

Welcome to a day of learning about marijuana at the library! Thank you for joining us.

I'm Diana Laughlin and this is Karen Randinitis and we are from the Program Team at the Library.

The goal of today's program is to offer facts not opinions. To be clear: the League of Women Voters does not have a position on this issue. The library's vision is: A literate, informed and enriched Estes Valley, which is why we are here today. To be educated and informed voters.

I want to acknowledge that this is a politically charged topic. The library's goal is to offer an opportunity for education and information. We all know that there are a variety of viewpoints in the room, and that's a good thing. We also want to be clear that we were limited in our speakers due to this ballot measure, which means the topics we were able to cover represent limited snapshots of this complex issue. No one from the town or state offices could participate and only one specific person could participate from Larimer County.

If you have questions during the session, volunteers are in the room. They are collecting cards with questions pertinent to the professional experience of the presenter. Due to the sensitive nature of this topic, we will not take questions out loud from the audience. If you don't hear your question, we didn't feel like it was relevant to the presenter's areas of expertise or asked for their opinion or speculation, rather than their knowledge. Feel free to use a post-it note or write directly on the paper hanging in the back of the room. This area is open to public comments.

As noted on the doors and according to the library's campaign policy: No campaign banners, buttons, signs, or literature are allowed inside the meeting room.

We have printed copies of the ballot initiative and Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data published by the state on youth substance use. We have books from the Library's collection available for checkout.

After today's learning, feel free to walk your vote over to the town's clerk office. If you have specific ballot questions, they can be addressed at the town clerk's office.

Please silence your cell phones. Here is a quick review of the ballot issue (show slide).

Please join me in welcoming our guest presenter...