

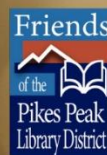


This year, Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District have selected three remarkable local men whose lives and work are deeply rooted in the Colorado landscape, each offering a unique perspective on its beauty, challenges, and enduring spirit. These men, who have created award-worthy literature for the Pikes Peak Region and Southwest, are P. J. and Patrick Andersons and Peter Heller. The Andersons have recorded the history of Cheyenne Mountain, while Peter Heller continues to capture the adventure and culture of the West in his novels and articles.

Please join us on June 7, 2025 for.....

LITERARY AWARDS

You're Invited!



Join us for an afternoon of inspiration, recognition, and literary joy as we celebrate the talent and creativity of our local authors.

The 2025 Literary Awards Luncheon


Honoring Our Local Authors

Peter Heller and

PJ and Patrick Anderson

 **Date:** Saturday, June 7, 2025

 **Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

 **Location:** DoubleTree by Hilton

Enjoy a catered luncheon, meet authors, hear readings, and applaud the recipients of this year's Literary Awards.

**TICKETS NOW
AVAILABLE**

 **Admission:** \$60.00

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"Local authors are the heartbeat of our community's story — come celebrate the voices that bring our world to life, one page at a time."

Buy Your Tickets for the Literary Awards

Frank Waters' Recipient



PETER HELLER: Adventure, Activism & Award-Winning Fiction

From whitewater kayaking in the Pamirs to confronting whalers in Antarctica and capturing haunting footage in Taiji, Peter Heller has lived—and written—on the edge. A contributor to NPR and former editor at top adventure mags, Heller is also a bestselling novelist whose thrillers and memoirs blend wild landscapes, deep emotion, and high-stakes action. Dive into the life of a man who's surfed, paddled, and fought his way around the globe—then wrote it all down. With fluid language and pictographic natural descriptions, readers race through his exploits. Gifted with humor and experience, Heller is in demand as a speaker as well as a writer.

Read more about Peter Heller's

extraordinary journey

Golden Quill Recipients

The Pikes Peak Library District served as the foundation for research in writing this book

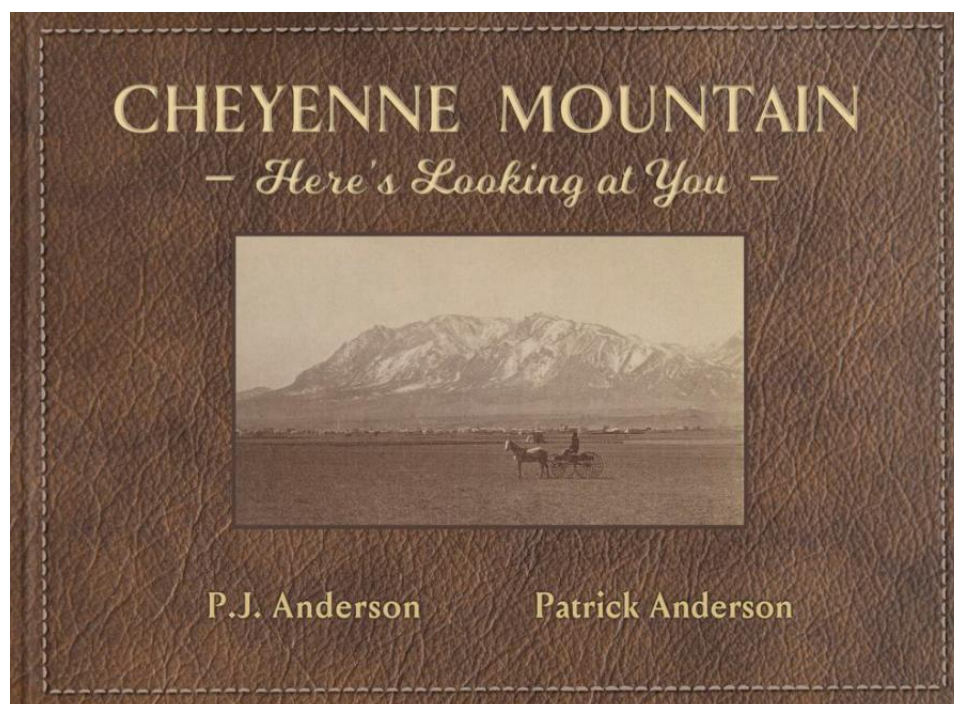
Patrick and PJ Anderson:

"It's got a little bit of everything," Anderson said about their book,

Cheyenne Mountain: Here's Looking at You.

