.
5. Public Comment Period.
6. Bridging the Gap: Post-Baccalaureate Apprenticeships for Underrepresented Populations in Archives. Abby Hoverstock, Su Sheehan and Myranda Valdez
7. Report of President and Members. Sonya Ulibarri
8. Report of the City Librarian. Michelle Jeske
9. DPL Fund Implementation Report. Cole Hwa Davis
12. Approval of Modification to Photo and Video Policy. Danielle Brooks
14. Other Business.
15. Adjournment.
16. Overview and Tour of Smiley Branch. Wendy Thomas
AGENDA
The Denver Public Library Commission
Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting
Thursday, June 15th, 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Ross-University Hills Branch Library (4310 E. Amherst Ave, Denver, CO 80222)
Link to Zoom meeting recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/H6FUUqevtRoeVLJApd9UsEJrbNg78yAgUveFqmiqJ932QHOux4K_znktR4_yCrG.idzSnN0dYJaIYa22

Commissioners: Sonya Ulibarri, Michael Niyompong, Jennifer Wolf, Cathy Lucas, Laurie Mathews, Sean Montoya, Patty Salazar (virtual)

Staff: Michelle Jeske, Stephanie Pinales, Zenzele Barnes, Amber Lindberg, Kirsten Decker, Dustin Kress, Karen Lam, Rachel Fewell, Zeth Lietzau, Erika Martinez, Erin Wilkins, Christina Wootton, Olivia Piteša, Alex Yanish

Guests: Jean, Alice, Rosaria CdeBaca,

1. **Call to order.**

   The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. **Introductions.**

   Staff and guests present introduced themselves.

3. **Approval of Commission Minutes from April 20, 2023.**

   The minutes were motioned for approval by Commissioner Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and approved by all.

4. **Public Comment Period.**

   Rosaria CdeBaca, a Denver resident, thanked DPL staff and the Library Commission for all of their work with the library following the passing of the 2i ballot measure. CdeBaca commented that she would like to see the exceptional services continue and made an appeal to adjust the salaries of library staff to better retain staff and increase equity. She urged that to continue to move progress forward, we have a charge to ensure that staff are compensated to keep up with the cost of living.

5. **Report of President and Members. Sonya Ulibarri**

   Commissioner Lucas shared thanks for all attendees of the Eleanor Gehres Award ceremony. She shared that the ceremony was beautiful and reflected the library and the community we serve. Commissioner Wolf shared she presented at the Denver American Indian Commission meeting and additionally was glad to see the Native American community being
engaged through the Westwood Branch. Commissioner Salazar announced that nominations for the Latino Community Awards are open until June 30th.

Commissioner Ulibarri announced an upcoming social gathering for Library Commissioners. She also checked-in about Commission meeting structure and if there is still a need to have a virtual meeting option for future Commission meetings. Most Commissioners reflected that they are open to keeping meetings in-person at branch locations with an option to join virtually as needed. For future meetings, any Commissioners joining virtually should let the executive assistant to Michelle know at least 1 day prior to the meeting. Ulibarri also announced that Commissioner leadership is considering inviting Mayor-elect Johnston to the August Commission meeting to share goals, including bringing up the task force recommendation on governance. Commissioners Mathews and Montoya expressed agreement, especially on developing relationships and alignment with incoming leadership. Lastly, Ulibarri congratulated Nicanor Diaz for receiving the REFORMA Dr. Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian Of The Year award for his outstanding contributions to DPL and the field.

6. **Library Commission Awards Structure and Criteria Approval, Patty Salazar**

Erika Martinez presented on the upcoming changes and clarifications to three community awards: the Eleanor Gehres Award, the Juanita Gray Award, and the Latino Community Service Awards. In addition to staff, Commissioners Salazar, Lucas, and Buchanon were among the group that gave feedback to create more consistency and clarity on the awards criteria and process.

Changes include that current employees are not eligible for these awards and former employees must be 3 years removed from their time at DPL to qualify. In regards to structure, each awards committee will consist of a community committee chair (this position will be a Library Commissioner) and community members who will be recruited yearly. Additionally, up to 2 current staff members can join as voting members. Commissioner Ulibarri gave appreciation for the process and structure building that has been done to increase consistency and keep the spirit of each ceremony unique.

Commissioner Lucas motioned for approval, Commissioner Montoya seconded with all in favor.

**Questions:**

- **Q:** What is the process for a community member being nominated?
  - **A:** Nominations are promoted on the website, through community outreach, and by word of mouth through committee members who receive toolkits to garner nominations.

7. **Report of the Friends Foundation, Jeff Riley**

Jeff Riley shared that at the Friends May Board meeting five new board members joined, bringing the total size to 20 members. Cara Fulmor, a former DPL staff member, joined the team and Monica Perrit was promoted. Riley noted a current national trend in philanthropy where there are fewer overall donors but bigger gift amounts. He hypothesized this may be due to inflation and aside from the trends, the organization is financially on-budget. Additionally, the Foundation decided to take a portion of its surplus operating money to pay down the loan supporting the Central Library renovation early. The funds will be replenished within a year and are estimated to save the Friends $75 thousand in interest payments.

Riley additionally shared the second Picnic with Friends event at Berkeley Park was well attended by over 100 guests, including Commissioner Montoya. He also shared the success of a
loyalty event for donors who have the Friends Foundation in their will or estate plan for over 10 years. Both Anne Kemmerling and Amy DelPo gave remarks about the library at the event. At the International Public Library Fundraising Conference in June, Michelle Jeske spoke on a panel about the relationship between libraries and their foundations as well as giving a presentation with Jeff and the Boulder Public Library Foundation about the 2i ballot initiative work and Boulder’s library district initiative. Lastly, Riley reported the Friends are holding an advocacy meeting on June 20th to work on messaging for the budget and governance improvement.

8. **Central Library Space Recognition Approval. Jeff Riley**

Riley presented that the Friends Foundation Executive Director nominates a donor for naming recognition to the City Librarian and includes a due diligence report on the donor. The City Librarian decides to accept or decline the nomination. If accepted, the Friends Foundation shares the naming opportunity with the donor and develops a recognition agreement. If accepted by both the City Librarian and the donor, the nomination goes to the Friends Board for recommendation. If recommended, the Library Commission has the authority to approve or not approve the name space recommendation. If the Commission approves, the donor signs the approved recognition agreement, and execution of the agreement is performed.

Riley reported at the May board meeting names were reviewed and the Friends partnered with DPL to conduct due diligence reports. Due diligence reports include information available in the public realm that is available about reputation and background information to ensure a suitable fit for recognition at the library. No issues were discovered with current candidates. Pam & Larry Jewett are in consideration for the naming of a reading room name space. The Foundation is recommending Pam and Larry receive name space recognition as an exception to the current policy that states Foundation employees are not eligible for named space recognition until 5 years after employment ends. The consultant advised that the best practice would be to make an exception to policy because the gift was made in 2019 and the policy at that time did not exclude Foundation employees, and because Pam did not become a Foundation employee until August 2022. Other donors including Yale Family Foundation, Sissel, and Schlessman are not exempt from the policy.

Commissioner Matthews motioned for approval, Commissioner Ulibarri seconded with all in favor.

**Questions:**

- Q: Has a situation occurred previously in name space recognition that required a policy change or exception for someone to receive recognition?
  - A: Exceptions to the policy are a rare occurrence. The Friends Foundation worked with a recognition consultant to determine if a policy change was necessary in this matter. Her recommendation was an exception, rather than a change in policy.


Michelle Jeske reported progress on branch renovations. The main staircase at Central Library is being installed. Additionally, regular staff tours are available, and Commissioners can reach out to Michelle or her executive assistant to schedule. Renovations at Blair-Caldwell are almost ready; additional staff are still needed prior to re-opening. A large-scale celebration ceremony is planned to take place after branch re-opening. Jeske announced that the library is
commissioning artists to complete mural pieces at Athmar Park, Barnum, and Pauline Robinson branches.

The newest Engage issue theme is Summer of Adventure; the program is available for ages birth to 18 with 15 activities to complete. These activities center addressing summer learning loss and promoting social-emotional learning opportunities; summer meals are also being served. Pride activities are featured in Engage and the downtown Denver Pride Parade is taking place June 25th. Featured in Rachel Fewell’s director report are updates on Central Library, notably the hiring is underway for new roles. The Digital Navigators have added 3 new staff members, four new locations, and added Mondays to their schedule.

Jeske reported that the library has been invited, along with other City agencies, to participate in a transition notebook to welcome and educate the incoming Mayor-Elect Mike Johnston. She additionally anticipates participating in an orientation presentation 1 week after the new administration begins in office. Commissioner Ulbarri and Dustin Kress collaborated with the City Librarian to send a congratulatory email to Mayor-Elect Johnston following the election. Additionally, Jeske shared that City employees are not eligible to participate on the Mayoral transition committees.

