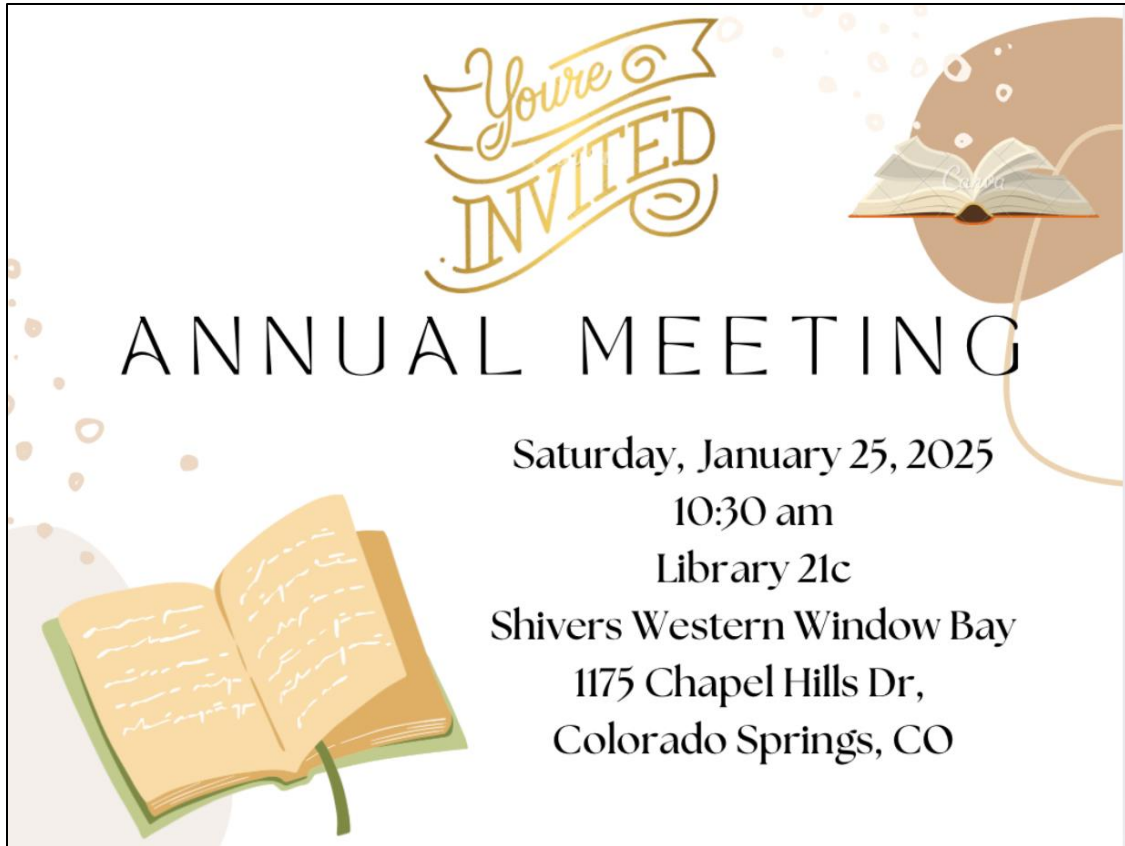


Happy New Year!

We hope your year is filled with wondrous surprises and good tidings! The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District is excited to share upcoming opportunities and updates with our community in this newsletter. We're sure you'll find something that interests you.



[RSVP For Annual Meeting](#)

The Friends of PPLD continued our strong support this past year, contributing nearly **\$100,000** to the library district. This support took three forms:

- **Program Support:** Regional History Symposium, Summer Adventure parties, Mountain of Authors, Adult Winter Reading Program, All Pikes Peak Reads, and Book Browse access for the entire community.
- **Staff Support:** Staff training and appreciation.
- **Capital Assistance:** The identification "wrap" for the new mobile library unit (see picture below). Watch for it around town!



