

# Welcome to Denver!

Denver Public Library has partnered with Anythink Libraries, Douglas County Libraries and the Arapahoe Library District to offer two very diverse tours of contemporary libraries that have been regionally and nationally recognized for their pioneering of library design and services. Both tours will return to the award winning Michael Graves designed Denver Central Library for a Colorado style reception and tours of the just recently updated library.

Tours will be led by the librarians and architects involved in the design and operation of the respective facilities. 30 passenger buses will depart Denver Central Library promptly at noon on 03 May 2012, one bus leaving for the "Anythink/Family" tour and the other bus leaving for the "Retail Therapy" tour. A box lunch will be provided on the bus.

Participants can choose either tour but must sign up in advance as space is limited to 30 per tour. Those wishing to follow by auto can use the itinerary below, do not need to RSVP, and simply meet the bus at the respective facilities.

RSVPs must be forwarded to Josephine Teodosijeva, Denver Public Library by email at JTeodosi@denverlibrary.org or by phone at 720-865-2008.

All bus participants must meet near the main information services desk on the first floor of the Denver Central Library by 11:45 AM. Buses will depart promptly at noon.

**Tour 1** will visit two acclaimed innovative Anythink Libraries, the Huron Street facility and a Library Journal Landmark Library, Wright Farms. The tour will then visit the award winning "family service style" Green Valley Ranch and finish at a recently updated Carnegie facility, Park Hill Library.

## Anythink / Family Tour

### Tour

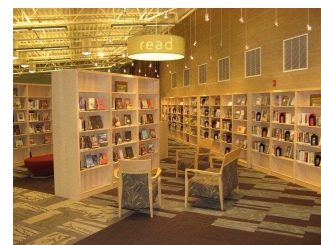
### Description

12:20pm-1:10pm

#### Anythink Huron Street

9417 Huron Street, Thornton, CO 80260  
Anythink Libraries / Humphries Poli Architects, PC

This 25,000 square foot Anythink features a sense of practical geometry that includes a center-mixing space with two wings, one devoted to children, the other for teens and technology. Opened in 2010, the community adopted this space as their own community living and inventing room. Anythink Huron Street was awarded a LEED Gold certification.



1:25pm-2:15pm

#### Anythink Wright Farms

5877 East 120th Ave, Thornton, CO 80602  
Anythink Libraries / Humphries Poli Architects, PC

Anythink Wright Farms is a LJ Landmark Library. Opened July 2010, this 45,000 square foot library circulates over one million items annually and 92% of all circulation is managed through self-check. Planned for flexibility, this library has a café, 7,000 square foot children's area complete, a teen space that is being reinvented for a YouMedia project, and a one acre park. Anythink Wright Farms was awarded a LEED Gold certification.



3:00pm-3:45pm

#### Green Valley Ranch Branch Library

4856 N. Andes Ct., Green Valley Ranch, CO 80249  
Denver Public Libraries / Humphries Poli Architects, PC

The Green Valley Ranch Branch Library opened to the public in March 2011. The new 26,000 square foot facility incorporates the latest in library technology including customer self-checkout stations and an automated handling system. The Library branch also boasts 50 public computers, wi-fi accessibility, a lounge complete with a fireplace and views of the outdoors, areas for children and a sub-dividable 100-seat community room. The vision for the Branch's physical design was derived from community comments emphasizing the building's relation to the plains landscape and the airplanes of the nearby Denver International Airport.



4:10pm-4:50pm

#### Park Hill Branch Library

4705 East Montview Boulevard, Denver, CO 80207  
Denver Public Libraries

The Park Hill Branch Library, one of the five Carnegie inspired Denver libraries, was designed by architects Merrill H. Hoyt and Burnham Hoyt and constructed in 1920. The exterior is a handsome Italian Renaissance Revival architecture featuring diamond-paned leaded glass windows. The interior is bathed in natural light and includes a children's area, adult reading area with a fireplace and a 100 seat basement meeting room. Recently renovated in 2009 the 10,260 square foot facility includes the latest in library technology with self-checkout stations, wifi accessibility and public computers.



5:00pm-7:00pm

#### Denver Central Library






6972 South Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122  
Douglas County Library / Michael Graves and Associates

The Denver Central Library was designed and built in 1990 by architect Michael Graves in partnership with the Denver firm of Klipp Colussy Jenks DuBois. The project involved the renovation and 390,000 sf addition to a modernist library built in 1956 by Fisher and Fisher and Burnham and Hoyt architects. The library was designed to recognize the two distinctly different eras of construction as parts of a larger composition. The 540,000 sf library is the central library of a 23 branch public library system. The Denver Central Library has been recognized as "Top Ranked Library" in 2003 and 2004 by Hennen's American Public Library. The library is registered on the National Register of Historic Places and this past year underwent major renovation to better incorporate technology and contemporary library practices.



**Tour 2** will begin at a former grocery store renovated into one of the most popular libraries in the region and then proceed to the Lone Tree Library, a leading pioneer in the retail service approach. The tour will move on to the Southglenn Library, an anchor at a highly popular shopping center and then finish at the acclaimed Smoky Hill Library.

## Retail Therapy

<b>Tour</b>	<b>Description</b>	
12:40pm-1:30pm	<p><b>Philip S. Miller Library</b> 100 S. Wilcox, Castle Rock, CO 80104 Douglas County Libraries / Humphries Poli Architects, PC</p>	
1:50pm-2:30pm	<p><b>Lone Tree Library</b> 8827 Lone Tree Parkway, Lone Tree, CO 80124 Douglas County Libraries/Humphries Poli Architects,PC &amp; Group3 Planners, LLC</p>	
3:00pm-3:40pm	<p><b>Smoky Hill Library</b> 5430 South Biscay Circle, Centennial, CO 80121 Arapahoe Library District / Group3 Planners, LLC</p>	
4:10pm-4:50pm	<p><b>Southglenn Library</b> 6972 South Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122 Arapahoe Library District / Barker Rinker Seacat</p>	
5:20pm-7:00pm	<p><b>Denver Central Library</b> 6972 South Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122 Douglas County Library Fisher and Fisher/Burnham and Hoyt Michael Graves and Associates</p>	
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