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## Anythink partners with Adams County Elections to provide voter registration opportunities

New kiosks to increase voter information accessibility

THORNTON, Colo.—May 16, 2019—In continuing its commitment to be a destination for civic engagement, <u>Anythink</u> has partnered with <u>Adams County Elections</u> to provide increased voting information and registration services at its libraries. Beginning May 18, 2019, Anythink's three largest branches — <u>Anythink Brighton</u>, <u>Anythink Huron Street</u> and <u>Anythink Wright Farms</u> — will have designated voter registration kiosks where community members can register to vote or update their voter registration online or by paper form. All Anythink libraries will also have easy-to-understand voter information, forms in English and Spanish, and mailer envelopes provided by Adams County Elections. By providing these services, the library is committing to sharing important civic information to Adams County residents in easily accessible locations. Anythink staff, trained by Adams County Elections and <u>perceived by the public as a trustworthy stewards of information</u> according to a 2017 Pew Research Center study, will be able to provide assistance as requested.

"Exercising your right to vote is one of the greatest privileges a person can have, and the Elections Department is thrilled to partner with Anythink to promote voter registration at their locations," says Adams County Clerk & Recorder Josh Zygielbaum. "Colorado is one of the easiest and safest places in the country to cast a vote, and ensuring our residents have easy access to registration is a top priority for my office."

To help launch this project, Clerk Zygielbaum will be a guest at Civic Saturday on Saturday, May 18 at Anythink Wright Farms. This public gathering designed to cultivate civic engagement and tradition will provide an ideal setting for Adams County Elections to share opportunities to become involved in local elections. As of May 2019, there are only 278,693 registered voters in Adams County — a little more than half of the county's current population. Partnerships like that between Adams County Elections and Anythink allow for increased accessibility for voter information and a more engaged civic community.

"Libraries are a vital part of the greater social fabric," says Anythink Director Pam Sandlian Smith. "Making voter registration accessible at our Anythink libraries is another important step in building a civically engaged community."

## 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 Adams County**

With rich traditions and history, Adams County offers the best of suburban and rural life – vibrant cities, quiet towns, and miles of recreation. Located in the Denver metro area, Adams County is the state's 5<sup>th</sup> largest county serving a population of 500,000 residents. Adams County is home to the cities of Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, and Thornton; portions of Arvada, Aurora, and Westminster; the town of Bennett; and a portion of the town of Lochbuie. Unincorporated communities include Henderson, Strasburg, and Watkins. Stay up to date on the latest county news and information on adcogov.org, Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and Instagram.

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