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Celebrating Women Cover Key

Row 1
1a: Lena Archuleta, the first Latina principal in the Denver Public Schools system
1b: Kalyn Heffernan, a progressive MC/producer for Wheelchair Sports Camp and community activist
1c: Chipeta, a Ute leader and delegate

Row 2
2a: Guadalupe “Lupe” Briseño, a pioneer of the Latina labor movement [credit: Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame]
2b: Pauline Short Robinson, the first African-American librarian in Denver (honored by Pauline Robinson Branch Library)
2c: Crisanta Duran, the first and youngest Latina Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives

Row 3
3a: Polly Baca, the first Latina elected to the Colorado State Senate
3b: Gloria Tanner, the first African-American woman to serve as a Colorado State Senator
3c: Sara Platt Decker, the first woman appointed to the Colorado Board of Pardons (honored by Decker Branch Library)

Row 4
4a: Shirley Amore, the first female City Librarian to serve Denver Public Library in its 117-year history
4b: Dr. Justina Ford, the first licensed African-American female doctor in Denver
4c: Leslie Herod, the first African-American LGBTQIA person to hold elected office in Colorado

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Limited in person hours and pick up

Bear Valley | 720.865.0975
5171 W. Dartmouth Ave. 80236

Green Valley Ranch | 720.865.0310
4856 N. Andes Ct. 80249

Hampden | 720.865.0185
9755 E. Girard Ave. 80231

Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales | 720.865.2370
1498 Irving St. 80204

Ross-Cherry Creek | 720.865.0120
305 Milwaukee St. 80206

Ross-University Hills | 720.865.0955
4310 E. Amherst Ave. 80222

Sam Gary | 720.865.0325
2961 Roslyn St. 80238

Valdez-Perry | 720.865.0300
4690 Vine St. 80216

Westwood | 720.865.0215
1000 S. Lowell Blvd. 80219

Pick up only

Central Library | 720.865.1111
10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy. 80204

Athmar Park | 720.865.0230
1055 S. Tejon St. 80223

Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library | 720.865.2401
2401 Welton St. 80205

Decker | 720.865.0220
1501 S. Logan St. 80210

Eugene Field | 720.865.0240
810 S. University Blvd. 80209

Ford-Warren | 720.865.0920
2825 High St. 80205

Hadley | 720.865.0170
1890 S. Grove St. 80219

Montbello | 720.865.0200
12955 Albrook Dr. 80239

Park Hill | 720.865.0250
4705 Montview Blvd. 80207

Pauline Robinson | 720.865.0290
5575 E. 33rd Ave. 80207

Ross-Barnum | 720.865.0145
3570 W. 1st Ave. 80219

Ross-Broadway | 720.865.0135
33 E. Bayaud Ave. 80209

Schlessman Family | 720.865.0000
100 Poplar St. 80220

Smiley | 720.865.0260
4501 W. 46th Ave. 80212

Virginia Village | 720.865.0940
1500 S. Dahlia St. 80222

Woodbury | 720.865.0930
3265 Federal Blvd. 80211

Mobile Services
denverlibrary.org/bookmobile
Nine Denver Public Library branches will open for public use as of Tuesday, March 9, as part of our phased approach to reopening safely. Locations will open with limited hours to allow for cleaning and with limited capacity to allow for physical distancing. The following locations will be open to the public: Bear Valley Branch Library, Ross-Cherry Creek Branch Library, Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales Branch Library, Green Valley Ranch Branch Library, Hampden Branch Library, Sam Gary Branch Library, Ross-University Hills Branch Library, Valdez-Perry Branch Library, and Westwood Branch Library.