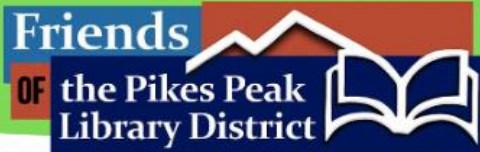
Golden Quill Winner 2024- Keynote Speaker at the Annual Meeting



Donna W. Guthrie

**Children's author, playwright,
documentary filmmaker, podcaster,
and lecturer.**

Donna Guthrie is the author of twenty-three books and sixty educational videos for children. She lectures on the history of country music and hosts the podcast LOOKING BACK ON MUSIC ROW, The Musical History of the Stars, and Songs of Country Music. She holds a BA in Journalism, Rider University, in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and an MFA in Children and Young Adult Literature, University of Vermont. Donna is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and The Dramatist Guild of America. She is an avid movie-goer and the co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival, the longest-running women's film festival in North America.



BIG *Spring* BOOK SALE

Location:
East Library
Community Room
5550 N. Union Blvd.
Colorado Springs

New!

E-x-p-a-n-d-e-d
Hours!

March 6, 7, 8 & 9

Members only:

Thursday 4:30 - 7:30 pm
Friday 10 am - Noon

Open to the Public:

Friday Noon - 4 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday 11 am - 3 pm (Bargain Bag)



New Shopping Options for Members.....

Friends is thrilled to announce that we're expanding the hours for our bi-annual Big Book Sales starting in 2025! We've listened to your feedback and are making some exciting changes to accommodate more book lovers and provide even better shopping experiences for members.

Here's a breakdown of the new schedule for the Spring Sale:

- Thursday, March 6 (**Members Only**): 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Friday, March 7 (**Members Only**): 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Friday, March 7 (Open to Public): 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Saturday, March 8 (Open to Public): 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Sunday, March 9 (Bargain Bag Day): 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

What does this mean for you?

- Two days of early access for members: Get a first pick of the best deals during our exclusive members-only hours.
- More shopping time: Enjoy extended hours to browse our vast selection of books, media, and more.
- Convenient shopping: Choose from a variety of shopping times that fit your schedule.

We can't wait to see you at the Friends of PPLD Spring BIG Book Sale! Mark your calendars and get ready for a fantastic book-filled experience.

[Information on the Big Book Sale](#)

BookBrowse Best of Year



Did you miss reading any of the top books in 2024? The December 4th issue of BookBrowse Review reveals the BookBrowse Best of the Year list.

Take a peek at the list by clicking the box below!

[Book Browse 2024 Top Books](#)

Membership updates:

We are thrilled to announce important updates regarding streamlined membership fees and processing structure for the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District that will take effect on January 1, 2025.

As our organization continues to grow and evolve, it has become necessary to adjust our membership fees to better support our programs and initiatives. After careful consideration, we have established a new fee structure that aims to make membership more accessible while ensuring the sustainability of our activities.

Our new membership levels are based on a household. A household is an individual or a family consisting of up to two adults and any number of dependent children in the household up to 18 years of age.

Memberships include:

- **Bronze** Membership (\$25): discounts at all Friends bookstores, early entry and discounts at the semi annual big book sales, invitations to special events, quarterly newsletters and support for free and public library services and resources.
- **Silver** Membership (\$200): includes all the bronze level incentives plus one Literary Award admittance (a \$60 value) and a \$15 gift certificate one of our semi-annual book sales.
- **Gold** Membership (\$400): includes all the bronze level incentives plus two admittances to the Literary Awards (a \$120 value,) a \$25 gift certificate to one of our semi-annual book sales, plus a gift to show our appreciation.

As noted above, we are consolidating levels and offering one simple household membership (Bronze) for \$25 yearly. This membership will be good for a household, defined as an individual or a family, of up to two adults and any number of dependent children up to the age of 18. For example, if you are coming to our big book sale and your spouse or partner decides to join you - no problem. You will also no longer need to upgrade to a family membership when your child turns 12.

For those of you with our grandfathered Lifetime Memberships - no worries. You will continue to enjoy all the benefits of Friends membership.

Additionally, we are working on a web-based system that will simplify enrolling and maintaining your Friends' membership. With the new system, you can enroll/renew online and print a card instantly or show your card from your smart phone as you stand inline at the big book sale. For those of you who don't have smart phones and will need a card mailed, don't worry – we can accommodate you! We hope to have that system rolled out before our next Big Book Sale in March.

We understand that changes in fees can be challenging, and we are committed to providing support to anyone who may have concerns. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the [Friends email](#).

