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## Spellapalooza

Think spell-check is for the lazy? Able to spell "orthographist" correctly on the first try? Then Spellapalooza is for you. Sponsored by the Poudre River Public Library District, the inaugural adult spelling bee will give contestants the chance to spell their way to prizes.

Spellapalooza, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason St., Fort Collins.   
 Spellapalooza will be held on Thursday and be 18 or older. This event is free and open

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— Ticket

## **Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center and library hosting grant workshop**

*For the Trail-Gazette Estes Park Trail-Gazette*

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The Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center and the Estes Valley Library will host a free workshop on grant-seeking basics for nonprofit organizations.

The workshop will be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 in the Hondius Room at the Estes Valley Library.

Grant-seeking Basics will be led by Anne Macdonald, Poudre River Public Library District's Business Librarian, and will provide an overview of the funding research process for nonprofits seeking grants from foundations, corporations, and grant-making public charities.

Macdonald will offer tips on how best to identify funding sources for your nonprofit organization, highlighting the electronic and print resources available for free at the Estes Valley Library.

The workshop will also include a demonstration of Foundation Directory Online, the Foundation Center's premiere searchable database that provides information on more than 110,000 grant-makers and more than 3 million grant records.

Jill Lancaster, EPNRC's director will provide a refresher on other funding resources available at the library.

To register, visit [estesvalleylibrary.org](http://estesvalleylibrary.org) and select the "Calendar" tab. Then proceed to the Jan. 23 date, select the event and follow the on-line instructions. For more information, e-mail Jill Lancaster at [director@epnonprofit.org](mailto:director@epnonprofit.org).



# The Library Is More than Just Books!

Michael Muransky, University Village, Community Coordinator

## FORT COLLINS **REVIEW**

CSU Campus Life Newsletter

Now that the weather is colder and we are indoors more, it can be harder to find things to do in our free time, including things to do with children. The Poudre Public Library district is a great resource in our community to use this fall. Not only will you be able to stay supplied with books to read during the colder months, there are also a great many programs at the library's three different locations. These locations are: the Harmony library at Front Range Community College, the Council Tree library at Harmony Road and Corbett, and the Old Town library on Pederson. In January there are a number of different classes and activities including Scrabble (Jan 3), Nutrition (Jan 9), Computer classes (every Thursday night at 6:30), an adult spelling bee (Spellapolooza) on January 30, and children's comedy shows (27 and 30). There is also a lecture series, including an interesting one about Antarctica. There are storytelling and other activities for young children almost every day.

There are typically many more events, classes and children's activities; however they are reduced because of the holidays. The library also holds writers' workshops and genealogy workshops. There always seems to be something going on. There is a full events calendar and more information at <http://poudreriver.evanced.info/eventcalendar.asp>.

I personally participate in programs when I can. In October, I entered a scary short story writing contest, which was really fun because I'm not really much of a writer. I had a good time giving it a try though! I also really like seeing the Dickens Holiday Carolers at the library when December comes around. It is a small choir that dresses up in Victorian England-style clothing and sings traditional holiday songs. I have participated in contests like trivia quizzes and I have attended lectures at the library as well. I really enjoy when the Rocky Mountain Raptor program brings some of their birds to the library to educate the pub-

lic about these beautiful animals! They do this periodically, so if you are interested in birds, watch the library calendar for those programs.

The library is truly one of my favorite places to go and there is so much they offer our community. To be honest, I learn about new services the library has to offer all the time, and I have been a Poudre Library member for over 10 years! It is free to get your library card. All you need to get a library card is to visit a local library with a valid photo ID, and proof of a current local address. For more details, see: <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/information/library-cards.html>. So go there and see for yourself, or go to the website to find out what is going on at the library. Even though it gets darker sooner at this time of year, one of the best ways to brighten your day is with a blanket, a warm cup of tea, and the perfect book from your public library!

## Resident Recipe

Zobiada Ben-Musa, University Village Community Coordinator

### Vegetable Chowder Stew

Vegetable chowder is a thickened soup, often served with milk or cream and eaten with saltine crackers. It is an ultimate comfort food and is much easier than you think to make. You can adapt chowders and add all sorts of things you like – the idea is to be as hearty as possible.

### Ingredients

- 2 c chopped onions
- 1 tsp butter
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 c peeled/diced carrots
- 1 c diced red potatoes
- 3 c vegetable stock
- ½ tsp dried marjoram
- 1 bay leaf
- Pinch of salt & pepper
- ½ c green beans cut into 1 inch pieces
- ½ c diced red peppers
- ½ c diced zucchini
- ½ c green peas
- 1 tsp dried parsley
- 2 c milk
- 1 c grated cheddar cheese
- 2 oz Neufchatel/cream cheese



Image courtesy of [www.cheflescooks.com](http://www.cheflescooks.com)

### Directions

1. In a large soup pot on medium heat, sauté the onion in the butter and oil for 3-4 min.
2. Stir in the celery, cover, and cook until just soft, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the carrots, potatoes, stock, marjoram, bay leaf, salt and pepper and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer until the vegetables are just tender, about 5 min.
4. Remove about 1 ½ cups of cooked vegetables and set aside in a blender.
5. Add the green beans, bell peppers, and zucchini to the pot and cook until the green beans are tender, about 5 min.
6. Stir in the peas and parsley, simmer for 2 more min., and then remove from the heat. Discard the bay leaf.
7. Puree the reserved vegetables with the milk and cheese to make a smooth sauce. Stir the sauce into the soup and gently reheat and serve hot.
8. Enjoy!

# Nelson

July 18, 1918 - December 5, 2013

# Mandela



No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

~ Nelson Mandela