The City has frozen hiring for all General Fund positions as a result of offsetting the financial costs of supporting migrants and shelters. The library showed precedence of financial due diligence as an independent agency to bypass the freeze but was not successful. Jeske shared the need to create further legal documentation and the opportunity present to clarify precedence setting and roles with the new City administration and the potential jeopardy of not meeting 21 commitments to voters.

Questions:
- Q: Are Library Commissioners individually or collectively allowed to lobby?
  A: Michelle Jeske has a meeting with other Colorado public library directors to discuss current and future legislation possibilities to reduce censorship; she will follow up with the Commission on strategies.
- Q: Can a Library Commissioner apply for the Mayoral transition team?
  A: Yes, there is an online form. A DPL team has been working on internal documentation on DPL/City collaboration strengths and areas of improvement.


Kirsten Decker gave an overview of the Strategic Roadmap renewal and the new online public dashboard.

Questions
- Q: What is typical for the library and the strategic roadmap process in terms of the decision-making process? Are strategic planning decisions usually outsourced through the Commission?
  A: The Commissioner handbook outlines the role of the City Librarian who brings forth recommendations and suggestions but also invites the Commission into the process. The City Librarian will continue to engage the Commission and bring forward recommendations from all stakeholders for the Commission to provide feedback along the way and to ultimately discuss and approve the new roadmap.
11. 2021-2023 Roadmap Renewal through 2024 Approval. Kirsten Decker

Commissioner Montoya motioned for approval, Commissioner Niyompong seconded with all in favor the recommendation to extend the strategic roadmap through 2024.

12. Report of the Chief of Staff. Dustin Kress

Dustin Kress shared a more in-depth overview and update of the DPL Fund progress will be coming at the August Commission meeting. The first wave of hours expansions will take place on July 23rd at all community hub locations. These branches will be open for extended hours and 7 days a week. To prepare for pay adjustment analysis, all staff updated their Workday profiles with relevant work experience in Q1. Following a supervisor review, internal analysis, and bias checking, the team is preparing to share a detailed review of their methodology with the City’s Office of Human Resources. Kress shared new materials are available for the public, including Launchpad educational tablets and new digital collection materials.

The Westwood Branch is temporarily closed for 8 weeks for renovation, including a new computer lab and other upgrades. Lastly, Kress shared an overview of the City’s position review process. The team identified 65 roles to prioritize hiring and will be submitting 5 roles a week for position review with the City. The process is in place to find funds to support migrants in Denver.

Commissioner Ulibarri thanked Dustin for his service as Chief of Staff and participation in his last Commission meeting.

Questions:
- Q: After the employee pay adjustments are approved by the Office of Human Resources, what is the timeline for the pay adjustments to take effect?
  A: It is estimated that OHR will take a month to review the data and after approval it will be a few weeks to process the adjustments through payroll.

13. 2024 Budget Approval. Amber Lindberg

Amber Lindberg gave an overview of themes impacting DPL and the continued vision to advance the strategic roadmap through our 2024 budget planning. The priorities of the new City administration will be heard in the coming months. For 2024, DPL will put in a request with the Budget Management Office to move ARPA grant funding into the General Fund.

The primary funding source is the General Fund, secondary is the DPL Fund with Special Trust and Grants funds supporting with less significant impact. The proposed 2024 budget was presented at the Library Commission Finance Committee May 4th meeting. The only modification since that meeting is an added capital request to complete bond renovations at Hampden and Broadway branch locations.

Lindberg shared in the 2024 General Fund budget line, there is an assumption that all of the library's requests to the City will be fully funded. This funding request includes the Plaza program, teen library services positions for the new teen library at Central, enhancing adult services, and continuation of services, as well as staffing for an ideaLAB at Green Valley Ranch. Construction for the Green Valley Ranch ideaLAB would be funded through the DPL Fund. She highlighted it is more sustainable for staff to be in the General Fund as it adds more support where there are increases to benefits and pension costs.

Lindberg highlighted gaps in the DPL Fund budget and that adjustments will be made prior to the final 2024 budget presentation to the Commission in December. The DPL Fund
ongoing investments include expanded hours at branch locations and Central Library re-opening. One-time multi-year projects where the budget was already approved are not included in the report. An example is the Central Library construction where $6 million was already approved for capital in the 2023 budget. Funding is already approved and will not fully be spent this year and funds do not need to be re-approved for 2024.

Capital improvement requests for $4.6 million have been submitted for two branch locations. These requests will not be presented in any library fund financial statements because supplemental bond funds are managed by the City and the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure. Lindberg also shared the team has received preliminary numbers from the City projecting an increase in property taxes in 2024.

Commissioner Salazar motioned for approval; Commissioner Lucas seconded with all in favor.

Questions:
- Q: Can you talk more about the $4 million additional budget in the DPL Fund in relation to property taxes?
  A: The Finance team has received preliminary numbers from the Department of Finance and Revenue team that is projecting an increase in property tax revenue in 2024 based on assessments. One thing that could impact this estimated number is a fall 2023 ballot initiative. The $4 million estimate is the lower end estimate. The higher estimate is approximately $1 million more. The finance team will not know the final total until fall and the final amount will be listed on the December 2023 projected budget.
- Q: In the DPL Fund, how is it decided how much of these monies will support capital projects? Is there a process or are decisions made based on need?
  A: There is a process and the Finance team is developing a fiscal policy and formally document established procedures. All DPL libraries are owned by the City. In regards to bonds, the City has asked the community for funding and through that has made commitments to make building renovations. In regards to the gaps in capital construction projects at the library, we are asking the City to support the commitments they have already made to renovate buildings. The DPL Fund can be used if the team decides to supplement funding and add project scope in addition to the bond scope.

14. Other Business.

N/A

15. Overview and Tour of Ross-University Hills Branch Library, Erin Wilkins

Erin Wilkins gave the Commission a tour of the University Hills Branch. She highlighted the wonderful staff, popular programming such as tech appointments for seniors, and plans for a teen space area renovation. Wilkins also shared that staff is looking forward to expanding hours this summer.


The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Zenzele Barnes on behalf of Secretary Mathews.
Strategic Roadmap Renewal Recommendation

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DPL’s Strategic Journey

LISTENING
Engaged in 60+ community conversations better understand the needs and aspirations of Denverites.

PLANNING
Reviewed historical data, developed insights and constructed a roadmap to direct annual action.

ADAPTING
Introduced a quarterly reporting cycle to check in on Action Plan progress, overcome barriers and celebrate successes.

REFLECTING
Leveraged the opinions & expertise of 350+ staff members to reimagine the Mission, Vision & Values of the library. Developed Values in Action to visualize the results we want to achieve and Indicators to measure progress.

IMPLEMENTING
75% of staff engaged in learning opportunities, embedding the roadmap into everyday life at the library. Adopted a priority-based budgeting process to align resources and released first annual Action Plan.

EVOLVING
Integrated the new DPL Fund into the strategic cycle, improved internal processes and finalized the public dashboard to communicate progress.
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Proposed Renewal Strategy

CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The library’s budget process is driven by the Roadmap and resources are allocated based on strategic alignment.
- Library staff understand how they connect to the larger organizational vision more than ever before.
- DPL has successfully implemented Actions that improve customer experience, add efficiency to internal operations, reimagine library spaces and invest in our community.

WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES

- Engage new staff in opportunities to learn how their role is integral to the library’s long-term success.
- Showcase successful Actions through videos, interactions and storytelling.
- Launch the Strategic Roadmap dashboard to enhance transparency and accountability.
- Finalize operational metrics and continue to evolve the annual budget process.
2025-2030 Roadmap: Planning Outlook

ASSUMPTIONS FOR 2025-2030

- DPL will maintain its existing Mission, Vision and Values.
- The collective-impact methodology will continue to showcase how each function of the library plays a role in achieving longer-range goals.
- Community-level Indicators will remain the same or have very minor adjustments to address gaps identified during reflection.
- The Equity Plan will be embedded in, and integral to the Roadmap.

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Dashboard Test Drive

- Organized by Strategic Theme to provide a visually-engaging method of communicating the progress on DPL’s Strategic Roadmap via quarterly reports on funded Actions.
- Provides transparency about setbacks and documents internal accountability steps taken to getting back on track.
- Provides 3-5 years of historical data for each Indicator, contextualized with key information about how it’s measured, why it’s measured and a trend analysis.
- Launching July 6
Agenda Item 8
Requested Action: Receive Report

August 2023 City Librarian Report

Laurie Mathews to be awarded Colorado Association of Libraries Trustee Award
To recognize exemplary service by a library trustee who has served their library and their community with distinction as a member of a library board. This award is open to any library board member, governing or advisory, who is currently serving or has served during the two years prior to nomination. Laurie will be celebrated at the annual CAL conference in Loveland on October 13. She received nominations from the City Librarian, DPLFF Executive Director, former Councilman Jolon Clark, and former consultant Lynea Hansen.

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library Reopens After Renovation
The Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library reopened to the public during its 20th anniversary year on August 7 for the first time since it closed for renovations in May 2022.