These changes will help us enhance our offerings and provide even more value to our members. We thank you for your understanding and continued support. Together, we can ensure the Friends of Pikes Peak Library District thrives for years to come.

[Renew your membership here](#)



A Heart-felt Thank You To All Our Friends

We thank all our Friends of PPLD for their continued support. Your membership fees and purchases at our book stores and semi-annual book sales help us support PPLD programs and help us recognize PPLD staff. Thanks to all our participated in our National Friends of the Library Week drawing held in October. The winners of the book totes, filled with goodies for book lovers are:

- Gary Morrison
- Amy Petersen-Weddle
- Sunny Buljung
- Mary Shults
- Molly Meyer

Third Annual Sip N' Shop Thank-You Event

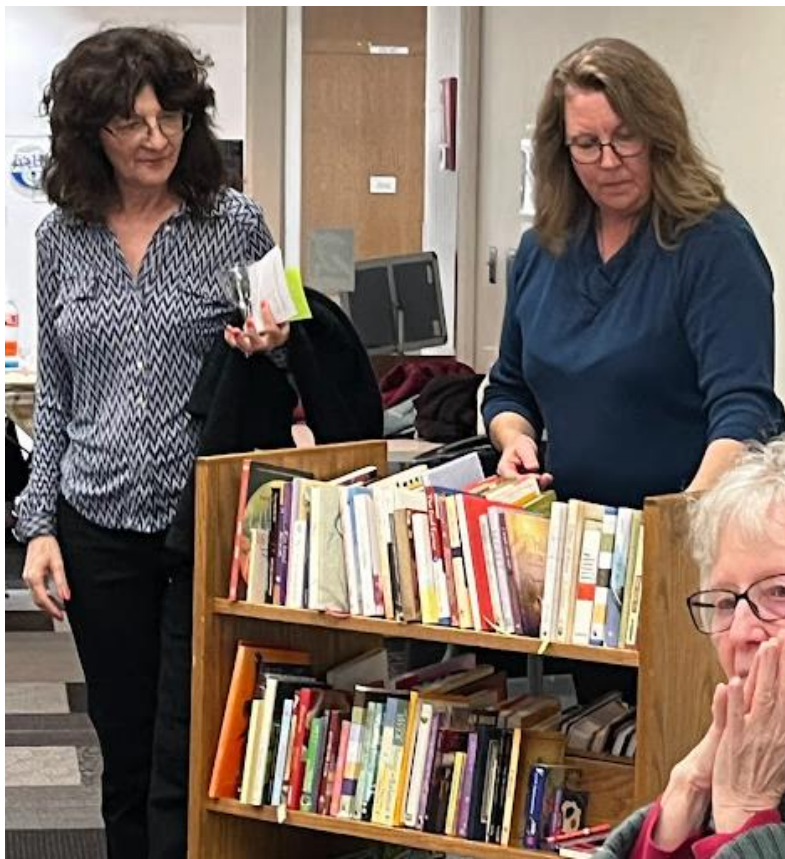
Organized three years ago as a holiday thank-you reception and sale, this year's Sip N' Shop garnered 98 reservations from PPLD staff and Friends volunteers. The Friends Board members and employee filled the East meeting room with donated and wholesale-priced gift items and better books, a refreshment table with the promised sippables and nibbles, and an enjoyable program of games and prizes.

Each attendee received a certificate for free Friends dollars, a goodie bag of useful items, and chances to win one of more than \$2,000's worth of door prizes. No one left empty handed, and 20 lucky ones claimed a prize from generous personal and community businesses. One attendee confessed to the success of finding gifts for herself, 5 nephews, and nibbling three of the delicious cookies!

Even further, the Christmas pub trivia game, in which everyone participated, earned three groups a future thank-you prize—either a pizza lunch, donut day, or cookie day. Some day in 2025 will find East Shelving and Circulation, 21C Circulation, and Sand Creek Branch enjoying the rewards of the event. Friends reminded everyone of the appreciation felt for the work of all PPLD staff and volunteers and invited all and more to attend in 2025.

