

PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

June 2026

COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BOOK

- Crisosto Apache, the Colorado Poet Laureate, has done 19 events thus far with 9 more booked. Programs have occurred across the state, from Fort Collins and Golden to Alamosa and Trinidad.
- We hit a record with over 215 submissions for the Colorado Book Awards this year; Ceremony is Sept. 26th.
- We are bringing the anthology *Four Corners Voices* (Chuck Greaves, Lisa C. Taylor, Mark Stevens) and the illustrated children's book *Adela's Mariachi Band* (Denise Vega and Erika Rodríguez Medina) to the National Book Festival hosted by the Library of Congress and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Both titles will be on the Great Reads from Great Places list.
- Submitted a joint proposal for literacy program (Unite for Literacy and Empowered).

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Jennifer will present on Black History Live at lunch.
- Museum on Main Street: Spark! Places of Innovation kick-off took place in DC in the first week of March; the tour will be in 2027.
- Greeley reported 120 students from 10 local schools participated in Young Chautauqua; still waiting on the report from Grand Junction.
- All three Chautauqua festivals are proceeding with plans for 2026.
- We are officially under a formal fiscal sponsorship agreement with High Plains Chautauqua.

CONVERSATIONS

- Making progress with our next potential client, the City of Fort Collins.
- Facilitated two Conversations Strategic Workshops with CREA Results and the African Leadership Group for Power Together, with six Community Conversations planned over the next few months; Met with a new nonprofit partner from Alamosa, Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center.
- Facilitator Training took place in April with the Aspen Institute running a demo module
- Interviews, conversations, and filming are underway for Harlem of the West (By the People – Smithsonian)