These branches, with the exception of the Westwood Branch Library, will be open to the public Tuesday–Saturday from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The Westwood Branch Library will be open Tuesday–Friday from 1–5 p.m. Curbside service will continue at these locations during normal curbside hours which can be found at denverlibrary.org/curbside-holds

As our branches begin to reopen to the public we ask that customers please:

- Refrain from visiting if you are not feeling well
- Practice physical distancing by remaining six feet apart from others at all times
- Wear an appropriate face covering during your entire visit if you are over the age of three
- Wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds
- Please only bring covered beverages into our locations (no food allowed at this time though you are welcome to eat outside our locations)

To keep our staff and customers safe, we will have:

- A welcome station at the entrance of all locations to answer questions
- Sneeze guards at points of service
- Rearranged furniture and computer workstations to allow for physical distancing
- Clear signage with new guidelines
- High touch surfaces like countertops, computers, railings frequently disinfected
- All meeting rooms, study rooms and ideaLABs remain closed
When I was a kid, I loved reading mysteries. From Nancy Drew to Patricia Cornwell’s Kay Scarpetta, I particularly loved reading about women who were curious, tenacious and valued truth and justice.

As an adult, I still like reading fictional mysteries, but I also enjoy the real-life mysteries that are investigated and brought to life in science writing. Some of the folks, both curious laypeople and professional scientists, in the staff-curated Pop Science Core Collection’s titles demonstrate those same things I liked about my favorite detectives—they follow the threads of their curiosity wherever they might lead, discovering new insights and wonders along the way.

In *Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex*, Mary Roach turns her curiosity and humorous writing style to the study of sexual physiology. What is happening in bodies during sex, and why? She asks the questions you may not have thought to, looks for answers in places few people go to and shows that humans have been asking questions about sex for centuries.

On a more contemplative but no less fascinating note is Elisabeth Tova Bailey’s *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*. Stricken with a mysterious illness that left her unable to do much, the author was gifted a plant and a wild snail to brighten her bedside. Her close observations of the snail and its behavior led to more questions about all things snail and musings on human connection with the natural world.

Also included in our True Crime Core Collection, Kristen Iversen’s *Full Body Burden: Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats* not only hits literally close to home, but, through Iversen’s dogged journalism and memoirs, explores the dangers of secrets, the health consequences of growing up near a nuclear power...
plant that no one acknowledged and the personal and environmental consequences of government cover-ups.

Like many people, I am endlessly fascinated with the continent of Antarctica. While I've read many titles about and set in this cold place, *Antarctica: An Intimate Portrait of a Mysterious Continent* is one of the best. Combining history, the wide range of scientific experiments conducted there and the fascinating people who are committed to living there, doing science and supporting those who do, Gabrielle Walker’s is the book for you if you can’t get enough cold and dark and lonely with a side of “why not?” curiosity.

Science doesn’t only manifest itself in inaccessible places, though. Several titles on our list demonstrate that scientific phenomena are around us all the time. *Storm in a Teacup: The Physics of Everyday Life* by Helen Czerski looks at how things we see and do every day—like popping popcorn, magnets and stains—connect to big physics concepts like how gases behave and gravity. While not a professional scientist like Czerski, Samin Nosrat is no less curious about the science behind food in *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: The Four Elements of Good Cooking*. She dives into choosing ingredients, chemical reactions, taste and more, all in the name of making you a better cook. Recipes and kitchen experiments allow you to dig and see the principles in action, and the wonderful illustrations by Wendy MacNaugton are a visual bonus.

While women are often erased from the history of and current conversations about science, Black women are even more overlooked. In *Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm’s Practical Guide to Liberation on the Land*, Leah Penniman seeks to demonstrate and reclaim the rich history of African heritage growers—the technologies and techniques they pioneered, as well as work that is continuing today as Black and Latinx farmers and gardeners rediscover their connections to the land and work within sustainable agriculture and food justice movements.

Curiosity is one quality that we never have to lose as we age—we just have to keep asking questions and exploring answers. We hope that you will keep the fire of curiosity alive by continuing to explore the many journeys available in denverlibrary.org/core-collections
The Many Faces of Women in Colorado

During the month of March, as always, we acknowledge their struggles, take comfort in their joy, and find inspiration in their victories. For more great historical photos, visit history.denverlibrary.org/gallery/womens-history-month

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COVID One Year Later..By the Numbers

When we closed our doors in response to COVID-19, many wondered, “Can libraries still be relevant when their spaces aren’t accessible to the public?” One year later, the answer is a resounding, “Yes!” We’re excited to share some numbers with you about what we were able to do while our doors were closed during the pandemic.

