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Anythink York Street to Host CompuGirls

*Hands-on program empowers girls to use technology for social justice*

THORNTON, Colo.–August 26, 2013–In partnership with the University of Colorado, Anythink will host *CompuGirls*, a two-month program that encourages 13- to 17-year-old girls to use technology as a voice for social justice. Held every Saturday in September and October at *Anythink York Street* in Thornton, Colo., CompuGirls will encourage Anythink’s young female customers to explore the world of technology in a meaningful way. During sessions, participants will learn research, critical thinking and computer skills to create a digital project based on a social justice issue of their choice.

“CompuGirls changes the lives of the girls who participate,” says Anythink teen guide Michelle Hawkins. “They gain a sense of self-confidence and a host of research and technology skills that will benefit them throughout their academic and professional careers.”

Supported by grants from the *National Science Foundation*, CompuGirls uses a peer mentoring approach to create connections, skill development and empowerment to young girls in under-resourced school districts.

“Not only does the program teach teamwork and leadership skills, it challenges girls to explore their own identities, cultural background, and values,” says CompuGirls site coordinator and program assistant Tiffany Lloyd. “It provides a safe space for girls to explore social justice topics that are important to them and, in doing so, the girls are empowered to have a voice which is extremely important in today’s society.”

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*Event details*
CompuGirls
Saturdays in Sept. and Oct.
10 am

Anythink York Street
8990 York St.
Thornton, CO 80229
303-405-3234

CompuGirls provides teenage girls with an opportunity to explore technology as a voice for social justice. Participants learn research, critical thinking and computer skills to create a digital project on a social justice issue of their choice. Programs take place at Anythink York Street every Saturday in September and October. Space is limited; registration required. Please call 303-405-3234 to register.

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. For more information, go to anythinklibraries.org.

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