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## FETTLE & FIRE

Fettle & Fire's chimes are hand-formed from durable stoneware and are suitable for indoor or outdoor use! Dozens of colors are available, and each strand of chimes is fully customizable. Chime strands are \$5 per disc and ship for free!

[www.fettleandfire.com](http://www.fettleandfire.com)



## BOULDER FURNITURE ARTS

Gorgeous natural materials don't guarantee quality workmanship – material, quality and environmental impact share equally in determining the endurance of an object. Boulder Furniture Arts values their commitment to the highest standards of sustainability.

[www.boulderfurniturearts.com](http://www.boulderfurniturearts.com)



## RARE FINDS WAREHOUSE

From custom tables and benches to high-quality upholstered sofas and chairs, lighting, architectural elements, unique accents and accessories for every space in your home—a visit to Rare Finds engages your senses and your imagination. Their pieces are hand-picked to reflect the kind of ease and individuality that makes Rare Finds Denver's go-to location for unique furnishings.

[rare-finds.com](http://rare-finds.com)



## POWDER 7

Family-owned Golden-based ski store, Powder7, meets all of your ski gear requirements. Considered the best ski shop in the Denver area as well as the best ecommerce ski shop in North America, it's opened year round and continues to dedicate itself to its customers.

[www.powder7.com](http://www.powder7.com)



## YMCA OF THE ROCKIES:

Each year, YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park and Snow Mountain Ranch, near Winter Park, draw families and groups from near and far for the fresh mountain air, comfortable lodging and unique activities for all ages.

Without leaving the properties, guests enjoy arts and crafts, miniature golf, roller skating, swimming, guided hikes through Rocky Mountain National Park, and more.

Accommodations include hotel-style lodge rooms and pet-friendly cabins, and meals are served daily in a buffet-style dining hall.

Learn more at  
[www.ymcarockies.org](http://www.ymcarockies.org) and  
[www.snowmountainranch.org](http://www.snowmountainranch.org).



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Quiet Time Colorado is a monthly podcast featuring readings of children's books from local authors.



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**SPECIAL  
GIFTS FOR  
YOUR SPECIAL  
SOMEONE**

## **AUTISM COMMUNITY STORE:**

The Autism Community Store is the first physical store in the country to specialize in products for individuals on the autism spectrum, visual learners and those with communication or sensory processing challenges. This special store is a social enterprise, owned and operated by parents and siblings of children with autism, therapists, and people with ASD.

[www.autismcommunitystore.com](http://www.autismcommunitystore.com)



## **WEIGHTED BLANKETS BY GRANDMA LISA**

This Parker-based company creates custom lap pads and affordable, quality weighted blankets in patterns or colors of your choice.

The owner started the company after her granddaughter was diagnosed with epilepsy, and her therapist recommended the use of a weighted blanket, many of which were too expensive. She works to keep her prices low for the parents who need weighted blankets, and who have mounting medical bills, like her own family.

[www.grandmalisa.com](http://www.grandmalisa.com)



## SERENITY FORGE GAMES

Serenity Forge, based out of Boulder, Colorado, develops and publishes meaningful games that challenge the way you think. One such game is "Lifeless Planet". While seeking life on a distant planet, an astronaut discovers an abandoned Russian town. He suspects his mission is a hoax until a mysterious young woman saves him from a strange and deadly phenomenon... Lifeless Planet is a third-person action-adventure that features an old-school sci-fi story and spectacular environments in the spirit of classic action-adventures. Available on Steam, Nintendo Switch, Playstation 4 and Xbox One.

