



Broomfield *and* ARTS HISTORY

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Broomfield Arts and History Updates

A division of the Library, Arts, History and CSU Extension Department

Manager's Update

Happy New Year! I am honored to be serving as interim Arts & History Manager while a search for a permanent replacement is underway. I also serve as the Programming Manager for the library and have gotten to work alongside Megan for four years. It is such a treat to work with this capable team and get to see first hand their good work.

We are very excited about the installation of our first rotating shared lobby public art project which will happen during our annual department training week (Jan 21-24). When the Auditorium and library reopen on Saturday, January 25 patrons will be greeted by the first of three installations, Sophia Dixon Dillo piece, *Forming Light*.

You can stop by and say hello on Saturday, January 25 to see the installation and to take our survey about our next community initiated Public Art project!

Suzanne Linder
Interim Arts & History Manager

Behind the Scenes

New Job Postings

The Arts and History team is hiring! We're currently seeking an Arts and History Manager, a part time Program Assistant, and a part time regularly scheduled Auditorium technician. Explore these exciting opportunities and apply at governmentjobs.com/careers/broomfield.

Annual Closure Week

The annual closure week is January 20-24. The closure week time will be used for all-staff training, team building and team meetings. Department People Leaders will participate in a Feedforward Training with staff from Colorado State University and all staff will participate in a training with Envision Team Synergy on Empathetic Listening, Mindfulness and Relationship Building. The therapy dogs will be back for staff to visit with and department leadership will be making breakfast for all staff on Wednesday.

Auditorium Lobby Floor and Stage Floor Resurfacing

The Auditorium lobby floor will be replaced with a laminate flooring and the Auditorium floor will be resurfaced and cleaned. This project will start on Monday, January 13 and extend over to Friday, January 24.

Merging Facebook Accounts

Find all your Broomfield Library, Arts, History and Extension (LAHE) news, updates and more in just one social account. The Broomfield Library page will soon be turned into the Broomfield LAHE page and the Creative Broomfield page will be removed to help with this change. It can be hard to monitor all the events, workshops and more for the same building on a multitude of different pages with repetitive information. Be sure to follow the Broomfield LAHE page to stay up-to-date 🙌 [Facebook.com/BroomfieldPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BroomfieldPublicLibrary)

Arts and History Programs and Event Updates

Upcoming Programs:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Depot

Broomfield Depot Museum, 2201 W. 10th Ave.
Saturday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
No cost to participate, no registration required

Celebrate and remember the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on this special day at the Depot Museum. Listen to his speeches, share your own stories and participate in a community-building craft. Explore the Broomfield Out Loud exhibit while you are here! Presented by the Broomfield Historical Society. To learn more about this program [click here!](#)

Broomfield Water Treatment Tours

Broomfield Water Treatment Facility, 4395 W 144th Ave
Friday, Jan. 17, Feb 14, March 14, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
No cost to participate, registration required

The Arts and History team has once again partnered with the Broomfield Water team to offer tours of Broomfield's state-of-the-art Water Treatment Facility. These popular tours provide a behind-the-scenes look at the incredible process that ensures clean drinking water for the community. Discover how millions of gallons of water are treated daily in this cutting-edge facility. Finish off the tour with an exhibit about Broomfield water designed by the History and collections team. Register while you still can!

Please note: The facility is not ADA-compliant and may not be accessible for individuals with mobility challenges.

To learn more about this program [click here!](#)

Previous Programs:

Polar Express Storytime

On December 14, 2024, the Broomfield Depot Museum transformed into a magical winter wonderland, drawing 233 guests for a heartwarming evening of holiday fun! Children's Librarian Sara Varela brought *The Polar Express* to life with an enchanting storytime, while kids sipped on cozy hot chocolate and made fun crafts in the Depot basement. Adding to the magic, History and Museum Supervisor David Allison donned his train conductor outfit and led families on tours through the museum. This annual event has become a must-do holiday tradition in Broomfield, spreading joy and growing bigger every year!

