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# High-fives for Broncos fans



Denver Broncos defensive end Malik Jackson high-fives a young fan at the Old Town Library on Monday in Fort Collins. The Broncos are holding their Salute to Fans tour this week. v. RICHARD HARO/THE COLORADOAN

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EVENTS



A bundled-up child searches for Easter Eggs during a previous Fort Collins Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt. This year's event is at 10 a.m. Saturday at Library Park in downtown Fort Collins COLORADOAN LIBRARY

Easter Egg Hunt for The Clouds of performance will be held at 7

# United Way of Larimer County announces community partners

**By Sarah Jane Kyle**  
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United Way of Larimer County announced this week 70 Community Impact Partners to advance United Way's key impact areas of education, income and health.

This year's partners represent local organizations making an impact on reducing poverty and improving people's. Community Impact Partners must meet "high standards" of efficiency and accountability, according to a Wednesday news release.

United Way of Larimer County's 2014 Community Impact Partners are:

- » Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County
- » Alternatives to Violence
- » B.A.S.E. Camp
- » Bohemian Foundation
- » Book Trust
- » Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County
- » Care-A-Van/SAINT
- » Catholic Charities — Larimer County Region
- » Children's Speech & Reading Center
- » ChildSafe Colorado
- » City of Fort Collins — Department of Social Sustainability
- » City of Loveland — Community Partnership Office
- » Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park
- » Crossroads Safehouse
- » Colorado State University — Department of Human Development & Family Studies
- » Disabled Resource Services
- » Early Childhood Council of Larimer County
- » Education and Life Training Center, or ELTC

- » Elderhaus Adult Day Programs
- » Estes Park Learning Place
- » » Estes Park School District
- » Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success, EVICS
- » Estes Valley Victim Advocates
- » Faith Family Hospitality
- » Food Bank for Larimer County
- » Fort Collins Housing Authority
- » Fort Collins Read Aloud
- » Friends of the Gardens on Spring Creek
- » Generation Now
- » Greenpath
- » Health District of Northern Larimer County
- » Homeless Gear
- » Homelessness Prevention Initiative, or HPI
- » Homeward 2020
- » House of Neighborly Service
- » Junior Achievement Rocky Mountain
- » Larimer County Department of Human Services — Children, Youth & Family Services Division
- » Larimer County Extension
- » Loveland Public Library
- » Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain
- » Make Change NoCo
- » Matthews House
- » Meals on Wheels, Inc. for Loveland and Berthoud
- » Neighbor to Neighbor
- » Northern Colorado AIDS Project, or NCAP
- » Partners Mentoring Youth
- » Poudre River Public Library District
- » Poudre School District
- » Project Self-Sufficiency
- » Realities Focus, Inc.

- » Reflections for Youth
- » Respite Care
- » Restoration Now
- » Serve 6.8
- » Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center
- » Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center
- » The Center for Family Outreach
- » The Community Kitchen
- » The Family Center/La Familia
- » The Growing Project
- » Thompson Education Foundation
- » Thompson School District R2-J
- » Thompson Valley Preschool
- » Touchstone Health Partners
- » Town of Estes Park — Senior Services
- » Turning Point Center for Youth & Family
- » Unite for Literacy
- » Via Mobility Services
- » Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch
- » WorkLife Partnership

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"I think the city council needs to get their heads out of their behinds and realize people in Fort Collins want to spend their money in Fort Collins!"

**MATT KELLER**, via Facebook

**"Good! Why don't you build it with your own money like almost every other business in town did instead of taking \$53 million from the taxpayers of the library, health district, county, and developmentally disabled children."**

**STEVE JOHNSON**, via Coloradoan.com

Don't miss your chance to hear Ann Brashares, award-winning author of "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," speak Monday at the Old Town Library, 201 Peterson St. At 3:30 p.m., Brashares will discuss her latest novel, "The Here and Now," a romantic thriller about a girl from the future who might be able to save the world. Admission is free. Visit [www.oldfirehousebooks.com](http://www.oldfirehousebooks.com) for more information.



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RICH KELLER  
NORTHERN COLORADO WRITERS GROUP

# A, B, A, B, fete National Poetry Month with me



Let's talk poetry, and not the kind about roses or the man from Nantucket.

Let's discuss national and local poets, past and present. I mean Emily Dickinson, Edgar Allan Poe, Maya Angelou, Shel Silverstein, Ilan Shamir and Fort Collins' own poet laureate. Why the shout-out to all

of these fine wordsmiths? Well, April is National Poetry Month. Yes, we need to celebrate poetry throughout the year. Still, it's nice for this form of centuries-old writing to get a spotlight. In addition, it makes readers turn away from stories about sparkly vampires living in dystopian futures for 30 days. The good thing is the Choice City has a number of events to honor the unofficial holiday.

For example, the Wolverine Farm Publishing Co. & Bookstore at 114 N. College Ave. in Old Town holds a poetry slam the first Friday of each month where denizens of the spoken word compete against each other. You won't be able to attend

April's edition, unless you have a time machine powered by iambic pentameter, but you have plenty of time for May's edition.

Luckily, you do have time to head toward Old Firehouse Books, also in Old Town at 232 Walnut Street, for its third annual poetry reading. Taking place at 7 p.m. April 22, the event features Colorado poets Camille Dundy, Ruth Ellen Kocher and David Daniels.

Another event honoring National Poetry Month, The Battle of the Bards, takes place at the Harmony Branch of the Poudre River Public Library at 6:30 p.m. April 25. The 10 finalists in the adult and teen categories compete for awards, ap-

plause and publication of their works in a commemorative booklet. Attending The Battle of the Bards is also a good time to pick up some poetry books from the library's shelves.