[www.serenityforge.com](http://www.serenityforge.com)



FOR GEEKS AND  
GAMERS



# SHOP LOCAL FOR COMICS AND GAMES

## Enchanted Grounds

8800 S Colorado Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126  
3615 W Bowles Ave #5, Littleton, CO 80123  
enchantedgrounds.com  
303.795.0772

A cafe and game shop under one roof with two locations. They offer a variety of food and drink options along with games, toys, puzzles & collectible card games. Games, clubs, & other events almost every day. Free WiFi & lots of power outlets

## Hall of Justice

10136 Parkglenn Way Unit #115, Parker, CO 80134  
hallofjusticecomics.com  
303.484.9103

With a wide selection online and in their store, Hall of Justice carries comic book, graphic novel, and collectibles.

## I Want More Comics and Games

550 Thornton Pkwy #114, Thornton, CO 80229  
iwantmorecomics.com  
303.460.7226

IWMC's features pop culture collectibles, including POP figures, a large inventory of comics and extensive tabletop games as well as used video games and supplies. They host regular in store events.

## Mythic Games

[facebook.com/MythicGamesColorado](https://www.facebook.com/MythicGamesColorado)  
8966 W Bowles Ave, Ste Y, Littleton, Colorado 80123  
303.936.3660

They carry a wide selection of board games with regular in store tabletop gaming nights. Mythic Games is also a resource for Magic enthusiasts with a large selection of cards & space for tournaments,

## Time Warp Comics

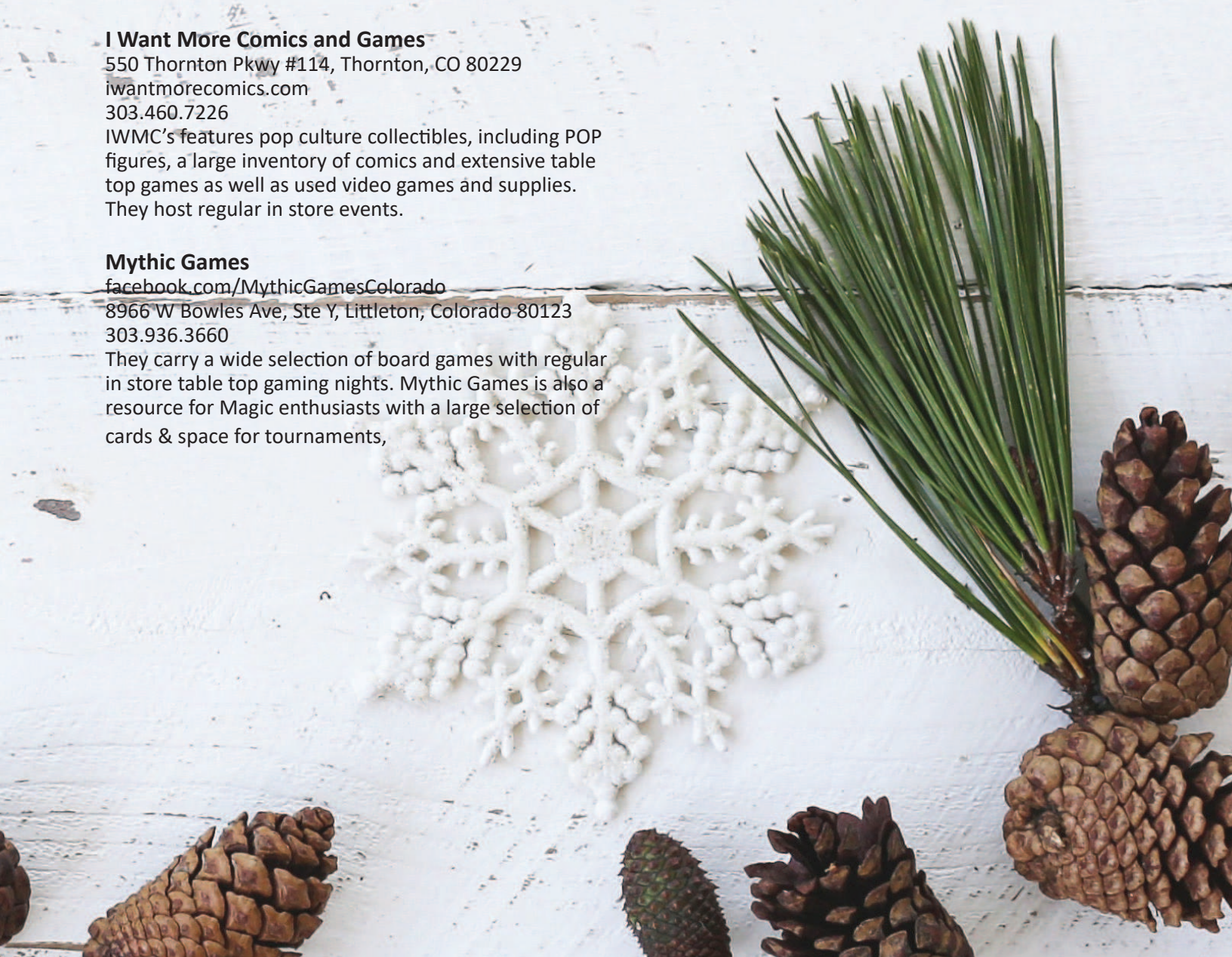
3105 28th Street Boulder, CO 80301  
time-warp.com  
303.443.4500

