### THE FOCUS EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS CLEARVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT

# A Little Free Library

The following is an interview with Debbie Lindahl about her newly built Little Free Library. Q1: Could you tell me a little about it?

A1:Our little free library was built by my husband Jim with a bit of help from our daughter Clara. It is located at 1350 Redwood Drive, here in Windsor and is "open" 24 -7. The basic mission of the Little Free Library (LFL) organization is to "promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide". According to the organization's website www.littlefreelibrary.org, what started in 2009 as a little box that looks like an old schoolhouse, located in Hudson WI, has spread to over 25,000 registered libraries worldwide. Our library here in Windsor is the only one located in a neighborhood. The only other registered library in town, according to the locations map on the website, is

inside Tozer Elementary. Q2: What made you decide to

install one? A2: Several years ago, while visiting my sister in the Mayfair neighborhood in Denver, she returned from a walk in her neighborhood and told me about stopping at this cute little library box full of books around the corner from her house. We talked about what a good idea it was and how fun to be able to get a new book for free, right down the street. A couple years later, when thinking about a woodworking



project that my daughter could make for a 4-H project, the idea came up again. Finally, my husband's "Woodcraft Magazine" came in the mail this spring with detailed plans to make your own "Little Free Library", and that was the sign that it was time to make our own.

O3: Who can use it?

A3: Absolutely anyone who wants a free book. We stock books for all ages. The idea of the library as an exchange is that when people come and take a

book, they will leave one in return. If that happens, the books on the shelves will be ever-changing. I serve on the Library Foundation Board and we are the group that organizes and runs the used book sales here in Windsor twice a year: spring and fall. BTW, the next sale is September 18-26 at the Windsor Rec Center. Once the book sale is over we always have many boxes of wonderful books left over. The Foundation Board has agreed that we can take some of the leftover books for our LFL, but also offering that service to anyone who decides to steward a LFL here in the Windsor area.

Q4: Any other information you would like to share?

**The Windsor-Severance** Library is open: **Monday-Friday** 9:00 am- 8:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm 720 3rd St, Windsor, CO 80550 Contact or Visit us (a) www.clearviewlibrary.org

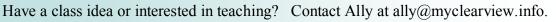
## TRENDING NOW, PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS!

It is August already and there are some great events for you to choose from this month. Come to the Library! Check out our programs:



Creating a Budget Using Exel, Protect Your Selfie!, <u>3D Printing: What's That?</u>, and Watercolor Art.

There is something for everyone. Please visit our <u>website</u> to see the full list of classes for dates and times.



## A Little Free Library, cont. from pg. 1

A4: I encourage others to find out more about this program and create a LFL of their own. Check out Pinterest, the organization's website, Facebook, etc. for all kinds of creative ideas for the library boxes. Be sure to check with your homeowner's association to make sure they allow something like this in your yard. If you are going to be sinking posts to install your library, be sure to have your utilities marked. We have officially registered our library with the organization and are officially on the worldwide locations map on the LFL's website. If you go to the website, click on "Locations", and then search by zip code, there is a little tag for our library as well as Tozer's. Stop by and take a look at our library. Bring books, we have space available.



Lastly, a brochure from the LFL organization describes the concept of the LFL this way, "Little Free Libraries are free book exchanges where anyone may take a book

or return a book to share with others. No rules, no late fees and everyone can take part! Anyone can build a bookshelf, but LFLs aren't just about books. They are about connecting with your neighbors and community; they are "mini-town squares" where people can meet over a good book and get to know each other. The design of each LFL reflects the unique personality of the people who use it and care for it." We have received many positive comments from our neighbors about our library and we appreciate their support.

# Tickets for C.J. Box

- Tickets available at the Library NOW!
- Tickets for the Author Talk and book signing are *free*, but required.
- There will be an Author's Reception prior to the Talk and book signing as a fundraising event. Tickets are \$40 for single ticket or \$75 per couple. Tickets are available and include front row seats to the Talk and book signing. Tickets are limited.
- Reception– 5:30 pm
- Book Talk & Signing– 6:45 pm
- Clearview Library District will present programs Tuesday evenings featuring themes fro Box's novels, *Open Season, Blue Heaven* and his latest novel *Badlands*. Visit our <u>website</u> for all the details!

# Staff Spotlight

## Meet Andrea Cleland...

#### Hometown: Detroit, MI

Interests: Animals, the outdoors, yoga. I was a Licensed Veterinary Technician in MI, and I currently volunteer at FCCRSNC's (FoCo Cat Rescue) vaccine clinics and spay/neuter days to keep up my skills. I am also a Registered Yoga Teacher, and I teach classes for kids at bot Live Beyond Limit and Om Ananda Yoga. I am up for anything outdoors: snowshoeing, rafting, hiking, camping, SUP, etc. I'm currently taking aerial acrobatics lessons and am bruised and sore and loving it.



Favorite book: Just one? *Dharma Bums* by Jack Kerouac. How about two: Mr. Eric's *Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes*.

Favorite quote: "Walk out like someone suddenly born into color". - Rumi

Two truths and a lie: I used to live in a haunted house. I have hitchhiked my way across the country. I once sunburned my eyeballs. (Come into the library, and guess which one is the lie. If you're right, you get a high five.)