Friends thank personal donors as well as :

- Brakes Plus,
- Insomnia cookies,
- Honey Baked Ham
- Luisa Graff Jewelers
- Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival
- Theatreworks
- Fine Arts Center Productions
- Accolade Fitness
- Carson Financial
- Window World
- Broadmoor World Arena
- Josh and Johns
- Poor Richards





The Year That Was--1955

Some of us elders will remember 70 years ago that in 1955:

- Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery, Alabama.
- On the Waterfront won the Academy Award for best picture.
- Swaps won the Kentucky Derby.

- The first domestic microwave oven was introduced into the U.S.
- West Germany joined the NATO Alliance.
- The first McDonald's open in Des Plaines, Illinois.

- Marian Anderson became the first Black singer to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.
- Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California.
- The \$64,000 Question premiered on television.
- The Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the New York Yankees in the World Series.
- William Faulkner won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction: A Fable.
- Winston Churchill resigned as Prime Minister.
- Argentina ousted Juan Peron.

- The AFL merged with the CIO to create the AFL-CIO.
- Zenith Flash-Matic, the first wireless remote control, was invented.
- The population of Colorado Springs was 78,000.

73 of them initiated the Friends of the Library, an idea generated in May and with officers elected in November.

Happy Birthday to us all year long.





The Frank Waters and Golden Quill Literary Awards will be held on
Saturday, June 7, 2025.

Please review the sponsorship options to support this community awards program. Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2025. More details will be available in the April 1, 2025 newsletter.

2025 Sponsorship Levels

	Platinum \$3000	Gold \$2000	Silver \$1000	Bronze \$500
Program advertisement	Full page ad	½ page ad	¼ page ad	Listed with other Bronze Sponsors
Tickets for the event	4	3	2	1
Website Acknowledgement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sponsor logo on screen at event	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sponsor recognition at event	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sponsor listed on invitation	Yes	No	No	No
Newsletter Acknowledgement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sponsor can display information at event	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sponsor logo on table tents at event	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Old Colorado City Library Branch celebrates 120 years of library services to our community.



Old Colorado City celebrated its 120th anniversary on December 14, 2024, with refreshments including both cake and carrot sticks, hot chocolate and non-alcoholic bubbly. Two of our Friends members, **Flo Hagiwara and Jack Beal**, were recognized for 30+ years of involvement. Among attendees were 2 Board of Directors members, PPLD staff and a few retired librarians. Activities for kids were a scavenger hunt and snowflake cutting. What an honorable accomplishment!



Sand Creek Branch Friends

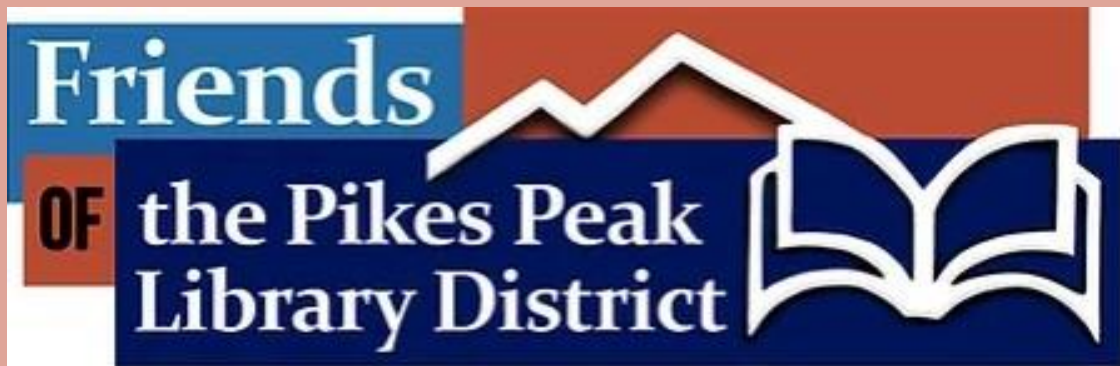
Friends played Santa at the staff meeting by offering gift cards to each member of the staff. Additionally, the Friends created two focus tables of holiday-themed or titled books, DVDs, and magazines for patrons' selections. The smaller table displayed gift-quality sets. Each bundle could make a child, teen, or adult happy as a package or stocking stuffer. Both displays helped to increase a 50% rise in the sales for the month.



Looking for opportunities to get more involved with the Friends, check out our volunteer page! Volunteers are needed for bookstores, the big book sale and other activities.



[Volunteer Opportunities](#)



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