







City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

2018 Community Opportunity Grant: NOFA Notice

The City of Coeur d'Alene has issued a Notice of Available Funding (NOFA) inviting competitive grant proposals for projects or services that benefit low-to-moderate income people or neighborhoods, and/or promote job creation/economic development. Any individuals, profit or nonprofit organizations, businesses, or governmental agencies may apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds. Submission deadline is September 26, 2018. For more information, visit www.cdaid.org/communitygrant.

Community Canopy Volunteers Prune Trees at Sunshine Meadows Park

Community volunteers pruned trees recently at Sunshine Meadows Park as part of the Community Canopy Volunteers Pruning (VIP) program. These helpful volunteers generated enough debris to fill up a large truck, three times!! The volunteers be will pruning through the summer months focusing on young park trees.



Formative pruning of young trees heads off future structural

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Jennifer "JD" Smithson: From Rathdrum Mountain, to Africa, to the CDA Public Library!

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Lake City Public Library Branch Manager, J.D. Smithson, to learn more (Continued on page 2)



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problems that can lead to major pruning, potential hazards, or tree failure as the trees become older. The program is sponsored by Community Canopy, an education program that consists of city urban foresters and extension educators who work together with the goal of having healthy and sustainable community forests. The Community Canopy V.I.P. Program trains local tree fans on pruning techniques and field sessions take place in the summer and winter months. For more information, email Katie Kosanke, Urban Forester, or call 208-769-2266.

Libraries Rock! Concert Series Continues through August

The free Libraries Rock! summer concert series will continue through the month of August. The concerts, funded through a



grant from the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Foundation, are held in the miniamphitheater on the McEuen Park side of the library building, on Monday evenings from 5-7 p.m. The remaining concerts in the series include:

- August 6: Spring Tonic—Bluegrass, old time
- August 13: Bill Bozly—Many genres of American popular music
- August 20: Kathy Colton—Folk, pop, original songs
- August 27: Coeur d'Alene Chamber Music Society (CDA Brass Quintet, Gluteous Saximous, and the North Idaho Trumpet Ensemble

4th Annual Coeur d'Con Comic Convention on August 18

The Coeur d'Alene Public Library will present its 4th Annual Coeur d'Con event on Saturday, August 18 from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. The comic convention celebrates books, movies, games, manga, comics, and all of the many avenues of geek culture. Entrance to

about her role with the City.

Tell us a little bit about your education and experience: I grew up on Rathdrum Mountain and started my work in libraries at the age of 15 at the Rathdrum Library. I went to North Idaho College for my Associate of Science degree and did work-study in the Molestead Library for the time I was there. I received a bachelor's degree in Botany from Idaho State University in 2010 and left for the Peace Corps in 2012. I spent 27 months in Malawi (sub-Saharan Africa) where I lived in the village of Chipelera and worked as an environmental volunteer. My main projects included working with villagers to plant 50,000 trees, teaching agroforestry and permaculture, teaching high school level physics/chemistry, working on the de-stigmatization of HIV/AIDS, stocking and staffing the village library (of course,) and a number of other small projects. I started working at CDA Public Library in December, 2014 as a circulation clerk and a year later I was hired as the Branch Manager of Lake City Public Library (LCPL) and reference clerk. I am currently working towards my Masters in Library and Information Science at the University of Washington.

What are your job responsibilities? I primarily work as the branch manager of the Lake City Public Library (LCPL). The library usually resides inside of the Lake City High School but, due to construction, has moved to Skyway Elementary for the summer. My duties at LCPL include working as the courier, combined circulation and reference clerk, and program facilitator. At the CDA Public Library I work on the reference desk for 2-5 hours per week, and am in charge of collection development of our burgeoning graphic novel collection. I like to work on graphics for the library, and I work with the donated fiction books.

What would you like the public to know

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the convention is free, with local businesses, artists, and experts exhibiting and selling their goods throughout the library, offering a plethora of unique wares and perspectives on pop culture. For more information, call 208-769-2315.



Coeur d'Alene Digital Archives Launches at the Library



The Coeur d'Alene Digital Archives is a new, free, online digital archive, funded by Coeur d'Alene Public Library, the Community Library Network, and North Idaho College's Molstead Library. The archive is currently

adding public domain issues of the Coeur d'Alene Press (publications prior to 1964). More text is added daily. To use the archives, go to www.cdalibrary.org and click on "Explore."



about the Lake City Public Library? I'd like the public to know that, even though the LCPL is located inside of a school, all of the services that are found at the CDA Public Library can also be accessed at Lake City, with the exception of scanning/faxing. The public has access to all of the books in the school's collection and I courier every day from the CDA Library so it is a great place to pick up your holds if you live in that part of town. A large part of LCPL is filled with teen or juvenile fiction/nonfiction but I rotate the adult collection frequently so the browsing selection doesn't get stale.

What does customer service mean to you?

Customer service is everything! What it means to me is not just providing patrons with the information and materials that they ask for, but also the services and programming that they need. Some of my favorite interactions come when I have a patron who is looking for an item and being able to turn them on to another book or author that they may cherish as well. The library is for everyone and I hope that it is known throughout the community that it is a place for learning, entertainment, creativity, refuge, and information access.

What about your family and interests? I live in Coeur d'Alene with my fiancé (Donald) and two cats (Archer and Pawly). When I'm not in school I enjoy making all sorts of crafts, spending time with my family, and reading mysteries.

