



TEEN TOUR 2017: JOAQUIN ZIHUATANEJO

"How could I be anything but a poet after these moments we shared?"
-from the poem 'Abuelo's Garden' by Joaquin Zihuatanejo

Who inspired you to do the things that you consider a passion? For Joaquin Zihuatanejo, it was his grandfather who offered the spark that would eventually consume him with a passion for poetry. Growing up in the barrios of East Dallas, straddling the invisible line between cultures, Zihuatanejo learned the importance of honoring his heritage and the power of education from his grandfather. This initial moment of inspiration would eventually lead Zihuatanejo to become a nationally and globally recognized slam poet, a position that would place him on the other side of the equation, offering audiences the spark of inspiration that he once received.

High Plains Library District is extremely excited to be hosting Mr. Zihuatanejo as the presenter for the 2017 Teen Tour and building on the success of last year's Teen Tour which saw musician Supaman perform for over 3,000 local students and community members. During the week of September 18-22, Mr. Zihuatanejo will be visiting local high schools and youth-serving organizations to share his poetry in an effort to inspire self-confidence and creativity in young people.

HPLD, the Greeley Creative District and Zoe's Café are excited to present a community event featuring Mr. Zihuatanejo:

Seeds of Success: Celebrating Those Who Inspire Us
Monday, September 18; 6 pm

The Belair at Zoes Café - 711 10th Street, Greeley.

This event is an unflinching look at the life of a young inner city boy who grew up without a father, and a very young mother, but found refuge in a world of stories and poems thanks to his beautiful all encompassing Abuelo.

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This event recognizes the strength in building community around ethnic identity and pride by honoring and celebrating those who have inspired us/contributed to our individual successes in life. Please join HPLD and [Greeley Creative District](#) in this community event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15). Thanks to our event venue sponsor [Zoe's Café](#) for making the community event possible.

Members of the Teen Tour committee will continue to inspire students through identifying informative and engaging speakers to visit local schools in coming years.

~ Ian R., Librarian, Carbon Valley Regional Library

PERSONALIZED READING LISTS / LISTA DE LECTURA PERSONALIZADA

I was getting breakfast with a friend a few months ago, and she asked me “What’s a good book to read?” She looked surprised when I followed up with a series of questions about what she likes to read, what she doesn’t like, and why. Here at the library, we are less concerned with finding a good book than finding a good book FOR YOU, RIGHT NOW. We all have different tastes and different moods that can change from one day to the next. My friend likes fantasy and sci-fi, and she was feeling depressed and wanted something funny, so we settled on Terry Pratchett and walked over to the library. She checked out a handful of paperbacks and was really excited about what she found!

Next time you’re wondering what to read, come ask us! Whether you’ve finished all the books by your favorite author and want something similar, or you’re looking to branch out into something new, we can help. Stop by the library and browse our themed book displays, or ask a librarian what they think. Our staff will have their own ideas about heartwarming memoirs, or they might share a brochure about getting started with graphic novels. If you’d rather search for yourself, just type in “humorous fantasy” or “culinary mysteries” into our database [Novelist](#), and see what books might match your taste. Kids can try out [Novelist K-8](#), where they can even search by age or Lexile level. You can also request a [Personalized Reading List](#) for adults or kids. Our staff will suggest books we think you’ll love, based on your interests.

You can also keep up with what’s new with your favorite genres—[subscribe](#) to our newsletters from LibraryAware.

Of, course, when you find a book you love, come back and tell us. We’re looking for good books too.

~Andrea, Library Associate, Riverside Library

Estaba desayunando con una amiga hace unos meses y me preguntó: “¿Qué es un buen libro para leer?” Parecía sorprendida cuando hice una serie de preguntas sobre lo que le gustaba leer, lo que no le gustaba, y por qué. Aquí en la biblioteca, estamos menos preocupados de encontrar un buen libro que encontrar un buen libro PARA USTED, AHORA. Todos tenemos diferentes gustos y diferentes estados de ánimo que pueden cambiar de un día para otro. A mi amiga le gusta la fantasía y la ciencia ficción, y se sentía deprimida y quería algo divertido, así que nos acomodamos en Terry Pratchett y nos dirigimos a la biblioteca. Ella llevó prestado un montón de libros de bolsillo y estaba muy entusiasmada con lo que encontró!

