



# ‘Lynda, teach me something cool!’



## ***Lynda.com’s vault opens for Loveland Public Library users***

**W**ant to be a video animator?

A PhotoShop wizard?

A Javascript web geek?

How about a songwriter or a banjo player?

Most people imagine lots of time, and buckets of money, are required to achieve most of those results, but not anymore.

The Loveland Public Library,

unveiling what Director Diane Lapierre calls “a gift to the community,” has thrown open a door to an online treasure chest of more than 6,300 video courses that put all the pursuits mentioned above and many more within reach.

A current library card and a computer or phone are the only tickets required to access Lynda.com and its hundreds of teachers who offer lively, engaging and multi-level instruction in subjects concentrated on business, software, technology and creative skills.

“I’m thrilled that we’re able

to offer Lynda.com classes to our customers,” Lapierre said. “It gives all our card holders access to a wealth of expert instruction on topics such as technology, design, photography and lots more.”

While geeks of all stripes will find a feast on Lynda, the catalog is full of surprises for the non-technical, too. A musician can master the fundamentals of the five-string banjo under the guidance of banjo impresario Tony Trischka. A second-grade teacher can explore the latest thinking on project based learning with Buck Institute pioneer

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Dayna Laur, and aspiring comic book illustrators can learn the tricks of the trade with expert illustrator Ben Bishop.

**Not your average online tutorial**

The courses, which are developed and taught by recognized industry experts, are professionally produced, providing a superior online learning experience, not only for content, but also for image and sound quality, setting Lynda's courses apart from the myriad of other online tutorials.

The platform also regularly updates its course content so that it is current, cutting-edge and relevant to today's learners of all ages.

Lynda's depth and breadth requires some time to assess: The thousands of individual courses are supported by 267,000 individual video tutorials. As if that weren't enough, the Lynda library also includes a collection of 106 film and video documentaries about thought leaders and entrepreneurs in the fields where instruction is concentrated.

The platform also offers versatility and convenience for users. In addition to accessing courses on the live website, users can download content to their own devices to view later, and there is a Lynda.com app. When signing up, users are asked about their interests. The platform responds with specific course recommendations and provides information on course length, the level of difficulty and a brief overview. Users have the ability to search for courses using keywords and can add specific courses to playlists they create.

Lynda.com is owned by the professional networking platform LinkedIn, following an acquisition two years ago that made founder

Lynda Weinman a dot-com billionaire. From its beginnings as a free training resource for Weinman's web developer students, the company evolved to bring users in through monthly memberships, and greatly expanded its number of course offerings and faculty.

**Philosophy and approach remain**

Though LinkedIn has assumed ownership and control, the philosophy and approach for developing and disseminating the content has remained largely the same, with an

emphasis on quality of instruction and variety of course offerings.

While the site is available from the library's homepage, current LinkedIn members can also access the platform with their LinkedIn logons, and add courses

they've taken to their LI profiles to boost their professional presence.

Loveland's ability to add Lynda was made possible through

its affiliation with the Flatirons Library Consortium, an association of northern Colorado libraries that have an agreement to share

resources. Joining the consortium allowed a shared purchase of the service that would otherwise be out of Loveland's



QuarkXPress 2016 Essential Training

reach.

According to Amy Phillips, LPL's Adult Services Manager, this was something the library had been wanting to do for some time. "Patrons had asked about Lynda in the past," she said, "but it just wasn't possible. Joining Flatirons and making the investment in this exceptional learning tool is the library using the public's tax dollars wisely to present this to the citizens of Loveland."

**21st century skills - for free**

The library will offer Lynda's 'Premium' version, which opens Lynda's entire catalog to users at no cost as long as they have a current library card. If users were to sign up independently, they would be paying nearly \$500, annually.

To sign up for Lynda, patrons with current library cards can go to [www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org). A link to Lynda is available from the homepage. Residents wanting a library card can go to the front desk at the library. They must present a current I.D. and be a Colorado resident.