New comics, hard to find back issues, manga, collectible cards, anime, statues, graphic novels, posters, miniatures, games, toys, and comic book collectibles make this store a great destination.

## Total Escape Games

6831 W 120th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020, USA  
totalescapegames.com  
303.482.1829

Total Escape Games carries a vast array of role-playing games, collectible and trading card games, tabletop miniatures games, and board games as well as hosting in-store gaming events.



# GIFT CARDS

**“A wonderful gift may not be wrapped as you expect.”**

— Jonathan Lockwood Huie

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## “couples date night”

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### **Peak’s Lounge at the Hyatt Regency Denver**

This 27th floor bar provides breathtaking views and is perfect for dates, sophisticated gatherings, and voted one of Denver’s Best Scenic Sixteen. [hyatt.com](http://hyatt.com)

### **Bistro Vendome**

This bistro offers couples exceptional French cuisine on Larimer Street in a charming neighborhood setting. [bistrovendome.com](http://bistrovendome.com)

### **Tables**

Tables on Kearney is a cozy, and charming eclectic restaurant perfect for date nights with menus that change seasonally. [tablesonkearney.com](http://tablesonkearney.com)

### **Tavernetta**

Inspired by the food, wine, and culture of Italy, this welcoming restaurant is the ideal spot for a romantic dinner. [www.tavernettadenver.com](http://www.tavernettadenver.com)

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## “gifts that give all year”

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### **GetOut Pass**

GetOutPass is a subscription-based fun pass. As a member, you will enjoy admission and access to many venues at no additional charge! You can save thousands of dollars while having tons of fun at a wide variety of venues for one low yearly fee! [getoutpass.com](http://getoutpass.com)

### **Feast Locally**

Feast Locally is a dining membership that provides cardholders with exclusive, monthly offers to some of the best new restaurants and food & drink events around Denver. [feastlocally.com](http://feastlocally.com)

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## “family dining”

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### **Acova**

Located in the Lo-Hi neighborhood, Acova brings vintage flair and contemporary charm as well as inexpensive meals the entire family can enjoy.  
[acovarestaurant.com](http://acovarestaurant.com)

### **Denver Central Market**

This one-stop 12,000-square-foot dining experience, has 10 stands vending everything from cheeseburgers and spaghetti to wood-fire pizzas, hand-crafted chocolates, sugar-studded pastries and Italian beef sandwiches.  
[denvercentralmarket.com](http://denvercentralmarket.com)

### **Punch Bowl Social**

This enormous bi-level eatery and indoor playground features wall-size Scrabble, a giant foosball table, Ping-Pong, Skee Ball, bowling alleys, a photo booth and cotton candy machine, private karaoke rooms and vintage arcade and pinball games.  
[punchbowlsocial.com](http://punchbowlsocial.com)