- 2 million ebook check-outs surpassed
- 40,000+ free books distributed
- 20,000+ children’s online programming & healthy snacks recipients
- 25,000 postcards sent to older adult households
- 500+ community events attended by our mobile services & outreach teams
- 12 locations providing outdoor computer access
- 20,000+ physically distanced contacts made at outreach events
- 5,500+ outdoor computer sessions

Together, we have worked hard to ensure that our customers have been able to stay connected with us and access needed resources during the pandemic. Plus, our Ask Us phone line (720-865-1111) continues to connect customers with us to gain access to what they’re searching for. We know 2021 will continue to be challenging, but we are #StillHere for you.
BOOK CLUBS

To find and register for book clubs, visit denverlibrary.org/bookclubs

The Probably Awesome Book Club (grades 6-12)
Tuesday, March 2, 4-5 p.m.
Whether you’re reading books, manga, magazines, blogs, or cereal boxes, you can join us on the first Tuesday of the month for great recommendations as we talk about the best or even the worst thing you’ve been reading.

YA Book Club for Adults
Saturday, March 6, 12-1 p.m.
A social club for adults who enjoy YA fiction! Action-adventure, sci-fi, fantasy, romance - we read it all. Check out our monthly pick and join the virtual discussion!

Short Story Happy Hour (18+)
Tuesday, March 9, 5-6 p.m.
Bring a beverage or just yourself and join us to read and discuss a short story. No preparation required!

55, Underemployed, and Faking Normal
with Author Elizabeth White
Wednesday, March 24, 12-1:30 p.m.
Join author Elizabeth White for a candid and open conversation about the financial vulnerability many older adults are experiencing, workplace age discrimination, and what we can do about it. Books will be available for purchase.

Tears in My Gumbo
with Author Nadine Roberts-Cornish
Thursday, March 11, 12-1:30 p.m.
Join Nadine Roberts Cornish, author of Tears in My Gumbo and Prayers in My Gumbo, and a panel of other caregivers across generations for a candid conversation about caregiving today. Books will be given away to the first registrants while supplies last.

Virtual By the Book Club
Wednesday, March 17, 2-3 p.m.
Join us via Google Meet to discuss this month’s book: The Power by Naomi Alderman.

Virtual Social Justice Book Club (18+)
Wednesday, March 24, 6-7:30 p.m.
Are you passionate about social justice and want to connect with like-minded individuals? Connect virtually over tea with like-minded individuals with a passion for social justice. This month we will be discussing Her Body and Other Parties by Carmen Maria Machado.

Wreck This Book Club! (ages 8-12)
Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 4-5 p.m.
View video tutorials on Denver Library’s YouTube channel where we follow a prompt from Wreck this Journal. Then, join us via Google Meet where you can talk to other artists, ask questions, and show off your work!

Registration required for both events. For more information, visit denverlibrary.org/events

These programs are in collaboration with Changing the Narrative.
César Chávez Day

March 31 is a U.S. federal commemorative holiday proclaimed in 2014 in celebration of the birth and legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist - César Chávez.

Chávez co-founded the National Farmworkers Association alongside fellow labor leader and activist, Dolores Huerta, which later became the United Farm Workers, an organization that continues to advocate for a safe and just food supply.

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**Kids' Virtual Book Clubs**

**Ages 5-8**
Thursday, March 4, 4-5 p.m.
Join us to read *Niko Draws a Feeling* by Bob Racza, followed by fun, interactive drawing activities and games. Bring your paper, markers and/or crayons or pick up supplies at the Gonzales Branch Library during curbside pickup hours.

