



# Young Chautauqua



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## Colorado Humanities Newsletter

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Chautauqua is an entertaining and educational program presented in many professional settings, and it is also a great learning opportunity for school-age students. One of the best ways we can help children engage with the humanities is to make them active participants, and what better way to do so than through a program that makes them feel like history has come alive? Over the past many years, Colorado Humanities' Young Chautauqua program has flourished in

schools in Greeley, Grand Junction, and Colorado Springs, and in other settings in Estes Park and Boulder. With this coming school year, Young Chautauqua will be even more accessible with a new online Young Chautauqua curriculum. Both educators and students will be able to access digital lessons that take teacher and student through the research, writing, and performing processes. This program provides the opportunity for digital meetings with professional Chautauqua performers, specific modules for how to run each week, resources and books for research, and student and teacher handbooks. In addition, participating schools will receive a set of 33 biographical books from the Great Lives in Colorado series that they can use in their classrooms. This program allows students to truly gain a new perspective on history through in-depth study of historical figures and their times, and by learning to speak from their unique perspectives. Our summer intern Erse Reed, who is a History and Secondary Education Major at CU Boulder, recalls that, “I took part in an unofficial version of the Young Chautauqua program when I was in elementary school. Playing Doc Susie truly sparked my interest in history and made me understand this is something I’d like to focus on for the rest of my life. I’m truly grateful for the experience.” Help us spread the word! If you know someone in your community who may be interested in Young Chautauqua, please reach out to me, or visit our [Young Chautauqua webpage](#) and fill out our form with your contact information so we can reach out to you.

**Jennifer Macias**

History Programs Coordinator



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

The Museum of Western Colorado, Colorado Humanities, and local partners Colorado Mesa University, Edward and Lois Gardner, and the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture will present History Alive! Colorado West Chautauqua coming September 7 - 9, 2023 at CMU's Love Recital Hall. This year's theme, "Power of the Pen" includes presentations by national Chautauqua performers Susan Marie Frontczak as Mary Shelley, Brian "Fox" Ellis as Edgar Allan Poe, Katie Knutson as Rachel Carson, and John Dennis Anderson as Ernest Hemingway. The scholar-presenters will give talks on Friday morning at local schools and libraries, followed by live performances both Friday and Saturday evenings as well as Saturday daytime lectures or workshops. All events will be held at Love Recital Hall and are free of charge. [Visit our website](#) for more information.



### **National Book Festival in Washington D.C.**

The 23rd annual Library of Congress National Book Festival will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, August 12. The event is free and open to the public, and this year's festival theme is "Everyone Has a Story." A selection of programs will be live-streamed online and videos of all programs will be available to watch after the festival. This year, Colorado will be represented by 2022 Colorado Book Awards History winner Adrian Miller and his book *Black Smoke: African Americans and the United States of Barbecue* and 2022 Colorado Book Awards Young Adult Literature winner Olivia Chadha and her book *Rise of the Red Hand*. Video of the author presentations are [now available on our website](#).

### **2023 Colorado Book Award Recordings**

The recordings of this year's Colorado Book Awards readings and the Finalists Celebration and Winners Announcement are now [available to view on YouTube](#). Listen to excerpts from some of Colorado's fantastic literature and visit the [Colorado Book Awards page](#) to purchase books and view the full list of finalists and winners.

### **Staffing Update**

We'd like to extend a big congratulations to our very own Mary Hickey for her new position as Director of Programs and Center for the Book! Mary, who is currently our Center for the

Book Programs Coordinator, will begin her new role on September 1. She looks forward to working with our many program partners across the state.

### **Colorado Center for the Book Program Coordinator Position Open**

Colorado Humanities is seeking someone with strong organizational, writing, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills to fill the position of Colorado Center for the Book Programs Coordinator. The Coordinator will plan and execute the Colorado Book Awards, and administer the Center for the Book Speakers Bureau and Colorado Poet Laureate program. Applications are accepted until August 28, 2023. To apply, send a letter of interest, resume, and contact information for three references to [hr@coloradohumanities.org](mailto:hr@coloradohumanities.org). [View the full announcement](#) on our website.

### More News

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#### **Dr. Claire Oberon Garcia Named as Colorado's Next State Historian**

On August 1, 2023, Colorado welcomed a new State Historian and leader of History Colorado's State Historian's Council. Dr. Claire Oberon Garcia, Professor of English at Colorado College, will succeed noted historian and professor Dr. Jared Orsi who continues to serve on the State Historian's Council. Claire, a former Colorado Humanities board member, hopes to promote more inclusive historical programming and exhibitions. Join us in congratulating Claire on this great opportunity. [Visit History Colorado to learn more about Claire](#) and her visions and goals as State Historian.



#### ***Cold the Night, Fast the Wolves Giveaway***

Meg Long, author of *Cold the Night, Fast the Wolves*, won the 2023 Colorado Book Award in Young Adult Literature. To celebrate, Meg is donating her winnings to provide a classroom set of her award-winning book for a Colorado educator. The giveaway entry

**History Colorado Presents Reel to Real**  
 History Colorado and Denver Film joined forces to present Reel to Real, a four-week series that brings to life Colorado’s history, culture, and communities through film. After each screening, History Colorado curators and other experts, will lead a discussion covering the film’s historical context, impact, and thematic connection to the state. Hosted at Sie FilmCenter, *Cannonball! The Musical* will be shown on August 22 and *Pom Poko* on August 29.

closes on August 15. Those interested can [fill out a quick form](#). Congratulations to Meg for this wonderful accomplishment and thank you for this generous gift that supports Colorado educators.

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