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## **‘Fighting the Fires of Hate’ Opening Reception Announced**

*Community members, media invited to special viewing of censorship exhibition and presentation with Holocaust survivor Walter Plywaski*

THORNTON, Colo.—July 31, 2013—On Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, Anythink will host an opening reception for [“Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings”](#) from 6-8:30 pm at Anythink Wright Farms in Thornton, Colo. Community members and media are invited to join Anythink for this special open house and guest presentation by Holocaust survivor Walter Plywaski.

Guests can explore the interactive exhibition produced by the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) in Washington, D.C. A comprehensive examination of the Nazi book burnings, this exhibition features free-standing graphic panels with reproductions of photographs, newspapers, posters, documents and books, as well as audio-visual components with historic film footage. “Fighting the Fires of Hate” invites participants to learn about these historic events and how they continue to resonate in American politics, literature and popular culture. Anythink will host several interactive programs on the topic of censorship to coincide with the exhibition, which will be on display Aug. 9-Sept. 28, 2013.

As part of the opening reception, Holocaust survivor Walter Plywaski will share his story and participate in a Q&A session with attendees from 7-8 pm. After living in the ghetto of Lodz, Poland, Mr. Plywaski was forced into both the Auschwitz and Dachau Nazi concentration camps. His tale of survival encourages attendees to confront prejudice and examine the causes of such horrific events.

“It is an honor for Anythink to be able to host Mr. Plywaski at the opening reception,” says Anythink Director Pam Sandlian Smith. “Providing opportunities to understand our past is just one key role of libraries. We hope our community will participate in this important conversation.”

Event Details

“Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings” Opening Reception  
Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013  
6-8:30 pm

Anythink Wright Farms  
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Thornton, CO 80602  
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Explore “Fighting the Fires of Hate: American and the Nazi Book Burnings,” an interactive exhibition produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and hear the story of special guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Walter Plywaski. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

**About Anythink™**

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Rangeview Library District serves the residents of Adams County with seven Anythink libraries and Anythink in Motion – the district’s mobile library – and is one of the recipients of the 2010 National Medal of Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, go to [anythinklibraries.org](http://anythinklibraries.org).