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# Anythink hosts "Perspectives from the Vietnam War"

Panel and Q&A event hosted in conjunction with Ken Burns documentary series

THORNTON, Colo.–Nov. 28, 2017–On Wednesday, Dec. 6, Anythink will host "Perspectives from the Vietnam War," a special panel and Q&A session aimed at creating a community dialogue about this important and controversial historic event. The panel, moderated by Laura Frank, president and general manager of news at Rocky Mountain PBS, features Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Neal Ulevich, Vietnam War veteran Alan Jaffe and professor of history and Asian studies Dr. Xiangsheng Tian. This panel is supported by an award from the <u>American Library Association</u> (ALA), the <u>Public</u> <u>Broadcasting Service (PBS)</u> and Washington D.C.'s <u>WETA</u> public television in conjunction with the recently released Ken Burns and Lynn Novick documentary series, "The Vietnam War." Anythink was one of 50 libraries in the United States, and the only library in Colorado, selected for this opportunity.

"Participating in the ALA and Ken Burns Vietnam War project is an honor and an opportunity to reflect and remember the impact of this war," says Anythink Director Pam Sandlian Smith. "We are grateful to include local experts who can guide this critical conversation with our community."

Clips from "The Vietnam War" series, which features photographs taken by panelist Neal Ulevich, will be shown during the event to help guide the discussion. Topics discussed will include everything from divisiveness about the Vietnam War to the reception of returning U.S. soldiers and the role of the media in public perception. "Perspectives from the Vietnam War" is free and open to the public, though some content may not be suitable for younger audiences.

## -Event details-

## Perspectives from the Vietnam War

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 6-8 pm

#### Anythink Wright Farms 5877 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Ave., Thornton, CO 80602 303-405-3200

Hear first-hand accounts and historical perspectives of the Vietnam War during this panel and Q&A session, moderated by Laura Frank, president and general manager of news at Rocky Mountain PBS. Panelists include Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Neal Ulevich, Vietnam War veteran Alan Jaffe and professor of history and Asian studies Dr. Xiansheng Tian. This program is hosted in conjunction with the American Library Association, Rocky Mountain PBS and the Ken Burns documentary series, "The Vietnam War."

#### About Anythink<sup>™</sup>

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. For more information, go to anythinklibraries.org.

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