

# boulderlibrary.org

July/August 2010

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Engaging our community through free access to ideas, information and cultural experiences



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**Anya and Maya enjoy visiting their library.**



### Did you know...?

All Boulder Public Library branches will be closed on Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5 for the Independence Day holiday.

**Find out more about your public library at [boulderlibrary.org](http://boulderlibrary.org)**

## Summer Reading Programs for All!

**Water Your Mind...Read** (for adults)...submit titles through July 17 of books that nurtured your mind, favorite books on gardening, or any book with a water theme or setting.

**Make Waves @ Your Library** (for teens)...events and activities. Participants get recreation center swimming passes!

**Make A Splash...Read!** (for children)...storytimes, craft activities, games and educational events.

[boulderlibrary.org/summerreading/](http://boulderlibrary.org/summerreading/)

# Kids & Teens

Information: 303-441-3099

**Storytimes for Children**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday @ Main CL. 10:15 a.m. Tuesday @ GRB; Wednesday @ MDWS.

**Spanish-English Storytime**  
Storyteller Kay Negash, July 3 and Aug. 7, 10:15 a.m. @ CL.

**Creative Writing** Enjoy a writing workshop sure to inspire children's creative talents. Drop-ins welcome. July 8, 10-11 a.m. @ GRB.

**Family Game Night** From board games to Wii. Fridays, July 15 @ Main CL; July 9, 23 & Aug. 13 @ MDWS, 4-6 p.m.

**Tween Storytelling Workshop** Join local storyteller, Bett Kopit, in this workshop for children ages 8-12. Reservations required; 303-441-3099. July 1 & 8, 2-4 p.m. @ CT.

**Rain, Rain Go Away** Explore the journey rain takes in an urban environment. For kids in grades K-5. July 6, 3 p.m. @ GRB. 303-441-3120.

**Book Morph** Re-envision discarded books as blank canvas for art and home to hidden poems. All supplies provided. July 11, 1-3 p.m. @ TS.



Birgitta De Pree

**Make a Splash with Big Little Mermaid** Birgitta De Pree dons snorkel and mask to solve the mystery of the missing Little Mermaid in this modern adaptation of the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale. For children ages 3-12. Saturday, July 10 @ GRB at 11 a.m. and @ MDWS at 3 p.m. Reserve seats: GRB, 303-441-3120; MDWS, 303-441-4390.

**Digital Photography Workshop** Children explore the water cycle through photography in a two-session workshop. Digital cameras available for check-out. July 11 & 18, 1-3 p.m. @ LL.

**Youth Conversations in English** Mondays, July 12 - Aug. 23, 1 p.m. @ TAG. A Conversations in English class for kids, ages 11-16. Based on the successful adult classes, but focusing on youth interests, and including a writing coach to help students write.

**Musical Splash Storytimes** July 16 & 22, 10:15 a.m. @ SPP; June 5, from 3-4 p.m. @ MDWS; or June 7 and 18, 10:15 a.m., Main Library, SPP.

**WoW Game Night** World of Warcraft (WoW) on 8 computers in the LL on the 2nd Tues. of every month. July 8 & Aug. 10, 3-6 p.m.

**YouTube Night @ GRB** Teens signed up for the Teen Summer Reading program can vote on which YouTube favorites to show. All teens welcome to view videos, eat pizza and popcorn and watch the top choices! July 14, 6-8 p.m. @ GRB. 303-441-3120.

**Teen Outdoor Movie Night** Teens signed up for the Teen Summer Reading program vote on which movie to show outdoors, under Main Library, (south side of Boulder Creek). All teens welcome! July 23, 6-8 p.m. 303-441-3099.

**Gaming for Teens @ GRB** Enjoy a variety of popular Wii games on the big screen as well as board and card games. For middle/ high school teens. July 9, 2-3:30 p.m. @ GRB. 303-441-3120.

**Teen Advisory Board** Middle and high schoolers represent teens in the library and community. July 19 & Aug. 16, 4-6 p.m. @ TS. 303-441-3099.

