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Libraries as Hubs for Community Engagement

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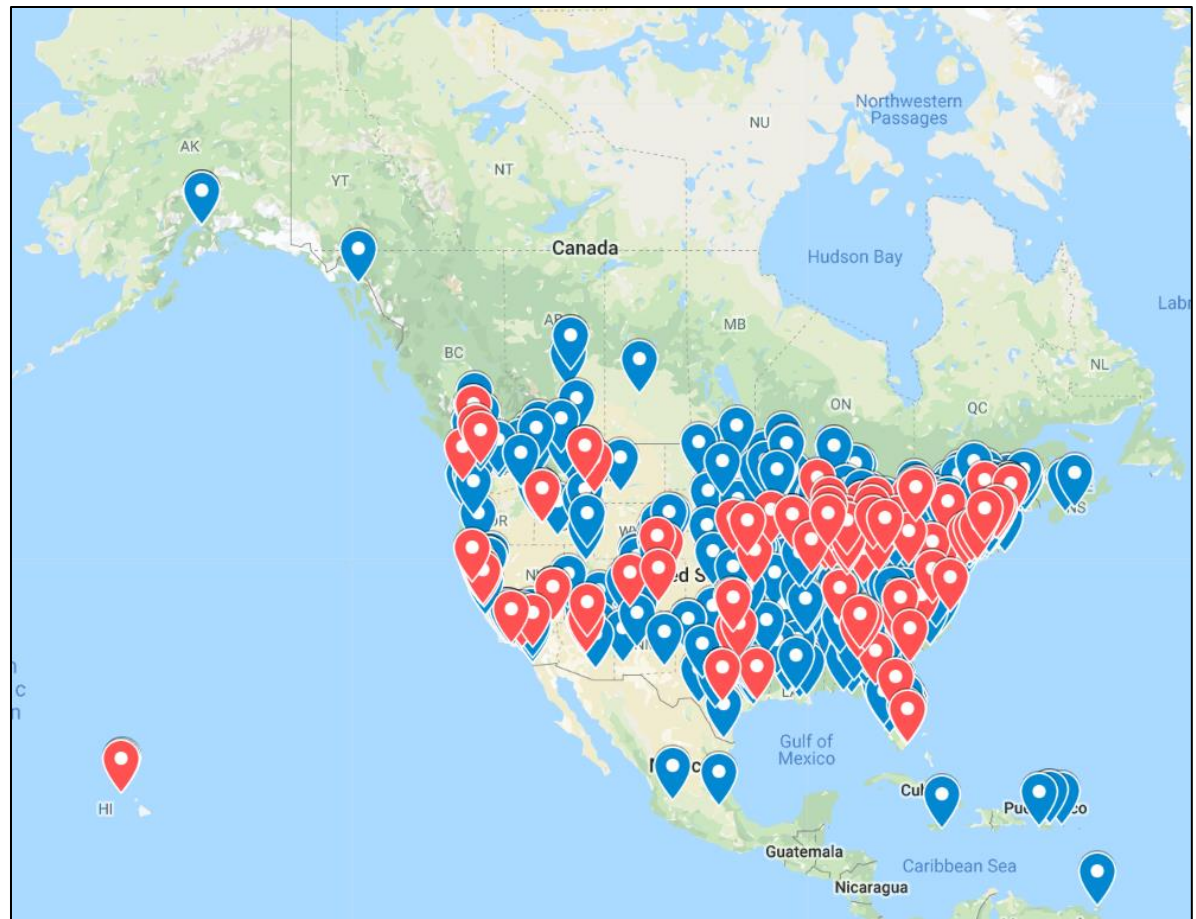
