

City News

From Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz



Let's lower curfew violations

The greatest percentage of juvenile curfew violations in Denver - 25.9 percent – is in Police District 4 in the city's southwest quadrant east to Downing Street. The average age of violators in southwest Denver is 15.8, and the largest concentration is along Federal Boulevard and the 16th Street Mall in District 6, according to statistics from Feb. 1 through Aug. 31, 2010.

Parents, please be sure your children don't end up in the 2011 numbers. Youth curfew hours are 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 5 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Recent library technology improvements

CARL, the technology system for ordering, cataloging and circulating library materials, has reached the end of its effectiveness and is being replaced by a new system called Polaris. Some of the improvements the new library system will provide are:

- Notifying users via text, e-mail or telephone about specific items;
- Combining notices about over-due materials, reminders and items ready for pick-up;
- Allowing instant updating of phone numbers and e-mail addresses through My Account, as well as the ability to cancel customer holds;
- Keeping track of a person's reading history through My Account (optional); and

Simplifying catalog searches with relevancy rankings and more robust search options.

Because of the change in systems, new materials were not ordered, so there will be a several week delay in processing thousands of new titles. Library users wishing to put new materials on hold should check the catalog in March to see if the titles they're interested in have been ordered.

Also, classes and online help with the new system will be provided.

Because the technology transfer caused Denver Public Library to close for five days in late January and early February, the library will stay open during the five scheduled city furlough days in 2011.

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