



About Colorado Humanities

Colorado Humanities, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was established in 1974. In our 49 years, we have forged hundreds of community partnerships to help us provide humanities programming that has relevance and appeal to people statewide.

We have created more than 100 unique educational initiatives for Colorado and reach an estimated 490,000 people each year.

Our mission is to inspire the exploration of ideas and appreciation of our diverse cultural heritage, and to encourage among people of all ages a love of reading and books.

We seek to improve education, strengthen cultural institutions, encourage community engagement, and enrich community life.

Colorado Humanities is affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress Center for the Book, and is a member of the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

Colorado Humanities is home to the Colorado Center for the Book.

“Democracy demands wisdom and vision”

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OUR PROGRAMS

Authors and History Speakers Bureaus

Black History Live

Recognizing the significant contributions African Americans have made and continue to make

Changing the Legacy of Race & Ethnicity

A panel and community conversation series

Chautauqua

Living-history events in Greeley, Grand Junction, and Durango

Colorado Book Awards

A program that encourages and applauds Colorado’s literary arts

Colorado Encyclopedia

An online resource housed at History Colorado

Colorado Poet Laureate

An advocate for poetry, literacy, and literature in Colorado

Community Conversations

Facilitated conversations and facilitator training

Crossroads: Change in Rural America

A touring Smithsonian exhibit and community programs

The Five States of Colorado

A documentary film completed in 2023 and showing in communities statewide

Latinx/Hispanic Partnership

Explores Latinx/Hispanic life through presentations and conversations

Motheread/Fatheread Colorado

An early childhood and family literacy program

Young Chautauqua

Students learn to portray historical figures