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Greetings from Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book! We hope this finds you well and eager for the 2023 Colorado Book Awards winners list! The Finalist Reading Series concluded with our sixth and final reading on June 3, and we now look to the Finalists Celebration and Winners Announcement, the Book Awards culminating annual event, on Saturday, June 10 at 4 p.m. at the beautiful and historic Penrose House, **1661 Mesa Avenue** in Colorado Springs.

Awards will be presented in 16 **categories**: anthology, history/biography, children's literature, creative nonfiction, general nonfiction, general fiction, historical fiction, juvenile literature, literary fiction, mystery, poetry, romance, science fiction/fantasy, thriller, and young adult literature. We hope you will join us to toast our finalists and announce the 2023 winners. Tickets are \$30 and include drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and dessert. Purchase your event tickets [here](#).

Can't make it to the celebration event in person? Join us virtually for the livestream on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) starting at 5 p.m.

Mary Hickey
Colorado Center for the Book Programs Coordinator



Colorado Humanities Director of Programs Josephine Jones Retires

During her more than 17 years as Colorado Humanities and Center for the Book Director of Programs, Josephine shaped the development and evaluation of our programs, forged relationships statewide that informed our planning and objectives, created outreach and marketing strategies and procedures, and engaged the skills and resources of numerous partners, volunteers, and board and staff members to support our mission. To name a few of her major contributions, she helped significantly with Colorado Humanities' 2004 merger with the Colorado Center for the Book and expanded its reading and writing programs, helped oversee the multi-year, million dollar impact study of our Motherread/Fatheread Colorado program, and was key to the development of the Colorado Encyclopedia. We deeply appreciate her time at Colorado Humanities, will miss her expert leadership, and wish her the best in her next chapter.

Request for Partners – Hispanic/Latinx Program

Colorado Humanities requests proposals from pairs of community partner organizations consisting of a Hispanic/Latinx-serving organization and a non-explicitly Hispanic/Latinx-serving organization to develop a community program with the goal of furthering understanding of multiple cultural traditions, values, current experiences, and ideas. We are interested in

working with Hispanic/Latinx serving organizations that are dedicated to advancing communal equity and justice through their work on projects that share Latinx history, culture, traditions, and stories, and non-explicit Hispanic/Latinx-serving organizations that seek to diversify their audiences for public programs. We center community voices by directly supporting creative and collaborative projects designed for and by communities to celebrate their heritage. We invite explicitly Hispanic/Latinx applicants to submit program proposals by July 1, 2023 at <https://coloradohumanities.org/programs/latino-heritage-live/>.

More News

National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” Applications are Open

Our Town is the NEA’s creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Our Town projects engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. Competitive projects are responsive to unique local conditions, authentically engage communities, center equity, advance artful lives, and lay the groundwork for long-term systems change. These projects

LGBTQIA+ Books to Celebrate Pride Month

To read stories that explore the LGBTQIA+ experience and journeys, check out some of our Colorado Book Awards titles, such as Will Betke-Brunswick’s *A Pros and Cons List for Strong Feelings* and Andrea Gibson’s *You Better Be Lightning*. To learn more about the authors and their books, see our [Colorado Book Awards](#) website. Another great reading source is the [Penguin Random House Ultimate LGBTQ+ Pride Month Book List](#). From inspirational memoirs to irresistible romances, these stories honor the journeys of LGBTQIA+ individuals and the larger movement for love, acceptance, and equality for all.

Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations

have a required partnership component. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with a minimum nonfederal cost share/match equal to the grant amount. The proposal deadline is Aug 17, 2023, for grants beginning July 1, 2024. [Visit the NEA website for more information.](#)

Please forward our news to a friend!

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Public Programs is accepting applications for the Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations program. This program supports small and mid-sized museums and cultural organizations in the creation of public humanities programming and strengthens their capacity to develop such programming. Small and mid-sized cultural organizations are keepers of history and culture, sources of lifelong learning, and community place makers. Public Impact Projects grants seek to assist you in meeting your community's needs by expanding the scope, reach, and excellence of your public programs. Applications are due June 28 and more information can be found at [National Endowment for the Humanities.](#)

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