The renovation is part of the Elevate Denver Bond which was passed by Denver voters in 2017. Visitors can expect to see the following improvements that were made with the $3.7 million budget: a redesigned first floor utilizing an open floor plan, a new teen space, new study rooms, a relocated circulation desk and new book drop, refreshed community meetings rooms, and more.

Cosmetic improvements on the second and third floors of the building were also made thanks to funding from Strong Library, Strong Denver, supported by the DPL Fund.

Strong Library, Strong Denver Update

Extended Hours Are Here
DPL expanded hours at several locations on July 23. Five DPL locations are now open seven days a week. These branch libraries are also open earlier on weekday mornings and some additional evening hours.

This is the first service expansion that is funded by Strong Library, Strong Denver supported by the DPL Fund.
Sundays and additional weekday hours have been added at the following locations: Green Valley Ranch Branch Library, Sam Gary Branch Library, Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales Branch Library, Hadley Branch Library, and Hampden Branch Library. To view locations and hours visit denverlibrary.org/locations. Plans are in the works to add hours at other locations over time.

**First Strong Library, Strong Denver Funded**

*Program: DPL Hosts Special Event with New York Times Bestselling Author Jasmine Guillory*

Join us for an unforgettable evening with bestselling author [Jasmine Guillory](#) on Saturday, August 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the [Ellie Caulkins Opera House](#). Learn more and register to join at denlib.org/JG23.

**Westwood Branch Library Reopens after Refresh**

The Westwood Branch Library reopened on August 1 after a temporary construction closure. The branch library received a cosmetic refresh and was also expanded to include a new computer lab and a new lobby. The improvements increased the location's usable space by 50 percent.

The branch is located in the Westwood Community Center at 1000 S. Lowell Boulevard. The location is open Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. This project is the first facility improvement that is funded by Strong Library, Strong Denver, supported by the DPL Fund.

**COHS Graduation**

Join us for our 12th graduation ceremony for [Career Online High School](#). The ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 19 at 10 a.m. at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library.

**Back to School with DPL**

Back to School Month highlights the value of family engagement and community connection. Our programs and services contribute to a strong, connected ecology of lifelong learning in which families can explore, create, connect with others, and master skills at home, in school, in the community, and in the library. This is a celebration for children, their families, and supportive adults across the community. Check out our back to school resources.

**Engage With Us**
Check out the current issue of *Engage!* to find out what’s happening virtually and in person at your local branch. Did you know that *Conexiones* - our Spanish language version of *Engage!* - is now available digitally and in print monthly? [Check it out](#)

**Check Out Our Progress**

We’re pleased to share that you can now see the progress we’ve made toward meeting the goals laid out in our [Strategic Roadmap](#) through our new interactive dashboard. This dashboard provides information on how we are doing on key indicators in the Roadmap. It will also be updated quarterly with information on how projects funded to meet the goals in the Roadmap are progressing. [View the dashboard](#).

**Spread the Word About DPL**

Access [this month’s toolkit](#) for DPL content and images to use in newsletters and social media.

**Denver Public Library Bookmobiles & Outreach - Upcoming Dates**

Our Bookmobile team continues to conduct outreach across the city. Check out our schedule of upcoming outreach events [here](#) and please share this information with your constituents.

**Library Love**

Three young boys were checking out some books, two of them for the first time. One boy suddenly hugged the oldest boy and the oldest said, “Why are you hugging me all of a sudden? Because I showed you this place? I can't believe you are hugging me just because I showed you the library!” - Submitted by staff via Stories of Impact
Spotlight on Communications & Community Engagement

Mobile Services & Outreach

- New positions added to the team:
  - Home Delivery Administrator: Marianna Castillo (internal promotion)
  - Mobile Services Operations Supervisor: Madison Hosack (internal promotion)
- Registered 1,851 DPS Summer Connections and Discovery Link students for Summer of Adventure.
- The Champion Award for Welcoming was awarded to mobile services team member Ernesto Escarsega.

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Strategic Partnerships

- Added Arapahoe Basin as a museum & cultural pass partner and Summer of Adventure in kind partner
- Wrapped 2+ years of COVID vaccine clinics alongside Denver Health, CDPHE, DDPHE and UC Health, providing 4,823 vaccinations to Denver residents since March 2021
- Brought Volunteer Services under CCE umbrella and launched a new strategy for 2023, including recruiting for a new volunteer services administrator. Internal staff member Megen (MJ) Petersen received promotion.
- Developed grant funding partnership with The Growhaus to provide Healthy Food for Denver’s Kids food boxes at DPL locations (new model).
- Total grant funding received for Q1 and Q2 = $720,869
Community Engagement

- Hired new Community Engagement Manager Victoria Nava-Watson.
- Led community engagement effort to gather community feedback regarding Ross-Barnum Branch name.
- Kicked off community engagement effort to name new Westwood Redeemer branch.
- Leading the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library reopening celebration efforts.

Communications

- Planned and executed Eleanor Gehres and Juanita Gray Awards ceremonies.
- Launched intranet replacement project.
- Supported Central’s Park View opening with earned media and messaging.
- Hired & onboarded new Communications Staff Professional Alvaro Sauced (internal promotion).
- Launched Strong Library Strong Denver webpage and developed and implemented communication efforts to inform the community of progress.
- Completed internal communications framework and plan.
- Supported a variety of DPL wide projects and efforts including renovation projects.
- Media tracking: 420 (326 unique) stories equalling $866.94M in advertising equivalency.

Marketing

- Made Winter of Reading materials available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic.
- Promoted the launch of Summer of Adventure on Kidsoutandabout.com, CPR and RMPBS Kids.
- Promoted DPL in Pride Fest goodie bags via Out Front Magazine with 6,000 LGBTQ+ Bookmarks.
- Supported all special events (awards ceremonies, renovations, reopenings, etc) with marketing materials.
- Hired Olivia Piteša as the new Language Access Administrator who will lead system wide language efforts.

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DPL Fund Library Commission Update

Strong Library, Strong Denver

8.17.2023
STRONG LIBRARY, STRONG DENVER

**CAPACITY**
Increase staffing in public-facing and internal roles to facilitate hours and service expansion at branch locations, manage critical projects and develop key employee development and support resources.

**COLLECTION**
Expand the selection of available materials in the world language collection, enhance database offerings, increase available copies of popular eBooks, and reduce the wait time for library customers.

**COMPENSATION**
Adjust all current DPL classifications based on experience and a comparative salary analysis, and develop a long-term plan for compensation practices.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**
Refresh community spaces, complete modernization projects, environmentally retrofit building systems and begin to address years of deferred maintenance to preserve the safety and longevity of library assets.

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Milestones to Date

**CAPACITY**

- 50 new staff members hired to support our new extended hours.
- Expanded services hours launched at Gonzales, Green Valley Ranch, Hadley, Hampden and Sam Gary on 7/24 and at Blair-Caldwell on 8/7.
- Posting new positions for Round 2 Hours Expansion happening now, tentative launch date is early November.

**COMPENSATION**

- We are finalizing the last details of our pay adjustment analysis and should see final implementation very soon!

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Completed all work at Blair-Caldwell and Westwood branches.
  - Both branches have reopened to the public with improved public and staff spaces.
- Multiple Branches are slated to begin construction in Q3 and Q4 2023:
  - Including Decker, Green Valley Ranch, Park Hill, Virginia Village and Woodbury.
New and Improved: Blair-Caldwell
New and Improved: Westwood
Enhancing DPL's Collection
New DPL Online Resources

**FREEGAL**  
Launched February 2023  
Freegal is an unlimited streaming music platform that provides access to millions of songs from 200+ genres.

88,070 Songs Streamed

**CRAFTSY**  
Launched February 2023  
Craftsy is a learning platform that offers over 1500 classes in more than 20 categories, such as: knitting, crochet, sewing, cake decorating, cooking, photography, yoga, and more.

1125 Pass Downloads

**STATISTA**  
Launched February 2023  
Statistics and reports from thousands of sources on topics related to business, media, public policy, health, technology, etc.

3,698 Unique Item Queries
More Resources Launching Soon!

**Entertainment: TheShelf.tv**
The DPL Fund is helping add a new streaming services that is a leader in Spanish language content. This includes thousands of hours of movies, tv shows, ballets, theater plays, operas, podcasts, and games.

**News: New York Times subscription**
Coming soon, DPL customers will have access to all of NYT’s digital products, such as global reporting and commentary, thousands of recipes and cooking guides and NYT’s crosswords and games.

**Learning Support: Tutor.com**
Just in time for the start of the school year, DPL is now offering a live tutoring platform for kids, teens and adults!

Tutor.com offers academic support for a variety of subjects like math, literature, science and writing. Spanish language support is also available.

This service offers support for job seekers, college and graduate school entrance exam prep and has a library of video lessons to review AP course subjects 24/7!
With More To Come!

Round 2 of Expanded Hours, New Databases and More Branch Refreshes!
Agenda Item 10
Requested Action: Receive Report

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Q2 2023 Financial Report

This report includes unaudited financial statements for the Denver Public Library (DPL) year-to-date activity as of June 30, 2023. The purpose of these statements is to inform the Library Commission of DPL’s financial activities and to demonstrate compliance with the 2023 Budget approved by the Library Commission.