PERSONALIZED READING LISTS / LISTA DE LECTURA PERSONALIZADA

La próxima vez que te preguntes “qué es la próxima cosa que voy a leer,” ¡ven a preguntarnos! Ya sea que hayas terminado todos los libros de tu autor favorito y que quieras algo similar, o que buscas encontrar algo nuevo, podemos ayudarte. Pasa por la biblioteca y navega por nuestras presentaciones de libros temáticos, o pregúntale a un bibliotecario lo que piensa. Nuestro personal tendrá sus propias ideas sobre autobiografías emocionantes, o podría compartir un folleto sobre cómo empezar con las novelas gráficas. Si prefieres buscar tu mismo, escribe a máquina: “fantasía humorística” o “misterios culinarios” en nuestra base de datos [NovelList](#), y vea qué libros podrían coincidir con su gusto. Los niños pueden probar [NovelList K-8](#), donde pueden incluso buscar por edad o nivel Lexile. También puede solicitar una [Lista de lectura personalizada](#) para adultos o niños (ahora disponible en español). Nuestro personal le sugerirá libros que creemos que le encantará, basados en sus intereses.

También puede mantenerse al día con lo nuevo de sus géneros favoritos—[suscríbese](#) a nuestros boletines de LibraryAware.

Por supuesto, cuando encuentres un libro que amas, regresa y nos dices sobre el porque estamos buscando buenos libros también.



SPECIAL EVENTS



ADULTS | LEARN TO SEW: USING PATTERNS

September 1, 10:00 am-1:00pm
Lincoln Park Library

Expand your machine sewing skills by learning how to understand the information and instructions on standard ready-made patterns. You will be sewing a simple apron, which you may later embellish with your own embroidery, stenciling, buttons, etc. All materials will be provided, and participants will need to have basic sewing machine skills. Space is limited, so [please register](#) to guarantee a seat in this class.

FAMILIES | BOOKS AND BEARS

September 3, 3:00-4:00pm
Centennial Park Library

Explore literature and connect with UNC students through fun activities and a read aloud.



TEENS | MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

September 5, 5:00-7:00 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

Who will stand at the top of the podium? Compete to be crowned the Mario Kart champion of Carbon Valley Library as you drop banana peels, dodge shells and try to outmaneuver your fellow teens. Refreshments will be served. [Registration required](#); ages 12-18.

ADULTS | FALL PREVENTION MINI-COURSE

September 7, 2:00-3:30 pm
Riverside Library

Learn coping strategies for preventing falls. This mini-course is taught by the Weld County Area on Aging. Ages 55+.

SPECIAL EVENTS



TEENS | LIFE HACK: SELF-DEFENSE

September 7, 4:30-5:30 pm

Erie Community Library

Join Nick from Vision Quest Martial Arts and learn techniques for basic self-defense in an open and laid-back atmosphere. This class is an introduction to the basic skills that anyone can use, in any situation, at any time to protect themselves. Come ready with questions and to become your own hero! [Registration required](#); Grades 6-12.



ADULTS | MONEY MATTERS: STUDENT LOAN STRATEGIES

September 7, 6:30-7:30 pm

Erie Community Library

43 million Americans hold over 1.3 trillion in student loan balances, with the cost of repayment often leading to tremendous financial burden. This class will explore options for reducing or avoiding student loan debt, including government repayment programs, grant and scholarship options, pros and cons of consolidation and common mistakes to avoid.

