

Friends

OF

the Pikes Peak
Library District



HAPPY LABOR DAY

SALUTING THE WORKFORCE



Labor Day in the United States, celebrated on the first Monday in September, began in the late 19th century as a tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. The holiday grew out of the labor movement's push for better working conditions, fair wages, and reasonable hours during the Industrial Revolution. The first Labor Day parade was held in New York City in 1882, organized by labor unions to showcase workers' solidarity and strength. In 1894, following a period of nationwide labor unrest, Congress officially declared Labor Day a national holiday, honoring the vital role of workers in building the nation's prosperity.



The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District extend our heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated workers who support our Public Library District. Your commitment, talent, and daily efforts ensure that our libraries remain welcoming places of learning, connection, and inspiration for the entire community. We are deeply grateful for all you do to keep the doors open, the shelves filled, and the spirit of discovery alive.

FRIENDS OF THE PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT'S

FALL BOOK SALE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

EAST LIBRARY, 5550 N. UNION BLVD, COS 80918



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Book Sale DETAILS



Friends Members Only

Friends get early access and reduced prices all weekend.

10/9, Thursday, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

10/10, Friday, 10:00 am to Noon

Public Welcome

10/10, Friday, Noon to 4:00 pm

10/11, Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

10/12, Sunday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

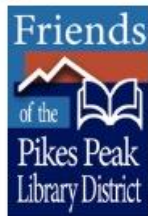
Bag Day! Fill a bag with books.

**Community Room at East Library
5550 N Union Blvd., Colorado Springs**



[Click here for details on the Big Book Sale](#)

Volunteers Needed



***For the Fall
Big Book Sale
October 9 -13, 2025***



Your helping hands are needed to make our upcoming Big Fall Book Sale a success! From setting up displays to greeting shoppers and keeping tables stocked, every role helps raise funds that support our library's programs and services. Sign up for one or more shifts that fit your schedule — and you'll have fun surrounded by great books and fellow book lovers.

INTERESTED IN JOINING US ?

[Click here to Sign Up to Volunteer to Set Up](#)

[Click here to Sign Up to Volunteer during the Sale](#)



2025

Celebrating Friends of the Library Week

BOOK GIVEAWAY

OCTOBER 9 & 10

East Library Community Room



To thank you for your support of our book sales, we're holding a drawing for a beautiful coffee table book:

1,000 Libraries: The most beautiful book places in the world.

(a \$106 value!)

You can participate in the drawing by filling out an entry form, which will be available only to members during the book sale's exclusive hours. Members need to have an active membership to participate. One entry per household

This National Friends of the Library Week, we celebrate YOU – the heart and hands behind our library’s success.

Your generosity, dedication, and love of books open doors to learning, spark imaginations, and create a welcoming place for all. Because of Friends like you, our library is more than shelves and stories – it’s a vibrant community hub where curiosity thrives and connections grow. Thank you for turning your passion into possibility and for reminding us all that together, we write the best chapters.

[Click here for Membership Information](#)

IN LOVING MEMORY

FORMER CHIEF LIBRARIAN AND CEO OF PPLD
2016-2022



JOHN SPEARS

★ 1973 - 2025

A dedicated leader whose
warm smile and presence
spoke volumes about his
commitment to community
and knowledge.



The former CEO and Chief Librarian of the Pikes Peak Library District, John Spears, has passed away at age 51 from cancer. John, who led the local library district to national and international prominence, was most recently director of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System in New York.

Spears will be best remembered for advocating to protect intellectual freedoms, a staunch advocate for Amendment 2 rights, and for promoting adequate funding for libraries. Spears clocked more than 25 years of library management experience in Missouri, Illinois, and Utah before coming to Colorado Springs. While here, he was known for fostering relationships with all sectors of the community and other libraries. He advocated for library funding and resources through speaking engagements and published articles for the Western New York Library Resources Council, New York Library Association, American Library Association, Library Leadership and Management Association, the International Federation of Library Associations, and Public Libraries Magazine.

He was an appreciative advocate for the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District, often attending our meetings and events. He was funny and passionate and a communicator who will be missed by all who knew him.



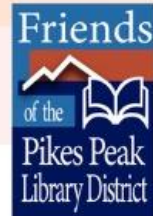
*You're
Invited*

AN AFTERNOON TEA
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

*Saturday, Nov 08, 2025,
1:00 PM*

*Library 21C, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr,
Colorado Springs, CO 80920*

- must be a current member to attend



**The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District
cordially invite all members to an Afternoon Tea in
honor of our 70th Anniversary.**



For seven decades, Friends members and volunteers have transformed community generosity into lasting impact—supporting author visits and cultural programs, enriching children’s and adult literacy, and enhancing the welcoming spaces that make our library a cornerstone of civic life. This gathering is both a celebration of that legacy and a recommitment to the mission we share to cultivate belonging, personal growth and strong communities

Program Highlights: A celebratory toast; recognition of lifetime members, past leaders, and volunteers; and a brief look at the next chapter of Friends-supported initiatives.



Your presence will honor seventy years of service and help inspire the work ahead. We look forward to raising a cup with you.

Members, use the button below to register for this free event.



[Click here to make a reservation for the Tea](#)



SILENT *Book Club*

- **Send Yourself an Invitation:** Pick a day and time for your “club meeting.” Write it in your calendar like it’s the most important social event of the week—because it is.
- **Choose Your Date’s Reading Material:** Forget assigned reading lists. Your “plus one” (also you) gets to read whatever their heart desires—mystery, romance, sci-fi, or even that cookbook you’ve been eyeing.
- **Create the Atmosphere:** Dress the table with your favorite mug, a snack worthy of applause, and maybe a candle that smells like “old books and adventure.”
- **Declare the Meeting in Session:** Set a timer (30–60 minutes), silence your phone, and dive into your pages like they’ve been waiting for you all week.
- **Enjoy the After-Party:** When the timer beeps, linger. Write down a thought, a quote, or doodle your favorite character. Smile knowingly at your excellent taste in company.
- **Do It All Again Next Week:** You’ll be surprised how much joy a weekly “rendezvous with reading” can bring—and who knows, someday you might let other people join this very exclusive club.



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has many clubs waiting for you to join!**

Join us!



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