

## LOCATION KEY

<b>CA</b>	<b>Calhan Library</b> 600 Bank St., Calhan (719) 531-6333, x7013
<b>CH</b>	<b>Cheyenne Mountain Library</b> 1785 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> St. (719) 531-6333, x7001
<b>EA</b>	<b>East Library</b> 5550 N. Union Blvd. (719) 531-6333, x7014
	<b>eLibrary</b> ppld.org Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
<b>FO</b>	<b>Fountain Library</b> 230 S. Main St., Fountain (719) 531-6333, x7002
<b>HI</b>	<b>High Prairie Library</b> 7035 Old Meridian Rd., Peyton (719) 531-6333, x7003
<b>LI</b>	<b>Library 21c</b> 1175 Chapel Hills Dr. (719) 531-6333, x7012
<b>MA</b>	<b>Manitou Springs Library</b> 701 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs (719) 531-6333, x7004
<b>MLS</b>	<b>Mobile Library Services</b> ppld.org/mobile-library-services (719) 531-6333, x7702
<b>MO</b>	<b>Monument Library</b> 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument (719) 531-6333, x7005
<b>OL</b>	<b>Old Colorado City Library</b> 2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave. (719) 531-6333, x7006
<b>PA</b>	<b>Palmer Lake Library</b> 66 Lower Glenway St., Palmer Lake (719) 531-6333, x7007
<b>PE</b>	<b>Penrose Library</b> 20 N. Cascade Ave. (719) 531-6333, x7015
<b>RU</b>	<b>Ruth Holley Library</b> 685 N. Murray Blvd. (719) 531-6333, x7009
<b>SA</b>	<b>Sand Creek Library</b> 1821 S. Academy Blvd. (719) 531-6333, x7018
<b>UT</b>	<b>Ute Pass Library</b> 8010 Severy Rd., Cascade (719) 531-6333, x7011



## HOMESCHOOL HUB | [ppld.org/homeschool-hub](https://ppld.org/homeschool-hub)

Whether you are a veteran homeschooling family or just getting started, visit the PPLD Homeschool Hub to find Library events and sign up for eNewsletters. Click on the “Resources” tab to find information on getting started, Colorado homeschool law, local enrichment programs, tutoring, extracurricular activities, and more.

## REGIONAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Interested in learning about local history? Pikes Peak Library District’s Regional History & Genealogy (RH&G) department is located in the 1905 Carnegie Library connected to Penrose Library in downtown Colorado Springs. It is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Knowledgeable and friendly staff are available during these times to assist with your information and research needs. You can also find resources on our website at [ppld.org/regional-history-genealogy](https://ppld.org/regional-history-genealogy).

RH&G’s six collections cover a wide range of topics related to the history of the Pikes Peak region, Colorado Springs, and Colorado:

### Reference Collection

Books, pamphlets, periodicals, and microfilm with topics related to Colorado Springs, El Paso and Teller counties, and Colorado, with an emphasis on history. View microfilm of regional newspapers on-site, including comprehensive coverage of the Colorado Springs Gazette. Located in the Hampton and McAllister rooms.

### Genealogical Collection

Contains items related to genealogical research. These resources include extensive family history research materials, periodicals, and research databases, covering the entire United States from Colonial times to the present. Located in the Reading Room.

### Map Collection

Houses historic local and regional maps. Located in the McAllister Room. See staff for assistance.

*Note: The reference, genealogical, and map collections may be searched from PPLD’s online catalog. Ask our staff how you can search our online catalog for items in the reference, genealogical, and map collections!*

### Papers & Manuscripts Archives

Records the history of the area and offers original, primary source collections from organizations, institutions, and individuals. Find this collection online by visiting [ppld.org](https://ppld.org). Click

on the Research & Learn tab and look for Archives and Manuscripts on the left.

### Photography & Multimedia Archives

Contains photographic images and negatives, as well as film, videos, cassettes, and many other formats. The bulk of these resources are available electronically via Digital Collections (below).

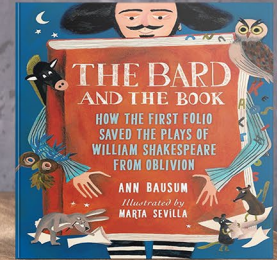
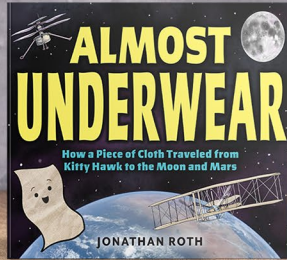
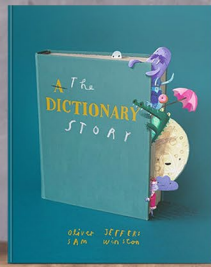
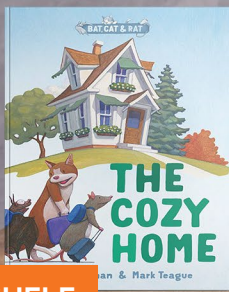
### Digital Collections

Includes a growing set of photographs, books, manuscripts, maps, oral histories, and exhibitions hosted online through [ppld.org](https://ppld.org) and digital collections.

