

# Colfax Connections

## City Council Approves Extension Of Fire Service Contract

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The Colfax City Council debate over extending the Fire Service Contract with Placer County began last December. It ended at the June 23 council meeting with a 4-1 majority voting to extend the contract for another three years. Mayor Sean Lomen cast the lone opposing vote. Five former city mayors spoke in favor.

The existing fire service contract was set to expire on June 30.

The new agreement will obligate the City to pay an annual fee of \$75,000 for the first year, increasing by 3% to \$77,250 for the second year and an additional 3% to \$79,567.50 for the third year. It also requires the City to transfer all of its fire apparatus and non-fixtures within its fire service buildings to the County. Once transferred, the apparatus and non-fixtures will become County equipment, and the County will assume responsibility for maintaining and replacing it.

In return, Placer County will provide Colfax the same fire protection and related services that the County receives from CalFIRE. Those services will include:

- Emergency Fire Protection, Medical and Rescue Response (commercial, residential), wildland



fire protection, prevention and investigation; hazardous materials incident response; emergency vehicle extraction; hazardous conditions response; emergency medical and rescue response; public service assistance; and management support services,

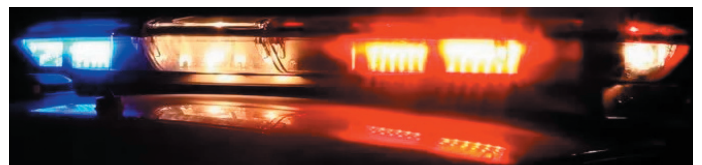
- Basic Life Support Services (EMT level emergency medical response providing first aid, basic life support, airway management, administration of oxygen, bleeding control and life support stabilization until patients are transported),
- Advanced Life Support Services (paramedic level emergency medical response providing advanced airway management, intravenous drug therapy and life support stabilization until pa

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## Hi/Lo Siren Will Mean You Must Evacuate IMMEDIATELY

By Linda Lou Haines

Placer County Sheriff Office and the Office of Emergency Services will be using the (European) 'Hi/Lo' siren again this year for emergencies to alert residents to evacuate immediately due to imminent wildfire danger or flooding or other life



threatening danger.

The 'Hi/Lo' siren is noticeably different in tone and sound from the usual siren, which will continue to be used for all other emergency situations not requiring evacuation.

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tients are transported),

- Dispatch Services,
- Land Use And Pre-Fire Planning Services,
- Suppression Cost Recovery,
- Mutual Aid.

Under the Cooperative agreement, current members of the Colfax Volunteer Fire Department who qualify under the County's volunteer program will be able to transition and become integrated into the County's Volunteer Fire Department system, essentially replacing the City's volunteer fire department with the County's program.

The County will also require Colfax to execute a Mutual Threat Zone Agreement (MTZ) as a condition to the County executing the Cooperative Agreement. The MTZ will formally memorialize what has been a "handshake" agreement between Colfax and CalFIRE for years.

## June 9 Meeting

At its June 9 meeting the council unanimously approved a consent calendar that included:

- A one-year lease renewal with Rainbow Music for the railcar at 99 Railroad St.
- A contract extension with Placer County Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 that included a 5.85% rise in costs, making the new contract worth \$827,372.

- Entering a Consultant Services Agreement with GHD Inc. for final design and bid documents for two Community Development Block Grant Road Rehabilitation projects in the amount of \$333,838.00.

Under council business the

council split 4-1 in favor of maintaining the status quo regarding the city providing personal tech devices for council members, and unanimously approved the sign design for the center of the South Auburn St. roundabout.  
(see illustration below)



## 7-15-2021 AMERICAN LEGION POST 192 COLFAX

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month veterans fundraising dinner at the Colfax Memorial hall.

Pork sliders (3 each) on Hawaiian rolls with coleslaw, grilled corn salad and for dessert, S'mores with vanilla ice cream.

Nonalcoholic beverages served with dinner.



**\$15.00 per person, \$8.00 ages 7-13 and under 7 free**

**We have restarted our Monthly Thursday night dinners**

**Adult Social hour at 5PM, dinner served at 6PM**

**Even though county restrictions have been lifted we would appreciate that you call ahead for reservations. Commander's cell 916 216-8254**

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## Solid Waste Management Fees Are About To Go Up By \$2-to-\$3 Per Month

The Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) Board of Directors approved a rate increase necessary to comply with the California Legislature's new mandate to divert 75% of organic waste (food waste, yard waste, paper) disposal by 2025.