### **Board Game Republic**

This family friendly café and pub is dedicated to board games—more than 700 of them, shelved by category along a long (and well-organized) wall.  
[boardgamerepublic.com](http://boardgamerepublic.com)

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## “unique venues”

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### **YMCA of the Rockies**

YMCA of the Rockies offers families memorable mountain vacations in Estes Park and Granby at Snow Mountain Ranch. Both properties offer daily activities for all ages throughout the year and three meals a day served in a dining hall located on-site.  
[ymcarockies.org](http://ymcarockies.org)

### **Swallow Hill Music**

Swallow Hill Music produces nearly 250 live music events a year, from open stages to the award winning Denver Botanic Gardens Summer Concert Series, as well offering music classes for all ages.  
[swallowhillmusic.org](http://swallowhillmusic.org)

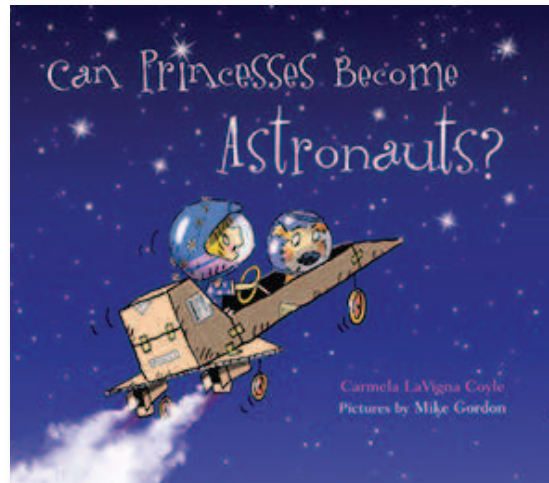
# FOR THE BOOK LOVER FROM COLORADO AUTHORS

## CARMELA LAVIGNA COYLE

### *Can Princesses Become Astronauts*

carmelacoyle.com

This delightful hard-cover picture book, a part of the *Do Princesses/Super Heros* series, deftly explains to girls that the sky's the limit in terms of all they can achieve in life.



## BETH ANDERSON

### *An Inconvenient Alphabet*

bethandersonwriter.com

This beautifully illustrated children's book is great for both kids and adults. The book tells the story of two patriots, Benjamin Franklin and Noah Webster and their attempts to revolutionize the English alphabet.

## DACIA ARNOLD

### *The DiaZem Trilogy*

daciamarnold.com

Set in Colorado, *The DiaZem Trilogy* starts with *Apparent Power* where a dormant gene awakens in a quarter of the world's population and the life of Valerie Russell turns into a shocking race against time. Valerie is also faced with a moral choice: risk failure and attempt to save the masses from the regime's deadly plot or run and preserve only the lives of her family. In her Second book, *Shifting Power* (Fall 2019) follows up with Valerie, who never wanted to be a world leader. She wanted to be a mom, a wife, a nurse.