"We are very excited to be able to offer this fantastic new resource to our patrons. It's important for modern-day libraries to keep moving forward and offering materials and technologies that help people enrich and transform their lives. The addition of Lynda allows us to help people gain 21st century skills when it works for them without having to drop everything to attend a class," said Phillips.



Photoshop CC 2018 New Features



Design a Condensed Sans Serif Typeface

**Sign up and start learning!**

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Residents who do not have a library card can go to the front desk at the library and present a current I.D. Applicants must be Colorado residents.

For more information, call the library's Adult Services desk at 962-2402.

# Put the freeze on winter fires by following these important safety tips

According to the National Fire Protection Association, December and January are the peak months for the overall number of home fires, deaths and injuries.

Keep your family safe by following these important safety tips:

## In the kitchen

- Keep pot handles turned inward to avoid accidental spills and burn injuries
- Avoid loose, baggy clothing that could catch fire or catch on pot handles
- Always keep combustibles away from stove tops and other heat sources

- Maintain a 3-foot no-play-zone around the oven and stove
- Never leave cooking unattended
- 'Put a lid on it' to extinguish cooking fires - do not use water.

## The whole house

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from combustible materials
- Keep candles in non-tip holders and away from children and pets



- Never leave burning candles unattended
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms with fresh batteries on every level of the home
- Make sure to have a carbon monoxide detector if you have gas-fueled appliances
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional at least once a year
- Be sure not to overload electrical outlets and ensure all cords are free

of damage

- Make sure to have a working fire extinguisher in your home and know how to use it
- Make sure all members of the household know how to dial 911 in case of emergency
- Create and practice an evacuation plan in case your family needs to leave the home quickly.

For more information on fire safety, contact Loveland Fire & Rescue at 962-2537 or go to [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter), and/or [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

## SAVE THE DATE



2.9.18 THRU 2.11.18

IN THE HEART OF  
DOWNTOWN LOVELAND

## Fire, Ice & Free Family Entertainment and Fun in the Sweetheart City

The fourth annual Fire & Ice Festival embraces the passion of the season through the arts of live entertainment, sculpting, culinary, brewing and more. This year's event features:

- Live, free music and performances
- Nightly fireworks show with music & lights
- Ice sculpting performances & competition
- Brewing & Distilling Arts of local brewers/distillers
- The Family Fair carnival, face painting, games
- The marketplace artisan businesses & shops
- A Food Truck Food Court
- Our Heroes Vehicles Showcase
- Romantic carriage rides

For more information, go to [LovelandFireAndIce.com](http://LovelandFireAndIce.com)



## Valentine Radio Stories at the Chilson Senior Center

Remember gathering around the radio to listen to your favorite stories?

Be the radio audience as Katy Little shares original radio scripts from voices of the past.

Enjoy refreshments & share a story!  
Call (970) 962-2783 with questions.

Wednesday, February 14, 2-4pm  
Cost: \$3

**Chilson** Recreation Center 700 E 4th St, Loveland  
CityofLoveland.org/Chilson

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A READING ADVENTURE  
by Kids Read

**January 10 – April 25**  
**Wednesdays**  
**4:00 – 5:00 PM**

2 Players • 5-11 years old  
Appropriate for family/educational use

**Loveland Public Library**  
Where you can!

## EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER

COLORADO MOSAIC ARTISTS' EXHIBITION

**JANUARY 20 - MAY 13, 2018**

**LOVELAND MUSEUM** 503 N. Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537  
LOVELAND ARTS AND CULTURE (970) 962-2410  
www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org

**RIALTO THEATER**  
LOVELAND ARTS AND CULTURE

# Paul Reiser

**ARE YOU READY TO LAUGH?**  
Saturday, February 10, 7:30 pm

Get tickets online: [www.rialtotheatercenter.org](http://www.rialtotheatercenter.org)

**RIALTO THEATER CENTER**  
228 East Fourth Street • Loveland, CO 80537  
(970) 962-2120 • [rialtotheatercenter.org](http://rialtotheatercenter.org)

### Open Lands & Trails Spring Programs & Volunteer Opportunities

**PEEPs Preschool Environmental Education Programs**  
3rd Thurs of each month

**Grades K-5 Environmental Education School Field Trips**  
Registration now open for spring dates

**Volunteer Training for Environmental Educators**  
Week of March 19

Visit: [Offero.CityofLoveland.org](http://Offero.CityofLoveland.org)  
for more details & to sign up!