## library branches

**MAIN LIBRARY** 1001 Arapahoe Avenue **Phone:** 303-441-3100 **Hours**—Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday noon-6 p.m. 3 hours free library parking in Arapahoe Avenue lot.

**MEADOWS BRANCH LIBRARY** 4800 Baseline Road **Phone:** 303-441-4390 **Hours**—Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Closed on Thursdays; Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.

## phone numbers

Administration . . . . . 303-441-3106  
Information Desk . . . . . 303-441-4107  
Arts Commission/Arts/Programs 303-441-4113  
Arts Resource/ Dance Bridge . . 303-441-4391  
Children's Library . . . . . 303-441-3099  
Fiction Information . . . . . 303-441-4108

Homebound /Special Services . . 303-441-3098  
Interlibrary Loan . . . . . 303-441-3101  
Library Commission . . . . . 303-441-3106  
Literacy Hotline (BoulderReads!) 303-444-5599  
Nonfiction Information . . . . . 303-441-3194  
Multicultural Outreach . . . . . 303-441-4941

**REYNOLDS BRANCH LIBRARY** 3595 Table Mesa Drive **Phone:** 303-441-3120 **Hours**—Closed on Mondays; Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.

**CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY FOR LOCAL HISTORY** 1125 Pine Street **Phone:** 303-441-3110 **Hours**—Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Closed on Sundays.

Reference & Periodicals . . . . . 303-441-3194  
Renewals . . . . . 303-449-2665  
Teen Space . . . . . 303-441-4398  
Volunteer Services . . . . . 303-441-3114

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## Going Somewhere? Let Us Know. Let Us Help.

By Tony Tallent, Library & Arts Director

Friends of mine are headed to Spain for vacation! Their excitement is obvious. When visiting their house recently, I saw small notes attached to windows, cabinets and walls with the Spanish words for objects and phrases. It was a small indicator that this trip will be an important and joyous event in their lives. What a pleasure it was for me to share that the library could help in their attempts to ready their language skills for the trip to Spain through *Powerspeak Languages*, a database now offered through our website. This product currently enables our community members to enhance their language skills in Spanish, French, Mandarin and German. The cost of admission? Simply your library card. That's right. Your library card is still one of the best values around!

I know that many of you will be taking trips both long and short during the summer. Have you thought about how the library can help prepare you for it? Check out our collection of travel books and guides. Perhaps you may even want to book a one-on-one session with one of our reference staff members to help you find online tools for mapping out easy routes and interesting, out-of-the-way places to visit along the way. Yes, we can help in all these ways and more.

I can't wait to hear about my friends' trip to Spain. I know that in all of the towns, cities and villages they visit, there will also be people who do (or could) benefit from the support of a local library. Boulder is blessed with a lovely, helpful and friendly library system. Remember to think about us when you're planning your summer fun (and feel free to share the pictures with us, too!).



## Speaking of going places...

In late July, I will be relocating to the southeastern part of the United States! I have made so many wonderful friends, connections and discoveries since I have lived in Boulder. Thanks to all the staff and community members who love the library and make it a very special place to be. You've helped create a wealth of wonderful memories that I'll take with me. On July 9, Donna Gartenmann, Arts & Cultural Programs Manager will be stepping into the role of Interim Library Director. Donna will bring a love for libraries and art to this interim role as she works with staff to continue to develop great services and experiences at the Boulder Public Library.

**Storytime Creek Walk** Join volunteer naturalist Margaret for a storytime and walk along Boulder Creek with the theme, "What's Bugging You?" July 20, 10:15 a.m. @ Main CL.

**Play Ground Theatre presents Fairy Tales** Enjoy an hour of classic fairy tales with a twist. July 19, 11 a.m. @ CT. 303-441-3196.

**Scrapbooks for Teens** For middle/high school teens. Bring photos and keepsakes and craft a paper bag scrapbook celebrating summer. July 24, 2-3:30 p.m. @ GRB. Call to reserve seat; 303-441-3120.

