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‘The Wish’ Public Art Project Launches with Interactive Workshop

Multi-sensory art installation will represent community voices

THORNTON, Colo.—March 25, 2014—On Saturday, April 5, Anythink invites community members to share their dreams during a special demonstration and workshop as part of *The Wish*, a collaborative, multi-sensory public art project at [Anythink Huron Street](#) in Thornton, Colo. During this workshop, Anythink customers of all ages are invited to get a sneak peek at this community-inspired art installation with a demonstration by Colorado artist [Helen Hiebert](#).

An interactive and multi-sensory art installation, *The Wish* will feature a large dandelion sculpture made of 300 handcrafted paper seeds, representing the wishes of individuals from the Anythink Huron Street community and around the globe. The installation will also include a motion-activated audio component by local sound artist [Jim Green](#), featuring recordings of wishes from community members of all ages. The sculpture will hang from the ceiling of the Kay W. Riddle Program Room at Anythink Huron Street on permanent display and is being commissioned in honor of Kay Riddle, former president of the Rangeview Library District Board of Trustees. Riddle, who retired from the board in 2013, provided leadership and vision for improved library funding and services for the Adams County community.

“*The Wish* project symbolizes private wishes that come together as a whole in a metaphor for human connectedness,” says Hiebert. “The sculpture will find a great home at Anythink, whose approach to community aligns well with the theme of the project.”

The Wish is the latest project in Anythink’s “[This is Who We Are](#)” collaborative public art series that partners community members with local artists to create art that represents a library location’s particular community. Anythink launched “This is Who We Are” in December 2011 at Anythink Bennett with the creation of a community-inspired quilt comprised of visual representations of life of the Eastern plains. Similarly, *The Wish* will be created in conjunction with the community served by Anythink Huron Street to reflect

their particular experiences, dreams and wishes.

Attendees of *The Wish* workshop will have the opportunity to explore the use of paper as a medium to create their own wish-inspired art project – a dandelion pop-up card – to take home or share with a loved one. Attendees will hear from Hiebert about *The Wish* concept and her creative process. The workshop will also give community members of all ages the opportunity to share their wishes for use as part of the installation's audio component.

"The Wish is a dream collaborative art project for Anythink," says Anythink Director Pam Sandlian Smith. "The wishes of our community connected to wishes from around the world will create a sense of optimism for customers to enjoy during their library visit."

Event Details

The Wish: Workshop

Saturday, April 5, 2014

1:30-3:30 pm

Anythink Huron Street

9417 Huron St.

Thornton, CO 80260

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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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