**The rate increase will take effect July 1, 2021.**

The WPWMA estimates the fee increase could result in an increase of \$2 to \$3 per month to a typical Western Placer County resident's garbage service rates, although other factors approved by each jurisdiction could influence the exact amount of the rate payer's monthly costs.

For more information, visit [www.wpwma.ca.gov](http://www.wpwma.ca.gov).

## June Correction

In the June Issue front page, information about the scouts placing the flags at veterans' graves was omitted. It was Troop 6 Pac 6 from Meadow Vista, which includes members from Colfax. Leader is Bill Goldsmith and Scout is Nick Goldsmith. The scouts are dedicated to this practice twice a year.

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**Deadline is the 20th of the previous month.**

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# Colfax Lions Club Installs New Slate of Officers



Under the watchful eyes of Lions District 4C5 officials, the Colfax Lions Club recently hosted a dinner to officially install the Colfax Officers for the 21-22 service year. Region 4C5 takes in 50 clubs in 6 California counties and boasts over

1400 members. Present for the local installation were District Governor-Cat Gon, Past District Governor-Erv Gon, Past District Governor-Andy Anderson, District Governor Elect-Donna Prince, Vice District Governor


Elect-Tim Luckinbill, and Donner Region Chair-Helene Smith.

Passing the ceremonial meeting gavel is the current Colfax Lions President, Paul Houck (L). Accepting the gavel is the incoming Colfax Lions President, Dr. Dan Zendner (R).


Celebrating the transfer of leadership are Colfax Lions (L-R)

1. Rose Craighead
2. Dick Johnson
3. Ted Huss
4. Josh Alpine
5. Brynte Johnson
6. Dr. Russ Worrall
7. Tim Luckinbill

**Photo and write-up by  
Alan Shuttleworth**




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Month	Date	Location	Time
<b>JANUARY</b>	8	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	11	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	22	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	25	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	29	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	22	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	26	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
<b>MARCH</b>	8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	26	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	29	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
<b>APRIL</b>	9	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	12	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	23	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	26	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	30	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
<b>MAY</b>	10	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	14	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	21	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	24	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	28	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
<b>JUNE</b>	11	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	14	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	18	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	25	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	28	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
<b>JULY</b>	9	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	12	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	23	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	26	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	30	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
<b>AUGUST</b>	9	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	13	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	20	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	27	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	30	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	10	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	13	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	17	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	24	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	27	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
<b>OCTOBER</b>	8	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	11	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	22	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	25	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	29	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	8	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	12	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	19	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	24	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am
	29	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
<b>DECEMBER</b>	10	Sheridan	8:30 - 10:30 am
	13	Colfax	10:00 am - noon
	23	Lincoln	8:00 - 10:00 am
	26	Foresthill	10:00 am - noon
	30	Rocklin	8:00 - 10:00 am

**Sheridan** Celebration Family Worship 5721 30 Street

**Lincoln** McBean Park 65 McBean Park Drive

**Rocklin** Johnson-Springview Park 5480 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**Colfax** Sierra Vista Comm Center 55 School Street

**Foresthill** Harrison Street Yard 24625 Harrison Street

**Placerfoodbank.org 916.783.0481**



## Wildfire Season Brings Likelihood Of PSPS

By [wstockwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwin@hughes.net)

Summer wildfire danger for Colfax during a worsening drought will be high for a city that exists in an “elevated” threat area, that is surrounded by an “extreme” threat area.

And equally high will be the likelihood of Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) actions by Pacific, Gas and Electric (PG&E), which is why the utility sent company representative Brandon Sanders to the June 23 city council meeting to brief the council on what to expect this fire season.