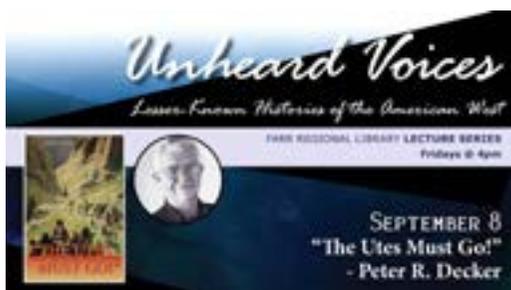
ADULTS | UNHEARD VOICES: LESSER-KNOWN VOICES OF THE AMERICAN WEST

September 8, 4:00-6:00 pm

Farr Regional Library

"The Utes Must Go!" - Peter R. Decker

College professor, author, policy analyst, and rancher, Peter Decker has published several books on the history of the western U.S. In *"The Utes Must Go!"*, he unveils critical information on historical figures like Horace Greeley, and Indian Agent Nathan Meeker, whose relentless mission to turn the nomadic Ute people into farmers led to the tragedy at Milk Creek in 1879. Decker's research brings to light the complete drama of the Ute people, who were displaced by nineteenth-century settlement, racism, and greed.



ADULTS | FOR THE LOVE OF PLANTS

September 9, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library

Discover a bounty right in your backyard! Herbalist and ethnobotanist Erin Smith will take participants on a tour of the Jan Cruz Nature Trail, uncovering the secrets of its flora including highlighting edible and medicinal varieties. Learn about the historical uses of our native plants and how you might use them in modern life.

TEENS | WII U TOURNAMENT

September 9, 1:00-3:00 pm

Riverside Library

Back by popular demand, Riverside will be hosting a Wii U Tournament featuring Super Smash Bros, Just Dance 2017 and Pokken Tournament.

TEENS | SCIENCE MAGIC

September 12, 4:00-5:00 pm

Lincoln Park Library

Ever want to be a magician? Learn how to put on your own magic show that will dazzle and amaze. These simple tricks look like magic, but you'll know it's really science. Grades 6-8.

ADULTS | INVENTA-MUG: OKTOBERFEST PREP

September 12, 6:00-7:30 pm

Riverside Library

Create an etched mug (or wineglass) just in time for Oktoberfest! Create a design using our Cricut Cutter and get that design etched onto glass drinkware that we will provide! [Registration required](#); ages 18+.



ADULTS | MAKE YOUR OWN WEBSITE

September 12, 6:00-8:00 pm

Farr Regional Library

Join us as we take you through the step-by-step process to set up, customize and populate your own website, using Weebly. We will show you how to build a website with only a few hours of work. Whether you're looking to make a site for a small business, non-profit or a travel blog, we'll get you started and on your way. [Registration required](#).

SPECIAL EVENTS

**NEW!! AT LINCOLN PARK LIBRARY
TEENS & ADULTS | STRONG AND HEALTHY**
Wednesdays beginning on September 13
5:00-6:00 pm
Lincoln Park Library

Join us weekly for a free beginning strength training class with tips for healthful living. Bring your weights (under 10 pounds), mats or towels, and water and "lift up" each other to be strong and healthy.



**ADULTS | A NATURALIST'S DESIDERATA
WITH KEVIN COOK**
September 14, 12:00-1:30 pm
Farr Regional Library

The desideratum for September is *Elaborate Your Dreams*. Walking through a grove of aspen gold, hearing elk bugle, seeing birds flocking before migration, and strolling among wildflowers in full summer bloom can all invoke dreamy thoughts of knowing them better, of connecting with them somehow. This becomes the naturalist's quest: elaborate your dreams.

ADULTS | SPIRITS OF THE HIGH PLAINS
September 14, 6:30-7:30 pm
Erie Community Library

300 Suns will talk about their products, how they are made, how they got started and will conclude with a tasting. [Registration required](#); ages 21+.



ADULTS | CRAIGSLIST 101
September 15, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Learn how to post your own ad and reply to another poster's ad. We'll also tour the various areas of Craigslist and teach you to search safely and strategically. [Registration required](#).