## Chilson Recreation Center

# SPRING BREAK PASSES

**ON SALE FEB 19TH**

**Passes are good for UNLIMITED use of the Chilson Recreation Center during Spring Break: March 10 - 18**

**COST:**  
**Youth = \$12    Adult = \$17**

**Call (970) 962-2FUN for more info!**

**Chilson** 700 E 4th Street / Loveland, CO  
Recreation Center 970-962-2FUN / [CityofLoveland.org](http://CityofLoveland.org)

**RIALTO THEATER**  
LOVELAND ARTS AND CULTURE

# CATAPULT

The MAGIC of SHADOWS

Thursday, March 8  
7 pm

Get tickets online: [www.rialtotheatercenter.org](http://www.rialtotheatercenter.org)

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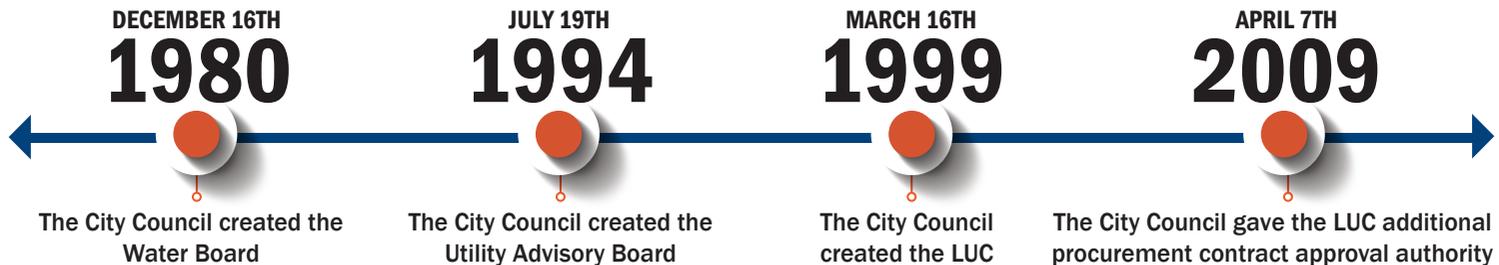
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The Loveland Utilities Commission (LUC) is a citizen advisory board that provides direction to the Loveland City Council on all matters pertaining to water, wastewater and electric utility operations and

## HISTORY OF THE LUC



### WHO IS THE LUC?

THE LUC CONSISTS OF **NINE MEMBERS** APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL + TWO NON-VOTING LIASON MEMBERS

### WE ARE UNIQUE

**THE ONLY BOARD** THAT CAN AWARD AND APPROVE CONTRACTS OF \$500,000 OR MORE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### TERMS OF OFFICE

**3 YEARS**  
THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF TERMS  
A BOARD MEMBER CAN SERVE

## 2017 LUC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### FINALIZE THE DESIGN AND BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT

The design is complete and construction is underway. Construction will continue through the first quarter of 2019. More information and time-lapse footage of the project can be found on [www.cityofloveland.org/wwtpepxansion](http://www.cityofloveland.org/wwtpepxansion).

### COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTHILLS SUBSTATION

Construction is complete and the substation was energized on August 3, 2017 before the FEMA Alternate Project deadline on September 15, 2017. A grand opening and ribbon cutting was held on October 13, 2017. More information and a time-lapse video of the entire project can be found on [www.cityofloveland.org/foothills](http://www.cityofloveland.org/foothills).