In addition to these resources, Regional History & Genealogy hosts the annual Pikes Peak Regional History Symposium in June, “spooky” history tours in the fall, and a series of virtual genealogical classes focusing on special topics.



For more information, or to arrange a tour, please contact us at [RegionalHistoryGenealogy@ppld.org](mailto:RegionalHistoryGenealogy@ppld.org), or by phone at (719) 531-6333, x7252



## THE BOOKSHELF

### **The Cozy Home**

by Amy Dyckman

First in a new series, this delightful picture book introduces animal friends Bat, Cat, and Rat who move into a house together. Illustrator Mark Teague depicts each character with a distinctive personality and tons of expression. Filled with engaging humor, these “three-and-a-half” stories feature themes of individuality, friendship, and getting along. The text is simple and repetitive, making this a great choice for sharing aloud with younger children or for beginning readers.

**Ages 3 - 8; Easy Reading Stories; Friendship; Humor**

### **The Dictionary Story**

by Oliver Jeffers

Although filled with words, Dictionary realizes that she does not tell a story like most books and decides to “bring her words to life!” Alligator immediately bursts through two columns of A definitions and wanders into the D pages looking for something Delicious. She finds Donut, who rolls further into the alphabet hoping to get away. Chaos ensues until Dictionary restores order with the help of her familiar song. Enjoy the text and clever humor while discussing the parts and purposes of a dictionary.

**Ages 4 - 8; Dictionaries; Books and Reading; Vocabulary; Humor**

### **Almost Underwear: How a Piece of Cloth Traveled from Kitty Hawk to the Moon and Mars**

by Jonathon Roth

This amazing true tale begins in 1903 Ohio, when a bolt of unbleached muslin – usually destined to be made into underwear – was purchased by the Wright brothers and sewn into wing covers for their first-ever flying machine. Preserved in a museum, swatches of the fabric later made it to the moon with Neil Armstrong in 1969 and the surface of Mars in 2021.

**Ages 5 - 9; Airplanes; Aerospace Engineering; History of Space Program**

### **Felix Powell, Boy Dog**

by Erin Entrada Kelly

Felix likes to communicate with animals – particularly his loyal dog, Mary Puppins. The two are playing hide-and-seek with a tattered blanket from a thrift store when the boy is somehow magically transformed into a pooch. Hilarious adventures follow, as Felix discovers the best parts of being a dog while trying to figure out how to regain his human form. Interesting animal facts, lively illustrations, and comics panels round out this appealing chapter book series opener.

**Ages 7 - 12; Pets; Dogs; Communication; Friendship; Humor**

### **The Bard and the Book: How the First Folio Saved the Plays of William Shakespeare from Oblivion**

by Ann Bausum

Both lighthearted and informative, this book describes how Shakespeare’s friends and fellow actors did something extraordinary shortly after his death – they compiled his plays into one volume, working from existing versions, scripts, roles (rolls of paper with character lines), and prompt books (with stage directions). The First Folio ensured that these works would be preserved for future generations.

**Ages 10+; Literature; Shakespeare; History of Book Publishing**

## COLORADO SPRINGS: THE CITY THAT TUBERCULOSIS BUILT

### **Tuberculosis**

A disease caused by bacteria that usually attacks the lungs. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Historically it was known as “consumption” due to the dramatic weight loss of patients suffering from this disease, which made it seem as though they were being consumed.

### **Sanitarium**

A specialized hospital for treating specific diseases and related ailments – were often built in climates that were considered healthy, usually in the countryside or mountain ranges. People sought tuberculosis treatment in Colorado Springs because of

its dry climate and fresh mountain air. With the introduction of the railroad system, the city became a magnet for those seeking treatment. In the 1880s and 1890s, it is estimated that one-third of the people living in Colorado Springs had tuberculosis.

The Glockner Sanitarium today known as the Penrose-St. Francis hospital, was opened along the railroad tracks in 1890. For only a dollar a day (equivalent to \$34 in 2023) one could rest and enjoy the air in a private hut. There were also boarding homes on the Old North End that had large sleeping porches for consumptive boarders. This area became known as “Lungers Row.” Over the next 50 years, 17 more sanitariums were

opened in Colorado Springs, and many more throughout the state. Do some research (check our Digital Collections!) and see if you can find remnants of any of these sanitariums in our region. Along the way, you may even find the origins of the name for Woodmen Road.