**ADULTS | UNHEARD VOICES: LESSER-KNOWN
VOICES OF THE AMERICAN WEST**
September 15, 4:00-6:00 pm
Farr Regional Library

**"Nicodemus: a Reconstruction-era Community in
Kansas" - Charlotte Hinger**

Kansas historian and mystery novelist Charlotte Hinger, earned her MA from Fort Hays University before embarking on the research that would result in the publication of her scholarly work, *Nicodemus: Post-Reconstruction Politics and Racial Justice in Western Kansas*. "Nicodemus seemed to be doomed from the start. But the town roiled Kansas politics, and became the first African American community in America to lay down the law to whites. This raw community of ex-slaves created a new civilization on the Great Plains."



ADULTS | INVITATION TO IKEBANA
September 16, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Centennial Park Library

Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arrangement. It is more than simply putting flowers in a container. It is a disciplined art form in which the arrangement is a living thing where nature and humanity are brought together. It is steeped in the philosophy of developing a closeness with nature. Presenter Midori Allemeyer will introduce participants to this ancient Japanese tradition, guiding them through the steps in the creation of their own take-home arrangement. All materials provided. [Registration opens 8/19](#).

**CHILDREN | READY, SET, CREATE!
SPAN-TASTIC BRIDGES**
September 16, 2:00-3:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

High Plains Library District, in conjunction with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), presents: Ready, Set, Create! an interactive program series for children in Grades 2-5. Join us for the September session: Span-tastic Bridges – from Here to There. You will design and build various types of bridges from everyday household items. All supplies are provided for this FREE program and parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate with their children. [Registration is required](#) for each session.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | CHOCOLATE FROM BEAN TO BAR

September 18, 6:30-7:30 pm
Erie Community Library

Learn all about how cacao is grown, roasted and made into chocolate. See and smell every stage of the process and sample different styles of chocolate. Presented by Nuance Chocolate of Fort Collins.

[Registration required](#); ages 18+.



ADULTS | TECNOGUÍA: INTRO A WORD

September 18, 7:00-8:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

¿Quieres escribir un resume para que pueda conseguir ese trabajo que siempre has querido, o escribir una carta romántica? Tal vez usted quiere preparar documentos para su nuevo negocio. ¿Por qué no unirse a nosotros en esta clase donde le enseñaremos los fundamentos de esta herramienta útil. [Registración requerida](#).

CHILDREN & TEENS | STRUMMING IN THE STACKS

Tuesdays, September 19-October 17
5:00-5:45 pm
Riverside Library

We provide the guitars, you provide the talent. Join in with your friends as we unplug and learn to play the guitar. Enjoy a casual environment while we learn a few chords, play a few riffs, and rehearse a song or two by the end of the five week session. No experience necessary, space is limited to six students.

ADULTS | SBDC START-UP SEMINARS

September 19, 6:00-7:45 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

This free comprehensive program has been designed to be a starting place for anyone who is considering jumping into business for the first time (or the second time with a better outcome). This seminar will provide you with a Colorado Start-Up Guide, free library resources to support your business and websites, as well as a general overview of the things to consider when starting a business. [Registration required](#).

CHILDREN | ANIMALS OF POKEMON

September 20, 4:00-5:00 pm
Erie Community Library
[Registration opens 8/20](#)

September 27, 4:00-5:00 pm
Carbon Valley Regional Library

September 30, 2:00-3:00 pm
Riverside Library



Did you know that the characters from Pokemon were designed off of real animals? Learn about these popular critters and how they defend themselves, what they eat, and where they live in this unique and fun program! Nature's Educators will bring 5 animal "ambassadors" for you to see. Grades 1-5.



ADULTS | FACEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS

September 21, 1:00-3:00 pm
Riverside Library

Facebook – it can be a big plunge into the social networking world. In this class, we will introduce you to your profile, newsfeed, adding friends and messaging. If you've just started using Facebook and are wondering how to secure your information online, we'll answer all your questions about security settings, privacy and who can see what on your profile. We'll also talk about accessing Facebook on mobile devices. Must have current email account and basic experience in navigating the web. Existing Facebook account is preferable. [Registration opens 8/22](#).