Let's not forget the city's own poet laureate during this festive month — a title introduced by Wolverine Farms Publishing in 2011. This year's ambassador to the word is Chloe Leisure. A semi-finalist in the 2012 Codahill Poetry Chapbook Contest and an co-mentor for Sheppardson Elementary's literary magazine CRE-ATE!, Leisure is working with Wolverine Farms and Fort Collins to shine the spotlight on poetry through workshops, public readings

and a poem scrawled on the side of a downtown building.

With so much going on there's no reason for Northern Colorado residents to sit on the couch watching reruns of "Friends." Put down the remote, head out into the warmth of a Colorado spring, and enjoy the words and voices of many talented poets.

Richard Keller is the assistant director of Northern Colorado Writers and founder of Wooden Pants Publishing. He doesn't know a man from Nantucket, but he does have a website at [www.richardskeller.com](http://www.richardskeller.com). To learn more about Northern Colorado Writers visit [www.NorthernColoradoWriters.com](http://www.NorthernColoradoWriters.com).



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# 'Sisterhood' author entertains



Ann Brashares, author of 'The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants' series, signs books Monday for Jaimie Alexander, center, at the Old Town Library in Fort Collins. Brashares was in town promoting her newest book, 'The Here and Now,' a romantic thriller about a girl from the future who time travels to the present. Brashares also spoke at Fossil Ridge and Rocky Mountain high schools. ERIN HULL/THE COLORADOAN

Steve Johnson, Larimer County commissioner

That's not the way local government should be working with each other to build a better community for the future.

The city has now created urban renewal authorities down College Avenue from Willow Lane to Harmony road, with many additional such taxpayer subsidized deals planned for the subsidized mall.

I'd rather have a great library, access to health care for those who need it, a county that can respond to the next disaster and serve county and city residents both, better education for our children, equipment for our firefighters, and less waiting for disabled kids who desperately need help. I'd rather have all that than I would a government subsidized mall.

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Blackmailers always come back for more. Case in point, the developer of Foothills Mall. It isn't going as well as planned, so now they are back demanding a sweeter taxpayer subsidy deal and threatening to leave if they don't get it. I say let them leave or build your mall with your own money, like almost every other business in the community that you will be competing against did.

Deals like Foothills Mall aren't how government should act

LETTERS

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By The Associated Press

**LONGMONT** A man suspected of choking his neighbor and taking his cellphone was arrested Thursday, a day after the apparently unprovoked attack, police said.



Kurt Jones

Kurt Jones, 30, was found at his mother's house in Westminster and arrested without incident, Longmont police Cmdr. Jeff Satur said. Jones could face assault and aggravated robbery charges, Satur said. The 48-year-old neighbor told police he was walking home from work around midnight Wednesday when the attack occurred.

The neighbor, whose injuries were serious, has been released from a hospital, Satur said.

A SWAT team surrounded Jones' house after the attack, but he did not immediately emerge. Officers eventually spoke to him at the scene but did not arrest him because the neighbor could not identify him as the assailant. Jones denied being involved, police said.

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# Library art is in the books, but critics have word or two

By Alex Burness Daily Camera

**BOULDER** When Boulder announced this week that the word "Yes!" will be installed in tall, red, aluminum characters on the outside of the public library, those involved in selecting the piece praised it as "exhilarating," "delightful" and "iconic."

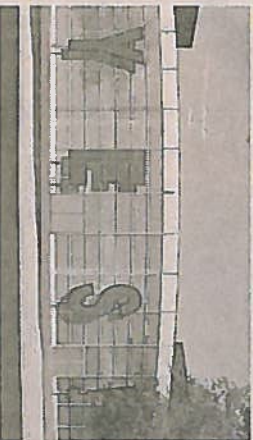
But for many people, there's only one thought that comes to mind: No.

"There's more to art than enthusiasm and crayons," said Heather Perkins, a local writer and artist. "The color, the font — it doesn't fit with the rest of the library. It's just ugly."

Public art will always draw criticism, but "Yes!" — having beaten out 366 other project concepts and operating with a budget of \$50,000 — got a nearly unanimous thumbs-down from more than a dozen Boulder Public Library patrons interviewed this week.

Boulder's Barbara League worries that the piece, which will go on the building's curved, glass wall facing Arapahoe Avenue, will obscure an otherwise pleasant view.

"Why would you do that to some beautiful clear glass?" she said. "Can't we just en-



A rendering of the Boulder Public Library artwork proposal "Yes!"

joy looking outside?"

Others, such as Boulder's Nick Jaiser, aren't even comfortable filing "Yes!" under "art." "No, this isn't art at all," he said. "How about a sculpture? A big old bronze?"

Those who helped choose "Yes!" aren't entirely surprised by some of the backlash.

"We knew we'd get a variety of responses, no matter what piece was selected," said Anna Lull, one of six people on a panel that consisted of two artists, two library commissioners, an architect and the director of the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.

# Jury acquits of murder-fc directed at l:

By Ryan Parker The Den

A 20-year-old prisoner: ing to hire his cellmate to for was found not guilty for-hire plot Thursday.

Christian Harvey was licitation to commit mu person jury deliberated in Lynn Kimbrough, spokes Denver district attorney's

"We're very disappointed," she said. "We felt t appropriate and provable Harvey was on trial for 2 to hire a cellmate, for \$200, ahoe County prosecutor prior sex-assault case a Harvey's cellmate wore a the plot in their Arapahoe

The Denver DA's office prosecutor in the case, w Arapahoe County.

Jesse Glassman, who d told The Denver Post th