**\*If you're a local author, please reach out to us! We love to write reviews!**

## WENDY GOSSETT

### *Your Child's Inner Drive: Parenting by Personality from Toddlers to Teens*

WendyGossett.com

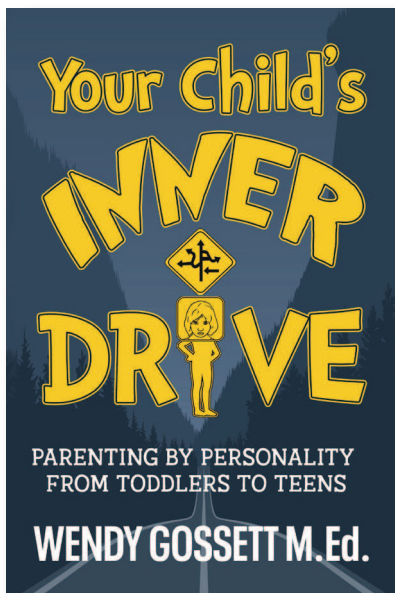
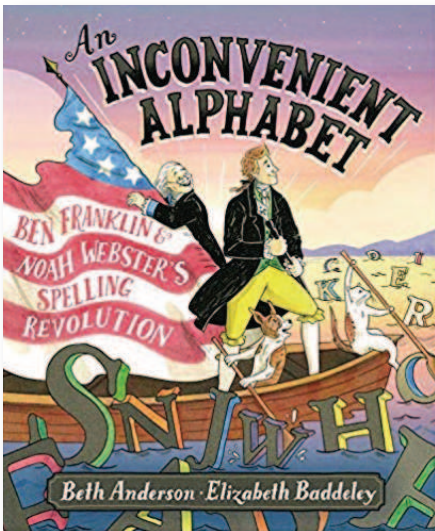
Denver Parent's own writer Wendy Gosset will help you accurately assess the temperament of each family member, "map" their brain functions and discover how to motivate them and connect with them throughout every stage of their development.

## KRISTA SANDOR

### *Bergen Brothers Series*

kristasandor.com

Get ready to laugh, sigh, and swoon with the *Billionaire Bergen Brothers Romance Series*. The Bergen Brothers aren't your average billionaires. Meet Brennen, Jasper, and Camden—brothers and heirs to a billion-dollar Colorado mountain sports empire. These men are about fall hard for three feisty, driven women who will bring the handsome brothers to their knees.



## QUIET TIME COLORADO



Denver Parent Magazine is excited to present Quiet Time Colorado a monthly podcast where we feature readings of children's books from local authors. Families will find this to be a unique, effective, fun, and easy way for their children to be read to before nap time or bed at night.

**Find us on your favorite podcasting service.**

# SHOP

Escape the mall and department stores this holiday shopping season with some of Denver's best museum and tourist gift shops! Plan a fun and educational outing for your family, and then spend a little browsing for the perfect holiday gift! You'll find unique and often locally sourced gifts for all the people on your shopping list.

## DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science gift shop features fun and educational gifts that complement the museum's regular exhibits including outer space, dinosaurs, civilizations and animals around the world. The shop offers a wide selection of books, interactive games, toys, apparel and accessories for all ages.

[dmns.org](http://dmns.org)



## MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART



The shop at the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver features a variety of fun and quirky gift items this holiday season. Beginning on Black Friday, there will be a new gift box, officially named, The Best Box in the History of Boxes, that includes a drink coupon, an individual membership (good for one plus a guest), and a swag item from our store for just \$50. Upgrade your gift box to a dual memberships for double the drink coupons, swag, and bring up to four people every time you visit.

[mcadenver.org](http://mcadenver.org)

## CELESTIAL SEASONINGS

The Celestial Seasonings shop, features teas available at great prices as well as gifts and collectibles, including high quality apparel, a wide variety of natural personal care products (including soaps, lotions and more), ceramic teapots and tea cups, lip balm and of course, plush Sleepytime® bears!

[celestialseasonings.com](http://celestialseasonings.com)



## DENVER ART MUSEUM

With a diverse array of products featuring artwork from the museum's exhibitions and art collection. You can shop apparel, books, calendars, note cards, home goods, design products, books, art materials, puzzles, and games that the whole family can enjoy. There are also items for kids, including art activity sets organized by age group for easy selection.

[denverartmuseum.org](http://denverartmuseum.org)



## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF DENVER AT MARISCO CAMPUS

Get a fun, educational gift for that kiddo on your list and support the Children's Museum at the same time! They have great gifts and toys from companies like TY, FatBrain, Green Toys, Manhattan Toy Co., Young Scientists Club and more.

[mychildsmuseum.org](http://mychildsmuseum.org)



## HAMMONDS CANDIES

You'll find a huge selection of their signature candy canes and lollipops, plus an old fashioned chocolate counter, and tasty mistakes in their Oops! Room with discounted treats, and much more.