P.J. Anderson crystallized his years as a county planning attorney and outdoorsman in an enlightening history of our second-most famous regional attraction, *Cheyenne Mountain: Here's Looking at You*, which has earned the Golden Quill Award. It's got geology (Cheyenne Mountain's rock is thought to be 600 million years older than Pikes Peak's). It's got legends (the one about the dragon). It's got tales of expeditions (Pike's, Long's and Fremont's), and accounts of plane crashes and fires (the "Big Burn" of 1853 was said to stretch all the way to Wilkerson Pass).

Although overshadowed by the famous peak further west, Cheyenne Mountain is significantly older in its geology and has provided homesteaders, hotel builders, NORAD, and today's residents with national security, broadcasting tech, and challenging hiking. Patrick Anderson's work to rebuild some of those trails, as well as his efforts tracing those that have disappeared with his father, indicates the sturdy requirements needed, even today, to hike the mountain. The 9-year process to transition the JL Ranch, owned by descendants of the first homesteaders Myra and Bert Swisher, into our only state park in El Paso County is also noteworthy.



Did you know...

- **Three Peaks:** Cheyenne Mountain comprises three distinct peaks: the southern summit, formerly known as Mount Albrecht, stands at 9,200 feet; the middle peak hosts an antenna farm; and the northern peak, known as "The Horns," resembles a dragon's head or horns, according to Native American legends.
- **EMP Protection:** The complex is the only underground Department of Defense facility certified to withstand a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse (EMP).
- **Annual Santa Tracker:** NORAD, based at Cheyenne Mountain, has been tracking Santa Claus's Christmas Eve journey since 1955, delighting children worldwide.
- **WarGames (1983):** The film features a fictionalized version of the command center, codenamed "Crystal Palace."



Summer Reading Support 2025



Children's Summer Reading was the first library program the Friends supported nearly 70 years ago, and we have continued to do so to this day.

The program encourages reading and also offers activities in science, languages, drama, and technology for kids at all branches. This year, the Branch Friends combined to donate \$23,000 to support the summer fun programs and will enhance those programs with a Friends presence, giveaways, and encouragement.

Watch your local branch calendars for dates, times, and focus. Your Friends are always at work!

LET'S PLAY A GAME.....

Where are these book shelves?

A



B



C



D



E



F



G





LET'S PLAY A GAME!

Can you match each of these Friends bookshelves to its PPLD library location?

HOW TO PLAY:

- Click on the button below to send an email with your guesses.
- Please list **A - G** with your choice of PPLD library location. You can find a list of all PPLD locations [here](#)

(Hint: All PPLD libraries have a Friends of the Library area, but we are only featuring 7 in this game!)

EXAMPLE:

A - High Prairie Library
B - Ute Pass Library
C - Old Colorado City Library ... and so forth

Entries must be received by June 1st, 2025.

Three winners with the most correct entries will be drawn and announced at the Literary Awards on June 7th, 2025. Winners who are present at the event will receive a valuable prize immediately. Any remaining winners not present will be notified by email to receive a consolation prize.

ENTER YOUR GUESSES FOR THE BOOKSTORE CONTEST HERE

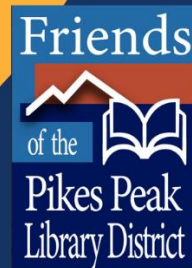
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21 C FRIENDS OF THE PPLD BOOKSTORE

Explore even more stories at the grand reopening of our newly remodeled Friends Bookstore at Library 21c! We're celebrating our expanded shelf space and bigger selection of fiction and children's books with a Golden Ticket Scavenger Hunt (win delightful surprises!), swag giveaways, and delicious cookies. Stop by between 10 am and noon on Saturday, May 10th!

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Let's gather for an afternoon of friendship,
stories, and celebration



Tea Party

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Details coming soon



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