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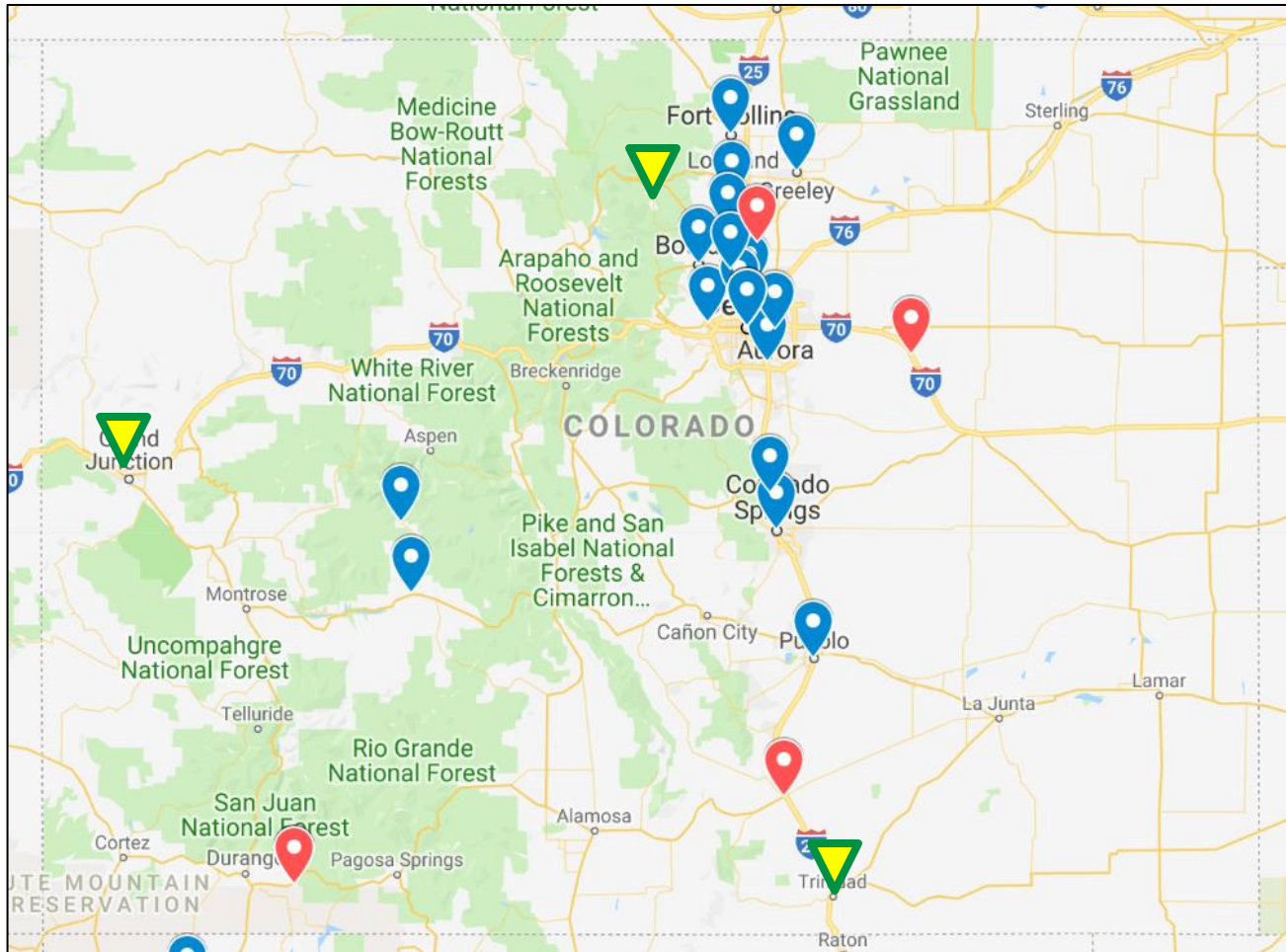
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Why Libraries?



Community Engagement in Colorado Libraries



Community Engagement: Listening, Learning and Responding

What are we learning?

- Summaries
- Quick Wins
- Trusted source
- Expanding reach
- Going deeper
- Addressing gaps
- Staff Development



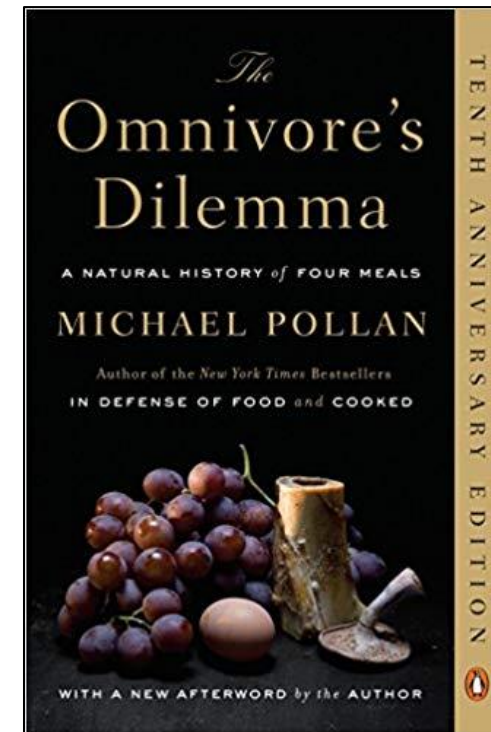
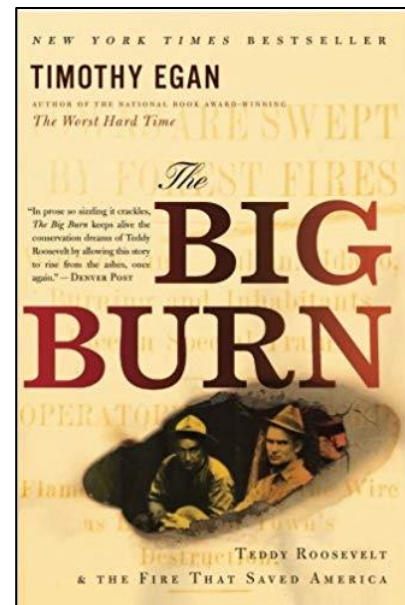
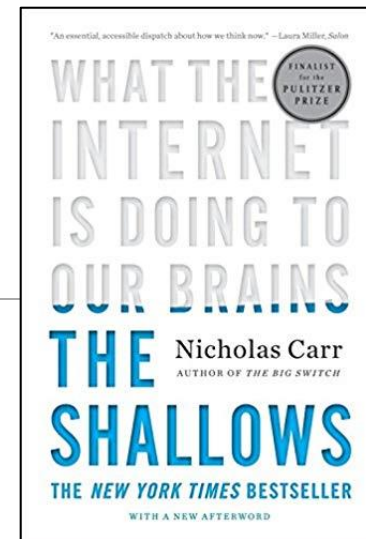
- Main Library in Frisco
- South Branch in Breckenridge
- North Branch in Silverthorne

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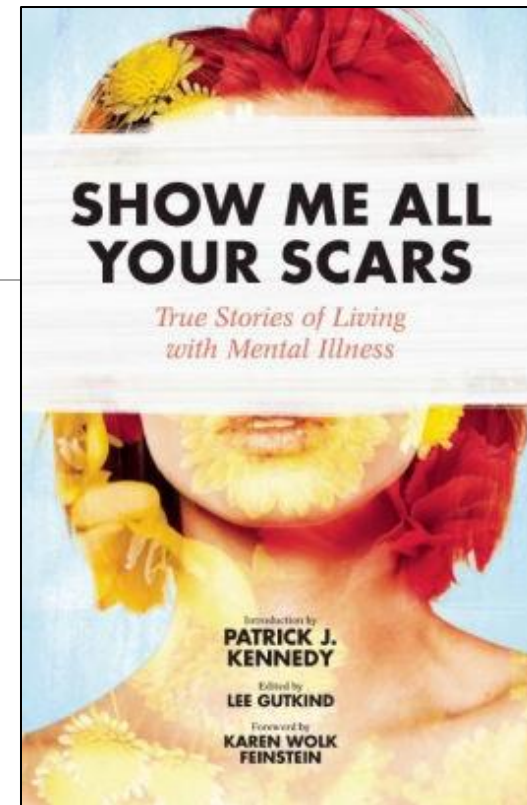
Summit Reads: One Book / One County

- 2011: Summit Reads launched
- Partnerships: Summit County Rotary, Next Page Bookstore, and Colorado Mountain College
- Paperbacks for \$10.00
- Speakers & authors invited with partnership funding

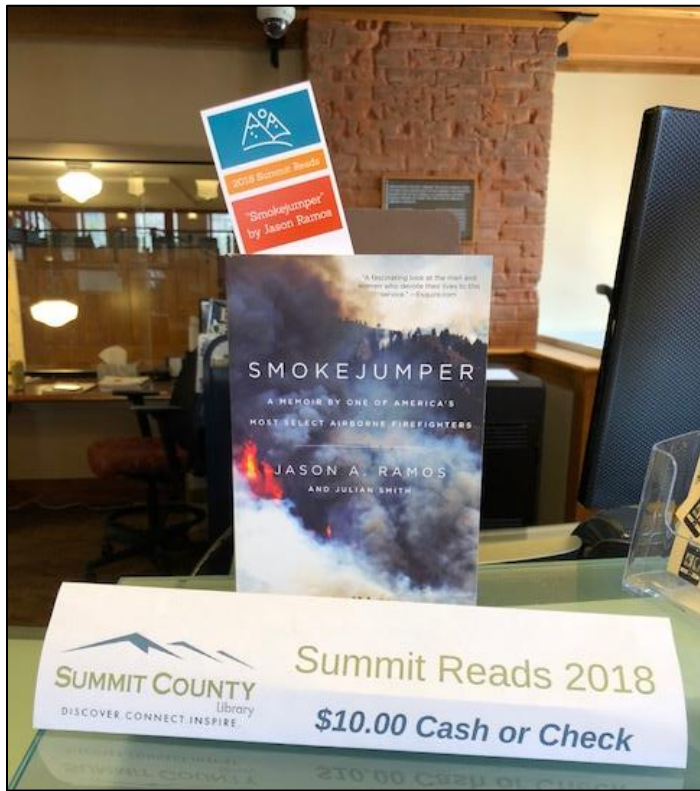


2017 Summit Reads

- 2016: Mental health challenges hit Summit County
- 2017: *Show Me All Your Scars: True Stories of Living with Mental Illness*
- 2017 partners:
 - Mind Springs Health
 - NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health)
 - St. Anthony Medical Center
 - Summit County Sheriff's Office



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SUMMIT COUNTY



2018 Summit Reads: *Smokejumper: A Memoir by One of America's Most Select Airborne Firefighters*

2018 partners:


- County Commissioners
- County Emergency Manager
- Animal Control
- Red, White and Blue Fire District
- Lake Dillon Fire



“Ask” Exercise

Discuss in small groups of 2-4:

1. What kind of community do you want to live in?
2. Why is that important to you?
3. How is that different from how you see things now?
4. What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change?

 **DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

THE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY wants to work with you to make your neighborhood a great place to live, work and play. Please help us learn more by answering the questions below.

1. What kind of neighborhood do you want to live in? _____

2. Why is that important to you? _____

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“Ask” Exercise - Debrief

What did you learn from your conversations?

What questions do you want to ask your community?

How do you hope to engage your community?

Considerations for Partnering with Public Libraries

Public libraries...

- Share a common interest in engaging & understanding the community.
- Are a safe, neutral space where all viewpoints are welcome.
- Maintain partnerships with organizations throughout the community.
- Provide public meeting & gathering space.
- Are hubs for community engagement.

Resources

Libraries Transforming Communities- American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/tools/librariestransform/libraries-transforming-communities>

The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation

<https://theharwoodinstitute.org/>

National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation

<http://ncdd.org/>

Center for Public Deliberation - CSU Fort Collins

<https://cpd.colostate.edu/>

Thank you!

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