Broomfield Out Loud Curriculum Educator Focus Group

On January 3, 2025, eight educators from Broomfield schools participated in a focus group to share insights and guidance for the development of the Broomfield Out Loud curriculum. Building on the success of the Broomfield Out Loud project, the Arts and History team has entered phase four—the final stage—focused on creating storytelling-based curriculums inspired by the project's principles. Teachers offered valuable feedback during the session and received stipends in recognition of their time and contributions.

Museums and Collections Updates

Broomfield Out Loud Exhibit

Broomfield Depot Museum, 2201 W. 10th Ave
Most Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
No Cost to Participate

Don't miss the Broomfield Out Loud exhibits in the New Year! Both the Broomfield Library and the Broomfield Depot Museum have these exhibits on display now, featuring unique and engaging pieces from local artists. Learn more about our community's diversity and history. The exhibits are open whenever the Library and Depot Museum are open. See the Broomfield Library website for Library hours. The Depot Museum is open most Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both exhibits will close in March, so be sure to check them out soon.

History Collection and Archive

Did you know that new artifacts and archival material are constantly being added to the online catalog? Curator Nikki Walsh and the volunteer team that works with her add newly accessioned items to Broomfield's Catalogit online portal nearly every week. Check it out at [this website](#).

Public Art

Library and Auditorium Lobby Rotating Exhibit Project

In September, the Arts and History team issued a call for artists to create temporary art installations for the shared lobby and entrance area of the Broomfield Library and Auditorium. Artists were encouraged to explore unique imagery and seasonal themes suitable for all ages in a public space. Selected artists will have their pieces displayed in the shared lobby entrance for four months and will each receive a \$10,000 stipend.

In October, a selection panel chose three artists for the project: Rebecca Lefebvre, Amelia Furman & Heather Rubald, and Sophia Dixon Dillo. During the week of January 20, artist Sophia Dixon Dillo will install her piece,

Forming Light, in the shared lobby. The installation will be unveiled to the public on Saturday, January 25. Sophia's *Forming Light* will be on display until April, 2025.

For more information about this project, visit Broomfield.org/3535.

Broomfield Auditorium and Rental Program updates

2026 Auditorium Rental Calendar

The 2026 Auditorium rental calendar is now open for Broomfield-based organizations. These organizations can request dates for the 2026 calendar by completing the Broomfield Auditorium rental request form. The form was emailed to regular Broomfield-based renters on Monday, January 6. Reservations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If your Broomfield-based organization is interested in renting the Auditorium and did not receive the email invitation, please contact the Auditorium team at Auditorium@Broomfield.org. Non-Broomfield based organizations can start requesting 2026 dates in early March of 2025.

For more details about the rental process, including policies and procedures, refer to the Auditorium rental guidelines [here](#)!

Auditorium Rentals and Events

The 2025 Auditorium calendar begins with six rental events hosted by four different renters. January is typically a quieter month for Auditorium rentals, with only one public performance scheduled. Danse Etoile Ballet will present *Le Petit Prince* with performances on Friday, January 31; Saturday, February 1; and Sunday, February 2.

For details on this and other upcoming events, visit the [Compass calendar here](#).

Auditorium Equipment Renovation Closure

The Broomfield Auditorium team and consultant group, Theatre Projects have been working diligently planning for this upcoming Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to enhance the facility's equipment. To complete this equipment renovation project, the Auditorium will be closed from **July 28, 2025, to October 31, 2025**. Renters affected by the closure will be contacted directly by staff after the new year and provided with alternative venue options.

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Grant Updates

Culture, Science and Education Programs Grant Opportunities

The application for the Arts, Culture and Science (ACS) grants is open. Interested applicants can apply now! To learn more about the ACS and Bus Subsidy grants visit [Broomfield.org/3465/Artist-Grants-and-Resources](https://broomfield.org/3465/Artist-Grants-and-Resources).

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