[hammondscandies.com](http://hammondscandies.com)



## DENVER ZOO

Start or finish your visit to Denver Zoo with a trip to Kibongi Market! Shop this unique store for baby gifts, toys, apparel and household accessories. Purchase your favorite toy animal to remember your zoo visit or support our conservation programs by selecting one of the items in their Global Goods collection.

[denverzoo.org](http://denverzoo.org)





## GOOD BUY GEAR:

Shop second-hand for the Holidays! Good Buy Gear offers customers the option to save money and be environmentally conscious while shopping for their kids this holiday season. They have amazing second-hand, new, and open box items available. You can shop toys for kids of all ages, bikes, doll houses, wooden toys, train tables and more. Buying one gently used/secondhand item can reduce its carbon footprint by 82%

[goodbuygear.com](http://goodbuygear.com)



## CANNED GOODS

Denver's Thomas Paul gave his wife a gift of earrings and a bracelet created from a tin can, and Canned Goods was born! Canned Goods repurposes tin food cans into glamorous products you want and then gives one can of food to charity for each item purchased. Doing GOOD one CAN at a time.

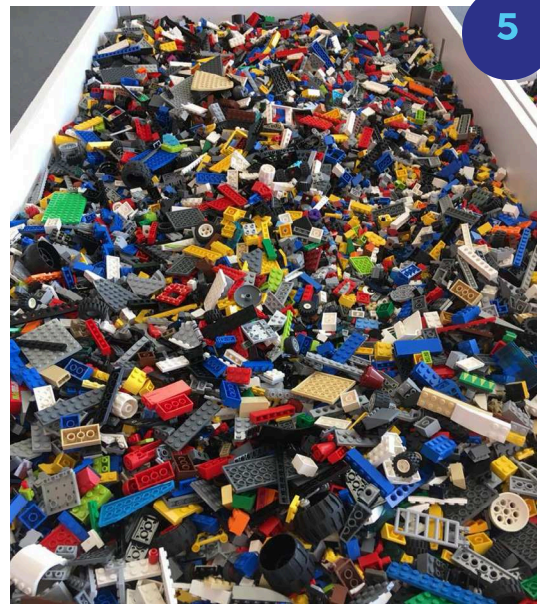
[cannedgoods.net](http://cannedgoods.net)



# LOCALLY OWNED TOY STORES FOR ALL AGES



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1. **Grandrabbits Toys** ✨ grtoys.com ✨ webmedia@grtoys.com ✨ The Village, 2525 A and fun toys for gifts, holidays, birthdays or any special occasion. 2. **Wizard's Chest** ✨ w 303.321.4304 ✨ Originally opened in 1983, The Wizard's Chest has an enchanted flair and fea ✨ 7721 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80003 ✨ 303.422.5151 ✨ Everything from science kits customerservice@timbuktoys.com ✨ 2526 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80222 ✨ 303.756 joy of play, imagination and discovery. 5. **Bricks & Minifigures** ✨ bricksandminifigs.com ✨ ✨ 720-484-5700 ✨ A unique toy store that offers many retired, collectible, new and used HEROHQTRS ✨ 8757 Sheridan Blvd, Westminster, Colorado ✨ 303.426.0768 ✨ Hero Headq Star Wars, GI Joe, Transformers, Star Trek, Legos and much more.



