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Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

The Story of Salt

The word “salary” comes from “salt” and indicates the historic value placed on this important commodity. Used as a method of trade and currency, the role of salt in the history of civilization cannot be overstated. Join Active Minds as we tell the story of salt, from its key role in preserving food, to its influence in political conflict, to modern angles including gourmet salt and health concerns surrounding high blood pressure. It’s a salty tale indeed!

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store

The Supreme Court

The unexpected death of Antonin Scalia has created one of the most charged political events in a generation. With the Presidential election over and the future of a divided court hanging in the balance, the stakes couldn’t be higher. Join Active Minds as we examine the current dynamics surrounding filling a vacancy on the highest court in the land. We will look at past confirmations in order to better understand the intricacies of the process.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

Philippines

The Philippines is fighting a brutal war on drugs that some have termed “out of control.” Recently elected President Rodrigo Duterte campaigned on a promise to fight drugs in the country and is leading a bloody crackdown that many say is encouraging vigilante execution of drug dealers and addicts. Join Active Minds as we review the history of the Philippines in an attempt to understand the context for the current situation and gain insight into where this important U.S. ally in the region may be heading in the future.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store

Take a Bite of the Big Apple

There’s no place in the world quite like New York City. From Broadway to Wall Street, Little Italy to Central Park, New York has a history and an energy all its own. Join Active Minds as we virtually visit one of the world’s most important cities. We’ll explore the city’s past and present, as well as the important people and places that have shaped this unique city.



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Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

The Struggle of Syria

Since gaining its independence from the French in 1946, Syria has had a rocky and troubled history and recent events are no exception. Located in one of the most conflict ridden parts of the world, Syria's turmoil has involved both its regional neighbors as well as its own internal factions that have made self-rule a challenging goal. Join Active Minds as we seek to understand Syria's history and recent atrocities and how this informs current and future challenges for this pivotal player in the Middle East.

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store

Winston Churchill

As one of the key architects of the Allied victory in World War II, Winston Churchill is widely regarded as one of the most important political leaders of the 20th century. Join Active Minds as we examine Churchill's life before becoming prime minister of England, his years in the job, and his lasting impact on his country and the world.

Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

Tuskegee Airmen

The issue of race in the military extends from colonial times to the present day. Join Active Minds as we explore a chapter of this story from World War II: the Tuskegee Airmen. This group of African American pilots were the first black military aviators in the U.S. armed forces. We will tell their story of struggle and triumph and bring this issue into a current context.

Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store

The Age of the Vikings

Join Active Minds as we trace the rise and fall of the Age of the Vikings. We will describe their origins in Scandinavia and how they extended their reach into Europe, North America, and beyond. We will explain the culture and traditions of the Norse Warriors, including their distinctive horned helmets and unique ships. Finally, we will discuss their legacy in modern times (besides the football team). This program makes a great accompaniment to a visit to the Vikings program running at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science March 10th through August 13th, 2017.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

Nuclear Energy

Nuclear power has a checkered history that includes the Chernobyl disaster, Three Mile Island, and the more recent incident after the earthquake in Japan. Advocates, however, point to advantages such as zero carbon emissions and cite the example of France, which produces over 75% of its electricity from nuclear power and is the world's largest exporter of electricity due to its very low cost of generation. Join Active Minds, over 30 years after Chernobyl and six years after the Japanese nuclear accidents, as we evaluate the pros and cons of this controversial source of power.



Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store

Brexit: What Does the Future Hold for the UK and the European Union?

On June 23, 2016 British voters elected to exit the European Union, sending global stock markets sharply down and provoking global reactions running the gamut from horror to congratulations. Join Active Minds as we place this pivotal event in its historic context and explore where this high stakes path may lead, not only for the UK, but also the EU and the rest of the world.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store

The Soviet Union: The Road After Collapse

What was known as the Soviet Union dissolved twenty-five years ago this past December. Join Active Minds as we explore the history of the Soviet Union as well as the causes of its failure. In addition, we will discuss the continued relevance of the Russian Federation, the influence of Vladimir Putin, and ongoing challenges to democracy in the region.

Store Locations: (All events are free and open to the public.)

LoDo: 1628 16th Street at Wynkoop in downtown Denver, 80202

Colfax: 2526 East Colfax, two blocks east of York, Denver, 80206

Aspen Grove: 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120.



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