Budgetary funds managed by the library include the General Fund, Denver Public Library Fund (DPL Fund), DPL Capital Fund, Special Trust Fund, and several grant funds. This report provides information on budget and actual activities for all DPL funds for the 2023 fiscal year. Library management has authority to make budgetary adjustments between lines in the General, DPL and Special Trust funds during the fiscal year to reflect operational changes. However, grantor approval is generally necessary prior to making budgetary adjustments between lines in grant funds, and City Council must approve budgetary adjustments for the DPL Capital Fund.

The total amount of the General Fund budget remains unchanged throughout the fiscal year unless a formal budget amendment is adopted by City Council. The DPL Fund budget is based on estimates provided by the City Department of Finance and varies annually based on property tax assessments. At the end of each fiscal year, DPL and the City will reconcile actual revenues with projected and adjust our fund balance accordingly. The DPL Capital Fund requires City Council approval to appropriate budget into projects or establish new projects during the year. Library management may adjust the total amount of the Special Trust Fund budget, though total changes of 10% or greater require approval by the Library Commission. Grant fund budgets may change during the course of the fiscal year as new grants are received.

One indicator of sound budget management is spending as close to our allocated General Fund budget as possible without overspending. All remaining General Fund budget is returned to the City on December 31, and excessive over- or under-spending of the total budget allocation may imply ineffective resource management. Any unspent funds in the DPL Fund and Special Trust Fund are retained by the library which can be budgeted in a future year. The DPL Capital Fund is also able to retain unspent budget at the end of the calendar year; projects budgeted in this fund are often multi-year investments.
2023 Financial Reports

The first financial report is a summary of the 2023 actual activity for all library funds including revenue sources and expenditures by operational division.

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<tr>
<th>Denver Public Library</th>
<th>Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance</th>
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<td>Property Tax Revenue</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Services</td>
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<td>3,879,512</td>
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<td>1,976,023</td>
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<td>Communication &amp; Community Engagement</td>
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<td>Human Resources</td>
<td>358,401</td>
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<td>Change in Fund Balance</td>
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<td>Fund Balance, Beginning</td>
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<td>Fund Balance, Ending</td>
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<td>$ 29,230,874</td>
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### Denver Public Library

#### Budget to Actual Variance - General Fund

**For the period ending June 30, 2023**

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<td>Capital Equipment</td>
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<td>111,785</td>
<td>67,174</td>
<td>44,611</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>(2,511)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td>59,084,464</td>
<td>59,120,983</td>
<td>26,976,793</td>
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<td><strong>Expenditures</strong></td>
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<td>Benefits</td>
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<td>234,894</td>
<td>290,923</td>
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<td>Operational Supplies and Materials</td>
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<td>157,546</td>
<td>73,046</td>
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<td>Travel and Training</td>
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<td>$ 59,095,233</td>
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<td>Books and Education Materials</td>
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<td>Maintenance Agreements</td>
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This final financial report contains the 2023 budget and actual activity for the Special Trust and grant funds. Original and Revised Budgetary information is provided and additional details are provided in the following Notes section.

## Denver Public Library

### Budget to Actual Variance - Other Funds

For the period ending June 30, 2023

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<td>Grant Revenue</td>
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<td>300,000</td>
<td>135,548</td>
<td>164,452</td>
<td>54.8%</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
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<td>120,657</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td>3,369,948</td>
<td>3,194,043</td>
<td>1,275,286</td>
<td>1,918,757</td>
<td>60.1%</td>
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<p>| <strong>Expenditures</strong>     |             |               |             |             |             |
| Special Trust Fund   |             |               |             |             |             |
| Restricted           |             |               |             |             |             |
| Neighborhood Services| 557,000     | 596,247       | 226,619     | 369,628     | 62.0%       |
| Central Library      | 198,000     | 173,078       | 11,651      | 161,427     | 93.3%       |
| Collection, Technology &amp; Strategy | 57,500 | 57,500 | 30,000 | 27,500 | 47.8% |
| Human Resources      | 0           | 8,400         | 0           | 8,400       | 100.0%      |
| Unrestricted         |             |               |             |             |             |
| Central Library      | 230,000     | 130,000       | 126,577     | 3,423       | 2.6%        |
| Collection, Technology &amp; Strategy | 35,000 | 122,053 | 87,723 | 34,330 | 28.1% |
| Human Resources      | 0           | 33,700        | 4,499       | 29,201      | 86.6%       |
| Neighborhood Services| 26,000      | 26,450        | 4,037       | 22,413      | 84.7%       |
| Communication &amp; Community Engagement | 0 | 26,515 | 11,760 | 14,755 | 55.6% |
| Finance, Facilities &amp; Security | 4,000 | 7,000 | 6,111 | 889 | 12.7% |
| Administration       | 900         | 900           | 516         | 384         | 42.7%       |
| Undesignated         | 200,000     | 126,557       | 3,435       | 123,122     | 97.3%       |
| <strong>Total Expenditures</strong> | 1,308,400   | 1,308,400     | 512,928     | 795,472     | 60.8%       |</p>
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<th>Grant Funds</th>
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<th>74,484</th>
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<td>$ 1,439,533</td>
<td>$ 1,522,532</td>
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**Notes**

Encumbrances (procured, but not paid) are not included in the Actual column, only paid invoices are reflected in these reports.

**General Fund**

The General Fund remains the primary operating fund for DPL, used for most of our permanent staffing and ongoing daily operations. With half of the year complete, we are on target for overall spending in this fund.

In May, the City implemented a Position Review Committee in response to the strain on the General Fund resources from expenditures related to the influx of migrant and asylum seekers in Denver. This committee is tasked with reviewing and approving all agency requests to fill existing vacancies in an effort to slow down hiring and increase vacancy savings in the General Fund. DPL has been complying with this request by submitting five positions a week, and as of the date of this report, all requested positions have been approved to fill. As of July we estimate a year end vacancy savings of $2M for DPL. Pay adjustments for existing staff are still being worked out with the City’s Office of Human Resources to ensure our methodology is aligned with City practices and the pay is comparable with other City agencies. We are anticipating the new pay rates will be reflected in the third quarter. DPL is working with the Budget Management Office on how these increases will affect our 2023 vacancy savings in the General Fund and future year’s personnel budgets.

Supplies and services categories depict normal spending for the first half of the year. One exception is the Utilities line, which shows an overspend of budget primarily due to T-mobile services that was budgeted in the Technology Supplies & Equipment line for our circulating technology; department managers are aware of these discrepancies and are managing the 2023 remaining budget and planning for 2024 budgeting accordingly.

**Denver Public Library Fund (DPL Fund)**

Property Tax Revenue is close to fully realized as of the end of the second quarter. Revenue is expected to continue to trickle in through the remainder of the year and final adjustments to the budgeted revenue appropriation will occur during the year end close process.

Hiring for summer expanded hours is depicted in the second quarter financial activity, and more hiring is continuing system-wide for library services and operational support teams. Also, an accounting adjustment was made in the second quarter to transfer employee bonus payments from the General Fund to the DPL Fund, where the expense was budgeted.
Supplies and services activities have picked up pace in the second quarter now that contracts and bid requirements have been completed. Technology for new employees and new digitization equipment is reflected in the Capital Equipment line. An additional $2.3 million is also encumbered, including programs such as $1 million in expanded collection materials, $300,000 for successful execution of vehicle leases while we continue the procurement process for owned fleet, $150,000 for moving services related to Central Library construction, and $115,000 for refresh projects at various library branches.

**Other Funds**

ARPA budget for the 2022 grant cycle was closed out during the quarter, resulting in a $10,686 decrease in the Revised Budgets for the Grant Revenue line and the American Recovery Plan Act-CCD expenditure line.

Expenditures in the Special Trust Fund primarily support Special Collections & Digital Archives (Central Library) and Collection Services (Collection, Technology and Strategy). In addition, Youth Services and Cultural Inclusivity Services (Neighborhood Services) are moving into a transition period as major private grants are sunsetting in 2024 and sustainable funding is being sought to continue the programs. During the second quarter a reimbursement was received for the Healthy Food for Denver’s Kids program resulting in a reduction of overall expenditures from the prior quarter in the Neighborhood Services Restricted line.

The Preserving Black Western Legacies grant, one of the two grants provided by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, ended June 30, 2023. This $169,768 grant supported the digitization of DPL’s most heavily used collections featuring historically significant African Americans which makes them available via a digital platform to researchers worldwide.