**Remus Lupins Concert** Wizard rock band from CA, features indie rock music inspired by the adventures of Harry Potter and his friends. July 26, 6-8 p.m. @ CT. 303-441-3099.

**Go Club** Learn to play the Go board game. Sundays, 2-5:30 p.m. @ BCMR.

**River Story** A Bulgarian folk tale, performed using puppets, masks, music and shadows. July 27, 11 a.m. @ CT. 303-441-3196.

**Stylize Your School Supplies** For middle and high school teens. Bring plain folders and spiral notebooks and transform them into artful originals. Aug. 13, 11 a.m. @ GRB. Please call to reserve seat; 303-441-3120.

**Cowboy Hersh, Silliest Singing Cowboy** Armed with a variety of instruments, an irreverent sense of humor, and a genuine rapport with children, Cowboy Hersh gets kids singing along and whooping with delight. For children ages 3-12. Saturday, Aug. 14 @ GRB at 11 a.m. and @ MDWS at 3 p.m. Reserve seats: GRB, 303-441-3120; MDWS, 303-441-4390.

**Young Creative Writers Class** Kids from 3rd-6th grades practice writing skills through

poetry, stories and fun! Meets every Saturday through August, 1-2 p.m. @ TAG,

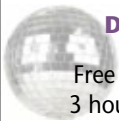
**Just Write Creative Writing for Teens** Middle and high school-aged teens practice poetry, fiction and other forms of creative expression through words. Meets every Saturday through August in the Teen Art Gallery, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Just Act Theater Classes for Teens** Lessons on storytelling, scene development and overall creation of stories using dialogue and movement. Participants work on collaborative creativity through improvisation, games and exploring being on stage. Meets every Saturday through August in the CT or BCMR, 4-5 p.m.

**Teen Game Night** Board games to Wii and World of Warcraft, Tuesdays, 3-6 p.m. @ TS. howardm@boulderlibrary.org.



Cowboy Hersh



### Did you know...?

Free parking (for up to 3 hours) is available for Main Library patrons in the Arapahoe Ave. parking lot.

**Baby/Toddler Time** Baby Time (up to 18 mos.). Toddler Time (18-36 mos.). Held @ CT at 10:15 a.m. Baby Time is first 3 Tuesdays of month, and Toddler Time is first 3 Wednesdays of month. Songs, books, free play and discussion. Drop-in playtime follows until noon. 303-441-3099.



The Cove

## Cinema

Screenings begin at 7 p.m. in the Canyon Theater unless otherwise indicated.

Information: 303-441-3197 or [haertlingj@boulderlibrary.org](mailto:haertlingj@boulderlibrary.org).



**FAMILY REUNION MONTH** Screening of found home movies July 1

**LOCAL FILMMAKERS' SHOWCASE** The Cove July 8

**WATER YOUR MIND**  
The Girl by the Lake July 12  
Water Rustlers August 18 @ GRB  
Small World August 25 @ MDWS



Water Rustlers



Our Town

## The Play's The Thing

### Colorado Shakespeare Festival

The Play's The Thing, formerly Classics 101, is a series in which the dramaturg and director for each of the Colorado Shakespeare Festival 2010 productions present a background program for playgoers to see before attending. Presentations include a short plot synopsis, a discussion of the production history, major themes, and a discussion of the director's concept for the CSF summer production. **Attendees can win 2 free tickets to a performance!** Each program takes place from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Canyon Theater. Information: Carol Heepke at [heepkec@boulderlibrary.org](mailto:heepkec@boulderlibrary.org) or 303-441-3196.

July 6 • Our Town  
July 7 • Measure for Measure

### Mark Your Calendars!

July						
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## Discussions

New members are welcome at these groups any time!

**Arabic Literature** July 12 & Aug. 2, 7-8:30 p.m. @ ACR. 303-441-4941.

**Boulder World Affairs**  
Tuesdays, in July & August from 10 a.m.-noon @ MDWS. [art.smoot@gmail.com](mailto:art.smoot@gmail.com).