Sanders said the decision to shut off power would be based on the following factors:

- Low humidity levels (30% or less)
- Forecasted high winds (over 20 mph with 30-40-mph gusts)
- A National Weather Service ‘Red Flag’ warning
- Condition of vegetation near power lines
- Real time field observations

He said that (when possible) notifications of shutoffs will be sent at intervals of 48 hours, 24 hours and then just prior to the power shutoff. He also said impacts of PSPS events will be partially mitigated in Colfax by the microgrid station scheduled to be installed downtown by the end of August. (see diagram)

For more information go to [PG&E.com/wildfiresafety](http://PG&E.com/wildfiresafety)

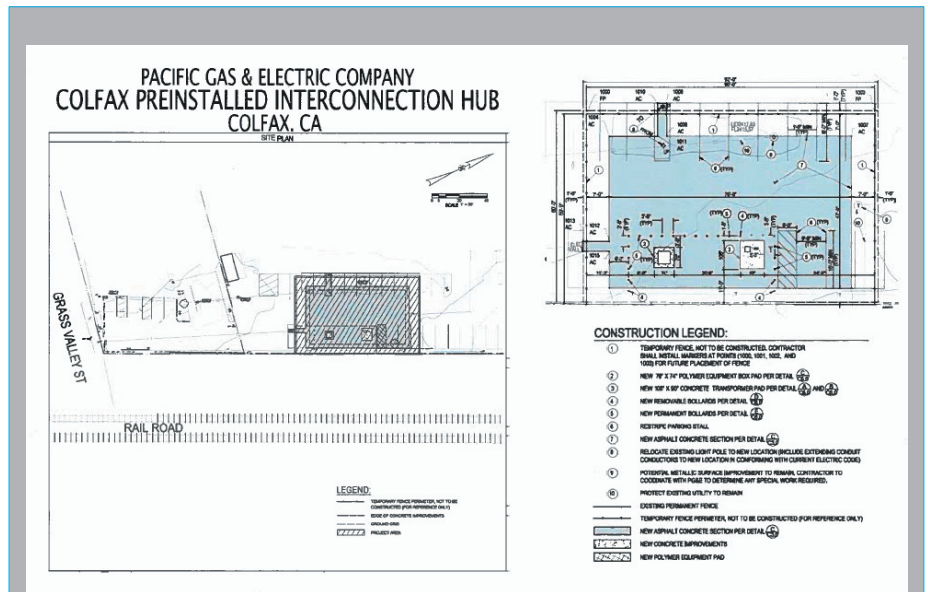


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**Business  
Briefs . . .**  
*with  
LindaLou  
Haines*

What fun those kids had at the highly successful grand opening of **Perspekulor Family Discovery Center**, 34 W Church St., and have had since then. Happy children's voices and laughter as they ran around trying different play stations that delighted and engaged the children and their parents.

Perspekulor is a hands-on play center providing themed areas (play stations) to explore and to learn through play. The themed areas use principles from **S-T-E-A-M**, meaning **Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics**. By the way, PERSPEKULOR comes from the Latin, meaning to examine and explore.

The mission of Perspekulor is to "provide a place for families to explore through hands-on learning. We encourage creative thinking and provide tools to open minds, develop skills, build confidence and build a bridge between imagination and reality."

The magician behind all this creativity and fun is Crystal Riley, who has many years' experience teaching in preschool and running a daycare. As a former Special Education teacher, I can appreciate the principles that went into creating Perspekulor. It's a winner.

She is providing classes for



**Perspekulor owner, Crystal Riley.**

**Photo by Alan Shuttleworth**

groups starting at age two and up to middle school now Mondays through Thursdays. The age range will expand over time to all ages. The activities offered will expand also, such as more classes, camps, birthday and other parties and groups, field trips and visits to schools and troops.

Hours for the Center are Monday to Thursday and Saturdays 10:00 to 5:00, and Sundays 10 to 2:00. Friday they are closed. Fee per child is \$10, which is discounted for multiple children in the same family group.

For more information see: [www.perspekulor.com](http://www.perspekulor.com) and on [Facebook.com/Perspekulor](https://www.facebook.com/Perspekulor). And, you can call Crystal at the Center at 512-5068.

**Two updates: Grandma C's Kitchen**, 38 N. Main, has extended her hours as a result of popular demand. She is now open Tuesday and Wednesday 7-3, Thursday and Friday 7-7. Saturday the Kitchen is open 7-5. Owner Cyndee Schwartz can be reached at 512-5047. Her website is [GrandmaCsKitchen.com](http://GrandmaCsKitchen.com).

Due to numerous circumstances beyond his control, **Best Western Colfax** owner, Raj Singh, now says that the opening of the hotel is not expected until October.

Please contact me with news of your new business or of changes you've made in an existing business,  
**LindaLouHaines14@gmail.com**



## 2021 Soroptimist Award Winners

One of the Soroptimist's missions is to recognize deserving women and girls as they make significant contributions to the community or begin to embark on their own higher education goals.

