

NEW! We hope you'll file this issue for future use!

Photography

Fridge Fun

You can make custom magnets by printing photos onto magnet paper that goes right into your printer. Get creative and invent a funky movable landscape for your kids to play with. Try an ocean theme with photo cutout magnets of fish, boats, and sand buckets or a park setting with photo magnets of balloons, bicycles, ducks, and more!

A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words...

Picture Books (J-Easy)
PERK Pictures From Our Vacation by Lynne Rae Perkins
WIES Flotsam by David Wiesner
 Children's Chapter Books (J-Fiction)
AVI The Seer of Shadows by Avi
MCCA Smile! by Geraldine McCaughrean
LARS The Fences Between Us: The Diary of Piper Davis by Kirby Larsen (Dear America series)
WALT Northern Exposures by Eric Walters

Children's Nonfiction
J 535.078 J14E Experiments with Light and Color
J 745.593 R212S Scrapbooking Just for You!
J 770. B923P Photography
J 775. B923D Digital Photo Magic
J 775. R113U Super Smart Information Strategies: Using Digital Images
J 778.53 G796S Super Smart Information Strategies: Shooting Video to Make Learning Fun
J 791.43 O13L Lights, Camera, Action!: Making Movies and TV From the Inside Out

Paper Bag Photo / Memory Album

To create:

Take four to six lunch-size paper bags. Stack them, alternating the openings and ends. To bind together, you can machine sew down the middle, fold and staple down the crease, or hole punch and tie the bags together with ribbon and string. Next, using different craft or colored papers, cut cards to fit inside the open pockets. Attach photos on them or use for writing/journaling. Tuck mementos into the pockets or glue onto the pages



Teen Fiction
GREG Earthquake at Dawn by Kristiana Gregory
MCMU Sources of Light by Margaret McMullan
SMIT Rain is Not My Indian Name by Cynthia Leitich Smith
SNOW Snap by Carol Snow
 Teen Nonfiction
775. G142D Digital Photo Madness: 50 Weird and Wacky Things to Do With Your Digital Camera
771. S938C Click: The Ultimate Photography Guide for Generation Now

Database Focus

The Digital Photograph Archive is a database that stores PPLD's collection of photos taken in the Pikes Peak region. The archive includes pictures of paintings dating to the 1810s and photographs of the region from the 1850s to the present. From the Library's home page at ppld.org, click on the Local Information link, listed under Research on the right-hand side of the page. The Digital Photograph Archive is listed alphabetically with the other resources.

You can explore historical images of our community in a couple of ways. Browse the photographs by photographer, decade, or subject, or you can use the search function to narrow your results. Use the drop-down menus to search within a specific field such as Description, Title, Year, Donor, Photographer, or Genre. This collection includes more than 10,000 images and can be a valuable resource for historical projects or just to expand your knowledge of the area. The spotlight is on the Pikes Peak region!

Tell us what you think! We welcome topical ideas to enhance your educational endeavors. Contact gsohns@ppld.org.

Spotlight on You!

Have you ever wondered where the expression "A picture's worth a thousand words" came from? Do you often stop to take a second look at something and think, "This would make a great photo"? While there are several theories about the origins of this phrase, the meaning remains the same: to characterize a complex idea visually in just a single image. How would you convey a multitude of thoughts in one picture?

Everyone sees life through their eyes differently, and children especially have a unique perspective. Why not place a camera in their hands and see what the world looks like to them? Several websites have dedicated instructional tips and basic step-by-step picture-taking tutorials to get them started. Here are two examples:

13 lessons to teach your child digital photography: www.digital-photography-school.com

How about what type of camera to use?: www.chiff.com/art/photo/kids.htm

All right then, now is the moment to seize these opportunities. With camera in hand, let the photo shoot begin. The challenge is to capture pictures of you – a day in the life of you! Something you can look

back on and remember. What makes you laugh? What is beautiful to you? Where did you spend your time? Do you see anything at a unique angle or out of the box that would release the artist in you? Since everyone sees differently though a camera lens, go be creative and just have fun.

With a digital camera, it is easier than ever to delete a shot that wasn't what you thought it would be, or try a retake. You will have the instant gratification of seeing how you want your picture to look. For your next step, print out the best pictures and spend some time putting together a photo album or a collection of photos that say something about you. Try a theme like "My Summer" or "A Day in My Life." Another idea for photos is a wall collage or multi-photo frame. (An easy idea for a unique photo album is in this issue on the back page.)