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 ✧ littleton@bricksandminifigs.com ✧ 8966 W. Bowles Ave, Unit V, Littleton, Colorado 80123  
 LEGO® sets, as well as pieces and accessories. **6. Hero Headquarters** ✧ facebook.com/  
 uarters deals in all kinds of comics and action figures and related toys including Superheroes,

# INEXPENSIVE GIFTS FROM THE HEART

*Gift giving can be one of the best parts of the Holidays or the most stressful. Most people agree that the best part of gift giving is the thought behind it.*

*Denver Parent's writers gave their suggestions for holiday gift giving that's thoughtful and doesn't cause credit card stress in January!*



*Our youngest wanted to make bath bombs as party favors for his 6th birthday this year. His touch of genius was to hide a gem in the center of each one.*

*Both of our boys have works with wool to make acorns and acorn necklaces for friends with wool felted balls attached to acorn caps.*

*Both kids watercolor a great deal and wishes for occasions become cards.*

*As a family we are making candied orange peel for gifts where the true genius comes in using the syrup after to bottle for mixers when mixed with vanilla, ginger get, cardamom, and vanilla.*

**- Kia Ru**

*Three years ago we moved to giving my parents and Father-in-law "Experience Gifts". Experience gifts are gifts that our kids go do with their grandparents one-on-one. It can be any kind of experience and the kids love choosing what to go do for their one-on-one with Grandma, Nono or Papa. You can choose to have your parents give your kids the experience gift or the other way around, you give your parents or loved ones the gift experience. Right now, the experiences my kids want to have are fast food experiences because I never take them to fast food. Experience gifts make for great memories for kids, one on one time with the grandparents, and an hour or two of fewer people in the house over the Holidays.*

**- Megan Nagle**



*\*Check out Free Days at the Museums on the last page - inspired by Megan!*

*Gather 12 folders and in each one, include a blueprint for a unique and inexpensive date activity for that month.*

*Create 365 different small pieces of paper on which you can write a cool quote or a personal compliment, one for every day of the year. You can put these in a decorative box, jar, vase, tube, or whatever comes to mind.*

*Find low-cost wooden hangers and glue on elegant or sparkly lettering to personalize them for guests, friends, and family. Add a colorful velvet ribbon tied to the top to give it some pizzazz.*

*Mason jars work well for this creative idea. Fill with bath scrub, nail clippers and file, foot soak, lotions, creams, and aromatic oils. Decorate the jar with a fancy homemade label and ribbons.*

**-Susan Williams**



*I had candied orange peels that were chocolate covered in Italy. I am going to make my own for gifts this year! Gonna be a fun science experiment!*

**-Wendy Gossett**



*In a simple notebook, create The Story of Us. Include drawings, stories, anecdotes about family and/or friends to serve as lifelong memories. You can also create a "yearbook" that includes photos and stories (printed inexpensively at WalMart or Costco) for the children so they can review all the fun they had all year long!*



*Gather a group of friends and make bath bombs. There are recipes online!*

*Give the gift of time. Make a point of spending a full day with your loved ones, whether that includes taking a winter stroll together or cooking and sharing a meal. Often people just want to spend time with each other in a meaningful way.*

*Get some sand (or you can buy colored sand at Michael's or Hobby Lobby), a few rocks out of your own yard, and a small rake. You can create a small Zen garden in a tray, a jar, or a decorative bowl*

*For the cook in your life, buy herb seeds and give as a gift with small pots or jars with soil so recipients can grow their own fresh herbs such as basil, chives, rosemary, thyme, parsley, and more.*

**-Gretchen Yoder**

## MUSEUM FREE DAYS:

We love that Colorado supports their museums on free days - keep in mind they are crowded and plan for extra time to park and give your kids breaks from the crowds. Think about creating a day out as a holiday gift for your whole family.

Here's an easy reference to the areas museum free days:

### **Clyfford Still Museum**

The Clyfford Still Museum offers free admission on select days throughout the year, check their website: [clyffordstillmuseum.org](http://clyffordstillmuseum.org)

### **Denver Art Museum**

First Saturday of every month

### **Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms**

First Tuesday of every month

### **Denver Botanic Gardens on York Street**

Offered most months - check the website: [www.botanicgardens.org/events/free-days](http://www.botanicgardens.org/events/free-days)