ADULTS | MAKE IT: BEADING FOR RELAXATION

September 21, 6:30-8:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Beading is a fun, easy way to create your own custom jewelry. But did you know that beading is now being used as a relaxation therapy in hospitals? Come join us at the library for some bead relaxation. We will be using a wire-wrapping technique to make beaded necklaces. Perfect for adult crafters of all levels. [Registration required](#).

SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | THE HISTORY AND POLITICS OF DENVER'S RED LIGHT DISTRICT, 1858-1935

September 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

Erie Community Center, 400 Powers Street, Erie

Join historian Cheryl Siebert Waite as she revisits Denver's shady past. While Denver's Red Light District created much controversy, it was tolerated by city officials because it brought in a steady source of income that went into building roads, schools and other municipal assets. Learn about the evolution of the district, the politics, and the women who left a unique mark on Colorado history. *Cheryl Siebert Waite is a professor at the Community College of Aurora. She teaches history and women's studies, and has spent years studying the effects of prostitution in the American West.*

ADULTS | UNHEARD VOICES: LESSER-KNOWN VOICES OF THE AMERICAN WEST

September 22, 4:00-6:00 pm

Farr Regional Library

Colorado's Northern Arapaho - Denise Fisher and Robert Ward

Long time Timnath resident and native Denise Fisher has always had a strong interest in local history. Her family's roots in the area can be traced back over several generations. As a local writer and student of history, she is passionate about the protection of historical sites and volunteers as a speaker for the Poudre Heritage Alliance. Windsor local Robert Ward spends much of his time on the two topics which have spurred a lifelong interest: water and Colorado History. The former CSU Professor has also spent some time in recent years recording Northern Arapaho oral histories and visiting with Northern Arapaho elders to learn about the significance of Arapaho sites along the Cache La Poudre River. He now speaks about the relationship of the Northern Arapaho to the Cache la Poudre River as a speaker for the Poudre Heritage Alliance. Join us for Robert and Denise's presentation to learn more about Arapaho life in Northern Colorado.



ADULTS | "THE CLOUD" FOR BEGINNERS

September 23, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Centennial Park Library

You can use the cloud to access your documents, photos, and other files from almost anywhere. From your tablet, to your phone, to your desktop - you can sync across devices. We will teach you the basics of backing up your data to the cloud and discuss some popular options for storage. [Registration opens 8/24.](#)

TEENS | FIDGET SPINNERS: CREATE & COMPETE

September 23, 2:00-4:00 pm

Carbon Valley Library

Design and decorate your own fidget spinner using the library's 3D printer and other provided supplies. Then, show off your spinner skills with competitions for the longest spin and best spinner tricks. Prizes will be awarded for winners. Feel free to bring your own fidget spinners to show off or use them to compete. [Registration required](#); ages 12-18.

POTTERY PAINTING PALOOZA

Erie Community Library

September 26, 5:30-7:30 pm

ADULTS - [Registration opens 8/26](#); ages 18+.

September 28, 4:00-6:00 pm

TEENS - [Registration opens 8/26](#); Grades 6-12

Come in for an end-of-summer pottery painting party! You choose a ceramic mug, plate, or bowl and paint it with your own creative style. Color Me Mine will fire your finished product and return it to the library for you to pick up. All supplies provided.