**Conversations in English Book Club** Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. @ ACR. 303-441-4941.

**Geopolitics** July 29 & Aug. 26, 1-3 p.m. @ BCMR. [r.cohen@ieee.org](mailto:r.cohen@ieee.org).

**Great Books** July 14, 28 & Aug. 4, 18; 7:30-8:45 p.m. @

MDWS. <http://home.comcast.net/~BoulderGreatBooks/>.

**It's a Girl Thing: Mother-Daughter Book Club** July 17, 2-3:30 p.m. @ GRB. 303-441-3120.

**Club de Literatura Moderna en Espanol** July 2 & Aug. 6, 4-5:30 p.m. @ BCMR. 303-441-4941.

**Questions on Cosmology** July 15 & Aug. 19, 7-8 p.m. @ ACR. [jeff1.grove@gmail.com](mailto:jeff1.grove@gmail.com).

**U.N. & International Affairs** July 15 & Aug. 19, 1-3 p.m. @ BCMR. [r.cohen@ieee.org](mailto:r.cohen@ieee.org).

**Women of the West – Saturdays** July 17 & Aug. 14, 10-11 a.m. @ ACR. [tapeats80305@yahoo.com](mailto:tapeats80305@yahoo.com).

## Variety

**Story Sharing Circle**  
July 11 & Aug. 8, 3:30-5 p.m. @ SPP. Co-sponsored by Rocky Mountain Storytellers Guild. Relax, listen or share a story. 303-441-3196.

**Tuesday Fiction Writers Group** July 13, 27 & Aug. 10, 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ MDWS. [tfw\\_bpl@hotmail.com](mailto:tfw_bpl@hotmail.com).

**Boulder Folders Origami Workshops** For ages 10 and older or experienced younger folders with an adult. Bring your own paper. Workshops meet July 12 & Aug. 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and July 24 & Aug. 28 from 10:15-noon, both @ SPP. Held @ GRB on July 28 & Aug. 25, 1-2:30 p.m. [Boulderfolders@gmail.com](mailto:Boulderfolders@gmail.com)

**Our Riches of Ditches, Boulder's Early Water History**  
Learn about Colorado's early water history, and Boulder's part at the forefront. Elizabeth Black will cover the guiding principles of Colorado irrigation, early ditch construction, water wars, the most famous western water case, which happened here in Boulder County, uses of ditch water, and how ditches have constructed Boulder's landscape. Call the Carnegie Branch for reservations. July 21, 7-8 p.m. @ CARN. 303-441-3110.

**Panel Discussion of International Business Sustainability**  
Students from all over the world who are studying at the Global Communication Program at CU discuss their projects for sustainable business in their countries. July 27, 7-8:15 p.m. @ CT. 303-441-3196.

**NCAR's 50th Anniversary Lecture**  
Bill Mahoney presents "Turbulence, Wind Shear, Toxin Attacks and Other Things that Go Bump in the Night: Applied Research for Real-Life Problems," on July 28, 2-3 p.m. @ CT. Laura Curtis, 303-497-2106.

**Moonscapes Free**, monthly gatherings that inspire the passion, creativity and wisdom of women in the second half of life. July 24 & Aug. 28, 2:30-5 p.m. @ MDWS. 303-441-4390

## BoulderReads!

*Know someone who struggles with reading? BoulderReads! has free one-on-one tutoring for adults and Reading Buddies for children. Call 303-444-5599 or visit [www.boulderreads.org](http://www.boulderreads.org).*

**Read to the Dog!** Kids practice reading aloud to therapy dogs. Register with Laurie at [watkinsl@boulderlibrary.org](mailto:watkinsl@boulderlibrary.org) Provide child's name/age, parent's name, phone and email. July 1 & Aug. 5, 3:30 p.m. @ GRB; July 16 & Aug. 6, 11 a.m. @ MDWS; July 8, 22 & Aug. 12, 11 a.m. @ Main CL and on Aug. 20 & 26, 3:30 p.m. @ Main CL. 303-444-5599.

