



## Connecting kids with computers

Since July 2001, Community Computer Connection (C3), an initiative of the Jared Polis Foundation, has refurbished and distributed more than 10,000 computers to underserved communities throughout Colorado.

The C3 team refurbishes computers that are donated from corporations, organizations, and individuals, and provides them for free to qualified nonprofit organizations and schools throughout Colorado, preventing hundreds of tons of computers from being dumped into landfills.

"We install licensed Windows operating systems and add essential components," says Yolanda Innis, Special Projects Coordinator for the Jared Polis Foundation. "Then we give the refurbished computers to schools and organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club, the Dolores Public Library, and the Pioneer Elementary School. These computers are used to establish or upgrade community technology centers, support administrative operations, and for 'Learn and Earn' programs through which students earn computers by completing technical training."

C3 is currently seeking corporate donor participation in support of our distribution efforts. The organization accepts working PCs and Laptops Pentium III or newer, and working monitors 17 inches or larger. Additional equipment is sometimes accepted.

For more information about Community Computer Connection, contact Yolanda Innis at 303-962-2270 or visit [jaredpolisfoundation.org](http://jaredpolisfoundation.org). -- WB

## Louisville's new library

For book lovers, the grand opening of the Louisville library in late July can't come too soon. The \$8.6 million, 32,500-square-foot facility, located at Spruce and Front streets across the street from the old library, will boast almost two and a half times the floor space as the old building. Features include an area for teens, a reading room – complete with fireplace – for adults, a Children's Services area, a parking garage and three study rooms.

Where the old library had a collection capacity of 60,000 items, the new library will have a capacity of 85,000. There will now be three self-check stations (instead of just one), 16 adult computers (compared to 6 at the old facility), 8 teen computers, 8 child computers, a meeting room and a conference room. The new Homework Center will seat 12 and the new Storytime Room can accommodate 30 children. A gallery area will allow art and other items of community interest to be displayed.

The library staff has been working tirelessly to tag the entire collection of books, CDs, videos and audiobooks with radio frequency tags before



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the move. The electronic system will enable library staff to accurately track inventory, reduce repetitive motion injuries, and ensure security for the library's growing collection. The electronic chips will also allow patrons to enjoy quick and reliable check-out and check-in without having to carefully position and scan each item.

According to a city newsletter, energy-efficiency was considered for the design, equipment and materials of the library.

As for the staff, they're looking forward to getting settled in the new facility, and are especially grateful that the city has hired a moving company that specializes in relocating libraries.

The library will host its grand opening and dedication on Saturday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., providing refreshments, entertainment, and programs for adults and children.

To learn more, visit [www.ci.louisville.co.us/library/](http://www.ci.louisville.co.us/library/) or call 303-335-4849. -- WB

## Library hosts fun summer events for kids and teens

The following events will be held at the Boulder Public library during the month of August.

### Saturdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26 Young Creative Writers

For this long-running and popular workshop, kids in 4th-7th grade receive advice and encouragement from adult professional writers. Sessions take place in two-month increments, with a month off between each session. The current session takes place on Saturdays in July and August. There are no sessions in September. Location: Teen Library. Time: 10 -11 a.m. Phone: Children's Library at 303-441-3099

### Sundays, August 6, 13, 20 and 27 Go Club for Kids & Teens

At this weekly club, Go boards are provided and take home sets made of paper are available for free. Go ratings from American Go Association tournaments are available online and are updated weekly. Players can access this information through [boulder.lib.co.us/youth/events/go.html](http://boulder.lib.co.us/youth/events/go.html). Location: Boulder Creek Meeting Room. Time: Every Sunday at 2 p.m. Phone: Paul Barchelon at 303-440-7124



### Thursday, August 10: "WORDPlay" Workshop

Designed around the themes of the "WORDPlay" exhibit in the Canyon Gallery August 4 – September 10 (a show from the Colorado Chapter of Women's Caucus for Art), children ages 8 -12 create their own "word art" using small three-dimensional objects to make letters for words of their choice. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration required by August 7. Location: Boulder Creek Meeting Room. Time: 1:30 – 3 p.m. Info and pre-registration: 303-818-3316

### Saturday, August 12: "Be A Tree"

Breathe, grow, drink and "think" like a tree as Lisa Hunter leads children ages 4 and up in a story of the life of a tree from seedling to 500-year-old ancient. Guitar, drum, songs and stories about nature are highly interactive and fun. Reservations are required. Locations and times: the 11 a.m. performance is at George Reynolds Branch Library, 3595 Table Mesa Dr. The 2 p.m. performance is at Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Rd. (behind Safeway). Phone: Reynolds at 303-441-3120 and Meadows at 303-441-4390. Web site: [ecocampfires.com/](http://ecocampfires.com/)