We all have a role to play in helping prepare Weld County's children for the future.

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**Summer...at your local library!**

Ahhh, it is finally summer. Time for vacations, picnics, outdoor sports, camping and... visiting your local library.

The High Plains Library District (HPLD) offers books, movies, magazines, music, meeting rooms, computers, programs, story times, book clubs, copying, printing and more.

The library is more than a place for book lovers, though it is still a book lover’s paradise. Whether you’re a fan of the downloaded digital book or holding a physical book in your hands, there are books to interest everyone of any age. While you are here picking up a summer read, be sure to check out everything else the library has to offer.

We offer movies (from classics to the newest releases), magazines, music and more. Our Specialty Checkout collection offers laptops, Wifi Hotspots, state park passes, telescopes, and projectors.

Summer is a great time to keep learning and exploring while having a good time. Use our E-Resources in the library or at home to learn languages, genealogy, auto repair, writing a resume, or several hundred other topics. E-Resources for kids will provide entertainment and your kids will be learning the entire time. HPLD offers a variety of programs throughout the summer for all ages. While there are too many to list here, some examples of programs include “Discover Hip Hop,” “Farm Truck Zoo,” “Pop Culture Trivia,” “Grilling with Lew,” “STEAM for Little Learners,” “Grease Sing Along,” and “Discover the Runner in You.” Younger ones will enjoy our wide variety of story times, scheduled almost every day at all our locations. Keep an eye on our calendar so that you don’t miss anything.

Finally, the highlight of summer, Summer Reading Adventure! HPLD’s Summer Reading Adventure is about a lot more than reading. It is about exploring, discovering, reading, and learning. While we always want to encourage kids to keep reading and learning over the summer, this year’s Summer Reading Adventure is for everyone from ages birth to 100. We hope people of all ages will take part in our reading challenges and rediscover the joy of reading – wherever, whenever and however you choose. This year, our Summer Reading Adventure is all about discovery. We’re tapping into the inner explorer in all of us by interacting 1688407 with the world around us in new and different ways. We’re focusing less on what you read and more on how you read, developing programs with a focus on finding new interests and enjoying new experiences. Everyone is welcome to participate so sign yourself up when you register the kids and model reading and learning for the young ones in your life.

Summer Reading Adventure registration has just started. You can start logging your reading experiences and enrichment activities now. Keep track of your summer experiences on our Discovery Card now and enjoy Summer Reading Adventure programming starting May 29. July 28 is the last day for logging on the Discovery Card and receiving prizes.

Come by for a visit. We are looking forward to seeing you this summer!

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State Legislators Invest in Local Early Childhood Councils

During the 2018 legislative session, the Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) successfully advocated for state general funds to be invested in the statewide network of Early Childhood Councils. The 2018-19 Colorado state budget now includes $1 million for Councils to continue their efforts in building and supporting local early childhood systems. Due in part to the impact of the Great Recession, this is the first investment of state funds in Councils since 2012. Go to https://ecclacolorado.org/state-legislators-invest-in-local-early-childhood-councils/ to read more.

Dr. Sarah Watamura

Saturday, June 16
9 a.m - 2 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park
919 7th Street - Downtown Greeley
$10 per person

Childcare providers, please contact Tessa@UnitedWay-Weld.org or 970-304-6189 for a coupon code to attend this event for free.

Dr. Sarah Watamura will share some of her childhood expertise with child care providers, early childhood professionals, community members and business owners. Dr. Watamura will explain the importance of early childhood brain development, why it is so important to start supports and services early, specific behaviors stemming from a child’s social emotional needs and best practices for coping with tough behaviors. (For the community and providers)

How to avoid the summer Slide

Summer Slide is the loss of academic skills and knowledge over the course of summer holidays. The loss in learning varies across grade level, subject matter, and family income.

Summer is right around the corner! We all LOVE our summer vacation, but not the “Summer Slide!” According to Oxford Learning, check out these summer statistics:

Summer Slide Statistics
And How to Avoid the Summer Slide

- Over 2 ½ months of math skills are lost over summer
- 2 months of reading skills are lost over summer
- Teachers spend 6 weeks reteaching old material
- Spend just 2-3 hours per week during summer to avoid the summer slide!
Welcome to Foster Care Presentations

To get an even better idea of what it is like to be a foster family in Weld County, please attend a Welcome to Foster Care presentation. These presentations are designed to provide potential foster families with information about the certification process, current foster child placement needs, introductions to the team of professionals you would be working with and specific next steps to expect should you chose to become a foster family.

June 7 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. ‘open house’ style with the presentation starting at 4:45
June 28 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. ‘open house’ style with the presentation starting at 4:45

Where: Zoe’s Café and Events at 715 10th Street, Greeley, Co 80631

Child Care Provider Spotlight

As the Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Rating System is celebrating 3 years, Weld County has had the following successes:

• 46% of programs are at a Level 2 or higher
• 15% of programs are a Level 3-5
• 26 Level 4 programs- 14 child care centers, 9 preschools and 3 family child care homes

Congratulations to all of our Weld County Child Care providers on their Colorado Shines accomplishments!

Child Care Provider Appreciation and Recruitment BBQ

You’re invited to join the Weld County REACH Team for a Child Care Provider Appreciation and Recruitment BBQ on Thursday, June 21st, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Bittersweet Park – East Pavilion, Greeley. Free food, giveaways and games will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket to enjoy a fun family outing – dinner’s on us!
UPCOMING

June 9
Medication Administration - Part 2 (https://coloradocprpros.com/event/medication-administration-2-20180609)
CPR/AED & Basic First Aid (https://coloradocprpros.com/event/cpraed-and-basic-first-aid-20180609)

June 16
Dr Sarah Watamura (www.unitedway-weld.org/events/watamura)

June 15 & 16
United Way’s Day of Action (www.unitedway-weld.org/dayofaction)

June 18

June 21 - 22
5th Annual Early Childhood Summit (http://files.constantcontact.com/d1e1c3f9001/d6174a12-5572-45c2-8b68-0bbb8e4f22b9.pdf)

June 23
Medication Administration - Part 2 (https://coloradocprpros.com/event/medication-administration-2-20180623/)
CPR/AED & Basic First Aid (https://coloradocprpros.com/event/cpraed-and-basic-first-aid-20180623/)
Standard Precautions (https://coloradocprpros.com/event/standard-precautions-20180623/)

September 26-28
Strengthening Colorado Families Conference (Save the Date - https://evics.wordpress.com/)

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