**Adult Literacy Tutor Training**  
Training volunteers to tutor adults to improve reading/writing skills. Tutors must apply and interview prior to training, and must be willing to tutor twice/week for 1.5 hours each time.

**GED Classes** For adults who do not have a high school diploma and want to earn a General Educational Development diploma. Meets Tuesday/Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon in the BoulderReads! computer lab. Preregister at 720-561-5826.

**GED Testing** July 28 & Aug. 25, 3-7 p.m. in BoulderReads! Pre-registration strongly encouraged; call 720-561-5826. Please bring a photo ID and a printout from your online registration at [www.GED123.org](http://www.GED123.org).

## Classes

**Citizenship Classes**  
Mondays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. @ BCMR. 303-441-4941.

**Business Research 101**  
Learn to use library resources, (print and online) to put together a solid business plan. July 8 & Aug. 12, 7-8 p.m. @ ACR. 303-441-3194.

**Do Investment Research Online @ BPL**  
A BPL business librarian walks you through our premium Value Line and Morningstar.com investment databases, giving highlights

Unless otherwise noted, all events and programs take place at the Main Library and are free of charge.

The City of Boulder encourages use of alternate modes of transportation to attend its programs and events. For RTD schedules, call 303-299-6000.

The library gratefully acknowledges the Boulder Library Foundation for funding many of its events, programs and services.



### Location Codes

ACR	Arapahoe Conference Room
BCMR	Boulder Creek Meeting Room
CARN	Carnegie Branch
CG	Canyon Gallery
CL	Children's Library
CT	Canyon Theater
GRB	George Reynolds Branch
LL	Learning Lab
MDWS	Meadows Branch
SPP	South Pulse Point
TAG	Teen Art Gallery
TS	Teen Space

## Library Innovation & Technology

### Beta testers needed! Help redesign the library catalog website!

By Matthew Hamilton, Library Innovation & Technology Manager

Finding what you're looking for? Ever wish you could redesign our website your way? Well, the Flatirons Library Consortium—our partnership between Boulder, Louisville and the Mamie Doud Eisenhower libraries—is getting ready to launch a brand new look for our catalog website. As we put on some of the finishing touches, we need input from our community on how you look for your favorite books or DVDs and what kinds of features you would like the website to provide. Do you want to save lists of books you'd like to read later? Soon you'll be able to do that. Want to share your thoughts about a book with your neighbors? You can do that. Do you want to get suggestions from people who enjoy the same books as you with help from our professional library staff? Yep, you can do that, too!

In the past couple of months we've tried to add a few new features one at a time to make using our library easier and more convenient, but now we're almost ready to roll out a major facelift. If you'd like to help us fine-tune, email our web team at: [web@boulderlibrary.org](mailto:web@boulderlibrary.org) and let us know that you'd like to sign up for one of our design test sessions. We'll only ask for about 20 minutes of your time. Even if you feel like you don't have time—we're always happy to get suggestions for ways we can improve our web presence.





Kailin Yong

and showing how to access them from any computer using your library card. July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m. @ MDWS. 303-441-4390.

**Rev Up Your Resume! Workshop** A BPL business librarian will walk you through our premium Value Line and Morningstar.com investment databases, give highlights and show how to access them from any computer using your library card. Aug. 13, 10:30-noon @ SPP. 303-441-3194.

**One-on-One Learning** Turn to friendly Boulder Library staff for 1-on-1 assistance with 21st-century technologies. To book a 1-hour learning session,

visit [boulderlibrary.org](http://boulderlibrary.org), click on Reference/Data-bases, click on Education & Test Prep and click on the link to register. Or call 303-441-3194.

## Concerts

Concerts are held in the Canyon Theater unless otherwise indicated. Information: Juliette Leon Bartsch, 303-441-4492 or email [bartschj@boulderlibrary.org](mailto:bartschj@boulderlibrary.org).