Job at the library: Early Literacy Librarian



Most of us remember nursery rhymes from our childhoods . Did you know those silly rhymes and songs actually help kids develop the skills (like cadence and rhyme) they will use later when learning to read?



For videos of nursery rhymes and songs in English and four other languages, check out storyblocks.org, a collaboration between Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy and Rocky Mtn. PBS.



The Focus



Clearview Library District will be partnering with local High Hops Brewery and the town of Windsor on the afternoon of September 13th to bring you fun, family activities, and an ice cream social, with a special brew for the adults as part of the Outside Side the Lines celebration.

Outside the Lines, is a global initiative designed to reintroduce libraries to their local communities. From Sept. 13-19, 2015, organizations from across the world will host an event or campaign designed to get people thinking – and talking – about libraries in a whole new way.

Stay tuned for more information on this upcoming community event.

#### Juried Art Show

September 17 -October 15

Sponsored by the Clearview Library District &

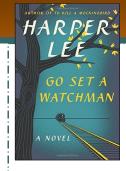
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Calling all artists, professional and amateur! The annual Clearview Library District and Windsor-Severance Library Foundation Art Show will be held from Thursday, Sept. 17th -Thursday, Oct. 15th. Art will be accepted Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4th and 5th, watch the Library's website for more information.



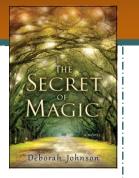
## IF YOU LIKED...

If you liked this best seller... Harper Lee's Go Set a Watchman try this as a read-a-like: The Secret of Magic

By Deborah Johnson What about this Non-Fiction title? Did you like?... The Wright Brothers by David McCullough Try this: Dead Wake by Erik Larson

To see more read-a-likes go to our database page, click on NoveList. Search for titles you liked to see their read-a-likes. It's so easy to find you BROTHERS next read!

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The Focus

# Events for YOU(th)!



#### Summer Carnival! AUG 1st @ 3 pm-8 pm

Summer is almost over, but the fun is still happening! Join us for an end of Summer Reading Program extravaganza, including bounce house, popcorn, cotton candy, and more! This event is for ages 5-18. No registration is required.

> If you earned an Every Hero has a Story summer reading t-shirt, please wear it to the carnival!



**Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** Leverage and grappling to develop fitness and coordination!

August 6th, 3 pm-4 pm ages 6-9 August 11th, 2pm-3:15 ages 10-12

**Register on our website.** See our online calendar for other events, such as Getting Crafty, Robotics Studio, and more!





**Teen Hangout** Exactly what it says, man. Eat pizza, watch movies, play games, and

just chill before school starts.

#### August 15th, 1 pm –3 pm Registration required.

For other events like Dungeons and Dragons or Robotics Studio, see our online calendar!

## **BoMo Special Events:**

#### Fall Schedule

A new school year is starting! And with that comes an updated Bookmobile schedule, there will be new locations and times. Be on the lookout later this month for the updated schedule.

#### <u>Concerts @ Boardwalk Park</u>

June 4<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>; Thursdays 5:30pm – 8:00pm The bookmobile will be at the Boardwalk Park where The Town of Windsor showcases free live music from local bands. Stop by, enjoy the A/C and check out a book!

#### Tuesday @ Severance Town Hall

Clearview Library District has loads of fun programs and events planned for Severance Town Hall this fall! Join Miss Kat on the storytime rug at 10:00 and 10:35 every Tuesday morning. Each session includes reading, singing, dancing, wiggling and giggling together. Oh, and best of all....BUBBLES! Come play with us! Storytimes are geared toward ages 0-6, but all ages are welcome to join in the fun. No registration is required.

#### Friday's in Severance 4pm-4:45pm

Friday Afternoon Fun continues at 4pm every Friday here at the Severance Town Hall. Beginning August 21st, we will be mixing things up a bit. Each week we will bring a program of LEGOs, science exploration, robotics, movies, games or other

fun diversions. These programs are designed for school-aged children, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Just come ready for fun. Check the library website at clearviewlibrary.org each week to see what we have planned!

#### 2015 Severance Days

Join the Clearview Library and the residents of Severance for the 2015 Severance Days Festival! The parade will start 10:00am at Timber Ridge Parkway and Blue Spruce Drive; go down 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and back to Blue Spruce Park.



#### **BOMO Patrons of the Month**

#### Dawn, Sam, Julianna &

Bryce A little about Dawn, Sam, Julianna & Bryce... Where are you from? Wyoming What is your



favorite book? Llama Llama stories What is your favorite thing about the BoMo or Outreach Services? The kids love that the BOMO looks like a bus and it parks across the street from us!

What is your favorite quote? "When you think of reading with your kids it should not sound like medicine. It should sound like Chocolate." Mem Fox

What are you currently reading? Work stuff & Llama Llama stories

# Summer of the Super Readers!

2,103 people registered for our summer reading program. People of all ages participated- little ones under the age of five, children, teenagers, adults, and seniors - and you read over 10,000 books this summer and helped us have so much fun by attending library

programs.

We will be sending out a survey soon to ask you to help us continue to improve our Summer Reading Program.

Thank you again, and here's to a fantastic fall!



## July Events Photo Page