CHILDREN | SQUIRRELS: OUR ANIMAL NEIGHBORS

September 27, 4:15-5:00 pm

Erie Community Library

When we see busy squirrels in the fall, they are gathering a food supply for the winter, but they also have a lesser-known project that is more noticeable once the trees have lost their leaves. Learn about how squirrels are especially resourceful as we read and do activities related to *The Very Best Bed* by Rebekah Raye. [Registration open 8/27](#); Grades K-2.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ADULTS | MAKE IT: BEADING FOR RELAXATION 2

September 28, 6:00-8:00 pm
Centennial Park Library

Soothe your senses with wearable essential oil jewelry. Make your own aromatherapy bracelet with lava stones and essential oils. If time allows, we also make wire-wrapped earrings. All supplies are provided. Attending the first beading class is not necessary to attend the second class. [Registration required.](#)

ADULTS | UNHEARD VOICES: LESSER-KNOWN VOICES OF THE AMERICAN WEST

September 29, 4:00-6:00 pm
Farr Regional Library

The Diverse Origins of Europeans in Weld County - Peggy Ford Waldo

Author, historian, and development curator at the Greeley Museums, Peggy Ford Waldo has been part of the Greeley community since she started working for the museum in 1979. During that period, she has spent time collecting, researching, and interpreting Greeley and Weld County histories, whether written, oral, or presented through objects, landscapes, or architecture. Peggy will be drawing on her extensive knowledge of the settlement of Greeley and Weld County to talk about the origins of the diverse groups of people who were drawn to the area and made it their home.

FAMILIES | FAMILY FUN SURPRISE SATURDAY: PIRATE SCAVENGER HUNT

September 30, 2:00-4:00 pm
Lincoln Park Library

Yarr! September be the month of International Talk Like a Pirate Day. To help you get into a swashbuckling mood, set sail for the Lincoln Park Library for a treasure map scavenger hunt! And, of course, pirate's booty to be found.



LIBRARIES www.MyLibrary.us/locations-and-hours

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Carbon Valley Regional Library

7 Park Avenue, Firestone, CO 80504
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Centennial Park Library

2227 23rd Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Eaton Public Library

132 Maple Avenue, Eaton, CO 80615
(970) 454-2189

Erie Community Library

400 Powers Street, Erie, CO 80516
1-888-861-READ(7323)

Farr Regional Library

1939 61st Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634
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Fort Lupton Public & School Library

425 S. Denver Ave., Fort Lupton, CO 80621
(303) 857-7180

Glenn A. Jones, M.D. Memorial Library

400 S. Parish Avenue, Johnstown, CO 80534
(970) 587-2459

Hudson Public Library

100 S. Beech St., Hudson, CO 80642
(303) 536-4550

Kersey Library

413 1st Street, Kersey, CO 80644
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Kersey Library is temporarily closed. Previously scheduled programs, activities and book clubs will be relocated as much as possible in the Kersey community. Please check the District's online calendar www.MyLibrary.us/events for the most accurate location details.

Lincoln Park Library

1012 11th Street Suite B, Greeley, CO 80631
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Northern Plains Public Library

216 2nd Street, Ault, CO 80610
(970) 834-1259

Outreach

2650 W. 29th Street, Greeley, CO 80631
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Platteville Public Library

504 Marion Ave., Platteville, CO 80651
(970) 785-2231

Riverside Library & Cultural Center

3700 Golden St., Evans, CO 80620
1-888-861-READ(7323)

PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTERS

Evans (Community Complex)

1100 37th Street, Evans, CO 80620
(970) 475-1125

Lochbuie (Senior Center)

501 Willow Drive, Lochbuie, CO 80603
(303) 659-8262

Milliken

1109 Broad Street, Milliken, CO 80543
(970) 660-5045

Nunn (Town Hall/Community Center)

185 Lincoln Avenue, Nunn, CO 80648
(970) 897-2385

AFFILIATED LOCATIONS

Hazel E. Johnson Research Center at the City of Greeley Museum

714 8th Street, Greeley, CO 80631
(970) 350-9220

Poudre Learning Center

8313 West F Street, Greeley, CO 80631
(970) 352-1267

BOOK DEPOSITS

Briggsdale Library

42089 WCR 70
Briggsdale, CO 80611

Hill & Park Senior Center

4205 Yosemite Dr.
Greeley, CO 80634

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