



Living with COVID-19 brings daily challenges to all of us personally and to the organizations we depend on. Shutting Colorado's museums and cultural institutions has put them at financial risk. Colorado Humanities is the steward of a portion of the economic stimulus funds approved by Congress to help mitigate the effects of closures on nonprofit organizations. We will announce information about special grants funded under the CARES Act to us through the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) soon. Sign up to receive information regularly at coloradohumanities.org (bottom right of any CH web page).

Colorado Humanities is fully operational, but in the interest of keeping our staff safe and in line with efforts to limit the spread of infection, we are working from home. The best way to [reach our staff is by email](#), but we check office voicemail regularly.

Our staff has acted quickly to turn upcoming live programs into virtual resources and are working with our partners to assess program goals and plans and to develop ways to adapt programs as needed. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@cohumanities) and Instagram (ColoradoHumanities) for updates and program opportunities. We also are sharing "humanities at home" resources, such as reading lists, lectures, plays, and poems that we discover, and hope you will share yours as well. Let's all use #COHumanitiesAtHome when we do this.

Colorado Humanities remains dedicated to our mission, to inspire the exploration of ideas and appreciation of our diverse cultural heritage, and to encourage a love of reading and books among people of all ages. We seek to foster relationships and partnerships to engage Colorado communities in important conversations about contemporary life. The humanities help us to understand human experience, aspiration, struggle, and achievement, and foster community engagement, civil discourse, and generational continuity. The humanities are the tool box for life in challenging times.

Wishing you good health and good humanities experiences!

Maggie Coval



Colorado Book Awards Online Readings Attract Record Audiences

Stay in and log on to [live](#) Finalist Readings on Friday nights at 7 p.m. and bring the young readers to the Children's Literature event on May 2 at 1 p.m. Readings and live online conversations with book creators through May 15 and view the [Facebook Live](#) recordings anytime.

Colorado Book Awards Online Finalist Readings



Thank you Outskirts Press and Colorado Sun!

Denver-based Outskirts Press is proud to be an ongoing sponsor of the Colorado Book Awards, celebrating the accomplishments of Colorado authors, illustrators, photographers, and editors. Outskirts Press has helped thousands of authors just like you develop, publish, and market thousands of high-quality, award-winning books. Outskirts is the only A+ rated *and* #1-rated self-publishing company, according to the Better Business Bureau and Top Consumer Reviews, respectively.

Looking for a way to help in this uncertain time, Brent Sampson, Outskirts President/CMO, published two blogs offering advice to those still struggling to write: [Self-Isolation Leads to an Uptick in Self-Publishing](#) and [Virtual Book Marketing in a Self-Isolated World](#). Are you an author ready to publish your own award-winning book? Their free publishing kit includes 12 digital resources covering everything you need to know to self-publish like a pro.

[Download Outskirts Press Free Publishing Kit](#)

The Colorado Sun is sponsoring the Colorado Book Awards again this year! Each week, *The Colorado Sun* and Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book feature an excerpt from a Colorado book and an interview with the author. March's SunLit featured a bit of Gary Reilly's *The Legend of Carl Draco* and an interview with the editor who helped publish the work, and Claire L. Fishback's interview and excerpt from *The Blood of Seven*. April's edition features interviews with CBA finalists and excerpts from a number of books, including: *The Dead Girl in 2A* by Carter Wilson, *If the Ice Had Held* by Wendy J. Fox, and *April Warnings* by Mark Pleiss.

[Explore the SunLit Archives](#)



Veterans Writing Workshops ***Connecting Veterans Online***

Our Veterans Writing Workshops offer a safe place for veterans, their family members, and caregivers to write about their experiences. The Writing for Publication and Lunch & Learn workshops provide participants the opportunity to create, share, and receive feedback on their writing. Expressive writing provides support for a deeply private journaling process proven to reduce stress. All are led by veterans who are professional writers. Previous writing experience is not necessary.

Writing for Publication

Expressive Writing

Lunch & Learn Writing Workshops

Free Online Resources



Colorado Encyclopedia

The Colorado Encyclopedia offers articles and teaching resources edited by top state scholars and leveled for 4th, 8th, and 10th grade readers. Articles and information on diverse people and places with virtual connections to archeological and historic sites are provided for middle-grade and high school.



Colorado Poet Laureate Bobby LeFebre

Currently writing COVID-19 poems and [uploading them to Instagram](#), Bobby LeFebre is an award-winning writer, performer, and cultural worker from Denver. He is a two-time Grand Slam Champion, a National Poetry Slam Finalist, an Individual World Poetry Slam Finalist, and a two-time TEDx speaker. LeFebre has performed at hundreds of cultural events, social actions, detention centers, conferences, and colleges and universities across the United States and abroad.

[Learn more](#)

Motheread/Fatheread Colorado

Motheread/Fatheread trains facilitators to work with groups of parents of infants through early elementary school in a series of sessions proven to raise children's rate of language acquisition that also help them to discover the vital link between literature and life. To sign up for our next Motheread/Fatheread Colorado 3-day institute (free for educators who work with parents of young children), or to find a Motherad/Fatheread Colorado class for parents and early childhood educators, email Louise Bensen.

Louise recommends parents of young children visit

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