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COLORADO HUMANITIES PROGRAMS 2009



Colorado Center for the Book Writing and Reading

Authors in Community brings Colorado authors and poets into school classrooms to work directly with students. **Writers in the Schools** extends the contact between writer and student. **Yes or No: How Do You Choose?** helps students discover their own values and beliefs through discussion, reading, and writing.



Colorado Book Awards connects Colorado writers, editors, illustrators and photographers with Colorado readers.

Finalist & Winner Readings

in cafes, libraries and bookstores, before and after awards.

Letters About Literature is a national writing contest for grades 4-12 administered by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

River of Words is an international poetry and art contest for ages 5 to 19 on the theme of watersheds and the environment. Winners for both are presented at the annual **Student Literary Awards** at the Denver Public Library.



Mothered/Fathered® Colorado is a parenting and humanities program that helps adult caregivers and children read together and talk about the issues in the stories and their lives. Mothered Institutes prepare adult literacy educators to deliver the program at their local library, family resource center, or public school.

History

High Plains Chautauqua “American Spirit: An Endless Quest” The 20th Century-focused Greeley festival August 4–8 features portrayals of Theodore Roosevelt, Albert Einstein, Cesar Chavez, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Daytime programs will include adult lectures, music, activities that explore 20th century America, and performances by Young Chautauquans.

Two Rivers Chautauqua is a two-day series of living history programs in Grand Junction during Apple Jubilee in late September. Programs will focus on “Larger Than Life” characters P.T. Barnum, Irene Castle, Babe Ruth and Coco Chanel.

Young Chautauqua is a program of scholarship, research, rehearsal, and performance in which students bring history to life by immersing themselves in the writings and lives of historical characters. Led by professional Chautauquans, 2200 students participate in programs statewide.

American Spirit Series

Black History Live “I’m Not Getting On Until Jim Crow Gets Off” This interactive program explores historic acts of defiance by Rosa Parks and other women against Jim Crow Laws during the Montgomery Bus Boycotts and was presented by award-winning storyteller, actor and artist Awele Makeba in February 2009.



Chautauqua Speakers Bureau Scholars perform first-person dramatizations of literary and historical figures in period costumes. To apply for support for a program, visit coloradohumanities.org.

Education Resources

Writing Biographies for Young People In partnership with Denver Public Schools and the Colorado Historical Society, workshop sessions are led by UCD history professor and Young Chautauqua coach Jim Walsh; author and storyteller John Stansfield; and children’s book author Vivian Sheldom Epstein.

Web pages presenting print, audio, and video resources from our Cheyenne and Arapaho Teacher Institutes.

Grants

Program & Research grants to organizations and individuals to support humanities-centered community projects and scholar research. Next grant deadlines will be in late Fall 2009.

Soirees are intimate lectures, discussions and readings usually organized as fundraisers in private homes to benefit our programs.