**Ages 6-9**
Wednesday, March 10, 4-5 p.m.
Come share what you’ve been reading, and participate in fun games and activities. Space is limited so join early and bring your paper, markers and/or crayons. Pick up a kit of book-themed activities from the Park Hill Branch Library during curbside pickup hours.

**Ages 8-10**
Wednesday, March 3, 4-5 p.m.
We’re reading *Who Would Win?: Ultimate Showdown* by Jerry Pallotta. The first 15 families can pick up a book club kit starting February 12 at the Virginia Village Branch Library during curbside pickup hours.

**Ages 10-12**
Tuesday, March 2, 4-5 p.m.
Share what you’ve been reading, and participate in fun games and activities. Space is limited so join early and bring your paper, markers and/or crayons. Pick up a kit of book-themed activities from the Ross-University Hills Branch Library during curbside pickup hours starting on Friday, February 19.
CHILDREN

Virtual Lego Club
Monday, March 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Join Mr. Will and Rebeca from the Woodbury Branch Library for a virtual night of building.

Diversión en español (virtual)
(birth-age 5)
Online registration required at denverlibrary.org/diversion
Tuesdays, 3:30-4 p.m.
March 2: Arte con Pegotetes (y un taller para familias)
March 6: Canta con Lupita
March 9: Experimentos científicos con Rebeca: El clima
March 23: Zumbini con Siu
March 30: Exploración de arte con el libro Presiona aquí

Virtual Little University (birth-age 5)
Online registration required at denverlibrary.org/littleuniversity
Saturdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
March 6: Hip Hop Dance Class
March 13: Sculpture and a Scavenger Hunt
March 20: Weather Exploration
March 27: Concert with The Dollhouse Thieves!

Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.
March 4: The Ways We Fly! with Wings Over the Rockies
March 11: Inside a Fire Station!
March 18: Giraffes Can’t Dance Dance Party
March 25: Getting Ready for Spring with Natures’ Educators

FOOD & WELLNESS

Healthy Cooking During COVID
Mondays, 4-5 p.m.
Join us for a series of cooking demonstrations focused on healthy foods. Funded by the NextFifty Initiative.
March 8: Great Breakfast Recipes with Chef Sarah Eastin
March 22: Eating for Energy with Chef Sarah Eastin

Active Minds: Harriet Tubman
Thursday, March 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Explore the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman, including her fight against slavery and her support of the Civil War and Women's Suffrage. Sponsored by the Central Park Master Community Association.

Food Lover’s Book Club-In Bibi’s Kitchen
Wednesday, March 3, 6-7 p.m.
Join Amanda Faison and a special guest for a discussion of In Bibi’s Kitchen: The Recipes and Stories of Grandmothers from the Eight African Countries that Touch the Indian Ocean by Hawa Hassan with Julia Turshen.

Natural Hacks to Support Attention
Saturday, March 13, 1-2 p.m.
Do you or someone you know require a lot of brainpower throughout the day but find you’re in need of some “focus pocus”? Discover how nutrition and lifestyle tweaks can support your attention to help learning and cognition be as easy as pie with Natural Grocers.
Free Virtual DIY Tax Help

Every Tuesday, March 2-April 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Every Thursday, March 4-April 15, 3-5 p.m.

Work with a IRS-certified bilingual volunteer
Free to individuals/families with HHI up to $57,000
Made available by the Tax Help Colorado program

CoQ10-The Energy of Life
Saturday, March 27, 1-2 p.m.
Not only do you feel tired but your cells are also tired too! Fortunately, there is CoQ10. Join us and Natural Grocers to learn the many, many health benefits of CoQ10.

Gratefulness Gathering
Tuesday, March 30, 6-7 p.m.
Come together for a guided practice to explore different aspects of grateful living.

HISTORY

Active Minds: Brazil
Thursday, March 11, 1-2 p.m.
We’ll explore Brazil’s bumpy political ride and what it may suggest for the future of the largest nation in South America. Sponsored by the Central Park Master Community Association.