### The 2021 awards were:

**The Ruby Award** goes to a community member who exemplifies service to improve the lives of women and girls. This year's winner was Sharon Connors.

**The Violet Richardson Award**, so named after the first president of Soroptimist International, goes to a high school student who demonstrates outstanding service to her community.

**The Live Your Dream Award** goes to a woman who is sole support of her family and is pursuing a degree in higher education.

Awards are given at Colfax High School, Alta-Dutch Flat School and Colfax Elementary School to recognize students who demonstrate academic excellence and promise for success in higher education.



### Pictured from left to right:

1. Karen Miller, President of Colfax Soroptimist Club
2. Sharon Connors, recipient of the Ruby Award was honored for her service to area women and received a cash grant for the Colfax Little League.
3. Sarah Downey received the Violet Richardson Award and a cash grant to further her education at The University of California at Berkeley.
4. Dale Shuttleworth, Chair of Foundations and Awards for the Colfax Soroptimist Club.

Not pictured due to scheduling and social distancing requirements were:

1. Natalie Lundberg, Colfax High School Academic Award
2. Amelia Moses, Colfax High School Cathie Hunter Arts Award
3. Gloria Bailey, Alta-Dutch Flat School Academic Award
4. Leiah Hicks, Colfax Elementary School Academic Award

Photo and write-up by Alan Shuttleworth

## Chamber of Commerce Notes and Events

By Sally Laughlin

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been in need of refurbishing for some time, and we've taken advantage of its closing to give it a facelift.

Amy Andrews, our Executive Director, has put countless hours into clearing out more floor space, replacing old furnishings and bringing in new displays and merchandise, in preparation for our reopening. Our July 3 official grand opening will coincide with the Colfax Heritage Museum's grand opening as well.

The summer of '21 is upon us, and it promises to go down in history as the Summer of Fun, Freedom and Celebration!

We're kicking it off in a big way with the biggest and best third of July Colfax has seen in years. The festivities all run from at noon to 10p.m., featuring three beer gardens, a Railroad Station kids zone, live music, muscle cars and, of course, a spectacular fireworks display, weather permitting.

Come out and bring your grandma and the kids for a day filled with laughter, fun and excitement!

The interior of our Colfax Visitors' center has

Our volunteers will all be back and ready to tell stories from times past, hand out maps and welcome visitors Monday-Saturdays 9a.m.-2p.m. beginning July 3.

There is a lot more coming up here in Colfax, including our Coffee & Conversations the first Wednesday of the month, 8:30-10:00a.m. starting on July 7 at the Visitors Center, 99 Railroad Avenue.

Look for announcements for our upcoming monthly mixers and ribbon cuttings. Check out our full calendar at [www.colfaxchamber.com](http://www.colfaxchamber.com).

## JULY 3RD EVENTS SCHEDULE

### Little Patriots Parade

Description: kid's parade  
Time: 1:30 pm  
meeting time: 1:15  
Place: SVCC  
Host: Colfax Mom's Group  
Contact: Jennifer Williams  
530-210-8393  
Event Host Email:  
info@jwilliamsre.com  
For: Children of all ages  
Free  
Entries accepted through  
July 3rd at 1:15



### Lions Parade

Description: The traditional Lion's Parade featuring local non-profits, businesses, vintage cars, and

floats.

Host: Colfax Lion's Club  
Time: 6pm, participants line up at 5:15pm  
Place: in front of St Dominic's  
Contact: Lion Dan  
Event Host Email:  
dzendner@yahoo.com  
Entry fee: Free  
Entries accepted through- July 2nd

### OTHER EVENTS

#### Kid Zone

Description: The park adjacent to the Passenger Station on Railroad and Grass Valley Street will be full of family fun with a dunk tank sponsored by the Colfax Chamber of Commerce, a bounce house, face painting, and



many kid-friendly vendors

Time: Noon - 8pm

Place: Park @ Railroad & Grass Valley Streets

Event Host: Colfax Chamber of Commerce & others

Event host email: [info@colfaxgreenmachine.org](mailto:info@colfaxgreenmachine.org)

### **Muscle Cars**

Description: NorCal Head Turners Car Club will bring out a special selection of muscle cars guaranteed to turn your head!