**Morning Music Meditations** Morning Music Meditations with Violinist Kailin Yong and friends. July 14 & 28, 10 a.m.

**Make a Splash' World Groove Dance Party Concert** Kailin Yong, Gil Gonzales and Lisa Wimberger present an afternoon of sizzling improvisation. July 18, 2 p.m.

**Central City Opera's En Mis Palabras** A special bilingual one-act opera. July 11, 2 p.m.

**Third Tuesday Lunchtime Concert: The CU Quartet Program** Chamber works. July 20, 12 p.m.

**AT MEADOWS BRANCH** Kailin Yong, Gil Gonzales & Lisa Wimberger Come experience passion for rhythms and sounds around the world. July 25, 3 p.m. 303-441-4390.

## Carnegie Branch Library for Local History presents HISTORICALLY SPEAKING Oral History Chronicles: Adopting a Country

By Taryn Davis

The Fourth of July in the U.S. is symbolic of many things for Americans: a hard war fought and won, freedom gained, inalienable human rights that determine the fabric of American society. This day is one of remembrance for people born and raised on American soil – but it also has special meaning to those who have come to our country as immigrants in search of promise.

One such immigrant is Boulder resident Clara Perez-Mendez. Born in Mexico, she moved to the U.S. at age 23 with her husband and two children to allow her husband to pursue his engineering career. At first, with extended family back in Mexico, they were not sure how long they would remain in the U.S. Even after deciding to stay, it took a long time before she felt ready to become a citizen. In her interview for Boulder Library's Maria Rogers Oral History Program, Clara details part of the reason for her hesitation: "...becoming an American citizen for me was a big step that, deep inside, made me feel that I would become [culturally] less Mexican." And while her husband insisted it was important to make a statement that said they were putting down their roots, Clara wasn't ready. Her husband waited.

What caused Clara to change her mind was an election for public education funding. Clara was informed by her son's teacher that two votes – hers and her husband's – had the power to tip the balance in a school bond election. "Wow, this is very important," said Clara. "I'm impacting the opportunities of my kid by voting or not voting. I remember running to my husband's office and...we talked about it. He said, 'We live here. Our kids are being educated here. We pay taxes. We produce. We're having a good life.... This is the only thing that is not allowing us to be full participants.'" After this conversation, Clara chose to take the next step in joining the American society she and her husband had adopted. In her oral history interview, she describes hours spent studying with her children for the citizenship exam and how the ceremony itself was "a beautiful process and a moment you don't forget." Clara places high value on her new citizenship: "I definitely encourage everybody that has been in this country for a period of time only as an alien resident to look at the process [of becoming a citizen] because we need to make a difference."

Like Clara, many immigrants have made the decision to adopt a new country. In so doing, they add to the culture and join in the governance of this country, as well as celebrating the national holidays that memorialize not only our history but also our ideals: freedom, opportunity and mutual respect.

For those who are interested in pursuing citizenship, Boulder Library offers free citizenship classes. For information about these classes, contact Ghada Elturk at 303-441-4941 or email at: [elturkg@boulderlibrary.org](mailto:elturkg@boulderlibrary.org).

To listen to the entire interview with Clara Perez-Mendez, conducted by oral history program volunteer Joyce Gordon, go to [boulderlibrary.org/oralhistory](http://boulderlibrary.org/oralhistory).



Clara Perez-Mendez

# Bienvenidos—Welcome!

La Biblioteca Pública de Boulder ofrece varios programas en Español, una colección de libros en Español para ambos: adultos y niños. También ofrece eventos que son organizados y presentados con la ayuda de personas de la comunidad Hispana. Para más información, comuníquese con la señora Ghada Elturk, 303-441-4941, o email [elturkg@boulderlibrary.org](mailto:elturkg@boulderlibrary.org)

**Clases de Ciudadanía.** Reciba ayuda en la preparación de la prueba de ciudadanía, y familiarícese con las preguntas oficiales para solicitantes.