**Dr. Lester L. Williams****Fire Museum** 🇺🇸[williamsfiremuseum.com](http://williamsfiremuseum.com)

Features historic firefighting equipment and provides the history of fire fighting in Colorado Springs.

**Manitou Springs****Heritage Center** 🇺🇸[manitouspringsheritagecenter.org](http://manitouspringsheritagecenter.org)

Collects, preserves, researches, and interprets the history and culture of Manitou Springs and the Pikes Peak region.

**Miramont Castle Museum and Manitou Springs****Historical Society**[miramontcastle.org](http://miramontcastle.org)

Provides education and resources about the castle, history of Manitou Springs, and its indigenous people and artifacts.

**McAllister House Museum**[mcallisterhouse.org](http://mcallisterhouse.org)

Explores the stories of the McAllister family and the impact they had on the Pikes Peak region.

**Old Colorado City****Historical Society** 🇺🇸[occhs.org](http://occhs.org)

Preserves the rich history of Old Colorado City.

**Penrose Heritage Museum** 🇺🇸[tiny.ppld.org/penrose-heritage](http://tiny.ppld.org/penrose-heritage)

Showcases artifacts from the lives of Spencer and Julie Penrose as well as the history of the International Hill Climb.

**Pikes Peak Trolley Museum and Restoration Shop**[coloradospringstrolleys.com](http://coloradospringstrolleys.com)

Shares the history of trains and trollies in the Pikes Peak region.

**ProRodeo Hall of Fame**[prorodeohalloffame.com](http://prorodeohalloffame.com)

Offers information about the rodeo, its history and impact on Western American culture, and rodeo notables.

**Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site**[rockledgeranch.com](http://rockledgeranch.com)

Commemorates the cultural and agricultural stories of Pikes Peak region history.

**Western Museum of Mining & Industry**[wmmi.org](http://wmmi.org)

Preserves and interprets the mining history of Colorado and the American West and features working machinery, a model mining drift and gold panning stations, and more.

Check out no-cost passes to some of the above attractions through PPLD's Pikes Peak Culture Pass. Find out more at [ppld.org/culturepass](http://ppld.org/culturepass).

🇺🇸 - Free admission

**Biographies of Notable Coloradans**[historycolorado.org/biographies-notable-coloradans](http://historycolorado.org/biographies-notable-coloradans)

Featuring historical figures that shaped the history of Colorado and the West, these biographies from History Colorado are written for students and often include photographs and additional resources.

**Colorado Encyclopedia**[coloradoencyclopedia.org](http://coloradoencyclopedia.org)

Also presented by History Colorado, this resource enables users to search people, places, events, and things in Colorado history. There are also maps, timelines, and links to collections with much more information.

**History Colorado: Online Exhibits**[historycolorado.org/online-exhibits-digital-badges](http://historycolorado.org/online-exhibits-digital-badges)

Access a range of online exhibits at History Colorado that provide excellent information and sources about important Colorado subjects. Students can complete a series of online activities to earn Digital Badges (check out the Teachers Resources section for more information).

**Doing History, Keeping the Past**[unco.edu/hewit/doing-history](http://unco.edu/hewit/doing-history)

This engaging website from the University of Northern Colorado invites students to journey into Colorado's history with the people who made that history by exploring a variety of primary sources and secondary materials such as photographs and quotes.

**Garden of the Gods Park History**[gardenofgods.com/park-history](http://gardenofgods.com/park-history)

Learn about the history of Garden of the Gods from the Pleistocene Ice Age to modern times and discover the story behind Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site.

**Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum**[cspm.org](http://cspm.org)

Offers information about the museum's exhibits and collections, local history, and educational resources.

COLORADO

Did you  
**KNOW?****TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COLORADO!**

- The Eisenhower Tunnel is the highest tunnel for automobiles in North America.
- Colorado was selected to host the Winter Olympics in 1976 but declined to host. We are the only state to have ever done so.
- You can stand exactly one mile above sea level on the 13<sup>th</sup> step at the State Capitol Building in Denver.
- Colfax Avenue in Denver is the longest continuous street in America.
- Glenwood Springs has the world's largest natural hot springs pool.
- The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway is the world's highest cog railroad.
- On the way up Pikes Peak, you may notice bristlecone pine trees that are estimated to be over 2,000 years old!

