



# Check Out Colorado State Parks



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Department of Education  
Colorado State Library

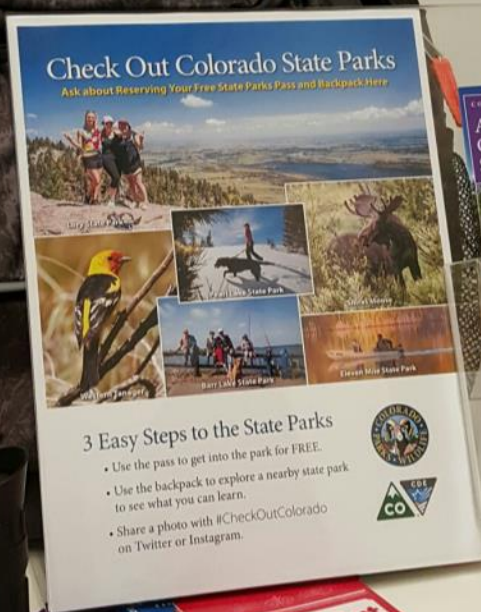
# Who/Partners

- Colorado State Library
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- All 258 CO public library branches
- All 3 military libraries in CO
- 17 interested academic libraries
- All 42 state parks

# What?

- State park pass
- Backpack
- Binoculars
- Colorado wildlife laminated guide
- Colorado trees & wildflowers laminated guide
- Guide to Your 42 State Parks
- Leave No Trace™ card
- Activity ideas list
- Evaluation form





# Why?

- Increase access to Colorado state parks
- Provide broader learning experiences
- Encourage healthy activities
- Facilitate library-park collaborations
- Increase reach of state parks
- Allow people to try before they buy
- Expand traditional library services
- Celebrate & sustain the 2016 summer library program theme of health & wellness

# Partnering



# Programming ideas

- Provide park ranger programs at the library & storytimes at the park
- Enhance existing library programs & facilities
- Promote mid-week visitation/picnics/events
- Collaborate on regular & special events
- Install Little Free Libraries in parks & campgrounds
- Install StoryWalks in parks



# Promotion



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We checked out a backpack full of supplies from the Library!



Mom wore the backpack so I could run around and have fun!

We made sure to hang the State Parks Pass on our car before we left for our walk.



A day at Crawford State Park with Delta County Libraries (and Ian).



I looked at lots of tracks in the mud and even left some of my own!

We caught a grasshopper in the bug catcher.



Check Out Colorado State Parks is a partnership between the Colorado State Library and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Backpacks are available to check out for one week at a time from the Paonia Library. Please contact your library for more information.



# Next steps

- Denver Museum of Nature and Science IMAX tickets
- Twitter/Instagram photo contest for Library Card Sign-Up Month and Outside the Lines
- Continued cross promotional campaigns





# One Book 4 Colorado



# What?

- Program distributes 75,000 copies of the same book in English and Spanish to 4-year-olds through public and military libraries
- Held annually for 2 weeks in April
- Privately funded
- Author or illustrator makes appearances in Colorado libraries and partner facilities



# Who/Partners

- Colorado State Library
- Colorado Lt. Governor's Office
- Denver Preschool Program
- All 258 CO public & 3 military libraries
- Private sector & nonprofit community
- Rocky Mountain PBS

# Why?

- Increase awareness of early literacy
- Encourage parents to read every day with their children
- Close vocabulary gap of low-income kids
- Help instill early literacy skills to get kids ready to read at kindergarten
- Make reading fun for young kids
- Increase home libraries

# Programming







# Migrant Education Program

Department of Education program serving migrant families distributes OB4CO books to 4-year-olds through home visits and events

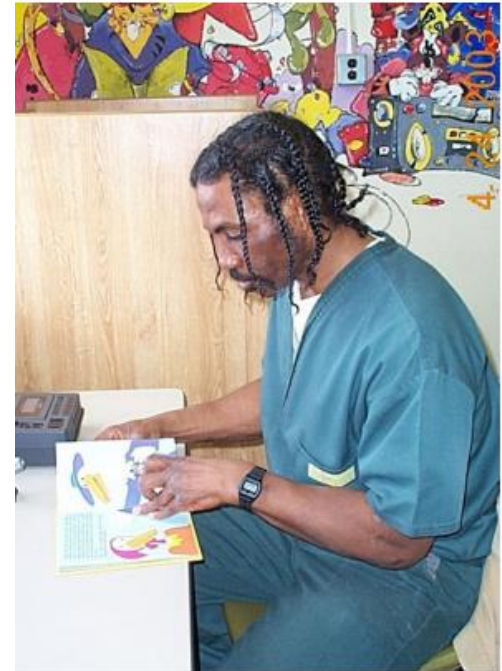




# Read to the Children Program



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# Thank you!



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