The 2018 Winter Olympics will include these lesser-known sports:

- **Biathlon** - combines cross-country skiing with marksmanship. Athletes ski through a trail that is divided into 2 or 4 shooting rounds. Penalties are accessed for missed targets.

- **Bobsledding** - teams of 2 or 4 use gravity-powered sleds to speed down iced tracks. The name bobsledding comes from the way competitors bob back and forth at the beginning to increase their speed.

- **Curling** - a team sport played on ice. Teams use brooms to guide a 44-pound stone toward the center of the rink.

- **Luge** - a sledding event where riders lie on their backs and use their reflexes to steer down an icy track. They reach speeds close to 90 mph.

- **Nordic Combined** - combines ski jumping and cross-country skiing.

- **Skeleton** - athletes plummet headfirst down a steep, ice track on a tiny sled.

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**Fun Facts About the 2018 Winter Olympics**

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**A few facts about South Korea:**

- South Korea has one of the world’s fastest internet networks.
- It’s about the size of Indiana.
- Kimchi (made with fermented cabbage) is served with most meals.
- Babies in Korea are considered one year old on the day they’re born. They add another year each New Year’s Day.
- The Korean alphabet has 10 vowels and 14 consonants, which helps make it easy for children to learn.
- Robots are used to teach English in Korean schools.
- The national sport is taekwondo.

To learn more about the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, visit [olympic.org/pyeongchang-2018](http://olympic.org/pyeongchang-2018).
Kindness, portrait painting Ages 4 - 8

Imagine your kids pretending they are someone you have read to them about. Will they remember when the person lived? Probably not. Will they have a good idea what this person is known for? Probably so! This is a match for the first book, but far more playful! This little girl is busy pretending to be Sally (Ride), Annie (Oakley), and other notable women, including her little girl.

The delightful book reminds me of this. The book is about the names, like Harriet Tubman and Helen Keller. Who Changed the World by Chelsea Clinton [2017]

It is a good idea to plan your day. A hole in the ground, clouds, mud, a worm – a child’s ‘favorite’ things – and most are favorites at the Sand Creek Makerspace! The book is about Emily, and it is about friendship between these two charming animal-land. The story is complex, and there are many things to see and discuss. Children between the ages of 9 - 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. Children and their parents are invited to enter the makerspace area at the front of the building for an art or science focused activity. The Sand Creek calendar on the Pikes Peak Library District homepage should also have program descriptions. Call 719-597-7070 for more information.

Music loving families, take note! Sand Creek has a recording studio that your family can use.

1. Have your song written out;
2. Do all your practicing and rehearsing BEFORE scheduling a recording session;
3. Come with lots of energy on the day and time that the recording studio was booked;
4. Have fun!

Other programs that will be of interest to families:

- Parent/child sewing classes
- Pottery classes

The Sand Creek Makerspace is available to the public during Open Hours. Sand Creek’s Open Hours Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon Wednesdays 6 - 8 p.m. Thursdays 2 - 4 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. - noon

Patrons 9 years and older are invited to use the makerspace’s equipment during these times.

• 3D printers
• Laser cutter/engraver
• Sewing and embroidery machines

Homeschool Science Fair Homeschooled student(s) are invited to demonstrate a science project for other homeschool families. There are no strict rules or guidelines for this noncompetitive event and planning is left up to the individual family. Registration is required for each student presenting. Register online at ppld.org/homeschool-

hub or contact Joy at jifishhacker@ppld.org or (719) 531-6333, x1407.

Homeschool Programs at Library 21c, High Prairie, Monument, and Rockrimmon Libraries Participate in a variety of family learning experiences. Enjoy activities with other homeschool families. Contact each location for more information or check online at ppld.org/homeschool-hub.

Homeschool Science @ East These awesome science-based programs offer kids an engaging variety of learning experiences. Contact jifishhacker@ppld.org or check online at ppld.org/educational-content for more information.

3rd Friday of each month (Program in March is on 3/23/18)

1 p.m. • East Library Community Room

Homeschool Science Fair Teen volunteers help students in kindergarten through fifth grade with homework or reading practice. Study Buddies begins the first week of September.

Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. • East Library

Family Fun Enjoy performers, animals, crafts and much more at monthly programs. Fun for the whole family! Check online at ppld.org, or at your local library for upcoming events.

Mug Meals and Sharpy Mugs

Hey Teens! This month we’re making delicious mug meals in the microwave and decorating our own mugs with sharpies (to be baked in the oven to seal the design when you get home).

Wed., Feb. 28 • 4 - 5:30 p.m. • Monument Library – Meeting Room

TEENS

Monument Teen Creative Writing Group Writing group for ages 12 - 18 (or 6th - 12th grade). Join us to meet fellow writers, share ideas, do writing exercises, and enjoy tasty snacks.

Tuesdays • 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 5, Jan. 2, and Feb. 6 • Monument Library – Study Room

Old Colorado City Library Presents: Hogwarts’ Yule Ball

Hogwarts, Durmstrang, and Beauxbatons invite you to the Second Annual Old Colorado City Library Yule Ball. There were reports of muggles infiltrating this event during last year. Please take precautions to keep your ends, wands, potions, and shrinking charms away from muggles, all of which will be available at the Ball again this year. Formal wizard attire is acceptable, but muggle attire may be suggested to avoid notice. Polyjuice Potion will be available for all on the night. Butterbeer and other refreshments will be available. Our apologies to ghosts quietly, moldy food will not be provided.

Sat., Dec. 16 • 2 - 4 p.m. • Westside Community Center 1628 W. Bijou St.

Aftermath: Free Math Tutoring Is math homework getting you down? Are finals freaking you out? Do you need to brush up before the ACT, SAT, GRE, or GED? Our experienced math tutors can help you improve your grades and take the stress out of math. Tutoring for all ages and levels.

- East Library • Thursdays • 4 - 6 p.m.
- Library 21c • Wednesdays • 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- Manitou Springs Library • Mondays • 3 - 5 p.m.
- Monument Library • Mondays • 3 - 7 p.m.
- Sand Creek Library • Saturdays • 10 a.m. - noon

No appointment necessary, just drop in on! AfterMath won’t take place during library or school holidays. If the school district closes because of snow or weather, AfterMath is cancelled.

East Coding Club: Social Media Edition Using curriculum created by Google CS1st, ages 12 - 18 can learn the basics of coding with a social media application, using by Scratch and block coding.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 4 - 5 p.m. • East Learning Lab.

Please see online calendar for details and required registration.