### COMPLETE AN ALGAL MITIGATION STUDY

The study was completed and implemented including the installation of four solar bees at Green Ridge Glade Reservoir. The results of this study and the steps taken to reduce algae can be found on [www.cityofloveland.org/waterquality](http://www.cityofloveland.org/waterquality).

### COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE OF THE 2018 SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES & FEES

Completed and approved by City Council by a 6-3 vote on First Reading at their October 3, 2017 meeting. Rates, Charges and Fees can be found on [www.cityofloveland.org/utilityrates](http://www.cityofloveland.org/utilityrates).

### WATER LOSS AUDIT

Process improvements have been made to the methodology for calculating true system water loss and tracking various authorized but unbilled and unmetered water usage.

### CHIMNEY HOLLOW RESERVOIR PROJECT

The project received the Corps of Engineers 404 permit and progress continues on preliminary design and property acquisitions. A joint application was filed in Division 5 Water Court to amend the Windy Gap decrees to accommodate changes. For more information, visit [www.northernwater.org/sf/waterprojects/WGFP](http://www.northernwater.org/sf/waterprojects/WGFP).



**MAIN SWITCHBOARD**  
970-962-3000

**UTILITY BILLING**  
970-962-2111

visit us online...  
[cityofloveland.org/LWP](http://cityofloveland.org/LWP)



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**LUC MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4pm at the Loveland Service Center.  
[www.cityofloveland.org/LUC](http://www.cityofloveland.org/LUC)

## MEET THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

### AS A BOARD MEMBER, WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE AND GOAL OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LUC?



**GARY HAUSMAN**  
Chairman

*"To support & help City staff provide safe and reliable utilities. Our goal is to ensure quality, fiscal responsibly and environmentally sensitive utility services at competitive rates. Our customers are our fellow citizens and we must provide quality customer service."*



**DAN HERLIHEY**  
Vice Chairman

*"I appreciate the opportunity to provide guidance to Loveland Water and Power in order to achieve reliable, high quality and cost effective services for the benefits of its customers."*



**SEAN CRONIN**  
Board Member

*"To serve my community, learn about our City and its local utility and provide insight and experience when requested."*



**JOHN BUTLER**  
Board Member

*"To provide insight that I received from a 20 year Navy career, to make the best use of the City's assets and to provide the citizens of Loveland the most economic and reliable utilities."*



**DAVE KAVANAGH**  
Board Member

*"To ensure utility rates remain affordable without degrading our facilities and planning for the future while maintaining a high level of customer service."*



**GENE PACKER**  
Board Member

*"My purpose and goal with the commission is to assist and help advise the City in providing quality and timely utility services."*



**LARRY ROOS**  
Board Member

*"Strive to be a wise advisor for our City Council and be a good representative for our customers, staff, operating systems and the environment."*



**DAVE SCHNEIDER**  
Board Member

*"Getting citizens smack dab in the middle of government to understand what's really going on, seeing the process and sweating the details."*



**RANDY WILLIAMS**  
Board Member

*"To provide input on the planning and operations of utilities, to meet the current and foreseeable future needs of the citizens and businesses and to meet the goals of providing reliable and efficiently administered utilities at the lowest costs possible and at rates that are equitably shared among the users."*



**STEPHANIE FANCHER-ENGLISH**  
Alternate Board Member  
(NON-VOTING MEMBER)

*"To learn how the City provides our utilities and become a better informed citizen on both a local and global level. It is important to plan for our future generations."*



**STEVE OLSON**  
City Council Liaison  
(NON-VOTING MEMBER)  
*"Reliable electricity and safe, high quality drinking water is an essential service for a community. The need to embrace state of the art technology must be balanced with consideration of the financial impact upon residents, especially those on fixed income."*



**JOE BERNOSKY**  
LWP Director  
(NON-VOTING MEMBER)  
*"As the staff liaison, it's my privilege to work closely with Commission members to ensure that they receive timely and appropriate information so they can provide recommendations to the City Council."*