**Capital Investments**

An additional budget transfer of $850,000 from the DPL Fund has been approved for the Central Library bond supplement through an ordinance presented to City Council on May 22, 2023. This budget will allow the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to complete Phase 6 of the Central Library Renovation project without exceeding the contract capacity of the contractor. The budget transfer is in process through the City’s Budget Management Office and will appear in the third quarter financial reports.
**Agenda Item 12**
Requested Action: Approve Policy

**Photo, Video, and Recording Policy**

In preparation for a First Amendment auditor, staff raised concern about use of the phrase "child care areas" which before was initially intended to be vague enough to include any space in the library needed to address caregiving needs i.e. sensory overload. Unfortunately, this phrase has the potential to cause additional confusion among customers that already confuse the children’s library services for childcare/daycare. These proposed changes provide additional clarity around protected private spaces and circumstances that should not be photographed or recorded.
Photo, Video, and Recording Policy

Denver Public Library is a public space. Therefore, consent to use passive photos/recordings is assumed upon entering the library or participating in library events. To the extent applicable, any record or other information that identifies a person as having requested, obtained or used specific library materials or services may be disclosed by the Denver Public Library in conformance with C.R.S. § 24-90-119, as amended.

Members of the general public and staff are permitted to take photos or recordings in open, public areas of the library for personal, non-commercial use. As a courtesy, customers (especially those accompanying minors) and staff should be consulted before being photographed or recorded. If a customer or staff member does not wish to be photographed/recorded, they must notify the photographer/videographer to that effect. The use of photographic equipment (i.e. tripods or lighting) is prohibited without prior authorization by the library’s Communications team. Individuals or firms wanting to take photos or videos for commercial purposes must first obtain approval from the City and County of Denver’s Public Affairs Division.

To protect the privacy of library customers and staff, photos and video are restricted or prohibited in certain library locations and/or exhibition areas including, but not limited to restrooms, parental/caregiver support areas (i.e. nursing, sensory processing), locations housing museum artifacts or archival materials, and areas reserved for staff use only.

Library staff reserve the right to ask any individual or group to cease the taking of photos or videos when it appears to compromise public or staff safety/security or interfere with library operations. Photographers/videographers are asked to be respectful and refrain from disturbing other library users and staff; a repeated failure to do so may result in removal from the library premises. While photos and video of publicly available collections are permitted, customers are solely responsible for obtaining consent or other permission when capturing copyrighted materials.

The City and County of Denver (“Denver”), through its Denver Public Library reserves the right to use photographs, audio and/or visual recordings taken at any branch library for Library purposes, including marketing efforts. This use includes in print and digital marketing, editorial publication, and/or any other communication format related to the support of Denver Public Library’s services and mission. If a customer is solicited by Denver Public Library staff for a photograph/recording that is intended for system wide campaigns, they may be asked to complete and sign a Release Form.

Members of the media are asked to notify the library’s Communication Manager in advance when possible or upon entering the library to alert staff of the intent to photograph or video to avoid potential interruption of library services and operations.
Google Analytics modified their service to G4 analytics and History websites are in process of being transitioned. June and July website data is missing this sub-site.

Orange sites - total door count from all locations, as collected by Trafsys doorcounter system.
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New Cards - total number of new library card registrations (including computer use-only cards) from Polaris.


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### Total New Library Cards By Month

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In-person programming was intermittent based on pandemic protocols in 2020-2021, with the return to more in-person programming in March 2022.
Denver Public Library extends hours at some locations, celebrates reopening of the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library

https://washparkprofile.com/stories/denver-public-library-extends-hours-at-some-locations-celebrate...

The Denver Public Library has announced that it will be open for additional hours at several of its locations, and the reopening of the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library. The following locations will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Castlewood Dam failure, 90 years later: The day Denver was hit with a wall of water

By Robert Garrison
https://www.koaa.com/news/news5-originals/castlewood-dam-failure-90-years-later-the-day-denver-was-...

Denver Public Library Digital Collections Aug. 3, 2023, is the 90th anniversary of the collapse of the Castlewood Dam, which was constructed in 1890 near Castle Rock and held back the Cherry Creek.

Shake Up the Norm

By Beth Buehler
https://meetingsmags.com/colorado/co_places/shake-up-the-norm/

To make it happen, the RiNo Art District partnered with the Denver Public Library, Denver Zine Library, Focus Points Family Resource Center, RedLine Contemporary Art Center, Alto Gallery,
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**At The Library: Back-To-School Fun Ahead**

Visit the Denver Public Library's events page, denverlibrary.org/backtoschool for more details Here's to a wonderful school year ahead. August Programs Pauline Robinson Branch Back-to-School Jamboree | Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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### THINGS TO DO; For art’s sake

**https://dpl.muckrack.com/link/y0OE2F/things-to-do-for-arts-sake**

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### Castlewood Dam failure, 90 years later: The day Denver was hit with a wall of water

By Robert Garrison  
https://www.denver7.com/news/digital-originals/castlewood-dam-failure-90-years-later-the-day-denver...

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### Cameron Gillespie Selected as the 2023 Julia J. Brody Public Librarian Scholarship Recipient

https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2023/08/cameron-gillespie-selected-2023-julia-j-brody-public-l...

Cameron currently works as a library assistant at the Ross-University Hills Branch of the **Denver Public Library**. She remembers with fondness her first experience working in a library as a volunteer at the New York Public Library.

### 18 impressive facts about Colorado to celebrate its founding 147 years ago

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Photo Courtesy of **Denver Public Library** via Westword. 3. The world's first rodeo was held on July 4th, 1869 in Deer Trail. Santa Fe, N.M., Pecos, Texas and Prescott, Ariz. all claim to have held the first rodeo as well. We'll stick with Deer Trail.
Denver Library Branch Reopens The Westwood branch of the Denver Public Library is reopening today. The branch, at 1000 S. Lowell Boulevard, closed for remodeling in June. The updates include a new computer lab and a new lobby to the building, and increases usable space by 50%.

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Denver Days: Neighborhood block parties across 30 Denver neighborhoods

By Kyle Harris, Rebecca Tauber, Kevin Beaty, Isaac Vargas
https://denverite.com/2023/08/01/denver-days-neighborhood-block-parties-across-30-denver-neighborho...

Neighborhood associations, Denver Public Library branches and local Denverites have registered their celebrations for the weekend.

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Westwood Branch Library will reopen Aug. 1

By Kyle Harris, Desiree Mathurin, Isaac Vargas, Rebecca Tauber

The Denver Public Library’s smallest branch will also host a community open house on Friday, August 4. Get those bookmarks ready, Westwood. The Westwood Branch Library is reopening on Aug. 1 after closing for renovations in June. … The updates were funded through a property tax increase that was passed in November 2022 creating an additional $32 million pool of money to help fund Denver Public Library needs such as higher wages, improved technology, additional programs and expanded hours at various branches.

The City: In Denver, oil trains hit a fork in the road to Colorado’s transportation future


Denver Public Library Special Collections, X-10126 “It’s a natural progression that railroads fall out of favor, particularly for passengers,” said Paul Hammond, director of the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Things to do in Denver this weekend, July 28-30

By Cassidy Ritter, Desiree Mathurin, Kyle Harris, Isaac Vargas

Denver Public Library, online. 5-5:15 p.m. Free. “Friday Night BAZAAR: RiNo. 2424 Larimer St. 5-9 p.m. No cover (general admission), $20 (bottomless Aperol Spritz from 5-6 p.m.). Kids and family Little University: Creative Movement with Colorado Ballet.
Better Than Before; Three Years Later, Lasting Improvements From Pandemic-Inspired Innovation

https://dpl.muckrack.com/link/yFJDPs/better-than-before-three-years-later-lasting-improvements-from...

The pandemic created more awareness and a desire to make necessary changes to library spaces to meet young people where they are, said Denver Public Library youth services administrator Julia Torres, who joined Miller on the panel.

Several Denver Public Library locations open for extended hours

https://auburnpub.com/partners/cnn/several-denver-public-library-locations-open-for-extended-hours/...

This is possible thanks to funding from "Strong Library, Strong Denver" supported by the Denver Public Library Fund which voters passed in November 2022.

The Canyons: Oil and water could mix in Colorado River country known for its beauty, fragility


Denver Public Library Special Collections, Z-6019 & OP-11050, Chase Woodruff/Colorado Newsline Opened to traffic in 1992, the 12.5 miles of tunnels, bridges, viaducts and retaining walls between Dotsero and Glenwood Springs were some of the last of the more than 40,000 miles of interstate envisioned.

The Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in Five Points is reopening just in time for its 20th anniversary

By Kyle Harris, Rebecca Tauber, Isaac Vargas,
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for New Feeling’s Avalanche, a performance critiquing bottled water and its waste of resources carried out at night at the Denver Wastewater Management facility; German artist Andreas Greiner’s 24-feet-tall 3-D-printed anatomic sculpture of a Ross 308 boiler chicken hung within the grand hall of the Denver Public Library’s Central branch; and the list goes on.

Colorado man to be honored for saving man caught in a chair life while choking

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The Valley: In Grand Junction, oil train route would retrace Colorado railroad history


Denver Public Library Special Collections, OP-10869 Carl Smith is a third-generation railroader and the Colorado legislative director for the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, or SMART, which represents about 650 rail workers across the state.