### **Denver Museum of Nature and Science**

Monday, January 6, Sunday, January 26, Monday, February 10, Sunday, February 23, Sunday, April 26, Sunday, May 31, Wednesday, July 1, Wednesday, August 12, Wednesday, September 2, Monday, September 21, Sunday, October 11, Sunday, December 6

### **Denver Zoo**

Sunday, Jan. 12, Saturday, Jan. 18, Sunday, Feb. 2, Thursday, April 9, Tuesday, Oct. 20, Tuesday, Nov. 10, Saturday, Nov. 14

### **Four Mile Historic Park**

Second Friday of every month

### **Museo de Las Américas**

First Friday of every month

### **Plains Conservation Center**

Every third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

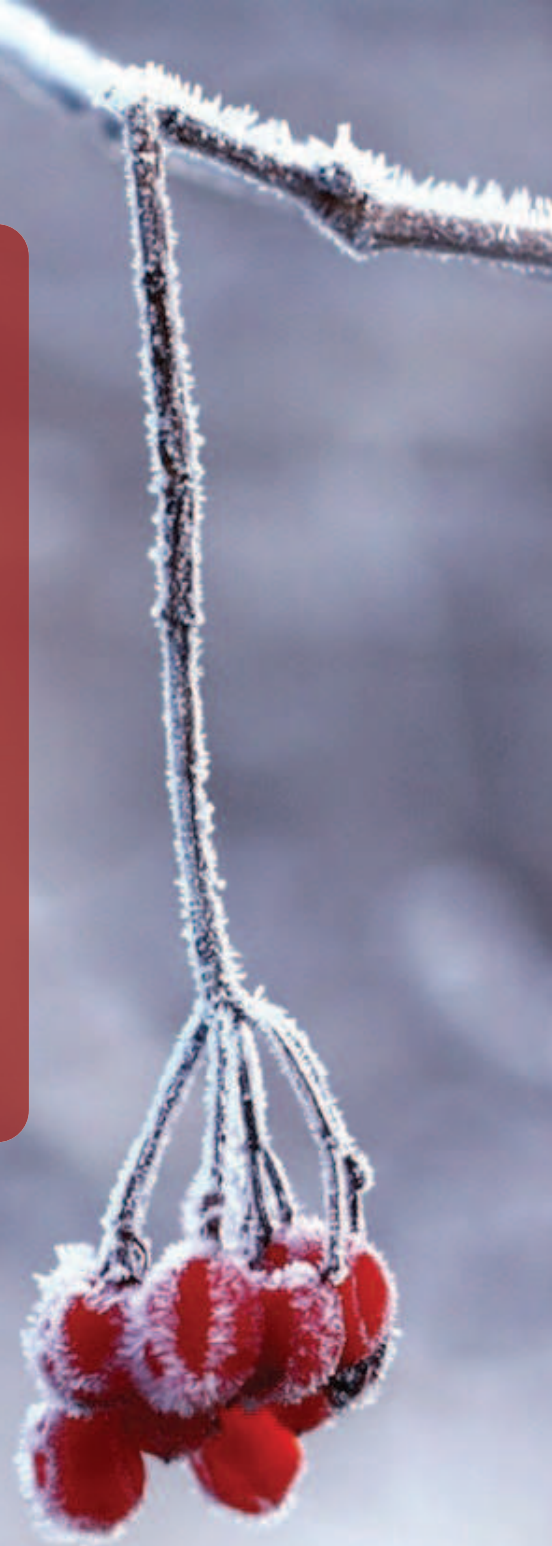
### **United States National Parks**

January 20, April 18, August 25, September 26, November 11

The crunching snow beneath my feet  
Breaks the silence of the winter eve.  
I hear the patter of beginning sleep  
On my evening stroll, as others sleep.

In the moonlight, the fresh snow glistens.  
A snowy owl stops and listens.  
A scampering mouse becomes his meal  
As I head for home, off in the distance.

~ Irwin Mercer, 2017



The logo consists of four interlocking circles in shades of red, orange, and teal, arranged in a square pattern.

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