

Fall 2024

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series

FREE- no registration required.

Thursdays,

October 10-November 14, 2024

6-7:15 pm

Lectures are held at the Ruby Sisson
Library in the large meeting room.

*Attend as many lectures as you'd like to
continue your lifelong learning journey.*

See you soon at Ruby Sisson Library!

<https://pagosalibrary.org>

Thursday, October 10

6-7:15 pm

Pagosa Country '24/'25 Winter Outlook

Presented by Arleen & Shawn Prochazka

What are the key ingredients for a heavy snow year? How does Pagosa Weather determine if there will be heavy or light snow? What is the snow forecast for Pagosa Springs this winter?

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Thursday, October 17

6-7:15 pm

Ruby Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

Presented by Cindi Galabota, Foundation Director

With Barb Brattin, Ruby Sisson Library Director

The mission of the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends is to support and enhance the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library by raising funds for information resources, programs, services, and facilities. The Library Foundation is currently in a building campaign to expand and renovate your Ruby Sisson Library. We have raised over \$2,200,000 of our \$4,500,000

goal. Learn about the exciting plans for the expansion and renovation and find out how you can help us raise \$500,000 in the coming year. With the power of everyone in our community, we can build a better library for Pagosa Springs!

Cindi Galabota, the Library Foundation's first Executive Director, has been with the Library Foundation since 2018. She has spent most of her career in nonprofits and considers herself a humanitarian and environmentalist who is passionate about improving life on earth for all living things. Cindi is excited to share the Mountains of Opportunity building campaign with the community.

Barb Brattin is the new Ruby Sisson Library Director, bringing over 30 years of experience in library leadership including library construction and renovation. Fresh off the opening of a new children's library in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Barb is excited to join Pagosa's library campaign to help guide the project toward a successful completion.

Come learn how you can make a difference today!

Thursday, October 24

6-7:15 pm

Presented by

Wildfire Preparedness

Presented by Bill Trimarco

Bill will educate us on how his agency works with our neighbors and partners to create wildfire adapted communities. They assist local residents in creating defensible space, planning wildfire evacuations, and preparing for wildfire the neighborhood level through education and grant opportunities offered through Wildfire Adapted programs.

Wildfire Adapted Partnership has part-time coordinators assisting Archuleta,

Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties. We are also proud to have 146 Volunteer Neighborhood Ambassadors who are the backbone of our organization. “

Bill has lived in the mountains of the Western US and Canada for most of the last 40 years and currently resides in Pagosa Springs. He is an avid outdoorsman who has always been concerned with healthy wildlands. He has worked with Wildfire Adapted Partnership and its partners since 2012. Besides his outdoor pursuits, he is a martial arts (Aikido) instructor, musician and knows the underside of a pickup truck.

Come here from our local experts how to be fire safe!

“Inspires, Educates, and Enables Individuals and Communities to Protect Lives and Property from Wildfire.”

Thursday, October 31

6-7:15 pm

Senior Planet: Aging with Attitude

Presented via Zoom by Dayton Romero,

Mountain-Central Regional Program Manager Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP

What is Senior Planet? How Can I Join in the Adventure?

- A social media platform made with older adults, for older adults.
- Group Based Interest Areas
- “Ask a Tech Expert” group for discussions and help available by phone for individual issues
- User-generated content
- Safe & trusted space

Come hear from one of Senior Planet’s staff on how this program can enhance your daily life!



Thursday, November 7

6 00-7:15 pm

Colorado Avalanche Information Center

Presented by Matt Huber

Know Before You Go (KBYG) is a free avalanche awareness program. Not much science, no warnings to stay out of the mountains, no formulas to memorize. In about an hour, you will see the destructive power of avalanches, understand when and why they happen, and how you can have fun in the mountains and avoid avalanches.

Matt began working as a ski patroller at Snowmass in 1996 and quickly moved into a dedicated snow safety position. In 2015, he and his family moved to Idaho. He returned to Colorado and the CAIC in 2018 and currently focuses on highway avalanche safety on the southeast side of the San Juan Mountains. He has spent most of the summer seasons since 1993 working for the US Forest Service in the wildfire program and cursing the heat while waiting for the snow to fall.

<https://www.avalanche.state.co.us/>



Thursday, November 14

6-7:15 pm

Photographing Africa

Presented by Doug Coombs

Member of Pagosa Photography Club



Doug has been to Africa on four photographic safaris since 2019. He has visited Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Botswana. These trips included the world-renowned Serengeti in Tanzania and the Masai Mara in Kenya, both made famous by many documentaries including, *Nature* on PBS. He will start his presentation with some slides about the Pagosa Springs Photography Club, describe options for traveling to Africa, and then show photos taken from four separate trips.

Doug worked as a software engineer at Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1987 to 2019 and started photography with SLRs, home darkrooms and B&W film about 1970. While attending the University of Arizona in Tucson he worked as a darkroom tech and photographed beautiful landscapes, weddings and college sports. He and his wife have lived full-time in Pagosa for two years but have owned a house and visited frequently before that, starting in 2005.

View Doug's work on his personal website:

<https://www.dougsview.com/Web2021/AfricaMain>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/doug.coombs.98/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dougsview/>

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