**Club de conversación en Español.** Los participantes de esta clase deben tener un nivel intermedio ó avanzado de Español. Las clases se ofrecen todos los Viernes de cada mes, de 4-5:30 p.m. en la sala de conferencias Arapahoe de la Biblioteca Pública de Boulder (edificio principal).

**Club de Literatura Moderna en Español.** La Biblioteca Pública de Boulder y el Distrito Escolar del Valle de Boulder ofrecen un club de lectura en Español. Las clases serán el primer Viernes de cada mes y tendrán lugar en el Boulder Creek Meeting Room de 16-18:00. Viernes, 4 de Junio: *La fiesta del Chivo* por Mario Vargas Llosa ; Viernes, 6 de agosto: *Delirio* por Laura Restrepo.

**Conversaciones en Inglés.** Diseñado para personas cuyo segundo idioma es el Inglés y desean mejorar sus habilidades en conversación. Las reuniones se llevarán a cabo en la biblioteca principal, Meadows.

## Conversations in English:

*Weekly sessions for people for whom English is a second language to converse using American English in small informal groups. A trained volunteer moderates each session.*

**Mondays** Two classes at 1-2:30 p.m. at the Main Library (one session in the Boulder Creek Meeting Room, one in the Arapahoe Conference Room).

**Tuesdays** 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Arapahoe Conference Room, Main Library.

**Wednesdays** 10-11:30 a.m. in the Young Adult area, 1-2:30 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. in the Arapahoe Conference Room, Main Library and 3:30-5 p.m. at the Meadows branch.

**Thursdays** 2-3:30 p.m. at the Reynolds branch.

**Fridays** 10-11:30 a.m. in the Boulder Creek Meeting Room, Main Library and 1-2:30 p.m. in the Arapahoe Conference Room, Main Library.

**Saturdays** 4-5:30 p.m. in the Boulder Creek Meeting Room, Main Library.

[www.boulderlibrary.org/services/multicultural/](http://www.boulderlibrary.org/services/multicultural/)

## Shining Moment @ BPL

*We (my boys and I) are from Colorado Springs and were able to enjoy a wonderful program about dry ice and then some restful time enjoying your beautiful library. Everyone is so helpful, friendly and welcoming. Thank you for the great service you provide.*

Erica

## Commissions

### Library Commission

July 7 & Aug. 4, 7:15 p.m. @ ACR. 303-441-3106.

### Arts Commission

July 21 & Aug. 18, 5:30 p.m. @ BCMR. 303-441-4113.

## Exhibits

### MAIN LIBRARY

#### Bamboo and Flowers in the Japanese Tradition

With the Colorado Chapter of Ikenobo Ikebana. August 28-29 in CG. Demonstrations in BCMR: Saturday, 1 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 p.m.

### MEADOWS BRANCH

Pottery by Elizabeth Lazarus Through July.

Karen Taylor Jewelry Through August.

### CARNEGIE BRANCH

#### Ditches Tell a Story

Carnegie's display for July includes photographs, documents, and oral histories about the history of ditches.

#### Making a Splash in Eldorado Springs

From Ute camping ground, to early 1900s resort town, to climbing Mecca — the history of Eldorado Springs is told through photos and documents. Through August.

## Concepts & Symbols and The Language of Pottery

Concepts & Symbols features the artwork of Sue Quinlan and Andy Sweet in the main gallery. The Language of Pottery displays Nancy Utterback's clay work in the ramp and corridors.

Sue's work pulls on ancient and universal symbols — some that date back to early history. Much of her work informs the viewer about links with our ancestry, our history and our humanity. She works in concrete and steel, using both welding processes and mold making techniques. Andy's work draws on his years as a clinical psychologist and often features the illustration of such concepts in a sculptural vernacular. Andy works in both stone and steel — often in combination.