Shelf Awareness for Monday, July 24, 2023

By Ben Goldfarb


—Le'Trail Hall-Nance, Denver Public Library, Colo. Kiss the Girl by Zoraida Córdova (Hyperion Avenue, $15.99, 9781368053365).
This modern retelling of The Little Mermaid has pop sensation Ariel figuring out the next step in her life, away from her controlling father.

Denver airport's legacy of conspiracy theories

https://hispanicbusinesstv.com/denver-airports-legacy-of-conspiracy-theories/

Details: The rumors that something "nefarious" was underway in northeast Denver when the airport’s construction began in the late 1980s are likely the start of a long, weird legacy of conspiracy theories linked to DIA, according to the Denver Public Library.

These Denver Public Library locations are open 7 days a week

By Jake Nichol

https://24ssports.com/these-denver-public-library-locations-are-open-7-days-a-week/

DENVER (KDVR) – Several Denver Public Library locations are now open seven days a week thanks to funding from the voter-backed DPL Fund. These library locations are now open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

These Denver Public Library locations will be open 7 days a week

By Samantha Jarpe

https://kdvr.com/news/local/these-denver-public-library-locations-will-be-open-7-days-a-week/

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Updated: Jul 23, 2023 / 03:51 PM MDT DENVER (KDVR) — Several Denver Public Library locations are now open seven days a week thanks to funding from the voter-supported DPL Fund.
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The Book Pages: Mike Sonksen and the poetry of Southern California - Orange County Register


The Showman Made His Mark on Denver. But Should P.T. Barnum Be Canceled?

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## denver; DSST school nixes namesake William Byers

By Melanie Asmar  
https://dpl.muckrack.com/link/ybsMXN/denver-dsst-school-nixes-namesake-william-byers  

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## These five Denver Public Library branches will soon have extended hours and be open on Sundays

By Isaac Vargas, Jenny Brundin, Kevin Beaty, Desiree Mathurin  

The service expansion is the first to be funded by the Denver Public Library Fund through Strong Library, Strong Denver. The fund was established through ballot measure 2I in November 2022 that increased property taxes by 1.5 mills.

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## Nonprofit behind preservation of historic North London Mill site says its future is bright

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Nonprofit behind preservation of historic North London Mill site says its future is bright
By Stephanie Butzer, Scott Blessing

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Denver Public Library: An Evening with Author Jasmine Guillory


DSST school nixes namesake William Byers, Denver newspaper founder who defended Sand Creek Massacre
https://www.longmontleader.com/schools/dsst-school-nixes-namesake-william-byers-denver-newspaper-fo...

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By Deb Stanley, Katie Parkins

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Barbie’s creator grew up in Denver — and a character in the movie is based on her

Handler attended East High School, and it was there she met her future husband. She went on to enroll at the University of Denver. But on a trip to California during her sophomore year, she got a job on the West Coast.

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Green Shoots and Civic Dialogue: In Search of a New Library Telos

By Craig Gibson

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https://hxlibraries.substack.com/p/green-shoots-and-civic-dialogue-in
Denver Public Library Extends Hours at 5 Locations

The Denver Public Library (DPL) will expand hours at five locations starting Sunday, July 23, 2023. The locations will now be open on Sundays, they will also open earlier on weekday mornings and will add some additional evening hours.

Property tax hike funds Denver library expansions, upgrades

The 1.5-mill hike is expected to generate around $32 million for the library each year, according to Denver Public Library. The dedicated funding source will allow certain locations to expand their hours, the library announced Tuesday.

Sucker Bet: He Made His Mark on Denver, but Should P.T. Barnum Be Canceled?

But it’s recently come under scrutiny again, thanks to a proposal by the Denver Public Library to remove Barnum’s name from the Ross-Barnum Branch Library, in the heart of the Barnum neighborhood. ... But he was also, at various times, a crusading newspaper editor, a state legislator, the mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and a passionate advocate of abolition and the
temperance movement — details that are mostly missing from the Denver Public Library’s online summary of Barnum’s “complicated past

Denver offers places to cool down during extreme heat
By Alexander Kirk
https://www.9news.com/article/weather/weather-colorado/denver-cooling-shelters/73-b980d0ec-42cd-48b...

Denver Public Library locations (with the exception of Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library and Westwood Branch Library) will also be available to the public as an indoor reprieve from the heat.

Headlines - July 17, 2023
https://news.kgnu.org/2023/07/headlines-july-17-2023/

Most Denver Public Library locations will also be available for the same purpose. The National Weather Service is advising people to drink lots of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, avoid the sun and check on relatives and neighbors who may be vulnerable to heat stroke.

Where to find public cooling centers during extreme heat in Colorado
By Jake Nichol

Jason Aldean ends the concert early after suffering heat stroke mid-performance In addition to Recreation Centers in Denver stations at Denver Public Library locations Cooling stations will be available to the public with the exception of the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library and the
during extreme heat in Colorado


In addition to Denver Recreation Centers, stations at Denver Public Library locations will have cooling stations available to the public with the exception of Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library and Westwood Branch Library.

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Denver to open cooling centers Monday amid extreme heat


All Denver Public Library locations -- except the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library and Westwood Branch Library -- are open to the public as an indoor reprieve from the heat. For information about library hours visit: denverlibrary.org/locations.

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Denver's cooling centers open Monday as high temperatures heat up the city

By Tony Gorman, Kyle Harris, Desiree Mathurin, Isaac Vargas

https://denverite.com/2023/07/16/denver-cooling-centers-high-temperatures-heat-wave/

Most Denver Public Library branches will also be available to people who need to get out of the heat. 100 degree weather is expected to hit Denver Monday, which would mark the first triple-digit day of the summer.

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Denver offers places to cool down during extreme heat

By Scott Weiser


Additionally, Denver Public Library locations (with the exception of Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library and
Westwood Branch Library are available to the public as an indoor reprieve from the heat. For information about library hours visit: denverlibrary.org/locations.

“Red Rocks: The Concert Years” tracks the performance history of an iconic venue

https://nation.lk/online/red-rocks-the-concert-years-tracks-the-performance-history-of-an-iconic-ve...

(Courtesy of Denver Public Library/Western History Collection)
Rumors about potential unrest surfaced in the days leading up to the show.

Book Review: CharactersFind Comfort in ‘The LittleItalian Hotel’

By Wedny Thomas


Check it out now at Denver Public Library. Summer is in full swing at the library! Visit the Denver Public Library branch near your or go to denverlibrary.org/events to see what's happening. Join us at the Smiley Branch Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kyle Dyer: The Making of 'When Colorado Went Major League'

By Joanne Davidson


Kathi Williams hired Dyer and Julie Andrews, her partner at Kyle Dyer Storytellers, to make the documentary. Dyer has conducted dozens upon dozens of interviews, sifted through mounds of newspaper clip- pings and legal documents, digitized tapes from the Denver Public Library, and reviewed architectural
как живут инвалиды в США
http://www.russian-bazaar.com/ru/content/279141.htm
Denver Public Library Western History Collection Archives, Rocky Mountain News (1978, July 6) Исполнилось 45 лет с момента культовой акции правозащитников, которая вошла в историю как Протест банды 19 человек (Gang of 19 Protest).

How the Denver area lost more than half of its malls
By Robert Garrison
https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/how-the-denver-area-lost-more-than-half-of-its-malls-an...
Trembath with the Denver Public Library. But not everyone was happy about Cinderella City.

Do you remember these 7 iconic Denver area malls?
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The Power of Young Gun Safety Activists: Creating Pathways to Elected Office
https://www.netrootsnation.org/nn_events/nn23/the-power-of-young-gun-safety-activists-creating-path...
His dedication and service to the community have been
recognized by multiple organizations like the Colorado Democratic Party, the Denver Public Library, the Shaka Franklin Foundation, and more.

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Colorado’s Dallas pens books that resonate with rural readers

By Rachel Gabel


She is the recipient of the 2014 Eleanor Gheres Award from the Denver Public Library and the 2014 Frank Waters Award from the Pikes Peak Library District.

The City: In #Denver, oil trains hit a fork in the road to #Colorado’s transportation future - Colorado Newsline #ActOnClimate #SouthPlatteRiver

https://coyotegulch.blog/2023/07/05/the-city-in-denver-oil-trains-hit-a-fork-in-the-road-to-colorad...

(Denver Public Library Special Collections, X-10126) “It’s a natural progression that railroads fall out of favor, particularly for passengers,” said Paul Hammond, director of the Colorado Railroad Museum.

The RiNo Art District and Denver Parks & Recreation are celebrating the completion of a new community and performing arts venue

https://getaboutcolumbia.com/the-rino-art-district-and-denver-parks-recreation-are-celebrating-the--...
**RiNo Art District and Denver Parks & Recreation Celebrate Completion of New Community and Performance Art Venue**

https://milehighcre.com/rino-art-district-and-denver-parks-recreation-celebrate-completion-of-new-c...

