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**COLORADO  
BOOK AWARDS**



## **Colorado Book Award Winners Announced**

Colorado Book Awards winners were announced and read briefly on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at a celebration at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House Studio Loft in Denver. 177 attendees gathered to celebrate Colorado's best literature published in 2021, buy books, and meet the authors. Colorado Humanities Board Chair Taffy Lee and Kim Sharpe, representing Unite for Literacy, presented the awards.

Sponsored by The Colorado Sun and Unite for Literacy and in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Library of Congress Center for the Book, the Bookies Bookstore, and BookBar, the Colorado Book Awards recognized outstanding contributions by Colorado authors, editors, and illustrators in 15 categories. To view the full list of finalists, visit the [Colorado Book Awards webpage](#). To view recordings, visit our [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).



### **Motheread/Fatheread Institute**

Our Motheread/Fatheread Colorado programs are busy preparing early childhood caregivers and educators to offer high-quality hours of service reading with children. 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 children aged 0-8 in a series of sessions proven to raise rates of higher language acquisition and help them to discover the vital link between literature and life. If you or someone you





Erma Bombeck - photo credit Janet Adams

### **History Alive! Colorado West Chautauqua**

The Museum of Western Colorado, Colorado Humanities, and local partners will present History Alive! Colorado West Chautauqua September 8 – 10, 2022. After opening night at the museum, performances, lectures, musical groups, and presentations by Young Chautauquans, local Grand Valley History Players, and national scholars will be offered at the Grand Valley Events Center. Chautauquans Nan Colton will portray Agatha Christie, Karen Vuranch will portray Cass Elliot and Susan Marie Frontczak, Erma Bombeck. Find more information on the [Colorado West Chautauqua page](#).



# HISTORY LIVE DURANGO

## **History Live Durango**

Southwest Colorado Humanities Roundtable is proud to offer a full month of programming that celebrates the humanities with lectures, workshops, site visits, and live portrayals of historic figures important to the region. History, anthropological, and archaeological events in La Plata and Montezuma Counties this September include two Chautauqua presentations by national scholar Susan Marie Frontczak. Meet Marie Curie Thursday, September 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Erma Bombeck Friday, September 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m. in person on the Ft. Lewis campus. Learn more on the [Southwest Colorado Humanities Roundtable website](#) and at [Colorado Humanities History Live Durango](#).

## **New Members Join Board of Directors**

Colorado Humanities is excited to welcome three new members to the Board of Directors, elected June 4, 2022. Cristina Goletti is the Dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts at the University of Northern Colorado, Brett Lobello is the Director of Regional History and Genealogy at Pikes Peak Library District, and Leah Davis Witherow serves as the Curator

of History at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. In addition to these new members, terms for Will C. Holden and William Philpott were elected to a second term.

Colorado Humanities accepts nominations for the Board of Directors year-round. We seek nominees who have a passion for the humanities and who can actively support our mission and goals. We strive for our Board to represent the diverse geographical, racial, ethnic, occupational, and generational constituencies of our state. To submit a letter of interest or for more information, contact Executive Director Maggie Coval, [mcoval@coloradohumanities.org](mailto:mcoval@coloradohumanities.org), 303-894-7951 x14.

## More News



### 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-

### Western Colorado Writers' Forum Writer's Night

The Western Colorado Writers' Forum will host a writers' night focused on sound in writing at The Art Center on 7th and Orchard in Grand Junction, CO that will also stream on Zoom on Tuesday, August 2 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. In writing, sound is more than just using sound words, like whisper or clang. Sound is the actual letters themselves and the sounds they make. Choosing the right words based on sound can add subtle layers of meaning, tone, and texture to our writing. This free event requires registration at

[WesternColoradoWriters.org/events](https://WesternColoradoWriters.org/events).

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.

### **Reading the West Book Award Winners**

The Mountains & Plains Independent Booksellers Association announced the "Reading the West Book Awards", for the best fiction, nonfiction, and illustrated books for adults and children set in one of the states or created by an author or artist living or working in the region. To view the winners, visit the [Reading the West website](#).

Please forward our news to a friend!

**Thank you**

### **Coffee & Conversation at Broomfield Veterans Museum**

On July 23 at 10 a.m., Terry Barnhart will share the story of his father, Robert Barnhart, who served with the 9th Infantry Division in Europe during WWII. His father joined the division in January 1945, near Schmidt, Germany. His unit was the first complete division to cross the Luddendorf Bridge on March 8th. He later participated in the battle for Oberkirchen and marched across Germany to meet the Russians on the Elbe River in May 1945. To learn more, visit the [Broomfield Veterans Museum website](#).



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