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## Anythink partners with Denver Museum of Nature & Science for mySummer 2019

Summer learning program provides opportunities to bridge the achievement gap

THORNTON, Colo.—May 17, 2019—mySummer, Anythink's annual summer program for all ages, returns May 20-July 31, 2019, with new partnerships and experiences. Programs like mySummer help close opportunity gaps by providing high-quality, hands-on learning experiences to students of all ages and backgrounds. With a mantra of READ THINK DO, mySummer continues to provide experiences that go beyond traditional reading lists to include programs that prompt young learners to be inspired, think critically and engage with new topics.

This year, participants will be able to extend the fun and learning even further at the <u>Denver Museum of Nature & Science</u>, the official partner of mySummer 2019. Each individual to register for mySummer 2019 will receive a ticket good for free entrance to the Museum through the end of the calendar year. This partnership creates the opportunity for community members of all ages to experience one of the region's leading science education destinations, regardless of socioeconomic background. In addition, the Museum and other community partners like Eurekus and STEMpunk will host mySummer science, technology and nature programs at Anythink, bringing an added level of expertise to these library experiences.

"Opportunities for summer learning are critical for a child's continued academic success," says Suzanne McGowan, Anythink's director of customer experience. "By providing quality programs and experiences like a trip to the museum, mySummer helps make those opportunities accessible to all students in our community. The Denver Museum of Nature & Science fosters the same culture of curiosity and wonder that we value at Anythink, and we're excited to have such a likeminded partner to help make these spirited and educational experiences possible."

"We are excited to be a part of Anythink's summer program, and look forward to learners continuing their summer adventures with a visit to the museum," says Tanya

Breeling, offsite program manager at Denver Museum of Nature & Science. "Anythink's mission of opening doors for curious minds is the perfect complement to our work in igniting the community's passion for nature and science. We are grateful for the opportunity to feed the desire for exploration and discovery together through this program."

Beginning May 20, customers are invited to become mySummer members in-person or online at <a href="mailto:anythinklibraries.org/mySummer">anythinklibraries.org/mySummer</a>. Members can pick up their Denver Museum of Nature & Science ticket at their local Anythink. Community members are invited to bring the whole family to Anythink's mySummer kick-off celebrations, where attendees can have fun while learning more about upcoming events and opportunities with Anythink staff. A full list of mySummer kick-off parties is below.

## mySummer Kick-off Celebrations

Anythink Perl Mack – Saturday, May 25, all day
Anythink Brighton – Wednesday, May 29, 3-5 pm
Anythink Wright Farms – Thursday, May 30, 11 am-2 pm
Anythink Bennett – Friday, May 31, 1-4 pm
Anythink Commerce City – Saturday, June 1, 2-4 pm
Anythink York Street – Saturday, June 1, 1-4 pm
Anythink Huron Street – Monday, June 3, 1-3 pm

## About Anythink<sup>TM</sup>

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Anythink serves the residents of Adams County, Colo., with seven libraries and a bookmobile. With a focus on innovation, Anythink's awardwinning approach to library service is recognized by industry leaders and organizations across the globe. For more information, visit anythinklibraries.org.

## **About the Denver Museum of Nature & Science**

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is the Rocky Mountain Region's leading resource for informal science education. Our mission is to be a catalyst and ignite the community's passion for nature and science. The Museum offers a wide variety of engaging exhibitions, programs, activities and scientific research to inspire public appreciation and understanding of the wonders of Colorado, Earth and the universe. The Museum is located at 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO, 80205. Information: <a href="mailto:dmns.org">dmns.org</a> or 303-370-6000. Many of the Museum's educational programs and exhibits are made possible in part by the citizens of the seven-county metro area through the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. The Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Connect with the Museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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