THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR
David Slivken—Executive Director, Poudre River Public Library District

With more than 200,000 people living in its 1,800 square mile service area, the Poudre River Public Library District has the ninth largest service population in Colorado. More than 80% of District residents are library borrowers. On an average day:

- More than 2,800 people visit the Council Tree, Harmony, and/or Old Town libraries.
- People check out nearly 8,000 collection items, including more than 3,500 children’s materials.
- Library staff help more than 300 customers with reference transactions; and
- About 170 people attend programs offered in the libraries, including five daily children’s programs.
- The Outreach team delivers programs in multiple languages to more than 60 people per day in community locations.

In mid-2018, the Poudre River Public Library District initiated a process to develop a long-range master plan. The Library District selected Group 4 Architecture, Research and Planning, Inc. and Carson Block Consulting to facilitate the master planning process. With the final report due on January 14, 2019, the goal is to develop an integrated planning framework that addresses each of the conduits through which the Library District delivers service—within library facilities, out in the community, and through technology.

This process has engaged more than 1,150 community members in the discussion of the role, importance, and vision for library services and facilities within the library district. Overall, participants in the master planning process expressed deep appreciation for the Library District and the services it provides.

The master plan will establish a long-range vision for the Poudre River Public Library District, including frameworks, strategies, and recommendations for improved facilities and technology. Next steps will include:

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT
Julie Lechtanski, President – Poudre River Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library had to look for new space for our Sorting Operation currently working at the United Way Building on Pine Street.

The Learning Tree operation is taking over the whole bottom floor of the entire United Way Building. The need for Child Care and Day Care in Fort Collins is very huge and expensive. (Check out an article in the Coloradoan from a few weeks ago).

We finally found a good space for us at 1713 E Lincoln A6. It is 1500 sf (larger than Uway) but the rent is $18,000.00/year instead of $6,000.00 we were paying for our Uway space.

We may be able to rent out an office to someone else to recoup some of our cost.

We prepared for the move from Pine St to Lincoln Ave. Pre-sorted boxes were not moved to United from Webster House. They will wait until they can go straight to our new digs.

Items at Sorting were boxed and readied for the move.

Friday, Jan 4th, Phil Sullivan, Gary Spivak, Bill Cobb, Steve Lupis and I filled a large truck loaned to us by Rick Stouffer, Realtor twice to move fixtures, furniture, books, and supplies to the new space. The truck was unloaded and returned the same evening.

Who/what went where in the new space was pre-decided by Mary Goff & Dorothy Brenckle (co-chairs), Carol Smith who directs the Online Sales and Jeanette Boissy for the Nook Operation.

This move changes nothing for our many supporters in the Fort Collins community. You still take your donations to the Webster House on Pine St. You still go to Book Sales at Harmony Library and Old Town Library (and probably a surprise sale or two along the way.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Julie Lechtanski
Thoughts from the Director, cont.

- Initiating a broader strategic planning process to evaluate community needs and priorities for service through all delivery channels;
- Identifying capital funding strategies for improved technology and facilities;
- Building community awareness of and support for implementation of the master plan recommendations

2019 will be a very exciting year for the Library District, and I look forward with engaging with all of our stakeholders to bring the best possible library services to our community!

ANNUAL MEETING

Poudre River Friends of the Library held our annual meeting in December. Board elections were held, and we said an appreciative farewell to outgoing board member Susan Rayner. She will remain an active volunteer and we thanked her for all her hard work and enthusiasm over the last two years.

We welcomed Diane Tuccillo as an at large board member. Many of us know Diane from her years as teen librarian with the Library District and we look forward to serving with her.

This will be Julie’s last year as president, and we will also be looking for assistant treasurer and vice president candidates for the future. E-mail fol@prfol.org if you’re interested.

2019 Board of Directors:

President: Julie Lechtanski
Vice President: Monica Gavin
Treasurer: Jan Hudak
Asst. Treasurer: Joyce Little

At Large Members:

Bill Cobb
Robin Gard
Lil Price
Georgia Ray
Claudia Schweizer
Diane Tuccillo
Bob Viscount

SORTING MOVE

By the time you read this, the Friends will have completed our move to our new Sorting Center on East Lincoln Avenue northeast of Mulberry and Vine.

This move caps months of effort by Julie and our board and sorters and our patient realtor. The good news is that the new facility is comfortable and attractive and roomier than our old digs. The down side, of course, is the cost: our rent went from $500 a month at the United Way building to $1,500 a month.

A dramatic increase in the demand for child care led to an expansion of those services in our old building and necessitated our move. We are grateful to United Way for the years we spent there.

This rent increase will decrease the amount of money we will have to donate to Poudre Libraries. We will be working harder than ever to make money at our book sales and will be on the lookout for new fundraising opportunities.

How can you help? Please renew your membership and consider an additional donation. We are very proud of our long history in helping expand the Library District’s resources and providing funding to many programs and events.

FRIENDS BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Rayner, Diane Tuccillo, Lil Price, Jan Hudak, Monica Gavin, Georgia Ray, Julie Lechtanski, Robin Gard, Bill Cobb, Claudia Schweizer, Bob Viscount
IN MEMORIUM: HEMAN ADAMS

Heman Adams, former Harmony Shop Manager and active Friends member, died Dec. 7, 2018, in Fort Collins. Heman ran the Harmony Shop for years and is remembered by many of our members. Adams held masters and doctorate degrees from Cornell, and taught biology and zoology at the college level. He also volunteered with the Boy Scouts and the Audubon Society. He was 91.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

2019 Membership Renewal Notice

THANK YOU for supporting the Friends! Your membership dollars are more important than ever as we are facing a huge rent increase in 2019 and want to continue helping to fund dozens of great programs and events for Poudre Libraries.

Please renew today—help us continue our support!
- Online at http://www.prfol.org/membership/
- Or mail a check to:
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  301 E. Olive
  Fort Collins, CO 80524

Memberships are Individual $15, Family $25, Patron $100, Lifetime $200

Your Library – Be a Friend!!

READERS GUIDE

The Friends wish to thank Poudre River Public Library District staff Erin, Becky and Miranda for an entertaining Reader’s Gift Guide presentation at our December meeting.

Our librarians are reading experts and they shared their wisdom by providing us with fun titles and links to find the best book gifts for all ages.

Check it out for yourself – some of the great resources available on the Library District web page at http://www.Poudrelibraries.org. There are tons of ideas, book lists, and guides to be found there.

General tips:
- https://read.poudrelibraries.org/books/
- Kids:
  https://read.poudrelibraries.org/kids/z766.html

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