



## Upcoming Active Minds Events at Tattered Cover

*Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Railroads**

This May marked the 150 year anniversary of the “Golden Spike” that completed the construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad. Join Active Minds as we review the rich history of railroads in the United States. We will explore the role they played in building a young country as well as the industry titans that emerged to build and control them. We will bring the story all the way up to the present, discussing current freight and passenger train issues and opportunities. All aboard!

*Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Leonardo da Vinci**

Inventor, artist, scientist, engineer, architect, philosopher, and more. Leonardo da Vinci was a true “Renaissance Man” and a clear creative genius. Join Active Minds as we review his life, work, and lasting impact. This program makes an excellent primer to a visit to the da Vinci exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science running through August 25, 2019.

*Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store*

### **Brazil**

The early 2000s was a time of immense optimism and growth in Brazil under the leadership of Presidents Luiz Inácio da Silva and his successor Dilma Rousseff, both of the Brazilian Workers Party. Corruption scandals, however, led to the impeachment of Rousseff in 2016 and the imprisonment of Lula in 2018. In January 2019, Jair Bolsonaro became President of Brazil, marking a significant shift to the right in Brazilian politics. Join Active Minds as we explore Brazil’s bumpy political ride and what it may suggest for the future of the largest nation in South America.

*Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Japan**

From imperialist empire to economic power, Japan has a complicated and fascinating history. Join Active Minds as we trace the evolution of the modern Japanese state from its ancient roots to the present. We will cover the impact of Japan’s involvement in World War II as well as their economic recession in the 1990’s.

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Hillbilly Records & Early Country Music**

In the early 20th century, American folk music was being influenced by a number of factors. Among them were music collectors and record companies, both of whom shaped the music in important, lasting ways. Join Active Minds as we explore this dynamic and learn about the commercialization of folk music and how this relates to the roots of country music. We will listen to and discuss music by the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, Leadbelly and others, and describe how this also influenced later country music and folk revivals.



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*Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

**Venezuela**

Venezuela is in an economic and political crisis. Food shortages, rolling electricity blackouts and a crumbling healthcare system have triggered an exodus of millions out of the country and led political opponents, led by Venezuelan Parliament leader Juan Guaido, to seek the ouster of President Nicolas Maduro. Join Active Minds as we explore how this once promising economy and evolving democracy has wound up in shambles. We will look at how the price of oil, the policies of the late President Hugo Chavez, and other factors converged to create this crisis and explore what the future holds for this important South American country.

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store*

**Space Exploration: From the Moon Landing to Today and Beyond**

Fifty years ago this past July, the United States landed the first manned space mission on the moon. Join Active Minds as we reflect on President Kennedy's challenge, the space race, the Apollo Mission, and the role NASA has played since the lunar landing. We will bring the topic up to date by discussing the current political context for NASA and the rise of private space companies such as SpaceX, Blue Origin, Virgin Galactic, and others.

*Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

**China's Human Rights Struggle**

Thirty years ago, China's human rights issues were showcased to the world by the bloody crackdown on peaceful protesters in Tiananmen Square. Join Active Minds as we look at how modern China's economic growth has often come at the expense of human rights. We will highlight the ways in which the Chinese has repressed political dissent, as well as ways in which ethnic minorities have been negatively impacted.

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store*

**The Legacy of World War I: A Flawed Peace**

As we marked the hundred year anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles and the end of World War I, join Active Minds for a look at how the agreements made at the Paris Peace Conference after "the Great War" sowed the seeds of conflict soon thereafter, as well as to the present day.

*Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

**Climate Change**

Scientists are predicting a global average temperature increase of 2.5 to 10 degrees over the next century. Likely impacts include more droughts and heatwaves as well as stronger and more frequent hurricanes. Sea levels are predicted to rise 1-4 feet by 2100, submerging vast areas of land. Join Active Minds as we examine the predictions and the politics given the US withdrawal from the Paris climate accord.

**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.