My 40 Year Search for the Battle of Actium
Saturday, March 20, 1-2 p.m.
In this personalized lecture, William M. Murray, PhD, University of South Florida, will summarize the main results of their research into Octavian’s naval defeat of Antony and Cleopatra in 31 BC within the context of their own 40-year journey of discovery in search of the Battle of Actium.

FILM

Saturday Matinee: Walter Chaw and James Ellroy Talk Crime Wave, 1954
Saturday, March 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join film critic Walter Chaw and the American crime fiction writer and essayist James Ellroy to talk about Crime Wave, available on DVD to DPL cardholders through Prospector.

What We’re Watching
Sunday, March 14, 1:30-3 p.m.
Join the discussion co-hosted with Denver Cinema Club and share what you’re watching. Discover a new film or series, rediscover a lost favorite or something in between!

Saturday Matinee: Walter Chaw and Barbara Crampton talk What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? 1962
Saturday, March 20, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join film critic Walter Chaw and the American actress Barbara Crampton to discuss What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?, available on DVD with your Denver Public library card.
Doc & Talk: Human Flow
Thursday, March 25, 7-8 p.m.
Join us this month as we discuss *Human Flow*, an epic film journey led by the internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei, which gives a powerful visual expression to the massive human migration and displacement since World War II.

MORE FUN STUFF

Sew a Plushie Workshop
Saturday, March 13, 2-3 p.m.
Come learn to sew a plushie (small stuffed creature) in this online workshop. You can use your own supplies from home or stop by Hadley, Hampden, Montbello, Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales, or Sam Gary Branches and request a ideaLAB Take & Make Kit in early March. Supplies are limited, first come first served.

3D Printed Cookie Cutters
Saturday, March 27, 1-2 p.m.
Learn to use Tinkercad, a free, online 3D design tool, to make your own custom cookie cutter! Following the workshop, you’ll be able to submit your design to be printed on one of our 3D printers. Submission and delivery details available at the workshop.

Tax Resources Open House
Saturday, March 20, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Join us for a session focused on tax resources from the library. This session will focus on information sharing and we’ll discuss local resources for tax help and tech questions related to doing taxes online.

Tools for the Creative Life:
A Creative’s Guide to Grants & Calls
Wednesday, March 17, 1-2:30 p.m.
Join esteemed panelists Crystal Polis of Polis Consulting, Brendan Picker-Mahoney of Denver Arts & Venues, and Louise Martorano of RedLine for a discussion about how to craft a successful, creative proposal - be it for a grant, open call, or fellowship.

Extraordinary Women in Colorado History: The Story of the Harbison Sisters
Wednesday, March 17, 4-5 p.m.
Celebrate Women’s History Month with historian, Dave Lively as we follow the journey of the Harbison sisters leading up to the development of Rocky Mountain National Park and beyond.
Educator Meetup  
Wednesday, March 17, 5-6 p.m.  
Calling all formal and informal educators! Grab a snack or beverage and join our virtual educator meetup to swap ideas, chat, and connect with other educators.

Don’t Stand So Close To Me: Virtual Trivia With Your Library  
Wednesday, March 3, 7-8 p.m.  
All the fun you have come to expect from one of our trivia night events, but virtual. Play as a single or compete as a team.

Virtual D&D for Adults  
Sunday, March 14, 2-4 p.m.  
Join us every month on the 2nd Sunday to play Dungeons & Dragons and the 4th Sunday for a one-shot RPG. All experience levels are welcome; we will be using 5e rules.

Virtual RPG for Adults  
Sunday, March 28, 2-3 p.m.  
Do you want to play a roleplaying game that is more simple than Dungeons and Dragons? Join us on the fourth Sunday of the month for a new one-shot, one-page roleplaying game.

Video Chat Basics  
Monday, March 22, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Explore free video chat programs like Skype and Google Hangouts. You’ll learn how to start and troubleshoot video chats on a computer or smartphone.

Virtual D&D for Teens Campaign: Trouble on the Highroad  
Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Based in the Forgotten Realms setting, you’ll play a group of heroes exploring the Northern Sword Coast trying to make a name for themselves. Come prepared with a fourth level character and be ready for adventure.

