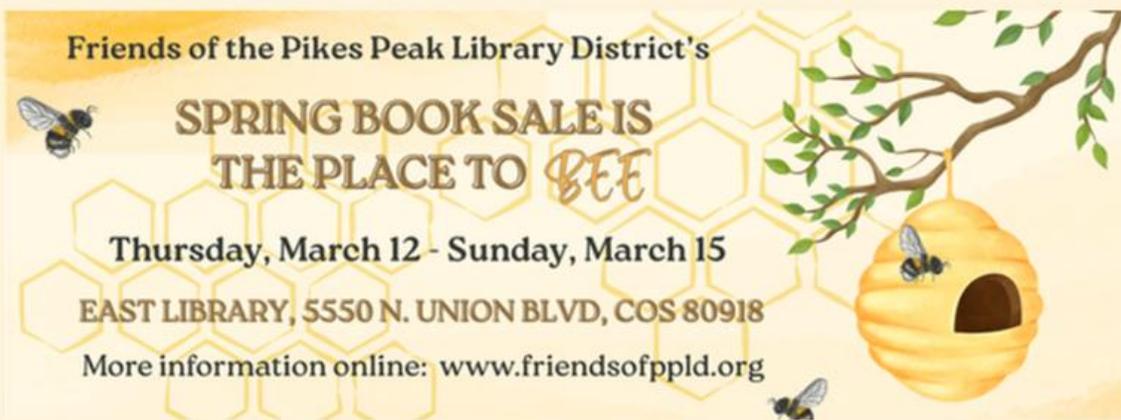


FRIENDS OF PPLD MARCH 2026 E-NEWSLETTER

Big things are happening, and we don't want you to miss a single update. From early access to our upcoming sales to a behind-the-scenes look at the library programs you've made possible, this month's newsletter is packed with news you'll want to see. Read more below to stay connected with our latest events and impact reports.



THE FRIENDS 2026 SPRING BOOK SALE IS ALMOST HERE, AND WE'RE SO EXCITED TO CELEBRATE THE JOY OF READING WITH YOU! WHETHER YOU LOVE DISCOVERING NEW STORIES, CLEARING SPACE ON YOUR SHELVES, OR SHARING BOOKS AND MEDIA WITH THE COMMUNITY, THIS EVENT IS THE PERFECT WAY TO KICK OFF SPRING.

PURCHASE A FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP AND GET EARLY ACCESS AND YEAR-ROUND REDUCED PRICES.

AN ANNUAL FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$25 FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

SUPPORT THE FRIENDS WHO SUSTAIN PPLD THROUGH BOOK SALES, MEMBERSHIPS, AND EVENTS.

PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP HERE: [FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP](#)

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**FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY**

**THURSDAY, 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM (BE AMONG THE FIRST!)**

**FRIDAY, 10:00 AM TO NOON (A RELAXED TIME FAVORED BY SENIORS AND FAMILIES.)**

**PUBLIC WELCOME**

**FRIDAY, NOON TO 4:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM BARGAIN BAG DAY!** FILL A BAG TO THE VERY TOP FOR SOME REAL BARGAINS. (THE FRIENDS WILL SUPPLY UNLIMITED LARGE GROCERY BAGS FOR YOU TO FILL FOR A TINY PRICE. MEMBERS PAY \$6 PER BAG, NON-MEMBERS \$7)

NOTE: SALES TAX WILL BE CHARGED. IF YOU ARE TAX-EXEMPT, PLEASE BRING YOUR SALES TAX-EXEMPT CERTIFICATE TO AVOID PAYING SALES TAX ON YOUR PURCHASE.

MARCH 1ST-7TH

SPRING

CLEARANCE

Shop online at  
[friendsofppld.square.site](http://friendsofppld.square.site)

**40% Off Select Items**

Almost 100 to choose from!

Minimum \$20 Order



## **STILL NEEDED!**

A FEW BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS FOR SETTING  
UP AND RUNNING THE SALES.

MORE DETAILS AND SIGNUPS HERE:

**[I'D LIKE TO HELP SET UP THE BOOK SALE](#)**

**[I'D LIKE TO HELP DURING THE BOOK SALE](#)**

**Donations to FRIENDS at EAST  
LIBRARY ONLY are paused from  
March 1<sup>st</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, while we  
prepare for (and recover from!)  
the big book sale.**

**All other Friends locations are  
taking book and media  
donations per usual.**





# SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 6, 2026

DOUBLETREE HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS

## THE FRANK WATERS AND THE GOLDEN QUILL LITERARY AWARDS LUNCHEON

DOUBLETREE HOTEL, 1775 E. CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN BLVD,  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

\$60 PER PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCHEON)

\$450 FOR 8 PEOPLE

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$500

SILVER SPONSOR - \$1,000

GOLD SPONSOR - \$2,000

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SPONSORS MAY USE THE REGISTER HERE BUTTON OR  
CONTACT DR. BIRDIE MILLER, VICE PRESIDENT OF FPPLD,  
AT BIRDIEMILLER1@YAHOO.COM OR 719-439-4527.

EACH YEAR, DURING THEIR SIGNATURE EVENT, THE FRIENDS OF THE PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT SELECT AND PRESENT TWO AWARDS, THE FRANK WATERS AND THE GOLDEN QUILL, DURING THEIR ANNUAL LITERARY AWARDS LUNCHEON. THE EVENT IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE AND RECOGNIZE EXEMPLARY NATIONAL AND LOCAL WRITERS.