The first phase of the project, which opened August 2021, houses a new Bob Ragland Branch of Denver Public Library, The Denver Zine Library, eight affordable artist studios managed by RedLine Contemporary Art Center, Alto Gallery, and the new location of Comal Heritage Food Incubator, which is coming.

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**State Governments Continue to Add Digital Equity Staff**

By Zack Quaintance


Jul. 4—Melanie Colletti spent nearly 17 years working in Denver's public libraries, and part of the job was helping people learn to use computers, a thing that nowadays one would call digital inclusion. ... Colletti worked at Denver Public Library's central location circa 2010, in the Community Technology Center. The gig involved helping people one on one with everything from making a resume to setting up email. She also helped develop a curriculum for classes that did the same.

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**Denver's Ross-Barnum Library could get a name change**

By Erin Powell

https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/next/next-with-kyle-clark/denver-ross-barnum-library-could...

DENVER — Three years after the social justice protests of 2020, the Denver Public Library is still working through aspects of its own history. A particular piece of that history, in the Barnum neighborhood, could get a new name depending on local feedback.

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**The Canyons: Oil and #water could mix in #ColoradoRiver country known for its beauty, fragility: Accident risks for proposed oil trains could be highest in a rugged region that has seen numerous**

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The Denver Public Library’s archives yielded a portrait. “He looked a lot like Robert Redford. Longish, over-the-ear hair and a big mustache. A handsome-looking guy,” Gallegos’ grave in San Luis also offers evidence of the R&R’s prosperity, Moloney said.

The power of sharing stories Here are some things you can do to celebrate Disability Pride Month: Read a book about disabilities from the Denver Public Library. The library has prepared a list of books about disabilities suitable for different age groups, from toddlers to adults.

Boomtowns: Once connected by railroads, #ColoradoRiver Valley towns now feel threatened by them: Local officials spar over Uinta Basin oil trains in the heart of Rep. Lauren Boebert’s district - Colorado Newsline #ActOnClimate #COriver - Coyote Gulch

https://coyotegulch.blog/2023/07/02/boomtowns-once-
connected-by-railroads-coloradoriver-valley-town...

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Down the Line: Uinta Basin oil trains would quadruple hazardous rail shipments through city of Denver

By Chase Woodruff
https://www.realvail.com/down-the-line-uinta-basin-oil-trains-would-quadruple-hazardous-rail-shipme...

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The City: In Denver, oil trains hit a fork in the road to Colorado’s transportation future

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Who Had the Worst Week?
https://denverprblog.com/2023/06/30/who-had-the-worst-week-76/

The © Denver Public Library is exploring a new name for its Ross-Barnum branch after research has shown that circus pioneer P.T. Barnum, its namesake, knowingly exploited Black people and people with disabilities.
Things to do in Denver this weekend, June 30-July 2

By Cassidy Ritter, Isaac Vargas, Desiree Mathurin, Rebecca Tauber

Denver Public Library, online. 5-5:15 p.m. Free. *Friday Night BAZAAR: RiNo. 2424 Larimer St. 5-9 p.m. No cover (general admission), $20 (bottomless Aperol Spritz from 5-6 p.m.). Killer Summer Camp Pop Up Series. The Mezzanine at Zeppelin Station. _____. 6-7:30 p.m. and 8:30-10 p.m.

7 Historic Black Resorts and Beaches Everyone Should Know About

However, during the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan ran supreme in Denver, terrorizing Black families with impunity, the Denver Public Library reports.

Comal Heritage Food Incubator is reopening its doors in RiNo's ArtPark this summer

Located in the RiNo ArtPark, across from the Bob Ragland Denver Public Library, the award-winning restaurant and training program Comal Heritage Food Incubator is reopening its doors inside of their brand new 2,600-square-foot space this summer.

Remembering the Bright Light of Ellen Alires-Trujillo: Trailblazer, Friend, Advocate, Mentor

By Jess Brovsky-Eaker
She also served on several boards and advisory committees, including Adelante Mujer, Colorado Latino Age Wave, Denver Public Library’s Hispanic Acquisition Committee, the Judicial Performance Commission, Latinas First and the Sturm College of Law Alumni Council.

**Down the Line: A hard look at how oil train spills would impact canyons of the Colorado River**

By Chase Woodruff


( Denver Public Library Special Collections, Z-6019 & OP-11050, Chase Woodruff/Colorado Newsline) Opened to traffic in 1992, the 12.5 miles of tunnels, bridges, viaducts and retaining walls between Dotsero and Glenwood Springs were some of the last of the more than 40,000 miles of interstate envisioned.

**Five Points' renowned Blair Caldwell library to reopen**

https://toysmatrix.com/five-points-renowned-blair-caldwell-library-to-reopen/

“The renovations are almost complete and we are working hard behind the scenes to wrap up construction, ensure we have staff in place and move our collection, archives and resources back into the building,” said Olivia Gallegos, communications manager for the Denver Public Library system.

**As reopening looms, Denver's renowned Blair Caldwell library faces the future**

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The Oil Train from Utah, Part One

https://pagosadailypost.com/2023/06/29/the-oil-train-from-utah-part-one/

(Linked to Denver Public Library Special Collections, Z-202) When the 1881 expulsion of the Ute people from their lands in western Colorado abruptly opened up the possibility of a new route to Salt Lake City, the Denver & Rio Grande jumped at the chance — and found a willing partner in the town of Grand Junction.

Five Points' renowned Blair Caldwell library to reopen

By Kemal Pasha
https://bulletinreporter.com/five-points-renowned-blair-caldwell-library-to-reopen/

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RENOVATIONS; Renowned Blair Caldwell library faces the future

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Down the Line: Difference between God and the railroad? 'God might answer your prayers'
By Chase Woodruff
https://www.realvail.com/down-the-line-difference-between-god-and-the-railroad-god-might-answer-you...

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The Canyons: Oil and water could mix in Colorado River country known for its beauty, fragility
By Chase Woodruff
https://kiowacountypress.net/content/canyons-oil-and-water-could-mix-colorado-river-country-known-i...

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By Alayna Alvarez
https://www.axios.com/local/denver/2023/06/28/denver-performing-arts-complex-rino-art-district-artp...

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Donation boxes are located at the Denver Public Library and St. Peter Lutheran Church, 540 E. Franklin St.

In Grand Junction, oil train route would retrace past
https://missoulacurrent.com/oil-train-route/

(Denver Public Library Special Collections, Z-202) It would be more than 70 years before Byers’ vision of a direct line between Denver and Salt Lake City through the Rockies was fully realized and trains first traveled the route that Uinta Basin oil tankers could take in the near future through central

Boomtowns: Once connected by railroads, Colorado River Valley towns now feel threatened by them

By Chase Woodruff
https://kiowacountypress.net/content/boomtowns-once-connected-railroads-colorado-river-valley-towns...

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This Submersible Sat at the Bottom of a Colorado Lake for Forty Years

By Bennito L. Kelty
https://dpl.muckrack.com/link/yAXJ8N/this-submersible-sat-at-the-bottom-of-a-colorado-lake-for-fort...

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The Valley: In Grand Junction, oil train route would retrace Colorado railroad history

By Chase Woodruff
https://kiowacountypress.net/content/valley-grand-junction-oil-train-route-would-retrace-colorado-r...

(Denver Public Library Special Collections, OP-10869) Carl Smith is a third-generation railroader and the Colorado legislative director for the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, or SMART, which represents about 650 rail workers across the state.

This Submersible Sat at the Bottom of a Mountain Lake for Forty Years

By Daniel Shaw
https://quicktelecast.com/this-submersible-sat-at-the-bottom-of-a-mountain-lake-for-forty-years/
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Would you want to rename the Ross-Barnum Branch Library in the Barnum neighborhood?

By Kyle Harris, Rebecca Tauber, Desiree Mathurin, Obed Manuel
https://denverite.com/2023/06/24/ross-barnum-branch-library-renaming-dark-history/

The Denver Public Library is currently accepting community feedback on whether or not the library should be renamed.

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**RiNo Art District opens legitimately affordable performing venue** | Arts news

By John Moore

https://denvergazette.com/arts-entertainment/rino-art-district-opens-legitimately-affordable-perfor...

The Denver Public Library’s Bob Ragland Branch opened next door in February 2022, and the Comal Heritage Food Incubator – named among The New York Times’ “50 most vibrant and delicious restaurants in 2021,” will move in next to the library in July.

**The Leadership Conference & Over 230 Groups Urge Robust ACP Funding**

https://civilrights.org/resource/the-leadership-conference-over-230-groups-urge-robust-acp-funding/

Connect Your Community Institute Consumer Reports Cuyahoga County Demand Progress Denver Public Library Detroit Change Initiative DigitalC Digitunity Diversity Cyber Council Duluth Public Access Community Television EAH Housing East Baton Rouge Parish Library EducationSuperHighway Electronic

**BEST BETS >> What to do this weekend in Denver; Over the rainbow**


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**Things to do in Denver this weekend, June**

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“Celebrate Pride with Denver Public Library Staff at the PrideFest Kids’ Tent. Civic Center Park, 101 14th Ave. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Ideal for ages 12 and under. Comedy and theater Writers of Jimmy Kimmel Live.