YouthBiz Presents: Startup - Learn, Think, Speak, and Act Like an Entrepreneur Spring Break Camp (ages 11-14)  
Wednesday-Friday, March 31-April 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Get 21st century entrepreneurial skills including critical thinking and reasoning, information literacy, collaboration, self-direction, and invention.
Virtual D&D for Teens Campaign: Asteroid Beta
Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 4-6 p.m.
Join us for a medieval fantasy campaign set in outer space. Players of all levels are welcome to join this ongoing weekly campaign. Create your own third level character or pick a pre-rolled character.

Virtual Write & Talk for Teens with Lighthouse Writers Workshop (ages 13-18)
Wednesday, March 17, 4-6 p.m.
Join local author and Lighthouse Writers Workshop instructor Whitney Gaines to try a new genre or topic with plenty of time for freewriting and conversation.

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Email adelpo@denverlibrary.org if you need assistance or have questions about older adult programs and services. For more info, visit denverlibrary.org/olderadults

Art After Noon
Mondays, 1:30-3 p.m.
Art After Noon brings professional artists from throughout Colorado into your own home through Zoom to teach art and provide engaging, unique experiences. All of the projects use materials readily available in your own home.

March 1: Colorful Card-Making with Jennifer Ghormley
March 8: What Makes a Successful Collage? With Maeve Eichelberger
March 15:
March 22: Salt Dough Pollen Sculptures with Nicole Banowetz

Virtual Memory Cafe
Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Virtual Memory Cafe is a fun place to socialize, relax, and engage with people experiencing memory loss and their families/caregivers. Each cafe has a unique focus to facilitate social connection for individuals with shared experiences. For more information, go to denverlibrary.org/memorycafe

March 2: 19th Century European & American Art featuring the Denver Art Museum
March 9: Saint Patrick’s Day featuring Jody Tafoya & Amy Sweetin
March 16: Curious Dragonfly presents Backyard Birds of Colorado

Mindfulness and Meditation
Friday, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10-10:45 a.m.
A regular meditation practice can help you cultivate kindness and inner peace - two things we desperately need in these stressful times. Join us for teaching on mindfulness themes followed by 30 minutes of practice.

Denver Reflective Storytelling Workshop
Friday, March 12, 12-1:15 p.m.
StoryCenter, a non-profit that helps people find and tell stories from their lives, will offer a supportive, online space where we can gather together as a community to share our personal struggles and joys and moments of resilience. Funded by the NextFifty Initiative.

Navigating Grief
Tuesday, March 23, 4-5 p.m.
Please facilitator Joni Jackson-Malavasi, MSW for an intellectual conversation that explores the deeply personal yet universal nature of loss and grief and how to navigate these very human experiences.

Sleeping Better As You Age
Wednesday, March 24, 4-5 p.m.
Poor sleep contributes to many health problems in older adults. Staff from the CU School of Medicine will discuss why sleep is so important, what keeps us from getting a good night’s rest and ways to help improve our sleep as we age.

Virtual Kindness Club
Wednesday, March 24, 4-4:30 p.m.
Let’s embark on a kindness adventure together. We’ll focus on ways to be kind through mindfulness and meditation. All ages welcome.

Dementia 101 & How to Reduce Your Risk
Thursday, March 25, 11:45a.m.-12:45 p.m.
This presentation will cover basic facts about Alzheimer’s disease and other types of dementia as well as a wide range of dementia-related topics and the sixteen things anyone can do at any age to reduce risk or delay onset of dementia. Funded by the NextFifty Initiative.
All virtual programs have automated voice to text captioning available. If the program you are attending is hosted with Google Meet, visit support.google.com/meet for instructions. To request a sign language interpreter or live captions for a program hosted on Zoom or in person, contact SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org or 720-913-8487, with a three (3) business-day notice. For other public accommodation requests/concerns related to a disability, please contact DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org