Take on the director role and show the world what you see! Spotlight – Camera – Shoot! It's all on you!





The BookShelf

Bringing great books into focus

How to Teach a Slug to Read
by Susan Pearson (2011)

If you have a younger child learning to read, and older children who are readers, this is a great little book. We see, as the readers, all the important steps in learning to read, from labels, to Mother Goose, I mean Mother Slug, rhymes. And the story is fun, fun, fun; the learning is incidental.

Steps in learning to read, humor – ages 4 - 9



Sophie's Lovely Locks
by Erica Pelton Villnave (2011)

Sophie loves her long hair, how it feels to swing it, braid it, and wear fun clips in it. But sometimes it gets tangled, and she needs help. When her long locks become too much work for her, she gets it cut and donates her long hair to help kids with no hair at all. There are three organizations listed at the back of the book. Each website specifies length and condition of hair that can be accepted, and each has a different minimum length, from 8 to 12 inches.

Helping others – ages 6 - 12

These Hands by Margaret H. Mason (2011)
Both a family story and historical fiction, grandpa helps his grandson tie his shoes and begins telling him about his own hands and what he has done in his life. By the middle of this brief book, we learn that blacks were not allowed to touch any of the bread during production in the 1950s and 1960s – they could only sweep the floor, fix the machines, and drive trucks.

History, oral history – ages 5 - 12



Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku
by Lee Wardlaw (2011)

From shelter to adoption and settling into a new home, the story is told entirely in haiku.

Language arts, poetry – ages 5 - 12

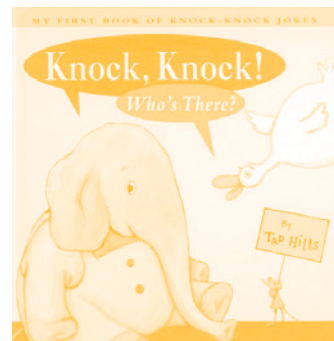
Knock, Knock! Who's There?

by Tad Hills (2010)

Cute, brief, with flaps you lift to reveal the

final line of the joke, this is exactly what the cover proclaims – a first book of knock-knock jokes.

Language arts, jokes – ages 5 - 8



Little Known Secrets

Shelfari – Reading with Others
Pikes Peak Library District's main focus is to “seek, engage, and transform” people's lives through the wonders of reading. What better way to do this than finding other individuals of similar interests? Shelfari is the ideal website for active participation amongst its members. People from all walks of life review their favorite books, post their shelves on blogs and social networks, and encourage their friends to give it a try. Shelfari is an ideal option for a homeschool family to remain in contact with other homeschool families. Groups can be formed of like-minded individuals and popular books can spread like wildfire, encouraging literary growth and stimulating interest.

On PPLD's main page, simply click on the “Find a Good Book” option. There are so many amazing websites and databases in this area, but for the sake of space, we'll only focus on Shelfari. In the list of links on the left of the screen, click “Interactive Book Sites.” Shelfari is #5 on this list. The sign-up is simple, although there are a few steps to be taken to enhance your percentage of participation. Mostly, this site is an excellent resource for use in tracking the books you and your family read without having to write them all down somewhere. There is no limit to how many books can be in your Shelfari bookshelf, be it 50 or 500, and you can even update information for different books, such as character profiles, book summaries, or even writing book reviews.

Best of all, there are already homeschool groups present on Shelfari. You can start a group of your own or simply join one that's already in progress. You can have one main account for the entire family or each family member can have an account, convince their friends to join, and talk of nothing but books, books, books. After all, books are the guiding force behind PPLD and it's an amazing experience to see all your favorite book covers compiled online for your family and friends to see. Who knows, you might even be a guiding force to help others “seek, engage, and transform.”

Homeschool Tools and Resource Fair

This free workshop will feature:

- Breakout sessions highlighting online library resources
- Library tours
- Resource Fair
- Activities for the kids

Registration is not required. Visit your local library for a flyer containing more information.