## BOOKS FOR KIDS: J-FICTION

*Prairie School* by Avi

*Tenmile and Hardscrabble* by Sandra Dallas

*Peril on Longs Peak: Rocky Mountain National Park*  
by Mike Graf

*In the Heart of the Rockies: A Story of Adventure in Colorado* by G.A. Henty

*Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers*  
by Shauna M. Holyoak

*Discovery in Sand Dunes National Park*  
by Aaron Johnson

*The Colorado Curveball* by David A. Kelly

*The Mystery in the Rocky Mountains* by Carole Marsh

*Everybody Loves Grace; Book 1* by Katy McQuaid

*The Leanin' Dog* by K.A. Nuzum

*Nothing Here But Stones* by Nancy Oswald

*Bear Dancer: The Story of a Ute Girl*  
by Thelma Hatch Wyss

## BOOKS FOR KIDS: J-EASY

*The Little Lost Llama* by Marie Ballard

*High as a Hawk: A Brave Girl's Historic Climb*  
by T.A. Barron

## J-BIOGRAPHY

*The Snow Man: A True Story* by Jonah Winter

*Aunt Clara Brown: Official Pioneer* by Linda Lowery

*Down the Colorado: John Wesley Powell, the One-Armed Explorer* by Deborah Kogan Ray

## BOOKS FOR TEENS: WESTERNS & BEYOND

*Devils Unto Dust* by Emma Berquist (eBook)

*Vengeance Road* by Erin Bowman (eBook)

*Walk on Earth a Stranger* by Rae Carson

*Ride On* by Gwen Cole

*Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart

*My Calamity Jane* by Cynthia Hand (eBook)

*Adventures of Mary Jane* by Hope Jahren

*Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson

*Under a Painted Sky* by Stacey Lee

*Bats, Bandits & Buggies* by Nancy Oswald

*Legends of the Lost Causes*  
by Brad McLelland & Louis Sylvester

*One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake

## ACTIVITY: SCAVENGER HUNTS FOR HISTORICAL TREASURE

Your family can learn about Colorado Springs and its history by doing an educational and fun scavenger hunt! Here are a few options to get started and feed your appetite for further exploratory learning.

### Colorado Springs Free Scavenger Hunt

[freescavengerhunts.com/colorado-springs](https://freescavengerhunts.com/colorado-springs)

If you are looking for a budget-friendly, low-key local scavenger hunt that directs you to popular locations and better-kept secrets, this one might be just right for you. Be sure to take a photo of your group with each listed item, then give yourselves the points that represent that location. At the end of the hunt, tally your points to see if you rank as a tourist, a local, or even the mayor!

You can print this scavenger hunt or use it directly from your phone. You set the pace and choose which sites to visit. Be sure to watch for interesting historical information that will be posted along the way.

### Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum (Free)

[cspm.org/visit](https://cspm.org/visit)

This award-winning historical museum, newly renovated in 2024, boasts more than 60,000 cultural and historic artifacts, with many interactive exhibits documenting the history and culture of the Pikes Peak region. The "Story of Us" exhibit, an interactive storytelling platform, connects artifacts, stories, and photos of significant people and places to their locations on a map of Colorado Springs.

This family-friendly museum offers free field trips for students pre-K -high school, with the middle/highschool teams exploring exhibits in the form of an engaging and challenging scavenger hunt that takes them throughout the museum. If your group has fewer than 10, you can print grade appropriate self-guided Learning Packets and take your smaller group on a scavenger hunt of their own.

### Let's Roam: Colorado Springs Scavenger Hunts/ All Things Colorado Springs

[letsroam.com/tours\\_and\\_adventures/Colorado\\_Springs\\_Colorado](https://letsroam.com/tours_and_adventures/Colorado_Springs_Colorado)

Take a deeper dive with this curated scavenger hunt into the origins of Colorado Springs as you loop around the city center discovering iconic buildings, green spaces, and cultural attractions. Recover the charms and uncover the secrets of our city as you search for plaques, statues, and art by solving riddles. Accept the provided photo challenges and capture memories to share with and inspire others! You can also find scavenger hunts in other parts of the Pikes Peak region, including Manitou Springs, Victor, Castle Rock, and more.

This "all ages" scavenger hunt/tour requires installation of an app which provides instructions, plus character roles for kids and adults alike. Check the above link for pricing.



Homeschool Art Show - Call for art! | March 17 - 27  
[tiny.ppld.org/homeschool-art-show](https://tiny.ppld.org/homeschool-art-show)

Homeschool Resource Fair | Fri., April 11  
[tiny.ppld.org/homeschool-fair](https://tiny.ppld.org/homeschool-fair)



Do you have feedback or ideas for a Homeschool Connections issue? Please email Joy at [JFleishhacker@ppld.org](mailto:JFleishhacker@ppld.org).