



ARAPAHOE
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About the Arapahoe Libraries

WE BELIEVE IN TURNING EVERY SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE INTO A HELPFUL ADVENTURE.

We serve 250,000 people, via eight library locations and a library inside the Arapahoe County detention center. We also bring the benefits of the library to the larger community. Our Library on Wheels visits apartment buildings, assisted living centers, area businesses, schools and local events. We fan out into the community one-by-one, visiting at-home daycares, schools and businesses. In addition, our virtual branch (website) and mobile apps offer quick access to downloadable books, movies, music, useful data and online classes anytime and anywhere connectivity is available.



The Library Experience

Arapahoe Libraries has knowledgeable staff ready with a “Let’s Find Out” attitude. Think of us as your tour guides ready to help you find what you’re looking for. Your next great read? Yep – just ask one of our advisors. A place to read your new book quietly? Try one of our cafés or fireside reading nooks. Need help figuring out your new iPhone or laptop computer? We’re here for you. Top-notch facilities, the services we offer and the entertainment we deliver – all that we do is focused on creating a new library experience.

Collection And Website

While we offer many other benefits, we live by our core offerings: books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines, comic books, reference books, picture books, cookbooks and everything else in between. Plus, check out (literally – check out) our digital collection of online books, streaming and downloadable audiobooks, music and movies, databases and so much more. We are continually adding nontraditional items to our collection that can be checked out too. Things like Go Pro camera, GPS devices, museum and park passes, reading glasses and robots.



Advisory Services: Picked Just For You

Need a good book? We are trained on how to find out what you like to read, listen to or watch, and we make excellent and informed recommendations. Rather not ask? We have online resources too, and we’re always working on our in-library browsing experience to help you find your next inspiration.

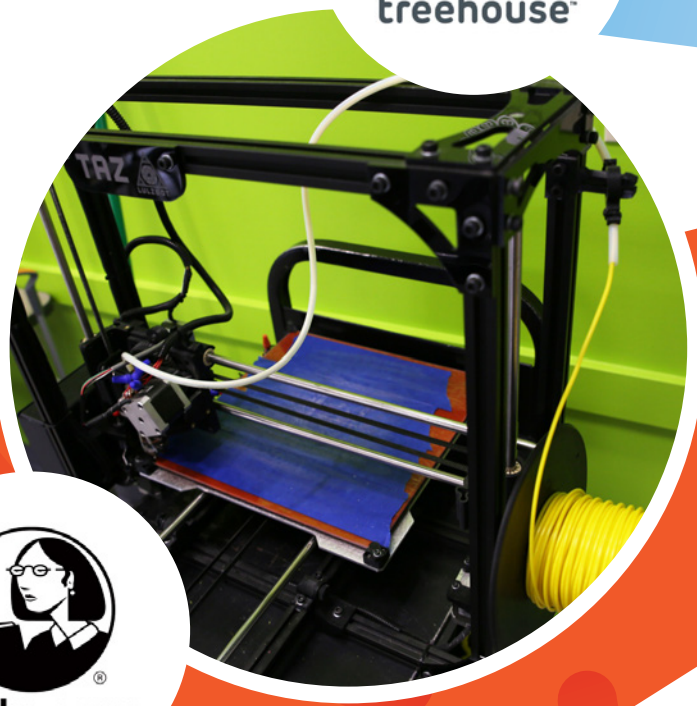


Early Literacy

We're on a mission to promote early literacy. Storytimes for infants, toddlers and preschoolers help ensure school readiness for our youngest patrons. In addition to providing hundreds of enriching storytimes in our libraries monthly, our experts visit home daycare centers to teach caregivers how to deliver effective storytimes by including interactive games, songs and offering books. Summer Reading helps more than 15,000 patrons improve reading skills each year.

Technology

Technological literacy is the process of learning and being able to navigate ever-changing technology. We have expert staff to help you learn the nuances of your smart phone or device through hands-on help. Interested in learning more? Programs such as coding camp and computer classes teach fundamental computing skills and our online courses, like Lynda.com and Treehouse, helps you dive deeper into computer programming. Or, we can bring our "Show and Tech" technology road shows to you, and show off some of our newest technologies in person, such as virtual reality headsets, programmable robots, mind-controlled helicopters and drones. In our makerspaces, try out our laser cutters and 3D printers, and access video cameras, editing software and recording equipment in one of our studios.



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Library Spaces: Places To Connect

Arapahoe Libraries strives to create collaborative spaces in our libraries that include meeting rooms, coffee shops, small theater spaces, makerspaces and audiovisual studios. We have quiet zones and “non-shush” zones. We have happy spaces called “literacy playgrounds,” with child-sized furniture shaped like logs and mushrooms, miniature puppet theaters and other interactive toys for children to create stories while practicing “read, write, talk, sing and play” skills. We also have study rooms perfect for tutoring or if you need a quiet place to study for exams.

Libraries are being transformed into contemporary yet distinctive places to help you rediscover the joy of coming to the local library. In other words, nowadays, when you say you are heading to the library, you actually mean it.

Programs And Events

Arapahoe Libraries offers hundreds of programs and events each month. Catch up with your favorite author at a book signing, or join us for a food and dance demonstration, music concert or book club. Our program presenters are trained in theater and improvisation, and we are committed to providing you with a VIP experience each and every time.



Senior Services

If you're looking for senior-focused programs or resources, you've come to the right place. We recently hired a Senior Services Librarian who specializes in providing programming for our senior community.

You'll be happy to know our Library on Wheels brings the library to senior care centers and urban apartment communities who may not have direct access to library facilities. Library on Wheels stops also feature visits from expert Technology Specialists who offer invaluable tech support on the spot.



We also have helpful products, in case you are in need of visual and mobile assistance. The MonoMouse can help you see what you're reading by displaying magnification of printed reading material on a television. We also provide Pockettalker personal amplifiers, GoTalk communication aids, magnifying glasses, reading glasses, large-print keyboards, cruisers for navigating the libraries, lighted magnifiers and fine print readers.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

COME EXPERIENCE A NEW KIND OF KNOW.
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LITTLE OBSESSIVE ABOUT HELPING YOU DISCOVER
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