Nancy shows clay work that reflects entries from her day journal, dream journal and sketch pad. The symbols and drawings record the rhythm of her daily life and work onto the surfaces of her pots and sculptures.

Exhibiting July 10-August 25 in the Canyon Gallery. A reception for both shows takes place Friday, July 16, 5-7 p.m.



Nancy Utterback



# Ask a librarian...

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**How do you become a librarian? I was wondering how competitive careers in library science are. What starting salary can a new graduate expect? Did anyone on your staff attend a library science certificate program locally, and would you recommend that program?** Thank you for your question. Being a librarian is a great career (though we're a little biased). We consulted the Occupational Outlook Handbook (which is in our Reference collection). There was no information about an average starting salary, but the average annual salary for all professional librarians was \$49,060 in May 2006. The lowest 10% earned less than \$30,930. Due to fiscal constraints, many libraries hire at a paraprofessional level (even if candidates have a master's degree), so there are often hourly salaries even lower than that.

As for local programs for the master's degree, there are two: the University of Denver and a part-online program through Emporia State in Kansas. We have recent graduates of the Emporia program here, and they all speak well of their education. Local librarians who are graduates of DU also say good things about their program. Many out-of-state programs now have all-online options, or options where you make only occasional appearances on campus.

As for your general question about competitiveness, the field is very competitive right now. Jobs are hard to come by. An expected wave of retirement by baby boomer librarians hasn't happened, probably because of the poor economy. This has been widely discussed in recent articles in *Library Journal*--we recommend you check out that magazine's excellent website for more information on this topic. We also recommend that anyone who wants to work in a library do some volunteer work in one to get experience.

**I'm building a business plan for a tutoring agency and looking for all relevant information about the size of the market in Boulder. I'm looking for total number of students from 6th grade through college undergrad, and the number of business professionals up to age 40. Also, any information about international business being conducted in Boulder will be helpful as well.** Big question, but you've come to the right place. The best place to start for straight statistical information on age groups is American Factfinder ([factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov)). This is the U.S. Census site where data are organized by community. Their age-arranged tables don't break the data down by grade/education level—but given the typical ages of the market you are looking at it will be a good approximation. Similarly, Factfinder can also generate a chart for Boulder's economic characteristics, which breaks the data down by occupation, salary, etc. Again, it doesn't answer your

exact question (business professionals under 40), but it's a good free source that gets close to that. Feel free to play with the site by looking at other tables for Boulder—there's a lot of good information there. Please note that the most recent data available are from 2008.

Since you are interested in demographics, I'd also recommend using our Business Decision database (you can link to it from our Business Research Home page, [research.boulderlibrary.org/business](http://research.boulderlibrary.org/business)). You will need a BPL library card number to access this when you aren't in one of our buildings. This database generates demographic reports for an area that you choose (e.g. by zip code, by metro area, etc) and lets you "take a picture" of the people in the community you are analyzing. If you have trouble walking through it on your own (it's not intuitive the first time you use it), feel free to call and make an appointment with one of our business librarians. We'd be happy to walk you through it in person.

As for your question about international business, I'd recommend looking for recent news articles in both the Boulder County Business Report and the Daily Camera (available online). Other fruitful places to go for this information would be CU's Leeds Business School and the City of Boulder's Business Assistance office. Good luck in your business endeavors!



**When I do an online catalog search, I occasionally come across a book whose status is "Being Shelved." What is the general timing, physically and on the Web catalog, from "Being Shelved" to Shelf status?** Good question! This can be confusing to a lot of people. The "Being Shelved" status is to help staff and the library user know that the book has been checked in and is on a cart waiting to be shelved. New items (fiction, non-fiction, DVDs and CDs) have that status for 24 hours in the computer, and usually make it to the physical shelf pretty quickly, too. Other items vary from 48-72 hours, depending on the item type and the number of shelvers working that day. You can always call the Reference Department, 303-441-3194. Staff members are happy to check the shelf for any book with a status of "Shelf" or "Being Shelved."