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Colorado Book Awards Winner's Celebration Event

Join us and the Colorado Book Awards finalists on Saturday, June 25 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House Studio Loft at 4:30 p.m. for a grand celebration of Colorado's best literature published in 2021. Tickets are available for \$30 and include a Kevin Taylor-catered reception and a beverage. Purchase tickets at the [Colorado Humanities store](#).

The celebration will include a finalist toast and book-signing reception, winners' announcement and brief readings, and dessert.

This is a fantastic Denver literary event that you won't want to miss! Colorado Book Awards finalists have been hard at work promoting their books and creating buzz about their remarkable and insightful works.

KUVO Jazz highlighted Colorado Book Awards and History finalist **Karl Christian Krumpholz** on his book *Queen City: A Brief History and Illustrated Architecture New and Old of Denver, Colorado*.

History finalist **Adrian Miller's** *Black Smoke* just won a James Beard Award!

Julian Rubinstein's General Nonfiction finalist book *The Holly* was turned into a highly anticipated documentary and was recently the opening night feature in the Telluride Mountainfilm Festival.

Biography finalist **Jennifer Koshatka Seman** conducted an interview with New Books Network to promote and talk about *Borderlands Curanderos*.

This is just a small snippet of what our Colorado Book Awards finalists have been up to, but you can speak with them and get a signed copy of their iconic books at the winner's celebration, where you can also enjoy great food in a stellar venue. Kevin Taylor is one of Denver's most accomplished and acclaimed chefs, operating a variety of successful restaurants and catering operations. Throughout his career, Taylor has been a guest at the James Beard House in New York City, Taste of the NFL, Cakebread Cellars and many other prestigious culinary events, and has won countless awards. The Ellie Caulkins Opera House Studio Loft features a beautiful cathedral ceiling and exposed brick walls in a large, airy space atop "The Ellie."

This is sure to be a memorable event. We look forward to seeing you there for this momentous occasion!



Motheread/Fatheread Institute

Our Motheread/Fatheread Colorado programs are busy preparing early childhood caregivers and educators to offer high-quality hours of service. With the success of the last Motheread/Fatheread institute in Ft. Morgan, we are excited to announce that the next three-day Motheread/Fatheread institute will be held July 26-28 in Denver. Our trained facilitators work with groups of parents of infants through early elementary school in a series of sessions proven to raise children's TS Gold Language Scores and help them to discover the vital link between literature and life. If you or someone you know is interested in this program, visit our [Motheread/Fatheread Colorado page](#) for more information.

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Water '22 Student Showcase

With classes out for the summer and temperatures rising, you are probably looking to find ways to keep your kids cool and busy learning. Water Education Colorado's **Water '22** invites you to apply for the **Water '22 Student Showcase**, open to all K-12 students, ages 5-19, throughout Colorado. This free Student Showcase of original art in a variety of media is designed to help them connect with the value of water in daily life and the natural and built world around them, encourage critical thinking, and emphasize the crucial role young people will play as future water leaders who can help identify solutions for water sustainability.

Lois Cranston Memorial Poetry Prize

The 22nd Annual Lois Cranston Memorial Poetry Prize is open for submissions through June 30. Lois Cranston was a long-time editor for Calyx, an independent publisher of art and literature by women. Poets may submit up to three previously unpublished poems for a chance at a \$300 cash prize and publication in Calyx Journal, Vol. 33:3. The winner and up to three runners-up will also have their work published on the Calyx website and receive a one-volume subscription to Calyx Journal.



Lighthouse Writers Lit Fest 2022

Lit Fest is back in person! Meet a world-class roster of 16 authors visiting Denver, including Jericho Brown, P. Carl, Victoria Chang, Dan Chaon, Percival Everett, Melissa Febos, Edward Hirsch, Vanessa Hua, Leslie Jamison, Nadia Owusu, Laura van den Berg, and Tiphonie Yanique. Suzi Q. Smith, Colorado Book Award finalist in the anthology category, will be teaching at a craft

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seminar along with other talented Lighthouse faculty. More information of the events on the Lighthouse website.

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