**2026 FRANK WATERS AWARD WINNER ~  
TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS**



TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS IS AN ACCLAIMED AMERICAN WRITER, NATURALIST, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST WHOSE WORK WEAVES TOGETHER NATURE, FAMILY, SPIRITUALITY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.



**2026 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD WINNER ~  
NANCY BENTLEY**

THE GOLDEN QUILL AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2026 IS NANCY BENTLEY. SHE IS A LOCAL AUTHOR, FILMMAKER, FORMER LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST AND EDUCATOR. SHE HAS AUTHORED FOURTEEN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, WRITTEN ADULT ESSAYS, AND WRITTEN AND DIRECTED SEVERAL AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY FILMS.



## Did you know that Friends of PPLD are the Presenting Sponsor for the following?

**All Pikes Peak Reads 2026** - an annual community program focusing on celebrating literature, improving community connections, and fostering dialogue across social, cultural, and generational lines. [www.ppld.org/appr](http://www.ppld.org/appr).

**Mountain of Authors** - an annual community program that provides an opportunity for the public and local authors to network, listen to notable authors, learn about the craft of writing and trends in publishing. June 16, 2026, at Library 21c. [www.ppld.org/mountain-of-authors](http://www.ppld.org/mountain-of-authors).

**Regional History Symposium** - a day long symposium, open to the public. Every year a different historical topic is selected and proposals are solicited nationwide. Available in person and virtual. June 6 and 13, 2026 at East Library. [www.ppld.org/history-symposium](http://www.ppld.org/history-symposium).

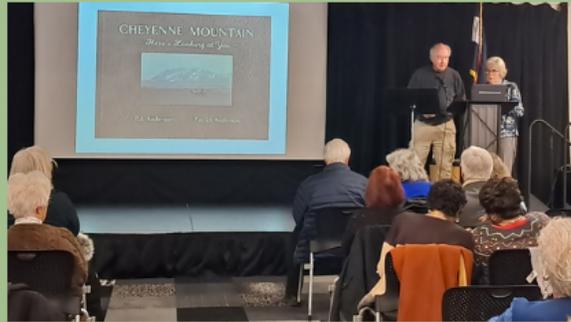
**Winter Adult Reading** - programs for adults 18+. Adults sign up online for activities to win prizes. January 1 – February 28, 2026. [www.ppld.org/winter-reading](http://www.ppld.org/winter-reading).

**Summer Adventure** - PPLD's summer reading program for children, teens, and adults at all library locations. June – July 2026. [www.ppld.org/summer](http://www.ppld.org/summer).

**Library Speaker Consortium** – virtual talks from well-known authors and speakers of interest that is brought to library patrons in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. [www.libraryc.org/ppld](http://www.libraryc.org/ppld).

**BookBrowse** - online magazine and website that provides book reviews, author interviews, book previews and reading guides. Available to the public via the Friends of PPLD website and the PPLD website.

**All this and more... Your support of Friends of PPLD supports the Pikes Peak Library District programs and activities!**



**The Friends of PPLD Annual Meeting** was held on a blustery cold day in January. Rita Jordan, Friends Board President, gave the report detailing the 2025 activities and financial status, Teona Shainidze-Krebs, PPLD CEO and Chief Librarian, gave opening remarks, and P.J. Anderson (co-author of *Cheyenne Mountain: Here's Looking at You* with son Patrick) gave the keynote address.

### **Some 2025 Highlights**

- \* Friends celebrated its 70th anniversary throughout the year, culminating with a celebratory tea on November 8, 2025. During the tea, Friends celebrated at least 70 things accomplished in the 70 years, recognized the continuing lifetime members, and awarded prizes.
- \* The Big Book Sales brought in record total sales for both Spring and Fall 2025 sales.
- \* PPLD Branch Friends groups donated \$23,000 to sponsor the Summer Adventure Reading Program. More than 18,000 patrons participated.
- \* Friends donated more than \$65,000 to PPLD programs for the year.
- \* Friends' volunteers gave more than 15,480.5 hours of service to the board of directors, events, branches, sales, and programs for Friends and the library district.
- \* Friends donated the Frank Waters and library district's first East library scrapbooks, newsletter collection, records, and other historic materials to PPLD Local History.
- \* Friends awarded two literary prizes: the Frank Waters Award for Excellence to Peter Heller and the Golden Quill to P.J. and Patrick Anderson. Each received an honorarium.
- \* Friends implemented a new membership program, which provides ease, web integration, and electronic management from the Friends' website.
- \* The Board of Directors participated in a non-profit board training for successful goal setting and efficiency.
- \* Friends supported the PPLD Foundation's pickleball fundraiser.

**[Since 2000, Friends financial support for PPLD totals \\$1,898,381!](#)**



*Bev Diehl announcing the winners.*

## Sip 'n Shop



*Friends Volunteers and PPLD staff having a good time at Sip 'n Shop.*

On February 1, **Friends of PPLD hosted Sip 'n Shop for Friends volunteers and PPLD staff.** This annual event is not a fundraiser, but a chance to honor our hardworking volunteers and PPLD staff. There were many prizes, including tickets to shows, restaurant gift cards, and merchandise donations, like a Luisa Graf necklace. One in four people who attended won a prize! There were refreshments, games, and the afternoon ended with a free \$10 coupon to shop for books, jewelry, handbags, puzzles, and more.



Have you missed any of the all-time favorite book club books? Then check out BookBrowse, funded by the Friends of PPLD. Use your PPLD library card number to explore further into BookBrowse.

Click here:

