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StoryCorps Visits Anythink Libraries

Staff, Community Members Participate in Recording of Anythink's Oral History

THORNTON, Colo.—April 26, 2011—[StoryCorps](#), the groundbreaking oral history organization, visits Anythink libraries May 2-4, 2011, to record the story of Rangeview Library District's revolution. As part of the 2010 National Medal for Museum and Library Service awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, StoryCorps' Door-to-Door program will visit and speak with selected staff, community leaders, library customers and others to record the story of the library's transformation.

“Storytelling is an important part of what we do at Anythink - whether they are stories from a book, stories shared between a parent and their child, or stories of our incredible staff helping people to find the information they need to obtain a job, start a business, or embark on a new adventure,” says Anythink director Pam Sandlian Smith. “We're excited to share the Anythink story with StoryCorps from the many perspectives of those participants selected, and we hope that our story will inspire others to be creative, take risks, innovate, and explore new ways of thinking.”

StoryCorps interviews are conducted between two people who know each other. A trained StoryCorps facilitator guides the participants through the interview process. At the end of each 40-minute recording session, participants receive a complimentary CD copy of their interview. With their permission, a second copy is archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Founded in 2003 by award-winning documentary producer and MacArthur “Genius” Grant recipient Dave Isay, StoryCorps aims to create a growing portrait of who we are as Americans. By traveling to every corner of the country, StoryCorps currently has one of the largest collections of American voices ever gathered, with interviews collected from more than 60,000 Americans in all 50 states.

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“StoryCorps tells the true American story — that we are a people defined by small acts of courage, kindness and heroism. Each interview reminds people that their lives matter and will not be forgotten,” said Isay. “By strengthening connections between people and building an archive that reflects the rich diversity of American voices, we hope to build StoryCorps into an enduring institution that will touch the lives of every American family.”

About Anythink™

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Rangeview Library District serves the residents of Adams County with seven Anythink libraries and Anythink in Motion – the district’s mobile library – and is one of the recipients of the 2010 National Medal of Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Construction and renovations are underway on one existing library scheduled to open in spring 2011. For more information, go to anythinklibraries.org.

About StoryCorps

StoryCorps’ mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories. StoryCorps is currently one of the fastest-growing nonprofits in the country. Each week, millions of Americans listen to StoryCorps’ award-winning broadcasts on NPR’s *Morning Edition*. StoryCorps has published two books: *Listening Is an Act of Love* in 2007 and *Mom: A Celebration of Mothers from StoryCorps in 2010*—both of which are *New York Times* bestsellers. StoryCorps’ major funders include: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), The Atlantic Philanthropies, The Ford Foundation, The Annenberg Foundation, The Kaplen Foundation, and Joe and Carol Reich. StoryCorps also relies on the support from its participants and listeners. For more information, or to listen to stories online, visit storycorps.org.

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