What to do this weekend in Denver: PrideFest; Highland Street Fair
By Collin Otterman

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What to do this weekend in Denver: PrideFest; Highland Street Fair; Kolsch beer service
By Dustin Moskovitz
https://thedailycheck.net/what-to-do-this-weekend-in-denver-pridefest-highland-street-fair-kolsch-b...

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Culinary Mysteries, Cookbooks, and Libraries
By G.P. Gottlieb
https://medium.com/@gpgottlieb/culinary-mysteries-cookbooks-and-libraries-b872f84246af

Then I moved north, and the Denver Public Library offered Diane Mott Davidson’s Colorado mysteries. She included recipes for
complicated meals with complex ingredients that nobody in my family would ever eat. The books were silly and fun, and I loved reading them.

PrideFest; Highland Street Fair
By Jonathan Shikes
https://www.denverpost.com/2023/06/22/what-to-do-this-weekend-in-denver-pridefest-highland-street-fa...
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Publishers Need Photo Permissions
By Darcy Pattison
https://www.indiekidsbooks.com/p/publishers-need-photo-permissions
For example, look at this Dust Bowl photo from the Denver Public Library collection.

Denver Public Library creating AAPI community cookbook
Read full article Denver Public Library creating AAPI community cookbook Amr Alfiky/Reuters
In a baffling turn of events, the Donald Trump-appointed federal judge overseeing his Mar-a-Lago classified documents debacle appears to have placed the case on warp speed—setting a trial just two months away.

Denver Public Library creating AAPI community cookbook
## Denver PrideFest: Everything you need to know

By Alexander Kirk

https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/lgbtq/denver-pride-fest/73-225640aa-503e-47fe-ad49-c201a15...

Festival goers who plan on biking to the festival can park their bikes at the following locations: 14th Street between Bannock & Broadway (Denver Art Museum) Broadway between 14th & 13th (Denver Public Library) 14th Street between Cherokee & Bannock (City & County Building) 11th & Broadway

## There is a huge piece of art hanging behind the bar at the Eli Caulkins Opera House in Denver. This is the story behind it

https://getaboutcolumbia.com/there-is-a-huge-piece-of-art-hanging-behind-the-bar-at-the-eli-caulkin...

“They start with an L for Lillybridge and then there will be a three- or four-digit number that you can look up in the Denver Public Library's western history photos,” Bathura said. Among the people depicted, Bathura includes her 9-year-old daughter beside herself at the same age.

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By Eden Lane


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## Five Points Plus Neighborhood Memory Project

https://www.historycolorado.org/five-points-plus-neighborhood-memory-project

Five Points Plus Mural The project and a related exhibit were
developed in partnership with the Black American West Museum and Heritage Center along with community members, and supported by the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library (Denver Public Library) and Manual Highschool.

‘Just Us’ documentary explores the lives of LGBTQ people

By Elaine Tassy

https://www.cpr.org/2023/06/19/just-us-lgbtq-documentary/

‘Just Us’ documentary explores the lives of LGBTQ people. Equality Center of the Rocky Mountains, Boulder Pride Story Time, Thursday, June 29, Denver Public Library, Hampden Branch Longmont Pride Festival, Friday, June 30, 4-8 p.m. in Roosevelt Park. You care. You want to know what is going on these days, especially in Colorado.

Unique page title - My Site


The group started as a small study circle at the Denver Public Library and today brags about having more than 100 active members desiring to learn more about their Swedish roots.

From parades to pageants, here’s how America has celebrated Juneteenth over the decades

By Yoonji Han


Miss Juneteenth in 1989 in the historic Black neighborhood of Five Points in Denver, Colorado. Denver Public Library Special Collections In 2020, the first-ever National Miss Juneteenth Pageant was held in Memphis, Tennessee.
AOPYO Job Readiness Fair

https://happeningnext.com/event/aopyo-job-readiness-fair-eid4so3ooj5w21

Plus, we've teamed up with the Denver Public Library for a breakout session on resources. Get access to books, courses, and more to level up your tech skills. And the best part? It's all free! No excuses, folks. Success is within reach. Register now for the Job Readiness Fair: Breaking into Tech.

Within Morbid World of ‘Red Market,’ Social Commentary Abounds

By Wedny Thomas


Check it out at the Smiley Branch of Denver Public Library! Wendy Thomas is a librarian at the Smiley Branch Library. When not reading or recommending books, you can find her hiking with her dogs.

Summer Celebrations in Globeville

By Mary Lou Egan

https://gesgazette.com/2023/06/15/summer-celebrations-in-globeville/

Representatives from the Denver Fire and Police Departments, the Denver Public Library, Tepeyac Clinic and the Denver Zoo will be there. Sports memorabilia and tickets will be raffled. Everything is free for attendees, but you need to sign in to get your food, event and raffle tickets.

Found Art

By Janet Steinberg
Just for the fun of it: When your legs get tired from touring, you'll find an inviting chair outside the Children's Wing of the Denver Public Library. However, you can neither plop down on it...or climb up on it.
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RiNo ArtPark Tour
https://happeningnext.com/event/rino-artpark-tour-eid4so3ic2h3f1

Highlights of the tour include learning about the rehabilitation of two City buildings to form an interdisciplinary arts and cultural hub in the greater Five Points neighborhood, as well as how RiNo Art District worked with local community partners Denver Public Library, RedLine Contemporary Art Center.
Lights, Camera, Literacy! Create Digital Media for Early Learning | First Steps

By Mel Schuit, Rachel G. Payne, Kathy Ishizuka
https://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/story/Lights-Camera-Literacy-create-digital-media-for-early-lear...

“We wanted to have a resource that would be available statewide,” says Carol Edwards, retired Denver Public Library children’s department manager. StoryBlocks pairs songs and rhymes with early literacy tips. Consider videos for professional development.

OutSources: Queer Liberation and Labor Organizing with CWA7799 President Jade Kelly

https://news.kgnu.org/2023/06/outsources-queer-liberation-and-labor-organizing-with-cwa7799-preside...

Host Elise Matatall interviews Jade Kelly (she/they), President of CWA7799, a public workers union comprised of Defenders Union of Colorado, Denver Health Workers United, Denver Public Library Workers United, United Campus Workers Colorado, and Pikes Peak Library Workers United.
### Westwood Branch Library will close for eight weeks during renovation

By Kyle Harris, Isaac Vargas, Desiree Mathurin, Rebecca Tauber

https://denverite.com/2023/06/12/westwood-branch-library-will-close-for-eight-weeks-during-renovation...

...will close on June 14 for approximately eight weeks while it undergoes renovations, the Denver Public Library system announced. The Westwood Branch is about a 900-square-foot facility, making it the smallest branch in DPL's system.

### Colorado Business Hall of Fame Welcomes 5 New Inductees in 2023


He improved the Denver Public Library and was instrumental in helping build the library's first permanent site at Colfax and Bannock in 1910. Ross' career wasn't solely focused on commercial feats. He envisioned housing beyond the central business district.

### Denver, CO Abraham-Hicks Workshop

https://happeningnext.com/event/denver-co-abraham-hicks-workshop-eid3a0a7f85r5

Denver Public Library: Park Hill Branch Library HEALTH-WELLNESS WORKSHOPS Fri Jun 09 2023 at 08:00 am Western Conservative Summit 2023 Colorado Convention Center BUSINESS WORKSHOPS Fri Jun 09 2023

### Celebrating 20 years of the Five Points Jazz Festival in the 'Harlem of the West'

https://www.kuvo.org/celebrating-20-years-of-the-five-points-jazz-festival-in-the-harlem-of-the-wes...

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Summer of Adventure for Youth Kicks Off at the Library!
https://www.milehighmamas.com/blog/2023/06/08/summer-of-adventure-for-youth-kicks-off-at-the-librar...
posted by: Mile High Mamas

The Denver Public Library has kicked off its annual Summer of Adventure program for youth. Summer of Adventure helps to improve children’s literacy and learning skills through activities, entertainment, and incentives all summer long. Denver Public Library’s annual Summer of Adventure is a great way to prevent what’s known as the “summer slide”. It is estimated that youth lose between one and three months in academic skills, when not engaged in summer learning opportunities.

Celebrating 20 years of the Five Points Jazz Festival in the 'Harlem of the West'
By Kyle Cooke

By courtesy of the Denver Public Library (AUR-681). Denver was the only major city between St. Louis and Los Angeles with a robust jazz scene, which earned Five Points the nickname the “Harlem of the West.”

Greeley History Museum: O.T. Jackson ledgers offer insight into Dearfield community
By Anne Delaney
https://www.greeleytribune.com/2023/06/07/greeley-history-museum-o-t-jackson-ledgers-offer-insight-...

Jackson was born in Ohio in 1862, and moved to Colorado when he was 25, according to the Denver Public Library. In the early 1900s, he presented an idea for an African-American colony to Gov. John Shaforth.
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