Time: 11:30am - 7pm



**Photos by Alan Shuttleworth**

Place: Downtown Colfax

Host: NorCal Head Turners Car Club

### **Three Beer Gardens**

#### **Library Park Beer Garden**

Place: Park at Church & Main Street

Time: Noon-9pm

Host/non-profit beneficiary: Green Machine

#### **Downtown Beer Garden**

Place: Main Street by Depot Street

Time: Noon-9pm

Host/non-profit beneficiary: Green Machine

#### **Skatepark Beer Garden**

Place: Railroad Street in front of Rainbow Music Train Car

Time: Noon-9pm

Host/non-profit beneficiary: Colfax Skate Park

#### **Enchanted Forest Time Travel Expedition w/Exotic Rescue Animals**

Description: Step into years gone by and experience hands-on exotic animals in a jungle habitat

Time: Noon-4pm

Place: Roy Tom's Plaza (See gazebo near Railroad on Grass Valley St)

Host: The Enchanted Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary Contact: Melissa, 916-862-2223

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/vsx67jfd>





**Opening May 26, 2021**

# **Sierra Vista Center**

- **Certified Farmers' Market at 55 School St. in Colfax.**
- **Every Wednesday, 4-7 p.m.  
May 26 – October 13, 2021**
- **Prepared food vendors welcome**



- **Contact Market Manager Will Stockwin at 530-210-4291 or [wstockwin@hughes.net](mailto:wstockwin@hughes.net) for vendor applications and market rules.**
- **Preference will be given to Placer and Nevada County Growers.**



## Churches



Colfax Assembly of  
God Community  
Fellowship  
252 Culver St.,  
Colfax, CA 95713

Email: [colfaxesag@gmail.com](mailto:colfaxesag@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.colfaxagca.org/>

Colfax Baptist Church  
24850 Ben Taylor Rd., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8110

Email: [pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorgaryhoward@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://colfaxbaptist.com/>

Colfax United Methodist Church  
59 W. Church St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2267

Website: <https://www.colfaxumc.org/>

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses  
944 Canyon Way, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2525

Website: <https://www.jw.org/en/>

St. Dominic's Catholic Church  
589 E. Oak St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-2286

Website: [https://www.scd.org/parish/  
st-dominic-parish-colfax](https://www.scd.org/parish/st-dominic-parish-colfax)

Seventh Day Adventist  
454 Scholtz Ave., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8844  
Website: <https://www.colfaxsdachurch.com>

The Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-Day Saints  
1875 S. Auburn St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-7702  
Website: <https://www.lds.org/>

## Social Organizations

American Legion Post 192  
22 Sunset Dr., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-9433  
Website: <http://norwellpost192.org>

Colfax Area Chamber of Commerce  
99 S. Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8888  
Website: <http://colfaxchamber.com>

Colfax Area Historical Society  
Archives: PO Box 185, Colfax, CA 95713  
Museum 99 Railroad St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8599  
Website: <https://colfaxhistory.org>

Colfax Garden Club  
PO Box 1801, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-7474  
Website: [http://californiagardenclubs.com/con-  
tent/colfax-garden-club](http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/colfax-garden-club)

Colfax Lions Club  
PO Box 664, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-477-2533  
Website: [https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/col-  
faxca](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colfaxca)

Gold Country Lionesses  
PO Box 1852, Colfax, CA 95713

Illinoistown Clay-Mason Lodge #51 of Colfax  
14 N. Main St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-6627  
Website: <http://lodge51.freemason.org>

Sierra Vista Artists  
55 School St., Rm. C-4, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-320-0433

Sierra Vista Center  
55 School St., Colfax, CA 95713  
530-346-8726  
Website: <https://sierravistacolfax.wordpress.com>

Soroptimist International of Colfax  
PO Box 475, Colfax, CA 95713  
530-637-4878

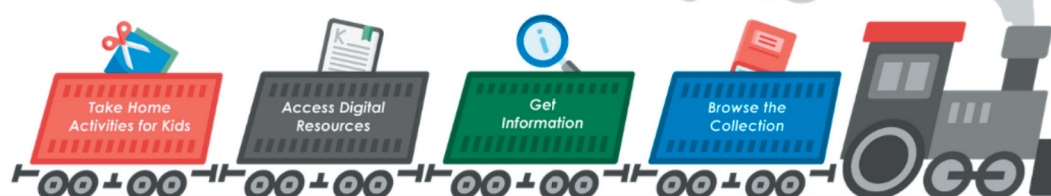
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