Mon., Sept. 12
9 a.m - 2:30 p.m.
East Library

Homeschool Lunch Bunch
Join us for a different hands-on family learning experience every time. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy after the lesson while you socialize with other homeschool families. For homeschool families with elementary-age children.
First Wednesday of the month
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Fountain Library

Homeschool Lunch @ Your Library

Registration is recommended (call 260-3650). Bring your lunch, learn something new, and socialize with other homeschool families.
Fourth Wednesday of the month
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
High Prairie Library

Novel Ideas Homeschool Book Club

Join other homeschool teens for an afternoon snack and discussion on a great book! Contact Molly Pace at 531-6333, x2338 or mpace@ppld.org for current book selection or other questions.
The last Wednesday of the month
2 - 3:30 p.m. ♦ Penrose Library

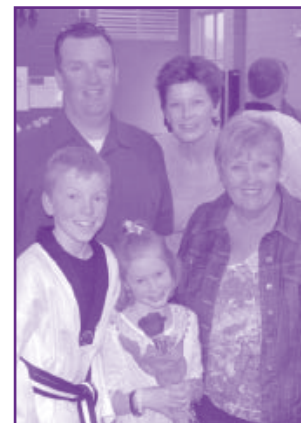
Homeschool Science Lab
Homeschooled students can use PPLD's science equipment for parent-assigned experiments, with the help of our volunteer. A parent must accompany the student. We encourage moms to volunteer to lead a science lesson, but it's not a requirement to use the Lab. Contact Gail (gsohns@ppld.org) for more information.
First and third Friday of the month
1 - 3 p.m. ♦ East Library
Conference Room II

All Pikes Peak Reads 2011 (APPR)
The 2011 APPR titles are:

- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr
- *The Pioneer Photographer* by William Henry Jackson and Howard Driggs
- Children will also be able to participate by reading *The Landry News* by Andrew Clements and *Amelia Makes a Movie* by David Milgrim.

APPR 2011 will kick off at the What If! Festival of Innovation and Imagination on September 10, in downtown Colorado Springs.

Featured Homeschool Family: The McHugh Family



How old are your children?
Sean is 12 years old and Molly is 7 years old.

Why did you decide to homeschool?
I had been teaching elementary school for several years when one weekend I decided to go hear a recommended education consultant and speaker named Carole Joy Seid. She discussed the philosophies of Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore as well as Charlotte Mason and these were

so contrary to the traditional teaching methods I had been taught, that I was really intrigued about this “homeschool thing.” Hearing about all the research on the learning styles of boys in particular, and seeing my newborn son in his stroller next to me, my heart began to be convinced. Learning that I could give my children a superior, Christ-centered education through reading real, living books was resonating with me and I was now on a mission.

What curriculum do you use?

The method we use in our home is mainly literature-based, meaning we read lots of books throughout the day for our history, science, social studies, etc. We do use a math curriculum: Teaching Textbooks for my son and Math U See for my daughter. A lot of our time is spent learning outside while tending to our farm, A Joyful Noise Farm, here in Black Forest. Here we are kept busy tending to 200 chickens, broiler chickens, cows, goats, turkeys, pigs, and several greenhouses. My kids also get the experience of participating in giving farm tours and working the summer farmers markets with us on the weekends.

What does your homeschool day look like?

Our daily routine looks a bit different in the spring than the summer and winter, as that's when our farm begins to “come alive” and so gets very busy. But, generally speaking, we read the Bible shortly after breakfast and do a devotion. Then after the kids do their personal house chores, we do barn/animal chores. Then they rotate through math, handwriting, and phonics/grammar. After a short break, we read together for a couple of hours and then they can work on their individual areas of interest. To see more of our day-to-day life, check out our website, www.ajoyfulnoisefarm.com.

How does your husband support your homeschooling efforts?

We have been very blessed to have Craig work from home so he gets to be involved daily with the children and their studies/activities. Although I implement most of the day-to-day lessons/learning opportunities, he joins in on outings and picks up the slack on difficult days or subject matters.

What are your children's interests and future goals?

Sean is an avid baseball player and has just received his First Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. He has also taken up tennis this summer and really enjoys that as well. When he isn't participating in sports, he is building some Lego creation or making Lego stop-motion videos. Molly loves nature and any animal in it. She really enjoys taking ballet and tap lessons and, when not dancing around the house or barn, she is either riding her scooter or playing with her American Girl dolls.

**Would you like to be a Featured Family?
Contact Deborah at dworthey@ppld.org**